

-If you can't have what you want don't be resentful because another man can.

-The spring garden seed advertisements have been temporarily eclipsed by a blanket of snow.

-JOHN D. ROCKERFELLER is still lost. Are we to have a second CHARLEY ROSS mystery?

-If you are Irish you'll be wearin' o' the green tomorrow, for it will be St. PATRICK'S day.

-The Japanese drank 3,800,000 gallons of beer last year. The little brown devils - the next thing they will be surpassing us in that.

-We had another spasm of beautiful snow on Monday and Tuesday and have been having a surfeit of most slippery sloop ever since.

-BOY PENROSE is booming Justice JOHN STEWART for the Republican nomination for Governor; not because Boy wants STEWART but because he wants to save himself.

-Gen. LEONARD WOOD seems to have conducted his campaign against the Moros on the theory that the only good Moro is a dead one. Out of six hundred he did not leave one to tell how it happened.

-There is a parrot for sale in London that has a vocabulary of eight hundred words and uses sentences of from twenty to thirty words in length. Why in the world doesn't its owner book it for an American lecture tour.

-Mr. J. LEE PLUMMER having decided not to ask his Blair county constituents for a re-election to the Legislature they will have a hard time finding a man to figure as conspicuously for them in Harrisburg as the messenger boy did.

-The Spanish newspaper that recently translated the name of the new English battleship "Dreadnaught" to mean "nothing terrible" must have had a great time fixing up a reassuring translation of that Oregon of ours for its readers.

-Chicago is to have a union cemetery where none but union men may be buried. And, we presume, that some of them will be such good union men that they will decline to be hearden unto GABRIEL'S trump unless he is a union musician.

-Four mornings in succession to have to shovel the snow off the crossings and public walks was rubbing it in on the new street commissioner a little early in his job. Incidentally, all the rest of us had the same kick against the weather man.

-We have a reminder of the sacrifices the Japs made in order to whip Russia in the appeals that are now being made in churches of this land for relief funds for the millions who are starving in the Isle that is yet wearing the flush of a great victory.

-Now Mr. JEROME has decided to take a fall out of WILLIE RANDOLPH HEARST, of New York. The district attorney thinks he has been libeled by HEARST'S two papers and wants \$100,000.00 from each of them. Wouldn't your Uncle SAMMY PENNYPACKER delight in sitting on that case?

-Spain isn't going into ecstasies over the prospects of getting a new Queen, especially since ALFIE'S marriage means that some one will have to put up \$50,000.00 a year to keep his wife. And you know Spain is just like the United States in the particular respect that the poor people always have to bear the burden of taxation.

-An enterprising student advertising manager who wanted to draw a crowd to hear JEROME K. JEROME and CHARLES BATTRELL LOOMIS lecture at State College, last Friday night, headed his heralds with the following question: "How Can Three Men in a Boat be Fanner Than Two Men in the Auditorium?" The crowd was there, all right enough, and there probably wasn't one in it who wouldn't have gotten an A for answering: "Easy!"

-There was a time when the northern people spent most of their spare time telling southerners that lynching should be stopped. Then lynching became popular in Ohio, Illinois and other northern States and no more advice was vouchsafed. Now it will be seen that all the eastern members of Congress are voting to admit Arizona and New Mexico as one State while the westerners, who should know best what is needed, are against the proposition.

-ANDY CARNEGIE is furnishing the financial backing that is needed by a body of learned men who hope to simplify English spelling. Mr. CARNEGIE is of the opinion that English might be made the world language of the future if it were not for its contradictory and difficult spelling. We presume that part of the revision will be to spell steel and steel the same way and make them synonymous in their use when applied to the United States Steel Co. and government contracts.

-It is a fact worth considering that building operations all over the country are being held up because of the advanced cost of materials and the high rate of wages demanded by skilled and unskilled labor. It is probable that so far as lumber is concerned the prices will never recede, so that the only economy that can be practiced will be in wages paid and a change there will result in labor troubles that will be very apt to have an equally deleterious effect on building movements.

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Penrose is in a Trance.

The hope of the Republican machine is centred in Justice JOHN STEWART, recently elected as the candidate of all the parties. Senator BOIS PENROSE has come to be a great admirer of the Justice and will talk of no one else as a candidate for Governor. About a year ago things were vastly different. Upon the death of Justice DEAN some one suggested Judge STEWART as a fit successor, but PENROSE said "O Fudge." PENNYPACKER is the man for the place, he added. The idea was to have Cousin SAM resign the Governorship and have his constitutional successor, "Ole" BROWN, catapult him into the judicial seat. But subsequent events made the plan inexpedient and STEWART was taken by all parties in order that the reform issue might be made clear.

The same reasons which induced PENROSE to shift from PENNYPACKER to STEWART then are still present and PENROSE is for STEWART for Governor. He imagines that he can fool the people by nominating a blameless man just as QUAY fooled them four years ago by taking PENNYPACKER. As a matter of fact, however, PENROSE is the only person who is being fooled. The people have grown wise since four years ago, as was shown by the absolute failure of the change of candidates for the local offices in Philadelphia a year ago to check the tide of reform. The withdrawal of the machine candidate for sheriff and the substitution of a man of the highest character and most unassailable reputation resulted in nothing more than the humiliation of the worthy candidate, through an overwhelming defeat.

Of course Senator PENROSE learns nothing from experience. He never found out that the vote of last fall was a public protest against his methods and the machine of which he is the head rather than an antipathy against Dr. NEFF, the Republican candidate for sheriff of Philadelphia, or J. LEE PLUMMER, the machine nominee for State Treasurer. But Justice JOHN STEWART is not quite so obtuse. He is able to read signs which are ordinarily plain and he knows that if he had been the machine candidate last fall he would have been defeated with PLUMMER and NEFF. Knowing these things he is not likely to give up an ambition which he has long cherished, and a position for which he has earnestly yearned in order to become a defeated candidate of a machine which he despises for Governor of Pennsylvania.

Squire ADAM HAZEL, of Axe Mann, expects to be a candidate for jury commissioner on the Democratic ticket and we want to say right here that he would make a good official and is deserving of recognition. He is evidently a believer in the theory that the early bird gets the worm.

Pennypacker's False Pretense

Governor PENNYPACKER is still boasting of his veto of an act of the Legislature giving water companies the right of eminent domain. He reverted to it in a speech before the Five O'clock club of Philadelphia, last Saturday evening, and gave it as a reason why every Pennsylvanian should be proud of his State. No other State has taken so advanced a step, he declared substantially, and because of that the crimes of QUAY and the iniquities of the Republican machine should be overlooked, if not actually condoned. It was the great preserver of natural rights of all time, according to his notion, and incidentally it is about the only act of his administration worthy of praise.

But the Governor stops short of his full duty in discussing that matter. He ought to add that the purpose to give water companies the right of eminent domain was conceived by QUAY and cherished by every member of the piratical gang organized by him to loot the State and despoil the people. He ought to add that the reason the Governor of no other State has vetoed such a measure is that the Legislature of no other State was sufficiently steeped in iniquity to enact such a monstrous proposition into law. That was left to the bandits enlisted under the QUAY banner and trained to piracy under QUAY himself. We may add that probably such a crime will never be attempted in any other State.

There was no merit in the executive veto of that atrocious piece of legislation. It was simply a duty the failure to perform which would have been the greatest crime of modern life. But the machine which Governor PENNYPACKER cherished and still sedulously shields whenever the opportunity offers, contemplated that crime and if QUAY had been living when it was about to be consummated, the chances are that the Governor would have approved it. Meantime we hope that the last boast of a false-pretended merit with respect to it has been heard. The public is tired hearing Governor PENNYPACKER "blowing his own horn." Let some one else do the talking.

The borough auditors began their work of auditing the borough accounts on Monday evening.

A Most Timely Suggestion.

The esteemed Pittsburgh Dispatch which for several years has been a more or less potential factor in every movement for civic improvement in that city, makes the timely suggestion that the people should turn their attention to securing better representation in the Legislature for that community in the future. "The public interest in the State election next fall," observes our esteemed contemporary, "is likely to centre on the contest for Governor, just as in the city election it did about the Mayorality. Allegheny county should remember that protection for its own legitimate interests as well as duty to the State calls for special attention to the election of members of the next Legislature."

The representatives of Pittsburgh and Allegheny county in the Legislature during the past several years would have been a disgrace to a colony of barbarians or a community of criminals. Next to the Philadelphia banditti they were the most servile and disreputable group of political pirates who were ever delegated to represent a community or serve an interest. Few of them had sufficient understanding to analyze pending legislation and still fewer had conscience enough to guide them in the right even when their path was blazed. In view of these facts the suggestion of our contemporary is peculiarly appropriate. It is to be hoped that the people of the county will give it attention.

Meantime the advice of the esteemed Dispatch is too valuable to be confined to the city of Pittsburgh or the county of Allegheny. The people of every county in the State should give attention to the selection of better men for the legislative service. During the last regular session the representatives of most of the counties followed the orders of the machine managers quite as obediently as those of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The atrocious legislation designed for the protection of criminals and the promotion of crime in the cities couldn't have been passed without the support of rural representatives and the constituents of such rascals should see that fitter men are put in their places at the coming election.

Absurd Talk of Pennypacker.

We take it that the talk of Governor PENNYPACKER for justice of the Supreme court of the United States is not serious. No recent political gossip has been quite as absurd. The only justification of it is in the fact that the Governor has had some judicial experience. He served for a dozen years or so on the bench of Philadelphia at a time when such service was equivalent to servility to the machine. He was first appointed at the instance of QUAY, because he was a cousin, rather than on account of his fitness. He was subsequently elected twice for the reason that he was obedient to the machine. Nobody ever imagined that he had any qualifications for the bench.

The office of justice of the Supreme court of the United States is one of the highest in our system of government. It is said that when WASHINGTON was president he gave Chief Justice JAY his choice of positions in the public service and he elected to go upon the bench. Ever since that the most eminent men have been called to the rare vacancies. In view of that fact who can gravely consider a proposition to appoint PENNYPACKER? A man who believes QUAY was greater than WEBSTER and CLAY and ISRAEL W. DURHAM was the "most influential" citizen of Philadelphia would hardly measure up to the standard of that service. One who can malign the memory of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN is not likely to be chosen for such an honor.

There is a tradition that any man may aspire to any office in this country and that is probably true. Therefore Governor PENNYPACKER has the moral right to cherish a hope that he may secure a seat in the highest judicial tribunal in the country. But it is none the less preposterous because it is possible and for any one other than himself to consider such a proposition is an insult to the memory of the justices who are dead and an outrage upon the reputation of those living. Erratic, whimsical and not too regardful of political morality, his elevation to the Supreme court of the United States would be little less than a public calamity.

A goodly portion of the WATCHMAN'S space this week is given to an intensely interesting story which should appear under the title of "How the Late Board of County Commissioners Got Away with the People's Money." Its compilers, however, have seen proper to send it out under the plain caption of "Receipts and Expenditures for Centre County for 1905." We don't need to tell you that it is worth reading, or to apologize for the space it occupies. You are interested in it as much as we are but after you have read it we would like you to recall the statement this paper made last fall in reference to these expenditures and see how completely every charge made at that time is verified by the official figures.

The Quay Monument Question.

The QUAY monument commission has entered into a contract with a New York sculptor for a white marble statue of the late Senator to be placed in one of the niches in the rotunda of the new capitol building at Harrisburg. It is to be a flawless effigy for which the contract price is a matter of \$17,500, and it is to be completed early in the spring of next year. The niche in the rotunda has been chosen as the place for it, the gossip indicates, for the reason that the commission was afraid that it wouldn't be safe in the open. In the rotunda it can always be within the focus of a capitol policeman's eyes and is reasonably secure, therefore, from dynamite and stale eggs.

There has never been so flagrant a contempt for public opinion as is expressed in this affair. The QUAY monument appropriation was the price the machine paid for Governor PENNYPACKER'S approval of various legislative iniquities adopted during the last regular session of the Legislature. PENNYPACKER wanted it as a monument of his gratitude to QUAY for past favors and the machine gave it to him as a token of appreciation of expected services. But when the machine was repudiated and its iniquities condemned at the polls last fall, it was hoped that the enterprise would be abandoned. The signing of the contract with the sculptor indicates that this wholesome hope may be disappointed.

It is not certain, however, that the outrage will be consummated, at least at the expense of the State. The QUAY monument commission has no legitimate existence and it may be doubted if it have legal authority to enter into a contract in behalf of the State. The constitution requires that such appointments as monument commissioners be confirmed by the Senate. During the recent extra session the appointments in the case in point were referred to the Senate for confirmation but the vote was never taken. Therefore the commissioners have not been appointed according to law and it will be the duty of the State Treasurer to refuse payment for a QUAY statue.

Judge Parker Vindicated.

During the last presidential campaign the Democratic candidate was roundly ridiculed by President ROOSEVELT and others because he declared that under the common law and statutes already in the books of federal and state governments, the evils of corporate greed may easily be checked. The President was insisting on legislation and protesting that in the absence of it he could do nothing. Judge PARKER asserted, on the other hand, that administrative vigor and intelligence, was all that was wanting. It was a bold proposition but his judgment has been vindicated.

In other words, the Supreme court of the United States has just made a decision affirming the position of Judge PARKER. That is in two decisions handed down on Monday the court states in the most unequivocal terms that officers of corporations may be compelled to testify in cases in which they are concerned and that the books and other secret archives of corporations may be examined by courts in judicial proceedings. It is unquestionably the most important and significant judicial action of recent years. It cuts the ground under trust magnates completely.

These decisions make the pending rate legislation as needless as the fifth wheel to a wagon or the second tail to a dog. No corporation can violate the laws in the public view. That is precisely what would be done under that ruling of the court if the law is violated at all. The books and the evidence of those who keep and direct them are always accessible to the authorities and as Judge PARKER said, there is nothing wanting for an enforcement of the law except courage and intelligence on the part of those entrusted with the administration of the law.

The Philadelphia Press on Sunday contained a very good picture of E. S. Stover, a Centre county boy who last fall went to Crawford county to accept the principalship of the township High school at Guy's Mills and who has just been appointed a member of the faculty of the Edinboro State Normal school. For several years prior to leaving Centre county Mr. Stover was principal of the township High school at Aaronsburg and at the same time filled the office of justice of the peace. He is a graduate of the East Stroudsburg State Normal school and has a bright future in store for him.

It is enough to give a poor editor heart failure to read the Monte Cristo-like stories cabled from the Riviera as to the wonderful winnings at the Monte Carlo and Nice Casino gaming tables of Ervin S. Armstrong, of Lock Haven. His winnings have been placed at from \$5,000 to \$20,000 a night and over \$200,000 in all. There is little doubt but that the stories are much exaggerated but if they are true even to one-fourth the above amount the young man is lucky.

The deepest snow of the season fell on Sunday night. It began between five and six o'clock in the evening and continued most all night and though at first it melted as fast as it fell when Monday morning came there were about nine inches of snow on the ground. It was very wet and the telephone and electric light wires around town resembled three inch cables and were so sagged and crossed during the night that the electric light plant was compelled to close down. Both telephone companies had lots of trouble in broken and crossed wires which it took them most of Monday to clear up. Monday was comparatively mild and most of the snow melted before evening.

It was just twenty-one years Tuesday night since the big fire which destroyed the block on Strychnine corner. At that time there were a number of ramshackle buildings in that locality, which by the way, had a reputation not to be envied, the whole corner bearing no comparison to the magnificent business block which stands there today. In fact with the big fire of March 12th, 1885, not only the buildings but also the disreputable name was wiped out as ever since it has been referred to as Aiken's corner.

There was nothing small about yesterday's snow and if it keeps coming down the way it has this week there will be cause to wonder if the seasons haven't become all tangled up and winter coming when it should be summer.

How Wars and Armies Are Made.

From the Philadelphia Record.

In an occasional debate in congress the country catches a glimpse of the extensive and brilliant military staff encamped in the war department at Washington under the new organization of the army. The silent creation of this establishment in the midst of profound peace demonstrates how easily such things can be done when the spirit of imperialism and jingoism is rampant. This staff for organizing future battles and campaigns consists of four generals, four colonels, six lieutenant colonels, twelve majors and twenty captains detailed with a view to their superior knowledge and experience in the art of war.

Of course this staff is not intended for the comparatively small army of 90,000 men. Its real usefulness will be unfolded when the imperial army shall have advanced to the adequate force of 600,000 soldiers, more or less. For the present the staff is sketching maps of the prospective campaigns, in anticipation of which it has recommended the construction of 228 steam transport ships of 6,000 tons capacity. It is estimated that this will prove sufficient to transport the imperial armies of the future to the most distant fields.

It needs hardly be said that the inspiring genius of this organization is the great military strategist of the White House. So grand a military conception could never have arisen in a quiet civil breast. The war lord of Germany has an army of seven or eight hundred thousand men ready to be hurled across the Rhine or the Dnieper at an hour's notice. Why should not this government have a like army and begin the basis for it with an adequate office staff, since the American navy in existence and in process of construction will soon surpass that of the German empire? Von Moltke and his staff completed the campaign of Sedan in about six weeks, and that which practically ended with the battle of Sedan in a little more time. May not our staff, now idly twirling their thumbs as they recline on easy chairs in different rooms of the war department, dream of such conquests?

How "Christianizing" Warfare Works.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

We are told that the 900 Moros killed in the crater of Mt. Dajo were "robbers." They are also described as "religious fanatics" who fought with blind zeal, not because they objected to the stars and stripes and benevolent assimilation, but simply because it was a glorious privilege to die for their faith. It is nowhere admitted that the Moros were following the Filipinos' example of devotion to the cause of independence. There people who fought till a man was left to relate the story of the terrible drama in the crater were animated alone by fanaticism—and they were mere "robbers" and "outlaws" anyhow. They were not patriots. They were not even organized, we are told, but fought every man on his own hook until he fell dead in his tracks. That certainly is somewhat remarkable.

It is to be regretted that we have not further details of the slaughter. Port Arthur under siege for several months and thousands of tons of shot and shell were thrown into the Russian stronghold. Yet at the end, when the surrender came, it was found that a very large percentage of the defenders were alive and unharmed. The fatalities were astonishingly few. It was evidently a very different matter at Mt. Dajo. There every Moro was killed. Not a prisoner was taken. Not a single wounded "robber" was found. Not a man was left to tell the tale. Just why this was so is unexplained. But the old custom of killing the wounded and murdering prisoners may still be in vogue among our savages of civilization.

Verily It is So.

From the New York American.

President Roosevelt advocates a strong navy, because in case of war our fleet can go over and lick the enemy. Now he advocates strong coast defenses, because the enemy may come over his own coast. President Roosevelt is licking him off his own coast. Logic, thy name is mud!

Spawls from the Keystone.

-After celebrating his 94th birthday, last Thursday, George Ritter, Lock Haven's oldest citizen, died on Sunday night.

-The post office at Rote will be discontinued. The patrons of that office will be served by rural delivery from Nittany.

-The Hayes Run fire brick company is so rushed with orders for fire brick at present that the plant is running day and night to meet the demand.

-Kane's fire department is arranging the preliminaries for the entertainment of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Firemen's association in August.

-The Monroe county court ruled that it would not accept the resignation of township road supervisors unless some good and valid reason could be shown.

-Suit has been entered against the city authorities of Shamokin for \$200,000 damages for a defective fire plug, which caused a lack of water at the time of a recent fire.

-The new Methodist church at Clearfield will be dedicated on Sunday. Rev. W. P. Eveland, president of the Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

-Hazelton's shirt and knitting factories employ 1,141 persons, of which number 732 are under 21 years. The pay rolls of the minor industries aggregate \$40,000 monthly. More than 37,000 ties have been purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad company along the Bedford division during the last three months, 27,000 of which have been shipped to main line points.

-The Pennsylvania Telephone company has absorbed the Sallitio Telephone company, operating lines in Huntingdon county and will consolidate with its own lines. The Sallitio company has 100 phones in service.

-Nine of the thirteen townships of Huntingdon county, which were qualified to vote at the recent election on the question as to whether they would adopt the new state road law or retain the old law, voted in the affirmative.

-Samuel Stauffer, a fifteen year old boy, of Pepue, was taken to Lancaster with both legs broken, the result of falling from an ordinary chair at the home of his parents. This is the twentieth time the lad has fractured his limbs.

-A new business venture for Altoona will be a coffee company, to be known as the Logan Valley Coffee company, which will be organized in the near future and incorporated under the above name. The capital stock will be \$5,000.

-The election in Pennsylvania next fall involves the choice of a governor, a lieutenant governor, a secretary of internal affairs, an auditor general, the congressional delegates, 25 state senators and the entire state house of representatives.

-On account of complications in California, the transfer of the Rev. Charles Wesley Wason, pastor of Williamsport High Street Methodist Episcopal church, to the California conference has been announced by Bishop Berry at the request of Mr. Wason.

-Ex-County Treasurer G. Miller was found dead in John Coleman's lumber yard, in the east end of Williamsport, with a bullet hole in his head, Saturday morning. All circumstances point to his having shot himself with suicidal intent. His health is given as the cause.

-J. Frank Challenger cashier and treasurer of the Delaware County Trust company, of Chester, who was arrested and indicted on the charge of embezzling \$10,632 from the company while in office, pleaded guilty to larceny and was sentenced to a term of two years in the county jail.

-Walking into Attorney Linn's office in Lewisburg, Saturday evening, William Shields, ex-register and recorder of Union county, remarked that he did not feel very well and would call a doctor. He telephoned for a physician then sank back in a chair and died almost instantly of heart failure.

-The coal on the large tract of land near Fernwood Park, in Gillet township, owned by the Crain Bros at Brishin, is to be developed. Thomas Blythe and two sons, of Maders, will have charge of and operate this industry, and will within the next few weeks begin the work of putting down a shaft.

-From ten to fifteen carloads of lumber are being shipped from Everett, Bedford county, every week, making the value of the weekly output more than \$2,000, or \$100,000 a year. Many men are employed in the lumber industry thereabouts and a local planing mill alone employs fifty men. Several traction engines are being used to draw two or more wagon loads to town at a time.

-Oliver Welder, aged fifty six years, a farmer living in Nippenose valley, one mile west of Raebachtown, was found dead under an overturned straw stack Thursday afternoon by his three little sons. There was no sign of a struggle, so that it is possible that he was rendered unconscious by the fall of the tightly packed stack and then smothered to death or that the shock brought on a fatal attack of heart failure, to which he was subject.

-The annual report of Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction, now in the hands of the state printer, shows that there are 2861 school districts in the State outside of Philadelphia, and 31,319 schools. The number of township High schools is 197. There are 8925 men teachers and 14,324 women teachers. The average monthly salary of the men is \$31.81; of the women, \$39.14. The number of pupils outside of Philadelphia is 1,209,967.

-A New York Central railroad crew had an exciting adventure Tuesday afternoon of last week, at Cato, near Snow Shoe, on the Beech Creek division. The train took a siding at Cato and while waiting there the crew of men noticed some kind of animal on the mountain side. On a closer investigation they discovered that it was a big wild cat. With stones and sticks they made an attack on the animal and after a hard fight clubbed it to death. They took their trophy to Jersey Store and propose to have it mounted. The men making the attack were Conductor Shirk, Engineer Evelyn and Fireman Johnson.