

Ink Slings.

—Warsaw is seeing the greatest local war she ever saw.

—Let us have only one candidate for Superior court Judge?

—And now we'll soon be pestered with "Is it warm enough for you?"

—The new County Superintendent is a Republican, but he is not a politician.

—Many good men go wrong because so many had ones profess to be going right.

—Many a man shook his flannels on Wednesday, only to begin shaking a cold next week.

—If you can't accomplish an undertaking by fair means it is no accomplishment to succeed by foul.

—Since Bellefonte is to be without a wholesale beer license keg parties will not be so popular this summer.

—It is a dull day these times that some Democrats don't run up a rod for the local political lightning to strike.

—Most any man would sooner be a member of the U. G. I. in Philadelphia than a Pullman porter in Wisconsin.

—ABE MILLER has had so many Republican offices in Centre county that he has the advantage of being well known, at least.

—NAN PATTERSON seems to be as successful in entangling juries as she was in enmeshing CAESER YOUNG the turfman.

—"Your Uncle" CEPH was the wise man when he decided to withdraw. We congratulate him on the exhibition of good judgment.

—The man with the Panama hat has been seen by the palm leaf fan and alpaca coat have to get here before we will be sure it is summer.

—The artist who advertises himself in the *Billboard* as "the man who made After the Ball and KATHERINE MAYER" is to be commended for his honesty.

—What a world of trouble NAN PATTERSON could have escaped had she remembered that absolutely nothing could justify her flirtation with a married man.

—No, dear reader, the new twelve inch water main on Allegheny street is not designed to curtail either the consumption of soda water or beer during the hot weather.

—By the time the next issue of this paper reaches its readers GREEN and DILLEN will have passed into history as co-temporaries of MONKS, NEGRO DAN, HOPKINS and ANDREWS.

—"Your Uncle" CEPH was entirely right in getting provoked because he was accused of being drunk. We know him entirely too well to side with anyone who makes such a charge.

—If TOGO and ROJESTVENSKI don't get together pretty soon a sea serpent will be appearing off Newport or Atlantic City to use up much of the space they might otherwise command.

—Entertaining moving picture show men are advertising "The Hold-up of the Leadville Stage" as "the picture that chills the blood." What a pleasant spectacle it would have been to gaze upon yesterday.

—In so far as it is possible to make amends without making a bad matter worse we wish to offer our most profound apologies to the gentleman whom we so inadvertently and baselessly slandered in this paper last week.

—Cashier SPEAR, of the Oberlin, Ohio, bank has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for his high financial operations with CASSIE CHADWICK. And the worst of it all is that CASSIE said "poor man" when she heard it.

—Mayor DUNN, of Chicago, is having his hands so full of striking teamsters these days that municipal ownership of street railways is temporarily pigeon-holed. Municipal ownership of horses and drivers out there now would be a blessing.

—It only cost Senator WARNER, of Missouri, \$29.80 and Senator FRAZIER, of Tennessee, \$11.50 to get into the United States Senate, yet right here in Bellefonte you couldn't get "a look in" at anything but high constabulary for such figures.

—The retirement of JOSEPH C. SIBLEY as a possible candidate for Governor and his advocacy of the candidacy of JOHN P. ELKIN may not make "the Plowboy of Indiana" the next Governor of Pennsylvania, but it will start a few of the boys to thinking.

—Those Dickinson college boys who burned the grand stand on their athletic field during a rowdy celebration of the anniversary of DEWEY's victory in Manila may have saved the property had they been able to command the fire water they had probably tanked up.

—It is a little early to start a political campaign but if MILLER and BAILEY had a thousand years in which to do it they could not explain to the taxpayers of Centre county why it costs them nearly a third more to run the county the last year than it has ever done before.

—It is too late for J. J. HILL to say that the Panama canal ought not to be built because it will prove unprofitable. If he were a great citizen as well as a great railroad magnate he would have set about trying to reduce transcontinental carrying rates before the demand for the canal became so general in the country. Furthermore, the project is not being made as an investment. Its greatest usefulness will be in bringing our Atlantic and Pacific coast lines into speedier communication.

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Roosevelt and Religion.

President ROOSEVELT turned a Rocky Mountain religious meeting into a sort of circus parade on Sunday. That is to say, he and his camp comrades rode to the Old Blue school house on West Divide creek, Colorado, on that day and attended religious services. The little building wasn't near big enough for the congregation and the organ was moved to the porch where the president and his party sat with the preacher. "The President's party," according to the press dispatches, "presented a picturesque appearance" as it came up. Moreover, "they were dressed in their hunting clothes," the story goes. Mr. ROOSEVELT being in the same clothes he wore when he left his private car at New Castle, two weeks ago. His hat was what is known as the "slootch." He wore it pulled over his eyes and badly out of shape. His jacket was sheep-lined duck, his trousers of duck tied about his ankles with strong cord. His shirt was blue ootson. He had discarded his chaperejos, or leather trousers, as a concession toward the proper church-going raiment.

That was pretty near the limit for the costume of a President but didn't exhaust the possibilities. For example, as the narrative adds, "the clothes of Dr. ALEXANDER LAMBERT, of New York, and of the guides were even rougher." That is to say, the President's companions made no concessions "toward the proper church-going raiment." In fact, the story states that "no mountain band of road agents ever looked more formidable." Road agents, it should be understood, are outlaws who infest the mountains and frontier settlements and rob travelers, stages and travelers. President ROOSEVELT appears to take delight in resembling such freebooters. At any rate whenever he can he wears his slootch hat "pulled over his eyes and badly out of shape." He probably imagines that such a costume appeals to the savage nature of the ruffian. In the case in point he was not mistaken. According to the accounts the mountaineers "yelled boisterous praise of the President regardless of the day and of the fact that they were virtually in a house of worship."

Of course this demonstration gratified the President. These present worshippers him and that is the only worship which he regards as worth while. It is small wonder, therefore, that at the conclusion of the service he took advantage of the opportunity to deliver one of his speeches made up of cant and egotism. He assured them that they represented the highest type of American citizenship. "He was the picture of rugged health," the account of the event continues, as he said, leaning forward, "and now I want to shake hands with all of you. There are a good many of you, so don't stamper or get to milling." These "cattle terms" completely captivated the cow boys and "the applause was terrific." The crowd passed before him and shook his hand enthusiastically but remained, however, "until the President's party started back to camp." In other words, they remained until the circus was over and the most outrageous bit of sacrilege that has ever come into public notice was completed. It was an insult to every Christian impulse.

Cutting His Vacation.

The President will out his hunting vacation short by a week, according to the Washington dispatches. No reason is officially given for this curtailment of the Presidential pleasure but one may easily be conjectured. It is that Secretary TAFT who was left in charge of the administration has not been able to keep the lid down. TAFT is a heavy man measured in avoirdupois. He weighs more than three hundred pounds and when he sits down on an object it is usually well settled. But the science of mechanics teaches that neither air nor steam can be confined when the volume is too great and experience proves that it is hard to keep the lid over scandals when they begin to smell.

President ROOSEVELT is a trifle unfortunate in his trips on politics and pleasure. Three years ago he was obliged to out a stamping tour short because his tongue was playing havoc with the voters in Indiana. A year later he was forced to abandon an excursion into the Yellowstone Park some time before it was completed for the reason that the scandals in the Postoffice Department had leaked out during his absence. Now he has been summoned home from camp in the Rocky mountains because Secretary TAFT has failed to keep the lid down and scandals are oozing out from various points. The Venezuela affair is not the only disturbing element in the official life at Washington.

All things considered it would be better for ROOSEVELT to either purify the political atmosphere of Washington or remain at home. The public doesn't want to have its ears constantly outraged with the details of scandals and if the President

can't find somebody able to keep the lid on, he would better sit on it himself. It is fair to presume that if he had remained at his post the Venezuelan scandal would never have reached the public. But he didn't remain at home and the result is that the Assistant Secretary of State is accused of scandalous conduct and the proof against him is so well sustained that there seems to be no possibility of suppressing it.

Bowen Under the Ban.

Minister BOWEN, of Venezuela, is about to pay the penalty of telling tales out of school. That is to say, that gentleman has been called home from his official station at Caracas to be punished for exposing a scandal which involves assistant secretary of state LOOMIS. The President doesn't like to have scandals exposed. His idea is that when officials "are caught in the act" they ought to be allowed to sneak out from under the lime light and be forgotten while they enjoy the fruits of their sinister labor. That was the course he wanted to pursue in the Postoffice Department scandals and every man who interfered with his plans was severely disciplined.

The charge against LOOMIS is that while acting in his official capacity he accepted a \$10,000 fee to act as attorney for the asphalt trust and that he threatened to levy war against Venezuela unless the criminal demands of that trust were satisfied. The proof of the charge is the cancelled check of the trust for that amount payable to LOOMIS and now in possession of the President of Venezuela. It would be impossible to get better evidence, and having come to a knowledge of it, we can't see how Minister BOWEN could have done anything else than make the exposure. But President ROOSEVELT doesn't take that view of such things and he invariably penalizes fidelity to duty.

Candor requires the statement that Assistant Secretary BOWEN denies the accusation. But BRAVES and all the other official buccaners who were concerned in the postal frauds did the same thing. Besides LOOMIS hasn't explained how such a check could be in existence unless the transaction of which he is accused actually happened. The trust hardly gave him a good \$10,000 check for fun and we all know that his actions in the asphalt matter almost resulted in a war with Venezuela. But ROOSEVELT would silence both criticism and accusation and the chances are that Minister BOWEN, though heretofore a favorite at the White house, will be severely punished for his temerity and honesty.

Penrose's Flat Failure.

Senator PENROSE made a little pilgrimage to Pittsburgh the other day with the view of reconciling the difference among Republicans there, but according to the newspaper reports of the event he failed absolutely. In other words, the Republicans of Pittsburgh listened to what Mr. PENROSE had to say and then told him to mind his own business. They added in substance that they understood conditions quite as well as he and are equally able to distinguish black from white. Such rudeness may have been surprising to the successor of QUAY but it will not be the last currency of the kind he will get. There is a rod in pickle for the Senator.

Close observers of events have been looking forward for some months for a revolt against the insolent rule of PENROSE. According to the evidence of an eye witness he lost his temper during the recent Republican State convention in Harrisburg and blurted his indignation in a brutal way. The report in kind which was about to follow was prevented by the good offices of mutual friends but a repetition of the incident won't be so easily condoned. Men stood vituperation from QUAY because he had been serving them for years. But PENROSE has no such claim on them and they won't tolerate his presumption. At least that is what some of the knowing ones say.

In any event the Senator's mission to Pittsburgh was a flat failure and the greater city, if it becomes a fact, will begin its municipal life under Democratic auspices. That is to say, the elements which combined to elect JOHN B. LARKIN to be in office of Controller in February will be in alliance and equally vigorous at the next municipal election. It is understood that Chairman ANDREWS will be dispatched to the scene of the trouble in a few days with the view of putting his hypnotic influence to work on the contending factions. But ANDREWS is liked there little better than PENROSE and we predict that there will be no reconciliation of differences.

At 1.55 o'clock yesterday morning the jury in the trial of NAN PATTERSON, for the alleged murder of CAESER YOUNG, reported a disagreement and were discharged. This was the third time NAN underwent trial for her life. The first time the jury was withdrawn on account of the sudden illness of one of the jurors; on the second trial the jury disagreed and now the third trial ends the same way. Evidently there is a woeful lack of evidence to convict or NAN's mystic powers even penetrates the jury box; in either event this will likely be her last trial.

No Sympathy for Hamburgs.

We have very little sympathy with the people in Philadelphia in what appears to be a serious menace against their property. That is to say, the governing power in that city is negotiating for the practical sale of the gas works for less than one-tenth of their value. The transaction is not called a sale of the works. The conspirators prefer to call it a lease. But it runs for so long a period and is so entirely free of restraints in other respects that it amounts to the same as a sale. The people are protesting more or less vehemently against the consummation of the scheme. But so far as outward appearances indicate inward conditions there is not likely to be much attention paid to the protests.

And why should the political pirates whom the people of Philadelphia have installed in power alter their plans because of a protest? They have fulfilled their part of every agreement made with the members of the Union League, the Manufacturers' club and other groups of respectable citizens. Those gentlemen supplied the machine managers with money to debauch the elections upon the understanding that they would keep Democrats out of office. There was no other condition, and that one has been fulfilled. The Democrats have been kept out. Occasionally the operation involved severe labor and considerable expense. But the purpose was achieved nevertheless. Faith was kept by the pirates to the captains of industry.

Why shouldn't the other side be equally bound by the terms of the contract? The respectable gentlemen who sit in boards of directors, who participate in church councils, who manage the giant corporations and maintain the respectability of the community agreed to supply the necessary funds and permit the pirates to run the municipal government in their own way. The proposed sale of the gas works is simply a feature of the machine policy and the respectable hypocrites have no right to complain if the transaction pinches them. The truth is that between the pirates and the Pharisees we prefer the pirates. As a choice between DURHAM and DOLAN we prefer to take chances with DURHAM. He will at least give warning before he strikes.

Our Too Anxious Enemies.

Our friends, the Republican newspapers of this State are far too anxious that the Democrats shall nominate three candidates for Judge of Superior court at the coming convention instead of one. They know that the Democrats can't possibly elect more than one and that nominating more than one can have no other effect than to create complications. But they reason that each voter has the right to vote for three candidates and that therefore voting for but one would be a sacrifice of opportunities. They are actually worrying themselves sick over the matter.

A distinguished warrior once said that he always tried to find out what his enemy wanted him to do and then he didn't do it. Acting upon this obviously wise policy the Democrats' duty at this time is plain. That is to say, the Republican press, uttering as it invariably does, the sentiments of the Republican managers, having expressed the hope that we will nominate three candidates for Judge we should nominate but one. By voting for only one we will get just as many judges as if we had voted for three, and we will have the satisfaction of knowing that one thus elected will have been the choice of the Democrats instead of the Republicans.

The real purpose of the Republicans in urging the nomination of three candidates is to open negotiations with one of the three for the support of the surplus Democratic vote, thus making the Republican managers the real arbiters of Democratic affairs. In Philadelphia forty or fifty thousand Republican votes have been cast for Democratic candidates who will serve the Republican machine in order to defeat a Democratic candidate who won't. Thus the Republican machine is able to select the successful candidates of both parties and the bench is prostituted to the base uses of a corrupt machine.

John C. Miller is again at the helm of the ship of newspaperdom. This time it is as editor of the *Barnesboro Star*. Our readers will remember that some four or five years ago he became associated with the *Daily News and Republican* as editor-in-chief, and for a time made things hum, but finally tiring of the work after a couple years experience, he retired from those papers and went to Patton to go into the insurance business; and now his connection with the *Barnesboro Star* comes as a surprise to his friends here, though all wish him unbounded success.

Monday the "hello" girls in the Pennsylvania telephone exchange at Philadelphia went on a strike and for several hours there were no doin's by telephone in that town until manager Brown secured operators from Clearfield and Tyrone. At latest reports the strike was still on.

An Un-bossed Party.

From the Philadelphia Record. In the benevolent interest of the Press in the Democratic nomination of a candidate for Judge of the Superior court it says: With the absolute control exercised by the bosses through the party organization this leaves practically no chance for competition in the convention. This species of cant over the control of Democratic State conventions by alleged "bosses" has become quite familiar with Republican organs. It is intended to serve as a set-off and condemnation for the complete servility of the Republican party of Pennsylvania to a despotic and corrupt Machine. Between the two party organizations there is not one solitary condition in common. The alleged Democratic bosses have no offices, national, State or municipal, to influence their pretended followers in favor of the dark and insidious designs so absurdly imputed to them by mongers of partisan gossip. They have none of the spoils of two great cities, no graft, none of the familiar agencies and arts of legislative corruption so notoriously employed for control of Republican State conventions.

How ridiculously false, then, is the babble of the Press over the "boss-ridden Democratic party of Pennsylvania." The truth is that in the entire independence in Democratic State conventions of Machine rule and in the want of any motive for it the tendency is too often to faction. It is to this spirit of faction that the Press appealed in its disinterested suggestions that the convention nominate three candidates for Judges of the Superior court when only one can be elected. Thus would it gladly foment a Kilkenny quarrel in the minority organization that would at the same time afford the Machine an opportunity to hurl a few thousand of its Philadelphia pretorsians for one of these candidates, and in this way control the election of all four Judges of the Superior court.

But as in the past, wise counsels are most likely to prevail over the spirit of faction in this matter. The common sense Democrats of Pennsylvania are opposed to still further weakening the organization in a wrangle and a scandal over a Judge of the Superior court.

Hopeless Out-look in the Philippines.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner. The returning transport "Buford," which arrived recently at Portland, brings some returning soldiers, and also news of trouble in the Islands. The Army and Navy Journal, published at Manila, declares that "the clouds of war are growing darker and darker with each passing day," and says "the general opinion among citizens and officers is that the insular government is up against a difficult situation." The *Army and Navy Journal* also prints a letter which, according to the *Portland Oregonian*, would lead to the belief that "all of the islands composing this group are on the verge of insurrection."

While the high officials in the Republican party talk of benevolent assimilation, the reports brought by returning soldiers indicate that the Filipinos regard the Americans as enemies and are manifestly opposed to foreign rule. This is perfectly natural, and it is strange that any person can be so ignorant of history and of human nature as to expect it to be otherwise. No instance is on record where people have welcomed a foreign ruler. If our country intends to exterminate the Filipinos and then colonize the Islands with Americans, some might defend the position on the ground that the Americans would make better use of the Islands than the Filipinos and develop a higher civilization. This is the argument that has been used to justify the supplanting of the Indians, but there is no thought of colonizing the Islands. Americans will not live there, and it is not likely that any other white race will ever live there. We must choose between the independence of the islands and a colonial policy under which a carpet bag government will be held in place by a standing army.

That has been the situation in India for a hundred and fifty years, and the Indian people are as rebellious now as they were a century ago. A colonial system is not only contrary to the American theory of government, but it must always rest upon force. How long will it be before the costly and ruinous policy of imperialism will be repudiated by the country?

They Fish for Them in Other Holes Now.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean. It has been very truly remarked that, whatever may have been the case in the past, the "suckers" do not now live in remote and sparsely settled sections of the country. They are found in the cities, the suppositious centres of intelligence and enlightenment. The get-rich-quick artist, the vender of bonanza mining stock, the individual with an infallible system for "beating" the wheat market, no longer make up their mailing lists from county directories and rural voting registers. They look for—and they find—their victims within commanding distance of the New York Stock Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, the Cleveland banks and the Milwaukee financiers.

Discarding the Mask.

From the Chicago Public. That Republican county convention of Erie, Pa., which formally declared on the 15th in favor of unlimited terms for all elective officers, including congressmen, and of making breach of trust while in office the only reason for terminating official terms, spoke the true sentiment which now controls the Republican party. This is Hamiltonism undigested; and the modern name of Hamiltonism is Republicanism. Life terms for judges, Hamiltonism has already given us; life terms for presidents and congressmen, it would like to give. Let the Republican convention of Erie county, Pa., be thanked for its indiscreet official formulation of the prevailing sentiment of its party.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—There are fifty-three prisoners in the Locomotive county jail.

—All the schools, Sunday schools and churches at Newton Hamilton are closed on account of the small pox epidemic raging there.

—The small-pox epidemic at Mt. Union having about subsided all trains so scheduled on the Pennsylvania railroad now stop there.

—President Roosevelt has appointed ex-Senator Brewer, of Chambersburg, to a consulship at Redditch, England. He will enter upon his duties in July.

—Clay Strayer, son of Dr. A. S. Strayer, of Altoona, has been appointed by Colonel Rufus Elder as battalion sergeant major of the First battalion of the Fifth regiment.

—The Altoona district Epworth League convention will be held in the Eighth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Altoona on Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has assigned to the Juniata shops at Altoona an order for the construction of one hundred and sixty-eight engines of various types during the year.

—While dozing in a seat of a passenger train on the Indiana branch of the Pennsylvania railroad Edward H. Sutton, of Indiana, Pa., was robbed of about \$100 in cash and his watch.

—An attempt to steal a kiss cost C. A. Reed, a traveling salesman, of Scranton, a \$10 fine and thirty days in the Carbon county jail. Reed entered the Thomas home at Audenried, tried to embrace Miss Mary Thomas—and was landed in jail.

—A high record in the price of Fayette county coal land was established at Connelville, Monday, when a deal went through for the sale to the Struthers Furnace company, of Struthers, O., of 240 acres of coal. The price paid was \$1,200 an acre.

—Andrew Carnegie has donated \$16,000 to the Columbia hospital new building at Wilkesburg. The money is for the furnishing and endowment of two rooms in the hospital, to be named respectively for Mrs. Carnegie, and Miss Margaret Carnegie, his daughter.

—State economic zoologist H. A. Surface is not inclined to be pessimistic in regard to the damage done the fruit crop by the frosts. From the official reports he has thus far received he is of the opinion that the budding orchards are in far better condition than has been indicated.

—John McLaughlin, of Wilkesbarre, confined in Northumberland county prison at Sunbury to wait trial on the charge of horse stealing, attempted to break jail Friday night, but was discovered just in time by warden George Hancock, who made him surrender at the point of a pistol.

—The big French engine, which the Pennsylvania Railroad company had on exhibition at the world's fair at St. Louis, has been turned out of the shops at Altoona. It has been completely over-hauled and will be used for a time on the mountain as a "helper" and later may be used on the middle division.

—During the month of April thirty-five immigrant trains passed through Altoona. The trains were made up of 323 coaches, each holding from thirty-five to forty immigrants, making a total of about 12,000 foreigners who passed west through that city during the month just passed. These numbers surpass all previous records.

—Arrested Saturday by his pretty black-eyed wife, who charges that he deserted her and their baby, James F. Brennan, baseball player and sprinter, is in jail at Coatesville longing for bail. The young wife confronted Brennan on the street, led him by the coat collar to a magistrate's office and locked the door while she made her charge against him.

—One night last week as Mrs. Mary Morningstar, of Huntington, was in the act of retiring for the night and while kneeling in prayer, a large stone came crashing through the front window, striking the opposite wall. Fortunately no one was in its course. Greatly startled, Mrs. Morningstar called for help, but the perpetrator of the dastardly act had vanished.

—President Cassatt, of the P. R. R., and other officials broke the record in making the transit from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia on Saturday afternoon, the distance being 353 miles and the time 350 minutes. It broke the schedule time of the Penn. Limited by 2 hours and 35 minutes and beat the fastest train of the system by 2 hours and 12 minutes. Some places 100 miles per hour was the rate.

—Two hundred engineers will be added to the force of the Pennsylvania railroad within the next thirty days. This is necessary because of the large number of locomotives to be added to its equipment within the next three months. General Manager Atterbury has ordered examinations to be held on each division as soon as possible and every fireman entitled to promotion will be ordered up for a test.

—W. C. C. Packer, of Lock Haven, is the possessor of an interesting heirloom in the form of a solid silver ladle, which he prizes very highly. The ladle was handed down from Mr. Packer's great great grandmother, Mrs. William Jones, and is over 100 years old. It was made in Fredericksburg, Va., from 19 silver half dollars, especially for Mrs. Jones, and bears the stamped name of the maker, I. Adams.

—Mrs. Ann Dawes, of Williamsport, is the mother of one of the largest families in Locomotive county, if not the largest. Although only seventy-eight years of age she is the mother of a progeny of seventy-nine persons, nearly all of whom are still residents of Locomotive county. She has thirteen children, sixty-two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Patrick Dawes, has been dead for eighteen years.

—The contract has been let for a new Masonic temple in McKeesport to cost \$111,500. The building will be of stone and Roman-faced brick and will be one of the handsomest in the Tube city. It will be six stories high. The basement will be occupied by a bowling alley and billiard hall, the first floor will be a storeroom, and the other floors, with the exception of the last, will be office rooms. The top floor will be used exclusively by the Masons of McKeesport.