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Ink Slings.

Good morning! It will likely be hot enough for you today.
Few of us will be around when the old Academy celebrates her next centennial.
New York found out last week that she wasn't too great to get water in her cellar.
The new rule for workers in the municipal service in Philadelphia is that they must be there with the goods.
Japan would do well in asking to see the color of the coin before getting too deep in peace terms complications.

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Improved Railroad Service.

The improvement in railroading is so rapid that contemplation of it makes one dizzy. Last Sunday the Pennsylvania railroad inaugurated a service between New York and Chicago which for speed beats the world.

Honest Election Promised.

The purging of the registry lists in Philadelphia gives promise of a reasonably fair election next fall, which will guarantee a marvelous change in the result.

A Menacing Sign of Weakness.

We are not strengthened in confidence of the ultimate success of the reform movement in Philadelphia by Mayor WEAVER's appointment of an advisory board.

What Pennsylvania Republicans Have Been Supporting.

From the Pittsburgh Times, (Rep.) The 254 members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, for a period almost beyond the memory of this generation, have been practically the abject tools of a self-constituted little coterie of bosses.

An Outside Opinion of a Pennsylvania Official.

From Collier's Weekly. The Mayor of Philadelphia and the Governor of Pennsylvania offer somewhat instructive contrasts at present.

It is Coming.

Further evidence of the abuses of monopolistic business comes from Portland, Oregon, where the street railway company is planning to capitalize its properties, said to be worth about \$2,000,000.

The Kind of a Man Needed.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The democratic Democrats have in Mr. Berry their candidate for treasurer.

Spawls from the Keystone.

- DuBois has a new garment factory among her growing industries.
-Johnstown is to have seven sub-postal stations beginning July 1st.
-Westmoreland county farmers are troubled with a plague of canker worms.
-In the last two weeks the orphan's court clerk of Clearfield county granted sixty-seven marriage licenses.
-DuBois has a little girl 9 years of age, who has attended school three years without missing one day or being late once.
-The Odd Fellows, who have 1,000 local members, celebrated Memorial day at Shamokin, Sunday, in honor of their dead brethren.
-Thomas Reighard, a Newberry citizen, caught a trout in Lycoming creek last Tuesday which was twenty-four inches long and weighed four pounds.
-Reav. Jacob F. Shearer, of Somerset, has been appointed a deputy factory inspector by State-Inspector Delaney, vice W. Scott Mullin, of Bedford, resigned.
-Wabash agents have been busy in Indiana county the past ten days buying right of way from Indiana to Leechburg. Traffic from 40,000 acres of coal land is involved.
-James P. Kennedy, the Westmoreland county man convicted of the murder of Howard W. Ebner, of New Kensington, has been sent to the western penitentiary for ten years.
-Capt. Thomas E. Clark put ten thousand salmon in the river at Clearfield last week. They were furnished him by the United States government and sent from St. Vincent, N. Y.
-The Lykens Valley vein, the richest in the anthracite coal region, was discovered at the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company's field last week and will be opened up at once.
-William Ulrich, aged 52 years, watchman at the Dauphin county almshouse, was drowned in a small stream near Harrisburg Thursday afternoon by the capsizing of a boat from which he was fishing.
-The exercises incident to the annual commencement of Juniata College, Huntingdon, will be held next week, beginning with the delivering of the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening by the Rev. I. Harvey Broomberg.
-A bolt of lightning from a clear sky Tuesday struck the barn on the George Painter farm, three miles south of Irwin. John Gonsaware, a farm hand, was in the building and was burned about the arms and hands. The building was destroyed. The loss is about \$10,000.
-The executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange has selected Sunbury as the place for the next annual meeting, which will be held December 12th-15th. C. H. Dildine, a member of the executive committee, was recently in Sunbury making the preliminary arrangements for the yearly gathering.
-The body of Michael Boylan was found in the Locust Gap mine, near Shamokin, last Thursday. He was smothered one year ago by a fire which yet rages in these underground workings. Four other miners lost their lives at the time Boylan was killed. All the bodies have now been recovered.
-Governor Pennypacker left Thursday appointed Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg, to the State Supreme court vacancy created by the recent death of Justice John Dean, of Hollidaysburg, until the first Monday of next January, when he will be recommissioned for the full term of 21 years, if he shall be elected in November.
-A cablegram from Rome says the Pope receded Saturday in private audience the Rt. Rev. E. A. Garvey, Bishop of Altoona, who presented to the Pope \$3,500 in Peter's Pence. The Pope thanked Bishop Garvey in the warmest manner and had him sit beside him. Bishop Garvey told the Pope that efforts were being made to introduce Italian clergy into his diocese to labor among the Italians.
-The Japanese government has placed with the Pressed Steel Car company of Philadelphia, an order for 800 box cars for early delivery. This is supplementary to the 1,000 box and gondola cars placed several days ago with the Middletown Car company and the Milton and Berwick plants of the American Car and Foundry company. The cars to be built by the Pressed Steel Car company will be 31 foot gauge, fifteen feet long and will have a carrying capacity of seven tons.
-While Spangler's circus was giving a performance in Williamsburg, Blair county, Friday night several sections of the seats collapsed, due to overcrowding and two persons were fatally injured while a score or more were hurt. The crowd, believing that the accident was due to carelessness on the part of the management, attacked the show people and a general row followed in which quite a number were badly used up. The proprietor escaped injury by taking refuge in a nearby house.
-In addition to a letter expressive of appreciation of the aid and succor given to the injured, and care bestowed upon the dead in the South Harrisburg wreck of May 11th by the people of Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has donated \$10,000 to the Harrisburg hospital. The donation was given to the hospital without any restrictions as to its use, that being left entirely to its board of managers, and was accompanied with a letter from W. W. Atterbury, general manager, telling of the deep gratitude of the company.
-The Pennsylvania State encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic closed at Reading, last Thursday, after having selected Altoona as the place of meeting next year. These newly elected officers were installed: Department commander, J. Andrew Witt, of Towanda; senior vice commander, Andrew Lee, of Hazleton; junior vice commander, William Green, of Philadelphia; assistant adjutant, Charles A. Saydam, Philadelphia; assistant quartermaster general, John L. Grim, Philadelphia; department inspector, Alexander F. Nicholas, Philadelphia; judge advocate, D. J. Horner, Somerset; chief mustering officer, Charles O. Smith, Pittsburgh; medical director, Albert M. Smith, Beaver Springs, Department chaplain, Rev. Dr. John Sayres, Chester; headquarters clerk, John N. Eeber, Philadelphia.

Of course the Lake Shore road will enjoy the distinction of rendering this unique service exclusively for only a brief period. In other words, it may be predicted that before long all the accessories of comfortable travel which is thus scheduled for that line will be offered by the Pennsylvania and the stenographer will be better, the typewriter hand some and the creaser more skillful. The bath is nothing new of course and the barber has been a feature of first class train service this long time. And these improvements are exceedingly gratifying.

The Venezuela Comedy.

The funniest comedy of recent political life in Washington is the alleged investigation of the dispute between Assistant Secretary of State LOOMIS and former United States Minister to Venezuela, Mr. HERBERT BOWEN. The obvious purpose of this investigation is to whitewash Mr. LOOMIS and the sinister lines that have been drawn in pursuit of this result are the marvel of the period.

In the case in point BOWEN, who succeeded LOOMIS as Minister to Venezuela, reported on the authority of the President of Venezuela that LOOMIS while Minister held commercial relations with the asphalt trust and supported the charge by the assertion that the trust had given him \$10,000 and that the President of Venezuela holds the cancelled check as evidence of the fact.

Of course LOOMIS denied any commerce with the asphalt trust though he admitted that he had recommended the administration at Washington to declare war against Venezuela, because that country refused to allow the trust to violate its contracts with the Venezuela government and various citizens of that poverty stricken Republic. He also denied the money transaction until the check was produced and then declared that the trust check had been given to him merely in exchange for his own check which he had given the trust as an accommodation. Altogether the administration is going to have a tough time to vindicate LOOMIS, but it is equal to the emergency.

More Premised Finance.

The managers of the Equitable Assurance Society of New York appear to have a queer notion of popular patience. Because of their indulgence in what TOM LAWSON calls "frenzied finance," that corporation with its vast business and vast surplus had forfeited public confidence. Frenzied finance consists mostly of juggling other people's money so as to evade the law and escape just punishment. Then the gentleman who have been indulging in such operations imagine they can square themselves with the public by calling into their councils a man who has been doing precisely the same thing in another line of business.

In the first place men who are without authority rarely are of much use in governmental problems. We were almost inclined to add that men who serve without compensation are as a rule worth little if any more than they receive, but we are restrained by the high character and immense wealth of the gentlemen who have been called upon to act as Mayor WEAVER's advisers. They don't need any pay and they are unquestionably able in business affairs. But suppose they are willing to work for nothing and give their best physical and mental energies to the task? When they disagree among themselves or having agreed suggest something that Mayor WEAVER can't adopt, they are certain to go off in a snarl.

Then what's the result? The Mayor who never had a very stiff backbone naturally falls back upon the theory that he has not been supported in his reform purposes by the substantial citizens and the bottom drops out of the whole movement. As a matter of fact the strength of an administration reform movement is not in the diffusion but in the concentration of authority. If the Philadelphia reform movement succeeds it will be because the Mayor has the authority to put the machine managers out of business and has the courage to exercise his authority. This advisory board is a menacing sign of weakness.

A tub race, a boat race, a sack race and a potato race, a horse race and a foot race, a base ball game and a trap shoot, hand music during the day and dance music at night are only some of the features of the Logan picnic to be held next Thursday. The ball game alone, between a team of the Logans and one of the Undines, will be well worth going to see; so if you want a good day's amusement go to Hecla park on the 22nd.

If you have not already secured one or more of the Bellefonte Academy centennial souvenirs, you had better do so at once. Either the medal, the badge or the program are well worth preserving and cheap at the price asked. If you are an old student you will want these souvenirs as mementoes of this occasion.

Now that State College commencement and the Bellefonte Academy centennial is over the only excitement we can look forward to is the meeting of the State Fisheries commission here next week.

Peace in the Far East.

There appears to be a reasonable ground for the hope of peace in the far East. At the earnest request of President ROOSEVELT both the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Japan have consented to a settlement of their differences. Such negotiations would occupy considerable time, no doubt, and involve a good deal of diplomatic labor, but in the event of an armistice pending the deliberations that wouldn't matter much. The expense of maintaining armies on a war footing even though inactive, would be considerable of course, but the loss of human life would be discontinued at once and after all that is the most important thing to consider.

No intimation has been given of the terms upon which Japan will consent to cease hostilities, but it may be assumed that they won't be overly severe. The generous treatment of General STROESSER after the surrender of Port Arthur and of ROJEVSEVSKY after the disaster in the Japanese sea indicates that the Japs are as magnanimous as they are courageous. Of course the Russians will be obliged to give up all pretensions to sovereignty in Manchuria. But they never had any just claim to control there and they ought to have given it up before there was a shot fired. In that event there would have been no war.

Japan will be entitled to a pecuniary indemnity for the expense of the war and in fixing the amount she will be governed entirely by her own impulses. This is to say, no outsider, president or potentate would have the temerity to even suggest a basis of figuring out what amount ought to be paid. But Japan may safely be trusted to dispose of that question justly. Russia will emerge from the conflict very poor indeed. She will not only have exhausted her present resources but mortgaged her credit about to the limit. That being the case it may be predicted that the terms of peace will be surprisingly liberal and ought to be promptly accepted.

There has been considerable discussion the past week as to the advisability of erecting the soldier's monument on the location in the yard in front of the court house, and there is much adverse criticism as to that being the most desirable place for it. The court house officials, while not openly denouncing the location, would much prefer having it in the park between the court house and the jail. If erected in the court house yard it will obstruct the view from the court house as well as of it. It will necessitate cutting up that one delightful spot in the heart of the town and will place the monument so close to the street that it will all the time be covered with dust and thus become unsightly.

The Pruner orphanage, the soldier's monument and the race bridge all took a rest this week, presumably on account of the College commencement and the Academy centennial.