

Ink Slings.

The popular song at Harrisburg in January will be: Neath the shade of the shattered plum tree.

You can notice the fellows who intend running for office next February beginning to be as polite as a woman playing bridge.

This has certainly been a beautiful fall. Beautiful falls are likely to continue popular after the season for icy pavements sets in.

The principal effort that some people seem to be making, at this time, is to get their gubernatorial lightning rods a little higher than the other fellows.

Statisticians tell us that seventy million animals are killed each year for their fur. There is no danger of our being robbed for that particular purpose.

As it looks now the principal business of PENNYPACKER'S extra session, will be to show how eagerly and how satisfactorily some people can eat crow.

When the Russians wanted to get rid of the Japs they fled to Portsmouth. Now that they want to get rid of themselves they do not know which way to turn.

The sad part of it all for WILLIE HEARST must be the thought that he spent \$80,206 trying to get elected Mayor of New York, while it didn't cost Mayor McCLELLAN a cent.

Now that the Commissioners-elect have settled on their cabinet let us hope that the entire body will give the county the cleanest and most economical government it has ever had.

Those two hundred and fifty farmers who started that toy revolution on the Isle of Pines didn't succeed in revolution' much for the very sufficient reason that there was nothing to revolute.

There will have to be a stop put to this reform stampede else we will soon get to thinking that there never was a rasol in Pennsylvania and that turning out proceeding we had on November 7th was only a dream.

And to think of it eight hundred and ten thousand gallons of whiskey burned up in the OVERHOLT bonded warehouse at Conneville, on Wednesday. My, the lot of comfortable jags that were lost in that unlucky fire.

"The divine SARAH" is with us again and they do say that her artistic powers have not diminished a particle. In fact about the only change that is perceptible in SALLIE'S make-up is the need of more rouge to keep her looking young.

And now it is said that both the Hon. SOLOMON R. DRESSER and the Hon. ELLIAS DEMMER intend to carry flags at the head of the "reform" procession. If they will only leave their purses behind the boys won't care how far ahead or in what procession they march.

While Prince LOUIS of Battenburg was blowing in thousands of English pounds making a spectacle in New York last week three hundred starving women and children were marching in one of the principal cities under English rule crying for bread.

One of the most hopeful signs of the recent repudiation of machine politics in Pennsylvania is the rumor that comes from Harrisburg to the effect that the Governor is getting cold feet on the QUAY monument. It is highly probable now that it never will be built.

Representative SCHOFIELD, of Clearfield county, who has just announced himself as a candidate for congressional endorsement, is a Republican and one of the few men of that party in the last Legislature who had the desire to do right and the nerve to talk and vote accordingly.

Senator PENROSE has concluded to make Harrisburg his headquarters during the sitting of Governor PENNYPACKER'S extra session, which would seem to be notice to the KNOX crowd that the late bosses do not propose to trust "reform" to the unskilled hands of those who didn't know exactly whether they were "for or agin' it," until after the voice of the people was heard.

The ancient political prophet of Delaware county, the Hon. THOS. V. COOPER, is out with the information that "the day of bosses has passed into history." So it may be as far as the Hon. THOMAS is concerned, but we prefer to wait and see whether there will not be some one to give and many to take orders even during the coming special session of the Legislature, in which he will sit.

The mayor and six alderman of Windsor, Mo., have resigned because at the recent election local option prevailed and they say there will not be enough revenue for the city to run it. Inasmuch as the Mayor had to pay for two loads of stone for street improvements out of his own pocket before the Prohibs got the upper hand in Windsor it doesn't look as though his resignation will cause the sacrifice of anything else than glory.

It doesn't look altogether like a square deal to require a young man who hopes to become a lawyer to answer questions that half the lawyers in the State would stumble on before he can enter as a law student. That is what the new board of examiners is said to be doing and the public mind takes a quick jump to the conclusion that the lawyers of the State have made up their minds that there are enough of them now. And, perhaps there are.

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Roosevelt's Bad Manners and Temper.

President ROOSEVELT gave a striking exhibition of bad manners and bad temper the other day. The occasion was one which should have inspired the most amiable feelings. A delegation of shoe manufacturers of the country had waited on him to express some views on the subject of the tariff tax on hides. They represented an important industry and this personnel of the delegation was of the highest. In fact the Governor or the State of Massachusetts was among the number and the spokesman of the contingent. Governor DOUGLAS after expressing his admiration for some of the characteristics of the President presented the opinions of himself and his associates in most forceful and eloquent terms.

At the conclusion of the remarks of Governor DOUGLAS the President called for a stenographer and declared that it would be impossible for him to discuss the subject of their mission for the reason that a year ago a delegation representing the same industry and the same organization had called upon him and subsequently betrayed his confidence. In other words, on that occasion he had spoken freely and frankly upon a question of public interest and that after the event one of the gentlemen had told what he said. President ROOSEVELT didn't put it exactly in that way but that is what occurred. The President declared, however, that Mr. WHITNEY, of Massachusetts, who was the spokesman on the previous occasion, had not only divulged a confidential conversation but had grossly perverted it and for that reason he couldn't talk with another delegation representing the same organization.

The fact of the matter is that on the occasion of a year ago the President had expressed unequivocally in favor of the repeal of the tariff tax on hides and as it was a public conference and nothing had been said about concealment Mr. WHITNEY had subsequently, with more or less exultation, declared that the President was in sympathy with the shoe manufacturers on the tariff tax on hides. He had probably been giving opposite assurances to Senator LODGE and other stand-patters, who promptly took him to task for his liberty of speech and the President got revenge by insulting the gentlemen who called on him this year. Meantime Mr. WHITNEY has proved the accuracy of his statement of the affair, that the President's manners and temper are bad and his morals not too good to falsify when occasion appears to justify it.

A Sea-Level Canal.

The engineers have finally decided on a sea-level canal across the Isthmus of Panama, the public is informed. The original scheme which contemplated an ordinary ship canal to be operated by locks and of sufficient capacity to accommodate the largest vessels used in commerce, has been abandoned. That would have cost a good deal, the amount being variously estimated at from \$150,000,000 to double that vast aggregate. It would have taken a good deal of time, too, anywhere from eight to ten years, the experts say. But that wasn't enough either in money or time. The engineers want to increase in both and the sea-level plan will accomplish that.

Under the altered plans it may be assumed that the entire cost of the waterway will be as much as half a billion dollars and that it will not be available for use for fifteen or twenty years. It is surprising that those who have been advocating a canal for so many years are now willing to postpone the date of its completion in this way. It will be remembered that the President was so impatient with respect to the matter a couple of years ago that he organized a revolution in Panama in order to expedite it. Yet current gossip in Washington at present credits him with entire contentment with a change of plans which will delay the completion of the work for several years.

The truth is that the trans-continental railroads are behind the movement for delay. The GOULDS and HARRIMANS and HILLS, who have been plucking the public goose with such entire satisfaction to themselves for more than a quarter of a century, want to continue the operation as long as possible and they find a way of influencing the President and persuading the engineers to whatever course will promote their interests. It is a humiliating fact that the commerce of the whole world can be impaired and the progress of civilization retarded because the railroad magnates want to prolong their opportunities for graft. But it is a fact nevertheless.

Possibly the work of the extra session of the Legislature may prove to be worth a half million dollars to the tax-payers of Pennsylvania, but there are many doubting Thomases who will have to be convinced, by the character of the legislation enacted, before they will believe that we are not paying a pretty big price for the amount of reform that will be furnished by it.

Doesn't Want Reform.

The effort to get the Governor to supplement his proclamation calling the Legislature in extra sessions so as to include in the subjects of legislation the question of ballot reform is practically certain to fail. Governor PENNYPACKER doesn't want ballot reform. As a matter of fact it may be said that he doesn't want reform of any kind and that the call of the extra session is simply a subterfuge intended to quiet public sentiment until an opportunity is presented to restore the machine to power. The adoption of the few unimportant reforms enumerated in the Governor's proclamation might achieve that result. In fact unless the people are vigilant there are reasons to apprehend it.

Governor PENNYPACKER owes his political advancement primarily to boss power and finally to electoral frauds. On a fair vote he would have been defeated for his present office and he fully understands that he will never be elected to any office again unless by fraud. He is not willing to immolate himself at the expiration of his gubernatorial term. The delights of office are too enjoyable to him for that. Therefore he hopes that by the false pretense of reform the machine may be restored to power and with the present iniquitous ballot law in operation he might yet secure a seat on the Supreme bench which would guarantee him a comfortable salary until the end of his life.

The most urgent measure of legislation needed at this time is ballot reform. Every man of average intelligence understands this. Until elections are honest no reforms will be effective or enduring and ninety-nine out of every hundred men would have put that consideration first in arranging the subjects of legislation. But it never occurred to PENNYPACKER. That colossal fraud and egregious humbug imagined he could fool the people by giving them the shadow rather than the substance of reform. But he will be disappointed in his expectations as to the result of the subterfuge. Ballot reform will be delayed a year, probably, but it will come after the next legislative election as certain as fate.

It is hardly necessary for that Revenue Commission to overwork itself, as it seems to be doing, in order to straighten up the crooked things in the State Treasury. Mr. BERRY was elected to do that job, and will do it to his own, and the people's satisfaction, whether there is a board of Revenue Commissioners or whether there is not.

A Lawless Corporation.

The other day in Pittsburg the home of a widow was torn down in order to make room for an extension of the plant of the JONES & LAUGHLIN Steel company. It is announced that the widow will be recompensed for her loss, so that there will be no injustice done, as justice is understood. But it was a lawless operation just the same. It was a crime against the community which ought to be severely and promptly punished. The payment of an amount equal to the value of the property is not sufficient. As a matter of fact no pecuniary recompense is ample in such a case. The authors of the outrage ought to be put in prison.

The facts in the case invest the matter with interest. The widow became an occupant of the house at her marriage. Her children were born there and her husband died there. At his death he exacted the promise from her that she would never sell the property and she wanted to keep the faith which she had pledged. When the big corporation coveted her little home an offer to purchase was made and refused. Then she was beguiled away on an errand and while absent a large force of men began and completed the work of destruction. On her return she found a structure of steel beams and girders where her fireside had been.

The shock to the widow almost drove her into hysterics but the corporation officials didn't mind that. They promptly renewed the offer of compensation and were quite surprised when she persisted in refusal. They couldn't understand or at least failed to appreciate the sentiment which attached her to the little home which had been the scene of her pleasures and sorrows for so many years. They finally told her to appeal to the courts for redress, satisfied no doubt, that she will get the worst of such a procedure. But she ought not to get the worst of it. The men who committed the crime ought to be punished to the full extent of the law.

The viewers recently appointed by the court to make a survey of the twenty-three miles of the Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngstown turnpike have completed their work and assessed the value of the property at \$3,500, which ends the condemnation proceedings and hereafter the pike will be a free public road.

After a two weeks contest it's beginning to look as if the lawyer would be the principal winner in that New York mayoralty matter.

The Insurance Question.

The startling iniquities of the managers of the great insurance corporations of the country continue to unfold themselves under the rigid examinations of the New York Legislative committee. One witness after another has told tales of the betrayal of faith and the perversion of power by those men of vast wealth and high standing. The testimony of Senator PRATT, of New York, the other day, was particularly pertinent in this direction. He stated that each of the three large insurance societies had given him annually large sums of money for the corruption fund in political campaigns.

Other witnesses had testified to political contributions but the iniquity was justified on the ground that one of the candidates for President was inimical of fiduciary corporations and the fund served to protect the interests of those whose money was misused. It was an absurd false pretense, to be sure, but better than no excuse. The testimony of Mr. PRATT, however, brushes aside even that poor apology and reveals the startling fact that the money was contributed to keep the Republican party in power because the Republican leaders shielded the criminal use of insurance company funds.

In view of these revelations of iniquity we can't see how those responsible shall escape the just penalty of their crimes. The funds of an insurance company are sacred and the misuse of them the most atrocious crime. But in the misappropriation of such funds to a political party an even greater depth of turpitude is sounded for it involves a violation of the sanctity of the ballot and a corruption of every fountain of power. McCALL, MCCURDY and those who looted the Equitable society are not guilty of robbery but have committed high treason against the government.

The President a Cad.

If there ever was a doubt that President ROOSEVELT is a cad, his letter to Mr. H. M. WHITNEY, of Boston, removes it. Mr. WHITNEY has written asking for a hearing in a matter of vital importance in which the President had condemned him. The President in intemperate language refused the request and practically declared Mr. WHITNEY guilty of lese majesty. The German Emperor or the Czar of Russia couldn't have asserted the accusation more clearly and it may be assumed that neither of them would have been asinine enough to utter it at all under the circumstances.

The truth of the matter is that the President has been at fault in every respect in his controversy with Mr. WHITNEY and that he has belittled the great office he occupies by his fatuity. Mr. WHITNEY did nothing unbecoming either in quoting the President or asking for an opportunity to prove the accuracy of his statement. Justice and decency alike demanded that his properly expressed request be acceded to. But instead of such a course the President in a petulant letter which would have been unworthy an intelligent and well-bred school boy, refused.

Mr. WHITNEY can well afford to let the matter drop at its present stage. Public opinion will be with him and time will prove that he has spoken truly and the President has falsified as he did during the recent campaign when he vehemently assailed Judge PARKER for stating a fact that has since been abundantly confirmed.

Ancient Holiday Advertising.

There is only one way to make a success of your life or a success of your business and that is to keep pushing and everlastingly at it. In this respect there is no difference between the greatest politician and statesman in the land and the poorest mechanic or laborer. You've got to be constantly blowing your own horn or you'll drop by the wayside. You may not be as smart as the fellow at your elbow; you may not be quite as good a mechanic as the man who works at the bench alongside of you, or you may not carry half the stock your neighbor merchant does, but if you make a noise, diligently advertise yourself or your wares, you're going to forge to the front while the other fellow is lagging by the wayside.

And in no way is this more truly exemplified than in judicious advertising. Every mechanic ought to advertise his business at all times. The buyers not only expect it but they look for it, and finding it not go elsewhere. But even if you are not a regular advertiser there are some seasons of the year when you should do special advertising, and the one time above all others is for the Holiday season. Then it is that everybody is watching to see where they can get the best and most appropriate Holiday goods, and there is no question but what they turn to the newspapers as a medium for such information.

The WATCHMAN'S advertising columns are unprecedented in bringing good results. If you have tried them you know it; if you haven't try them now and be convinced. There will be just four more issues of the WATCHMAN before the Holidays. A month's advertising in its columns will bring you unexpected results in largely increased sales. If you don't believe it, try it. It will be no experiment but a good business proposition.

One Sided Justice.

From the Uniontown Genius. How justice discriminates is shown in the case of Cunliffe, the express robber, who in less than six weeks after robbing the express company finds himself in the penitentiary, and the great insurance robbers, bank wreckers, State Treasury despoilers and others.

Yes, Cunliffe is in the penitentiary but where are McCall, Perkins, McCurdy and others, all men of high station and great wealth who plundered insurance companies with which they were connected—who robbed the widows' and orphans' funds for the benefit of themselves and the grafting politicians of the Republican party? Any of these men in jail? Not on your life. Out on bail? No. Even proscribed? No.

They are rich. These three words tell the whole story. What about the Republican machine looters of Philadelphia? Any of them in jail? Not one.

And even if it were possible to get one there, pardon board would probably soon set him free. A few have been arrested and are at liberty on bail, but there is a great horde of criminals of one kind and another, ballot-box stuffers, repeaters, thugs, contract plunderers, thieves, robbers and grafters of every kind and variety, all belonging to the political organization which has had the city of Philadelphia in its frightful clutches, who are not in prison and never will be.

Not one of these great rogues but is an infinitely greater criminal than Cunliffe. But fortunately for them they have had the protection of the leaders of the great party that makes the laws and fills the office of Pennsylvania.

Only a Pretense at Reform.

From the Reading Telegram. Time has now afforded a careful public judgment upon the idea of an extra legislative session as called by our interesting Governor. The verdict is unfavorable.

This session will cost the taxpayers a round half a million dollars. What will it advantage them? The present membership was chosen under gang auspices, wears the gang brand and, no matter how desperately it shall try to appear converted to the right principle, must inevitably fall under public suspicion and distrust. It has been so used to dealing out gold bricks to the people that nothing it can offer will receive the confidence that good legislation merits.

There is, too, another side to this matter. When the battle for reform was on; when the issue was uncertain and the heat and spirit of the day were intense to those in the front, the author of this latest gang move was either doing nothing to help the good cause along or else appearing on the stump as the apologist and defender of gang tickets and gang methods. And the same may be said of Senator Knorr, the alleged adviser of the extra session call, and of Attorney General Carson, Pennypacker's legal man Friday. Yet these vaulting opportunists now ask the people to desert the leaders who won reform in control of the Republican party organization. They ask for reform simply because there seems to be no other way in which to hold on to office and power. When reform was not popular, they were for all that went with the gang. Such facile elasticity of conscience does not fit the temper of the times.

Philadelphia Miracles.

From the New York Evening Post. Surely the age of miracles is come in Philadelphia. It was wonderful enough last spring when the Mayor turned against his political creators and made a stand-up fight for principle. When the State, which voted 500,000 Republican a year ago, came out 100,000 Democratic, Governor Pennypacker became a reformer, and now "Dave" Martin, State Insurance Commissioner and a veteran machine leader, declares himself also a convert. In fact he adds one reform to the Governor's program—the entire abolition of the fees in his own office, fees which now amount to nearly six times his salary. William McCaskey, Internal Revenue Collector, is another newly enrolled reformer. The rush of defeated politicians to the "band wagon" of righteousness is a familiar phenomenon. No one seems to interpret Pennypacker's change of heart in this way, however. Pennsylvanians perceive, even when the Governor was most perversely wrong, that his errors were of the head and not of the heart. A man who could withstand the tempest of ridicule that beat about Pennypacker's head in the last few years is not likely to prove a coward, now that he is shoulder to shoulder with his old-time foes. But conversions have been so rapid that one wonders if there will be any spillover or corruptionists left to fight.

Don't Make 'em Any Better.

From the Clearfield Spirit. The Democratic friends over here of Dr. F. K. White, of Phillipsburg, are rejoicing over his well earned and well deserved election as county treasurer of Centre county although from the day of his nomination his election seemed to be a foregone conclusion. They don't make better Democrats or better citizens than Dr. White and we are sure the lid of the Centre county treasury will always be off so that the people there can always see what is going on.

Still Work to Do.

From the Buffalo Inquirer. Idaho shows a disposition to enforce the original statutes against some of its land fraud statesmen. The Oregon notion of jailing these land pirates seems to be catching. Taking it altogether the year 1905 has been a bad year for grafters in all parts of the union, but the disparity between the number outside of the jails and the number inside is still discouraging.

The Dust Would Fly.

From the Buffalo Times. Joseph H. Choate tells us that we are working too hard and too fast and doing too much. He would probably be jogging along at the same clip as the rest of us if he needed the money as badly.

Spawls from the Keystone.

George Hartman, a Reading weather prophet, says there will be no snowfall this winter exceeding an inch in depth.

D. A. Pope, a fish warden, is charged with having killed three deer out of season down in Clinton county, and was fined \$100.

The Wayne brick company, of McVeytown, Mifflin county, has been granted a charter by the State department. It is capitalized at \$50,000.

Engineers who have been surveying the coal regions of Clearfield county, have reported more coal under the ground than has yet been removed by the many years of mining.

In an altercation with Fiore Giasinto, an Italian, George Bush, of Burnham, was shot and almost instantly killed at the gates of the Standard Steel works, late Saturday night.

Roy E. Brown, a nineteen-year-old young man who resides on a farm near Glasgow, attempted train wrecking along the Pennsylvania and Northwestern railroad Friday afternoon, and as a consequence he is now in jail at Hollidaysburg.

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Sheldon Woodle, of Altoona, will leave on Thanksgiving day for an all-winter's tour of Egypt and the Holy Land. The trip is taken in the interest of Mr. Woodle's health, which has been very poor the past year or so.

Policeman Sammy Taylor, who was shot last Sunday night a week at Barnesboro by Frank Farrell, while attempting to place the latter under arrest, was taken to the University hospital, in Philadelphia, where the bullet was removed and it is now thought he will recover. Farrell is still at large.

Three Williamsport merchants were arrested on Wednesday by Constable Sheffer, charged with having violated the pure food laws. The alleged offenders were arraigned before Alderman Batzle and each fined \$50 and costs. It is said the costs amounted to over \$20 for each of the merchants.

On the farm of J. P. Fritz, in Columbia county, where the Pennsylvania Copper and Mining company have been conducting operations endeavoring to locate a vein of copper, workmen were greatly surprised to discover natural gas. If the supply is great enough a well for utilizing of the gas will no doubt be erected.

The United Coal company has just completed a large tippie and coal yard at Holsopple on the Somerset & Cambria branch of the Baltimore & Ohio, 13 miles south of Johnstown. A branch line five miles long will be completed in a few days. The company will produce about 60 carloads of coal a day.

William Drowsbaugh, an engineer on the Cresson and Clearfield division, died at the Altoona hospital Friday evening at 9 o'clock, as the result of injuries received in a wreck near Hastings, Tuesday afternoon, November 7th. He was aged 37 years, and leaves a wife and five children, residing at Glen Campbell.

One day last week, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Keck, of Marsteller, went on a fishing excursion to a place near La Jose. They fished but four hours, and in that time caught seventeen pike, none under twelve inches in length. Mrs. Keck landed the two largest, which measured twenty inches and fifteen inches respectively.

Mrs. Catherine Adams, of Prosser Hollow, near Johnstown, is dead as the result of a cut on the thumb. While Mrs. Adams was cutting a ham eight weeks ago she cut her thumb. It became infected. The pus resulting affected the heart and nervous system and the woman died Friday morning.

Last week Mr. W. W. McDaniel shipped the 27th carload of apples from Everett station. About 750 bushels were loaded in each car, making the total amount over 20,000 bushels. Other dealers shipped about nine car loads, or nearly 7,000 bushels, making the total shipment from this station about 27,000 bushels this season.

The month of October was the largest in a business way the New York Central has ever handled in the Clearfield yards. The force in those yards under direction of Howard Scott, trainmaster, a former Phillipsburg, and S. P. McCaul, master mechanic, moved 105,000 cars during that time and 2399 engines. This is certainly a great railroad record.

S. C. Watts, who founded and for thirteen years successfully carried on the Clearfield Monitor, has disposed of the paper to R. M. Butler, formerly connected with the Curwensville Mountaineer. The Monitor has always been recognized as one of the ablest and most fearless exponents of the Prohibition party in the country. Under the new management the paper will cease to be a Prohibition organ.

While saving the life of a young woman, Frank Singer, aged 53 years, of Williamsport, was knocked down and run over by a freight train shifting at one of the Pennsylvania railroad crossings Friday evening, and lost his right leg. The man was running across the tracks, when he struck the woman and knocked her down in the path of the train. With a great effort he lifted her from danger, but in doing so he was caught.

E. W. Swartz, of Jersey Shore, a brakeman on the N. Y. C., while on duty on the Hawk Run branch Wednesday morning of last week, slipped and fell under the engine and was so horribly injured that he died three hours later. One arm was cut off at the socket, one leg severed and his face cut up. The unfortunate man was taken to the Cottage hospital, Phillipsburg, where he died at 12:30. Mr. Swartz, who was only 25, is survived by his young wife, his parents and one sister. He had been employed by the N. Y. C. people for about five years.

Stroudsburg is getting too gay for the Rev. W. Q. Bennett, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. Addressing a meeting of church members, pastor Bennett paid particular attention to dancing classes, and declared that some parents found it necessary for the proper education of children to send them to such gatherings. He declared that these same parents were willing to pay \$1 a lesson for this privilege, and yet were not willing to pay anything toward the coal bill of the church. He also denounced playhouses as the "playgrounds of the devil."