

Ink Stings.

The festive West ward poet gay is drooping out a mournful lay...

Strange that the HEAD of our ticket should really be its tail.

A PRUNER hospital would be of far more use to this community than a PRUNER orphanage.

Do you think that Mr. Boston LAWSON might have a cure for those Oklahoma cyclones?

There seems to have been a spring hinge on that wide open door that TEDDY made in the tariff wall.

At \$2,000 a week NAN PATTERSON will probably deliver \$10 worth of talent and \$1,990 worth of notoriety.

Wouldn't it be funny if JOHN WEAVER's latest sensational act should land him in the Governor's chair.

The way stocks have been falling lately makes it look as if recent frosts had driven the water out of them.

We Democrats are dandy platform builders but our trouble seems to be in getting enough people to stand on them.

Mayor WEAVER, of Philadelphia, made IS DURHAM and his crowd look like dirty devils in a hay-mow deck when he fired their pets SMYTH and COSTELLO.

In refusing passes over all railroads Mayor DUNNE, of Chicago, has set an example that if followed in Pennsylvania would make a great many men stay at home more than they do.

If Mayor WEAVER, of Philadelphia, only has the courage to keep it up there will be such an exodus of rascals from that city as will keep the police all over the country busy keeping tabs on them.

Farmers complain because the oats is not doing well, while Bellefontiers are alarmed lest the crop of the wild variety in Bellefonte will be too large this season.

You will find out after it is all over that Philadelphia has done to her gas lease stealing councilmen just what the Republican press of that city did to the press muzzling members of the Legislature.

That is, help all of them back into office.

Secretary HAY is said to be considering retirement from the cabinet. We infer that if the rumor is true it is because there is something wrong with his system.

It so, JOHN, why not consult TOM LAWSON, of Boston? He is a "system" specialist.

When the Williamsport Sun, on Monday, advised the residents of that city as follows: "Don't forget to lock your doors if you go away from home tomorrow," it evidently didn't expect all of the visiting Knights to be as innocent as our friend SPER.

Mr. Doc. WADDELL, the press agent of the JOHN ROBINSON shows, has an imagination that would make Baron MUNCHAUSEN green with envy. It is a pity that we didn't get him to touch on the PRUNER orphanage a little. He would have built it twenty stories high and ended it forever—on wind.

Remember that next Tuesday will be Memorial day, the season of grateful reverence and remembrance of the dead who gave their lives for their country.

It will not be a gala event to be celebrated with base-ball games, horse racing and other games of amusement. Could we but look across the sea to Japan and observe the dignified reverential tribute the living pay to those who have died bearing the colors of their Empire we would find the semi-heaven setting an example that this great Christian land might well follow.

The Democratic state convention did the right thing in nominating but one candidate for Superior court judge. Now we are sure he will be a Democratic representative and not the choice of the ballot box stuffers of Philadelphia.

Had three men been nominated it would have been possible for the rascals in Philadelphia to select the one whom they preferred and then stuffed in enough ballots to have put him ahead of his fellow Democratic candidates; thus accomplishing his election.

Every day some new evidence is presented confirming the belief that men of a poetical turn are really not responsible for a great many things they do. The latest matter of record are the sundry erratic performances of the West ward poet laureate during his recent trip to the Knights Templar convolve in Williamsport.

Before he got on the train in Bellefonte he lost his ticket and then tucked himself out so in the eight mile march in Williamsport that he wandered into a Republican club for reinforcement. What he got there no one knows but what he got after he mixed up on the streets again was good for a Democrat who would so far forget the tenets of his infantile training as to take on Republican spirits. His pockets were picked and to cap the climax, when he got home at three o'clock in the morning he aroused the whole neighborhood by making a raid on his own bed room, explaining to the white robed figures that appeared at nearby windows that he was "only hunting the eggs."

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Roosevelt's Criminal Concession.

Within a period of two weeks President ROOSEVELT has made two important declarations respecting the tariff. In the first he asserted the reasonable and just policy of purchasing materials for the use of the government in markets where they were offered cheapest.

But within a week he changed his opinion. According to the published gossip Speaker CANNON and Representative DALZELL protested that this action would destroy the party. The shipbuilders and steel mongers, they alleged, had purchased his election under promise that they would be licensed to loot the public for four years more and that it is his duty to make good the iniquitous bargain.

And the President has adopted that notion. He has gone into partnership with the plunderers by revoking his obviously just order and declaring that no ships will be purchased abroad. Those that are needed will be chartered at exorbitant rates and the grafters and plunderers will pluck the government bird bare.

The excitement in Philadelphia over the infamous lease of the gas works has taken on a new phase. Mayor JOHN WEAVER on Tuesday summarily dismissed from office director of public safety SMYTH and director of public works COSTELLO.

The lease of the Philadelphia gas works under the conditions embodied in the ordinance which passed last week robs the people of Philadelphia of more than \$200,000,000, which vast sum will be divided among the contracting parties. It is a crime, which could be perpetrated in no other community in the civilized world.

We have no regret for the loss to the people of Philadelphia. There is no reason why the people of Pennsylvania and throughout the country should not rejoice that such imbeciles have been deprived of their property, except one. The triumph of crime in one locality jeopardizes virtue in another and this most colossal of all iniquities in Philadelphia will probably breed similar villainies in other communities.

Some one has been circulating the story that JAMES J. GRANLEY has withdrawn from the race for commissioner and he writes to inform us that such is not the case. He says, "I am in to win and have no notion of withdrawing."

The Pennsylvania Oil and Gas company are getting things in shape to put down a test well for oil.

The State Convention.

The Democratic State convention which met, performed its work and adjourned in Harrisburg on Wednesday, may well be characterized as an honor to the party it represented and a credit to the citizenship of Pennsylvania.

The organization of the convention, to begin with, was admirable. The temporary chairman, Hon. JOHN G. HARMON, of Columbia county, expressed the promise of the young Democracy. The permanent president Hon. J. THOMPSON BAKER, of Union county, reflected the wisdom and determination of the "Old Guard."

Of the ticket nominated we can say nothing but words of approval. JOHN B. HEAD, the nominee for Judge of the Superior court, is so admirably equipped for the service to which he will be called by the suffrages of the people, that reference to it is supererogation. In the prime of life, profoundly learned in the law, of judicial temperament and trained to the practice of the legal profession, he will adorn the bench and add new lustre to the jurisprudence of Pennsylvania.

Roosevelt's Absurd Ambition.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger informs the readers of that newspaper that the President was induced to revoke his just order to purchase materials for the Panama canal in the cheapest market in order to promote his absurd scheme for government regulation of railroad rates and federal control of carrying corporations generally.

There is no policy that would contribute so materially to his personal aggrandizement as that expressed in his movement to get control of the carrying corporations. The President of one considerable railroad has vast influence but the control of all of them would give immense power and myriad opportunities. Therefore ROOSEVELT has set out to achieve that result, even if it wrecks every corporation of the character in the country and he will sacrifice every other idea and principle to accomplish it.

Pennyacker is to Blame.

The Philadelphia Record suggests that Governor PENNYACKER is largely to blame for the present evil conditions and the existing political immorality in that city. There is no doubt of the accuracy of that opinion. Governor PENNYACKER's eulogies of QUAY have done more to encourage crime than any other single influence and probably more than any half dozen evil influences put together.

When PENNYACKER, himself something like a moral pervert, declared that the record of MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY was one worthy of popular emulation, he committed a grave crime against the con-

science of this Commonwealth. When he added that he was a greater man than DANIEL WEBSTER or HENRY CLAY he proved himself an irresponsible scoundrel but planted seeds of immorality which could not help generate and produce vice and crime.

PENNYACKER is largely responsible for the evils which exist in Philadelphia and elsewhere throughout Pennsylvania to-day. The miseries which the insane wards of the State will suffer during the next two years are upon his head and wherever he goes public sentiment ought to condemn him as a recreant.

Our State Platform.

There has never been a more vigorous or accurate arraignment of the Republican party of Pennsylvania than that embodied in the platform adopted by the Democratic State convention held in Harrisburg on Wednesday.

To enumerate and expatiate on all the provisions of the platform would occupy more space and require more time than we have at our command at this moment. But we will be excused for calling special attention to the emphatic and obviously sincere pledge for the reform of the abuses in Philadelphia, for the improvement of the electoral system of the State and the arraignment of the Republican party for its manifest and manifold delinquencies in the matter of legislation and administration.

No State has suffered from official venality like Pennsylvania. No people so much as those of this State need the fostering influence of better government. Our vast wealth and generous gifts of Providence are systematically perverted to the base uses of graft. That we have prospered is a marvel in view of the waste which has been about us on every side.

The Bellefonte Schools.

In another column of to-days WATCHMAN will be found the full program for the twenty-second annual commencement of the Bellefonte High school which will be held next week. A glance at the program will show that in the graduating class this year there are just seventeen young men and women who will be given diplomas next Thursday.

This fact can be due only to the never tiring endeavors of the Bellefonte school board to at all times furnish the best equipment and to the unceasing work of the superintendent, principal and teachers to give to the schools all of their time and energy, not only in instruction but in a hearty cooperation in their work to the end that the varied studies are gone through with more of a spirit of rivalry and pride of excellence than with the old-time feeling of compulsion.

The Altoona Times celebrated its twenty-second anniversary, Monday morning, by donning a new dress, and like a modest maiden it is now charming in its simplicity. The Times is a good paper and its management is to be congratulated on its success. May it have many more years like the one just closed, which the proprietors claim was the most prosperous of any since it was established.

Head and Berry Democratic State Nominees.

William H. Berry, the reform mayor of Chester, was nominated for state treasurer, and John B. Head, of Greensburg, for judge of the Superior court by Wednesday's Democratic state convention on a platform confined entirely to state issues.

Mr. Berry was nominated by acclamation, following a sharp contest over the selection of the nominee for judge, although it was conceded from the start that Mr. Head would be nominated. Mr. Head led all his competitors on the first ballot and before the result of the second ballot could be announced a motion that his nomination be made unanimous was adopted.

Berks county started the stampede for Mr. Head on the second ballot by breaking away from Dewalt and voting for the Greensburg candidate. Philadelphia then clinched his nomination by dropping Ward and casting its fifty votes for Head. Delaware switched from Dickinson to Head, and while several delegates were on their feet demanding recognition for the purpose of changing their votes the motion to make the nomination unanimous was sprung and carried.

Judge Peter J. Smith, of Scranton, the present minority representative in the Superior court, was not a candidate. National Chairman Guffey was present in the convention hall only a short time. So sure was Mr. Head of his nomination that he remained away from Harrisburg during the convention.

THE NOMINEES.

John B. Head, the candidate for Superior Court Judge, was born in Westmoreland County in 1855. He is the son of William S. Head, a banker of Latrobe; was educated in the public schools of that town, and afterward graduated at Mt. St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Md. Upon his graduation he entered the banking house constructed by his father and took up the study of law. Later he entered the offices of the late A. A. Stewart, of Westmoreland county, and was admitted to practice in 1880.

Mr. Head practiced in Greensburg for two years, forming a partnership with H. L. Laird, an ex-State Senator. In 1889 he retired from that firm and formed a partnership with James S. Moorhead, and has continued in that firm since then. The firm is counsel for the H. C. Frick Coal company, the Penn Gas Coal company, the Latrobe Steel company and other large corporations in western Pennsylvania.

William H. Berry, Mayor of Chester, the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer, was born in Edwardsville, Ill., on September 9, 1852. His father was Benjamin Berry, an inventor. Educated in the public schools, young Berry subsequently became apprenticed to the trade of machinist in a large plant in Buffalo. He then took a scientific mechanical course in Mechanics' Institute, in Buffalo.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform as adopted was as follows: "The Democracy of Pennsylvania, repeating its program of last year, again tenders to the people of the State the power of its organization and the ballots of its voters to rid the Commonwealth of the domination of the machine."

"We need not again rehearse the irrefragable indictments of our recent platforms convicting the dominant party of the absolute promission of every function of government to corrupt debased personal parasitism."

"The last session of the Legislature was worse than at its predecessor. Disappointed every hope of the people and responded with alacrity every command of the machine. Legislation in the public interest was given no consideration while schemes of the ring were forced through without debate and sometimes by fraudulent count of legislators' votes."

"Extraneous appropriations were made aggregating millions of dollars beyond the revenue of the State, and leaving only the vote power of the Governor to save the treasury from bankruptcy. The constitutional obligation to reapportion the State was utterly disregarded."

"The demand of the people of all political parties for a fair ballot law was flouted. Salaries were increased and needless offices were created for no other purpose than to reward machine dependents and followers. The established form of government in this city of our State was overturned so as to bring its powers more completely under the control of the corrupt and unscrupulous men who have so long dominated it."

Spawls from the Keystone.

Neil Burgess, of "The County Fair" fame, has been declared a bankrupt.

There will be 78 graduates at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, next month.

Ninety-nine men took the examination for mine foreman in Houtzdale, last week.

The New York Central railroad has ordered 150 all-steel cars from the American Car and Foundry works at Berwick.

A Harrisburg dispatch states that Bishop J. H. Darlington has selected Harrisburg as the see city, although he will spend most of the summer at Eagles Mere.

Ground for the Millfin county soldiers' monument will be consecrated with appropriate services on Memorial day. Its location is on the public square at Lewistown.

Prof. Ira N. McCloskey, of Lock Haven, has been appointed one of the State board of examiners for the East Stroudsburg Normal school. The examinations will begin on June 14th.

Three separate attempts were made last week against the lives of Charles Grange and family, of Muncy. All three times inmates of the household were shot at but luckily missed.

While Mrs. Mary Roch and boarders were eating dinner at the former's residence on Mulberry street, Hollidaysburg, Thursday, the rear end wall of the house, which is a brick structure, collapsed, falling over in the yard.

A former conductor of the Pittsburgh Railway company has been conscience-stricken and has returned \$300 in fares that he had stolen. He makes the return through his confessor, the Rev. Geo. J. Breckel, rector of St. Joseph's church, Milton.

A few days ago while Rev. H. E. Harman, of Berwick, was attending synod at Montgomery, John Carothers and Mary Ludiker, two of his parishioners desired to be married and not being able to leave the reverend gentleman performed the ceremony over the telephone.

Frank Greco, the contractor who is in charge of the new work of the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad in and around Big Run, has 300 men at work now and in a month will have a force of 1,000. He says that he will rush the work, but it will be the early part of the winter before it is completed.

There is a building boom in Windber at the present time and the indications are that the coming summer will be exceedingly prosperous. Over a dozen large and handsome residences are being constructed and the Windber Lumber company has work valued at \$200,000 under way.

At the convention of sub-district No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, held at Puntzattaway last week, it was decided to pay out of the treasury the sum of \$300 to each of the seven widows of the Eleanor miners who lost their lives by explosion of gas in the shaft. The parents of the single men killed will receive \$100.

The Owego Rod and Gun club has stocked the Upper Susquehanna river, north of the Pennsylvania State line, with 5,000,000 yellow bass fry and the anglers of the Upper Wyoming valley are counting the days it will take for these fingerlings to swim down the stream into Pennsylvania and give them a chance to tell some tall fish stories.

Burgess John Doll, of Pine Grove, Columbia county, is anxiously waiting a decision of the treasury department on the value of \$9,000 in incinerated greenbacks, which represents the money he placed in his stove for safe keeping when he went to the circus a few days ago. While he was absent one of the family built a fire in the stove.

After a courtship of less than 24 hours, John W. Fellip, 31, of Dunbar township, Fayette county, and Miss Susie DeKart, 21, of Leisenring, were granted a marriage license there. At the register and recorder's office Fellip said he had first met Miss DeKart the evening before. This is the second matrimonial experience for Fellip, whose first wife died.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, which will be held at Bedford Springs on June 27th, 28th and 29th, will be marked by the presence of Governor Pennyacker and his wife, who will be guests of the lawyers. The Governor will respond to the toast, "The Commonwealth," at a banquet to be held at the close of the session.

The Methodists of Central Pennsylvania, comprising some 200 congregations, will hold an outing at Reservoir park, Harrisburg, on June 20th. The committee on arrangements met last Wednesday at the home of Rev. Dr. Isaac Woods, of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Harrisburg, and decided to make "Methodist Day" the greatest celebration ever held at that place.

The New York and Pennsylvania company Monday closed a deal whereby they became owners of the controlling interest in 8,239 acres of woodland in Beech Creek township. The price for the interest was upwards of \$60,000. The land was purchased from Hopkins & Weymouth, Barber & Keller, Brown & David, of that city, the Detweiler estate, of Lancaster county, and the Dallet and Frisumuth heirs of New York and Philadelphia.

Berwick, Columbia county, missed being the location of the largest car shops in the world last week, says the Bloomsburg Press, because the owners of a 40-acre tract of land jumped the price of their real estate to \$1,200 an acre. The American Car & Foundry Co. of that place contemplated doubling the capacity of their plant and the number of their employes, but the high price asked for the required 40 acres deterred the enlargement indefinitely.

The Blair county Democratic convention, held there Monday, adopted resolutions breaking the Republican State machine for seeking faith with the people and declared that the only effective check to corrupt legislation is to place the law-making power directly in the hands of the people through the initiative and referendum. The following were nominated: County commissioner, John B. MacFarlane, of Altoona, and Calvin Walter, of Clayburg; auditor, William Hayes, of Hollidaysburg and Charles Clare, of Altoona; poor director, H. S. Werts, of Bernards; Clark, of Altoona; was elected chairman of the county committee.