

Ink Stings.

—Don't forget the primaries tomorrow. —Has anybody been interested enough to find out whether the Russians can play marbles?

—If this PRUNER orphanage agitation continues Bellefonte will have to join forces with the referendum advocates.

—That Philadelphia "ripper" seems to have gotten in its work considerable in advance of the time provided by the Act of Assembly.

—JOHN WEAVER, of Philadelphia, passed out of the "stuffed shirt" class in a way that leaves a grave doubt as to whether anyone was justified in giving him that title.

—After all there is nothing like "taking time by the fore-look." If you will remember, the Czar had SCHWAB over to Russia three weeks ago to talk over the probable cost of a new Navy.

—If INSEN really "can't endure children, music or flowers," as he says, it is a pity he ever grew up; because there can certainly be very little of loveliness in life for the author.

—The members of the Bellefonte council probably haven't as many titles as are appended to the names of the distinguished gentlemen who are to talk to us tonight on the PRUNER orphanage, but it is a safe wager that they know where they are at without being told by this propaganda.

—Possibly it is on the theory that it takes a rascal to catch a rascal the administration justifies the appointment of Mr. RATHBONE to service in the Post office Department service men. He is the same RATHBONE who was convicted of irregular conduct in the Cuban post office frauds a year or two ago.

—The people of Philadelphia must keep constantly awake to the fact that they have not won their battle yet. They have only driven back the enemy's outposts. They must continue on the assumption that there is no grater like a dead grafter and fight until every member of the dominant machine in that city has been politically exterminated.

—Brother BAILEY, of the Johnstown Democrat, is cock-sure that Col. J. M. GURFEY is, solely and alone, the whole Democratic party of Pennsylvania. Possibly when our strenuous friend gets his article in order he can figure out and tell us who casts the other 400,000 votes usually given the Democratic ticket or where the villains are who manipulate the returns to this extent.

—If you have any preference as to which of the gentlemen named for the various positions on the Democratic ticket shall have the places, the time to choose is at the primaries tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Don't forget your duty, as a good citizen, to go out and vote for the best men. At the primaries tomorrow is where the ticket is made, and every Democrat in the county is interested in having that ticket as good and as strong as it is possible to make it.

—Tomorrow the primaries for the Democratic party in Centre county will be held. At that time every person who is interested in the welfare of the party should express his personal preference of the aspirants for the various offices to be filled. The man who fails to attend the primaries of his party and then spends months in complaining about the makeup of the ticket he is expected to support has very small ground for argument and absolutely no justification for his action.

—The man who fails to go to the primaries tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and then grows because his choice of candidates was not successful deserves neither sympathy nor respect. At the primaries is where the masses of the voters have the power to make the ticket just as they would have it, and the man who don't take interest enough to go out and voice his own wishes in this matter has no right to kick afterwards if his favorites fail to receive the nomination.

—According to reports Governor PENNYPACKER is having some trouble in making up his mind as to whom he should appoint on the QUAY monument commission. To a person who cannot fully comprehend the fine conception of what the Governor deems constitutes a statesman and a proper memorial it is difficult to suggest names for consideration, but in our humble way we present the following, as persons who would be quite in accord with the Governor's ideals in this peculiar dilemma: The Hon. SAM SALZER, the Hon. J. S. DURHAM, and the Hon. BULL ANDREWS.

—While it may be from motives of purest philanthropy or out of the goodness of hearts that want to show us the error of our ways, it would, nevertheless, have been better if the distinguished gentlemen who are to agitate us tonight on the PRUNER orphanage question had had the endorsement of the council of Tyrone before they presume to tell Bellefonte its duty. Iniquity in Tyrone yesterday revealed the fact that their mission is entirely without warrant so far as any organized or public effort in that direction is concerned and also that there has been so little discussion of the matter in that place that the people have really formed no definite opinion.

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The Hopeful Democrats.

In the light of closer inspection and more deliberate examination the work of the Democratic state convention of last week becomes more pleasing. The nominee for State Treasurer, Mayor BERRY, of Chester, has announced his acceptance of the honor bestowed on him and declares his purpose of entering into the campaign with the energy and ability which achieved his great victory in February. The friends of the nominee for Judge of the Superior court, JOHN B. HEAD, of Westmoreland county, are overjoyed with the compliment which was conferred on them through him, moreover, and expect to give him an overwhelming majority. In fact the ticket has won favor on every hand.

The press comments on the work of the convention are particularly inspiring, moreover. The eloquence and earnestness of the speeches, the harmony and decorum of the proceedings and the universal and enthusiastic acceptance of the results by all the candidates and the friends of the candidates is inspiring and significant. These things coupled with the fact that the machine-made ticket of the Republican party has created no enthusiasm anywhere leads to the most earnest hope of Democratic success. It has aroused expectation in every county in the State and promises to create a political revolution which will rescue the State from the predatory outlaws who have been looting it for years.

All that is necessary to compass this result is for the Democrats of Pennsylvania to do their part. The tide has set in our favor and if it is kept at flood during the period intervening between now and the election there can be no doubt of the result. The people of Pennsylvania are tired of the iniquities of the machine. They are determined to put a stop to the official looting and legalized robbery. But the Democrats must show that they are in earnest in order to get the help of men who favor good government outside the organization. The work of the convention last week was a substantial proof of that earnestness. The energy of the voters of that faith will complete the evidence.

Beware of John Weaver.

We would warn the people of Philadelphia against making a demigod of Mayor WEAVER. He has broken from the machine it is true and contributed materially to the defeat of the conspiracy to loot the city through the lease of the gas works. But he has given no conclusive evidence of an improvement in morals since he organized his administration in the interest of vice and crime by the appointment of COSTELLO and SMYTH, as Directors of Public Works and Public Safety, respectively. He was disappointed because the machine failed to make a place for him on the bench, according to promise, and may be a trifle resentful. But he is not an earnest reformer.

JOHN WEAVER was elected District Attorney by the Philadelphia machine in order to punish District Attorney ROTHERMEL for prosecuting QUAY for robbing the State Treasury. His first act in that office of any importance was to allow SAMUEL SALZER to escape punishment for ballot box stuffing, though he had practically confessed the crime by running away and remaining a fugitive from justice until the expiration of ROTHERMEL's term of office. For WEAVER's service to the machine and SALZER he was promoted to the office of Mayor and he appointed many men who had given false evidence in behalf of SALZER to office. That didn't indicate political morals of a high standard.

Subsequently as Mayor he supported the machine in all its iniquities under promise that a place would be made for him on the bench by the creation of a new court or the passage of a bill which would retire two of the present judges and make a vacancy for him. The machine didn't make good and WEAVER has turned against it. For this he is entitled to the support of those in the reform movement but hardly to the reputation of a reformer. At any rate he is not deserving of the lionizing which has been bestowed on him. The thousands who follow him on the streets like worshipping hosts may regret their misplaced confidence. If DURHAM offers him the price he may yet betray them.

The Defeat of Rojestvensky.

The overwhelming defeat of Admiral ROJESTVENSKY's fleet may be said to have shattered the last hope of Russian victory in the war with Japan. For months the faith of the Czar was centered in his navy. His land forces had been routed at every point and for six months he had been pursuing the FABIAN policy of evasion in order that complete extinction could be avoided until the arrival of his invincible naval armada would afford relief. But now the armada has been completely beaten as the army at Port Arthur and there is nothing to expect other than a resumption of operations on land and a renewal of the defeats which KUROPATKIN sustained.

It can hardly be said that the fault of the recurring disasters lies with the troops

or the seamen, and we include the officers as well as the men in that classification. STROESSEL made a splendid defense of Por Arthur and after his defeat KUROPATKIN's withdrawal of the force was equal to the best achievement of military genius. But he was unable to check the victorious progress of the Japs and since he relinquished the command to LINEVITCH there has been little if any improvement in conditions. ROJESTVENSKY's movement from Russia to the Korean Straits where he met disaster was equally skillful and masterly. No man could have done better.

But the fortunes of war have been saved. He wasn't just, however. He betrayed faith with the whole world in occupying Manchuria after he had invaded it without right or reason and there is now a chance that he will lose his crown and probably his life as a penalty for his foolhardiness. Meantime he can hardly longer refuse to accept any reasonable proposition looking toward peace and it is to be hoped that such a proposition will not be long delayed.

Keep Pennypacker off the Bench.

An impression prevails in all quarters that Governor PENNYPACKER will be the nominee of the Republican party for the vacancy on the Supreme bench created by the death of the late Justice DEAN. It is well known that the Governor aspires to a seat on that bench and that he would have been nominated a year ago if the protest against the purpose had not been made strong and insistent. QUAY desired it as a further reward for PENNYPACKER's absurd eulogies. DURHAM and other political pirates wanted it because they felt that their schemes would be promoted with "Oleo" BROWN in the office of Governor. But QUAY became frightened at the volume of opposition and abandoned the plan.

During the recent session of the Legislature the judicial seat was held up to PENNYPACKER's hope constantly. Whenever a peculiarly bad piece of legislation came before him for approval DURHAM's emissaries were at his ear whispering words of promise and he signed bills which the machine managers themselves would have hesitated to approve if the responsibility had been put upon them. Probably they never intended to fulfill the pledges. It is certain that they had no expectation that the obligation would mature so soon. But the unexpected happened. A vacancy has occurred on the bench and they are determined to "make good."

The election of SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER to the Supreme bench would be nothing short of a public calamity. Public confidence in that tribunal is already greatly impaired. Several recent decisions have been questionable and the influence of the corrupt machine has been revealed. But if PENNYPACKER were added to the bench there could be no longer any doubt of its complete surrender to the evil. Ignorant of the law and bigoted by nature he would interpret according to his fancies or in obedience to corrupt impulses. It would be better to put DURHAM on the bench at once than to place such a "fence" of the boodlers in that position. We can't believe that the people will so blunder.

Why, Oh, Why?

Why is it that we hear not the name of our own ex-Judge JOHN GRAY LOVE mentioned as a possible successor to the seat on the Supreme court bench made vacant by the death of the lamented Judge DEAN? Why is it that we see not in any of the machine organs of the Commonwealth the suggestion that our ex-Judge should at least have a show for the position? Why is it no assurance is given by any of the bosses that among the probabilities for the place is Centre county's recent tool of the State gang?

Others much less subservient to the will and the wishes of the machine while wearing the judicial ermine are graciously named as possible successors to the position. Others who did their best, but fell far short of him in soiling the bench at the dictation of those who make Judges for the Republican party, are put forth as probable candidates. But not a word do we hear or a line can we see that leads one to believe that his ex-honor, our neighbor J. G. L., is even thought of for the place. Surely there is someone being forgotten. Certainly there must be a large rift in the recollection of the bosses, else why does not the service he so lavishly rendered the machine, while in the position to do so, call forth even the recognition of being named among the possibilities for this place.

This week the engineering corps of State College under the direction of an expert from J. Gilbert White & Co., of New York, began making the survey for the proposed new trolley road from Bellefonte to State College. It is expected that it will take three weeks to cover the entire route of about twenty miles.

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Defeat of the Philadelphia Ring.

Through the sagacity of the principal culprit, THOMAS DOLAN, president of the gas trust, the Philadelphia machine has escaped an overwhelming defeat and got off with a severe licking. In other words, the lease of the gas works of that city, at a price a couple hundred million dollars less than they are worth to the Gas Improvement company, has been prevented for the present, at least. It may be that it is only a postponement, and that at some future time the deal will be consummated. But so far as appearances indicate the facts there will be no immediate lease of the property at any price and the conspirators who were concerned in the operation are in the position of defeated tricksters.

This issue of the matter is the result of an extraordinary assertion of popular opposition to the deal. Committees of various kinds were appointed to urge opposition. The Mayor removed the Directors of Public Works and Safety because of their sympathy for the scheme and the Supreme court was invoked to give him authority to name their successors. Public meetings were held in all parts of the city and resolutions denouncing the iniquity adopted. But the indications are that the deal would have gone through notwithstanding the protests if DOLAN hadn't withdrawn from the negotiations. That act on his part nullifies the whole matter. There can be no bargain without two parties to it.

The defeat of the machine can be made permanent, however, if its opponents continue the warfare against the organization and carry it to its logical conclusion. But to achieve that result the police must be taken out of politics absolutely, the partnership between the authorities and criminals dissolved and ballot box stuffings discontinued. If these things are done a political revolution in the city will follow, the "ripper" bill enacted during the last session will be repealed and the Democratic party will be restored to power both in the city and the State. The DOLANS and other millionaire corruptionists may all go to the penitentiary but the city will be saved.

Reform Not Yet Accomplished.

The Philadelphia Republican machine has apparently collapsed and Insurance Commissioner DURHAM seems to have surrendered unconditionally. That is to say, on Monday last, after the VARE Brothers and other hitherto dependents had deserted him, he announced that opposition to the plans of Mayor WEAVER has been abandoned. "I have advised my friends," he declared in a note to the newspaper reporters, "not to oppose the confirmation of Mr. ACKER, as director of public works, and of Mr. Potter, as director of public safety, if their names are sent to Select Council by the Mayor." That is accepted as a notice of withdrawal from the conflict for control, as DOLAN's letter expressed abandonment of the gas deal.

But it is far from a complete victory for reform. The police force, with all its propensities to shield vice and protect criminals, remains unchanged. The 10,000 or more other pensioners of the municipal machine are undisturbed. The ward bosses are unimpaired in their power over this vast army of dependents. The dens of vice are still "fences" for plunder and asylums for ballot box stuffers. The padded registry lists are still in existence and the voting machinery in the hands of DURHAM's cohorts. The big battle is still to be fought, the crucial encounter yet a matter of the future and what is of even greater significance the implements of war are in the hands of DURHAM.

We will begin to hope for the overthrow of the machine when some of the conspirators become fugitives from justice. When the processes of the criminal courts begin reaching out for men like THOMAS DOLAN and public sentiment drives Senator PEN ROSE to restitution, there will be reason to think that the machine is really defeated. These results can be achieved. They are no more powerful or firmly entrenched than TWEED was when justice began gunning for him. It is only a question of the courage and intelligence of the reformers. If they are equal to the emergency the machine will not only be completely defeated but most of its managers will die in prison.

—First church of Christ, Scientists of Howard, Pa., announces a lecture on Christian Science, to be given in Christian chapel, this (Friday) evening by Judge S. H. Hanna, of Colorado. Some fifteen years ago Judge Hanna retired from the practice of law to engage in Christian Science work, and for ten years served as editor-in-chief of the periodicals of this denomination published in Boston. He is widely known as an able lecturer, and for the last two years has been a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship of the First church of Christ, Scientists, of Boston, Mass., founded by Mrs. Eddy, the author of the text-book on Christian Science.

The Great Retreater.

From the Johnstown Democrat. President Roosevelt's backbone melted down into his boots rather sooner than we expected under the fierce heat of standpat indignation over his declaration of war on the trusts. He now is understood to have modified his order in connection with the purchase of supplies for the Panama canal and it is given out from Washington that "no materials for canal construction will be bought in foreign countries beyond such as may be required for immediate use" and it is explained that Mr. Roosevelt never had any intention "to go into the markets of the world for canal materials unless there was a tendency of home manufacturers to combine to force the prices of supplies to exorbitant figures."

This is a great come-down. It indicates another standpat victory over the administration. It shows that Cannon and Dalzell and the trust Senators and Representatives knew what they were talking about when they declared that the announced policy of Roosevelt and Secretary Taft would have to be abandoned. The storm the administration brought about its ears was like a Dakota blizzard or a sirocco of the desert and the man with the big stick and the bigger bluster had to run for cover.

This is really the most humiliating of the many humiliating retreats Mr. Roosevelt has had to beat since he entered the Presidency. Probably no other President has ever thundered so in the index. Certainly no President has had to put up with so many rebukes from his own party. He was thrashed out of his boots on the reciprocity issue. His tariff revision program was knocked into a cocked hat by Uncle Joe Cannon and Mr. Dalzell. He had the dog wipe up with him and his San Domingo job by a Senate which refused to take orders. His Venezuelan bating-in was one of the most melancholy exhibitions of going off at half cock ever witnessed in any time on the railway rate business by Congress. And now the confession is made that the tariff barons have compelled him to eat dirt on the question of buying ships and supplies for the Panama railway and canal in the open market.

Yet it is clear that Mr. Roosevelt had the trust pretty well seared. They really believed he meant what he said and that he would stand pat. But your uncle Joe Cannon has hauled him down. The administration shifts its position as gracefully as a hippopotamus might turn a handspring. It apologizes for having permitted itself to be misunderstood and it weakly lays the blame on the newspapers. Yet there is every evidence that the newspapers made no mistake. The administration was not misquoted or misrepresented. It only put its foot into it and is now trying to pull it out. The trusts have added another nail to Mr. Roosevelt's scalp to their belt.

Death of Supreme Court Justice John Dean.

Hon. John Dean, a justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Hollidaysburg at 7:30 Thursday evening. All the members of the family were present. Three weeks ago Justice Dean suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, supposed to be the result of overwork. He left his apartment in Philadelphia and returned to his home in Hollidaysburg. For a few days after his return home his condition seemed to improve, when suddenly pneumonia and other complications set in.

Dr. S. Solis Cohen, a Philadelphia specialist, was summoned and reached the patient Wednesday afternoon, but was unable to stay the progress of the disease. At 2 o'clock in the morning the judge became unconscious and remained in that condition until he died. Among those at the bedside along with his wife and four daughters was a brother, Samuel Dean, of Rochelle, Ill., and a sister, Mrs. Charles Balt, of Philadelphia.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon and was one of the most largely attended of any ever held in Blair county. Judge Dean was born in Williamsburg, Blair county, February 15th, 1835. He received his education in the common schools, the Williamsburg academy, and Washington College of Washington, Pa. He taught school for a while and afterwards read law with James Bell and D. H. Hoffins in Hollidaysburg, being admitted to the bar in 1855.

In 1857 he was elected superintendent of the Blair county public schools. He was appointed district attorney in 1867 to fill an unexpired term and was afterwards elected for a full term.

In 1871 he was elected judge of the Twenty-fourth judicial district, including Huntingdon, Blair and Cambria counties, defeating a Democrat and Independent Democrat. He was re-elected in 1881 and in 1891. In 1892 he was elected to the Supreme bench on the Republican ticket.

Some Queer Contractions.

From the Catholic Standard. If the Panama canal strip is not territory of the United States, as the New York Tribune maintains, whose territory is it? If the United States flag flies over it and the affairs of the place are controlled by United States officials, can it be described as a foreign territory? Many curious contradictions have been put forward since we set out a colonizing, but the most curious of all is the repudiation of ownership of a place of which we have got possession and intend to hold while grass grows and yellow fever exists.

Putting an End to Worry.

From the New York World. If a few more lawyers get into the case there will be no Equitable surplus to worry about.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The last two weeks pay of the American Car and Foundry company, at Berwick, aggregated \$78,900.

—The fifty-fifth annual commencement of the Bucknell university at Lewisburg will be held from June 16th to 21st.

—A plan is on foot to establish a fish hatchery at Bedford and it is said that Congressman John M. Reynolds, whose home is in that place, has agreed to donate a large plot of land for the purpose.

—The Pennsylvania railroad has awarded a contract to the Carnegie Steel company for eight miles of steel ties that will be experimented with. Ten miles of track of the new ties are in use on the Lake Shore railroad and are said to be a success in every way.

—Arrangements are nearly completed for the thirty-ninth annual State encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Reading on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 6, 7 and 8. Over three thousand delegates are expected present.

—Rev. A. S. Baldwin, presiding elder of the Danville district, Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, is in the Methodist hospital at Philadelphia for treatment. His ailment has been diagnosed as cancer of the lower bowels and his condition is reported to be serious.

—For the first time in many years all the furnaces in the Lebanon valley are now in operation. The last stack to be lighted was the second Lebanon furnace, of the Pennsylvania Steel company. There are twelve furnaces located in the cities—Cornwall, Sheridan and Robersonia.

—Mrs. Miles L. Fry, of Mazze, Juniata county, was found dying in her kitchen early last Friday morning with a 22-calibre target gun on the floor by her side. Her young son, aged 13, found her unconscious on the floor. She never regained consciousness and died shortly afterwards. The shooting is veiled in mystery.

—Fifteen Italian laboring men were carried down a steep grade on C. W. Sones' narrow gauge lumber road near Hillsboro, last Thursday, on a log truck. The truck collided with a work train and two men were killed outright and a third fatally injured.

—Samuel Clarr, an aged farmer and veteran of the Civil war, residing three miles southwest of East Freedom, was held up in his barn on Friday at noon by a robber and beaten into insensibility and robbed. His right arm was frightfully mutilated any may have to be amputated. It is not known how much money the robbers secured.

—The charred body of James B. Miller, a blacksmith, of Kaisburg, Bedford county, was found in the ruins of his shops early Tuesday morning. Neighbors discovered the place on fire shortly before four o'clock, and when they could not find Miller a search was made of the ruins as soon as they had cooled sufficiently, and the remains were discovered.

—Residents of Almedra, Columbia county, are excited over a number of excavations made in that vicinity by strange men who, it is believed, are searching for the hidden wealth of Philip Miller, who died in the 70's. Miller had no faith in banks, but did considerable business as a money lender. After his death no money could be found and many unsuccessful efforts have been made to find his supposed hoard.

—Governor Pennypacker has appointed William Jennings, Major S. Hart, Albert J. Eger, of Harrisburg; Thomas G. Sample, of Allegheny, and Cyrus Lantz, of Lebanon, a commission to erect a monument in the national cemetery at Fredericksburg, to commemorate the heroism, sacrifices and patriotism of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania regiment at the battle of Fredericksburg.

—Because Theresa W. Kreamer, a pretty young woman, with whose family he boarded in Scotch Plains, N. J., refused to marry him, Frank Huber, a machinist, shot her in the face on Sunday. Believing that he had killed the girl, Huber ran into the woods nearby, where later his body was found shot through the head. Miss Kreamer probably will recover. Huber was a widower and formerly lived in Altoona.

—Charles M. Schwab proposes to build 100 houses and a fine hotel at Bethlehem for the employes of the Bethlehem steel works, which he controls. The houses are to be modern dwellings, of six and eight rooms and will be built of brick and wood. Mr. Schwab's favorite contractor, P. W. Finn, is preparing the specifications and an estimate of the probable cost, which will be somewhere between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

—In the office of District Attorney Thos. H. Hudson at Conneville, Pa., is a lady's shoe, the hollowed heel of which, it is said, contains enough dynamite and nitro-glycerine to kill a number of persons. Wednesday night Mrs. Lule Eggle, of Uniontown, Pa., found a pair of ladies' shoes in her back yard. While examining them she discovered that the heel of one had been hollowed out, four exploding caps placed on four iron pegs set in and the hole filled with waste, soaked with nitro-glycerine. The shoes were turned over to the authorities who are making a rigid investigation.

—The constables of Northumberland Co. are making a hard fight for fees they claim are due them. Constable Michael O'Leary, of Shamokin, some time ago sued the county commissioners for the same mileage as the sheriff received in serving court subpoenas. Judge Savidge ruled that the constables were not entitled to the sheriff's 10-cent mileage, but should be paid at the rate of half the amount claimed. The decision of the Superior court last Thursday in another suit of a similar nature, favoring the constables, has inspired an appeal to the Superior court from the decision of Judge Savidge.

—The biggest coal deal ever engineered in this State is about to be closed. The deal involves 200,000 acres of Greene county coal land located along the proposed route of the Wabash railroad, and the selling price averages \$125 per acre, making a total of \$25,000,000. J. V. Thompson, the wealthy operator, is engineering the deal, and is believed to be backed by George J. Gould. The coal land involved takes in the whole Greene county district, and when taken over by the Wabash will forever cut off a competitive line and insure annually a vast tonnage. Some of the coal land was bought from the farmers as low as \$28 an acre.