

It was quite popular to pay water taxes in Bellefonte Friday morning.

The blossoms are coming out fast, both on the trees and fishermen's noses.

The coal strike is beginning to strike some of the industries around here that are dependent on that fuel.

That Paris revolution that was predicted for the first of May seems to have been of the merry-go-round sort.

Our old friend Col. JOHN A. DALEY has only one more day in which to hustle for the nomination the bosses don't want him to have.

Those insky and iscovitz names up about Mt. Carmel is probably what excited PENNYPACKER'S Cossacks to the firing point on Tuesday.

What would an earthquake do to a completed Panama canal? And the Panama route crosses the established zone of earthquake disturbances.

It is announced now that Congress will adjourn about the middle of June. Since it can't be done any sooner the public will accept that date with thankfulness.

DOWIE marched back into Zion on Monday, but not into his own, as he expected, as the Zionites have evidently tired of playing the "woolly horse" in DOWIE'S great advertising act.

The May-day episode in Paris proved to be a little more than a passing Parisian passion. If there hadn't been so many soldiers it is probable that anarchy would have run riot in the city.

Roller skating is the craze again, but like the fit amusement crazy public had of it some time ago, it will be short lived. The only skating pad that holds on always is the kind that's found in the rye fields.

A Salfordville rooster is reported as having crowed itself to death. If this thing is going to become the fad among all roosters you can look for a dead one in Mr. HENRY CUTE QUIGLEY'S political coop about next Wednesday morning.

Governor HOCK, of Kansas, has taken rank with HOBSON and CARNEGIE as a kisser, but he seems to be in danger of having oculated himself out of office. It is merely a case of not having had the right kind of goods else the lady would not have peached.

Machine politics in Pittsburg must be pretty near to the end of the string when the two leading machine papers must combine forces in order to make one that will be strong enough to weather the reform gale that has been sweeping that city for some years past.

Some one has suggested that since the automobiles stir up all the dust on our streets they should be taxed to pay for street sprinklers. The suggestion is a good one, but while we are at it; since they also raise all the stink why not tax them to buy lavender water to do the sprinkling with.

State Treasurer BERRY will have his first peep into the State's strong-box next Monday, when he will be sworn in. It is to be hoped that he will find everything right, but if he does, we'll bet dollars to buttons there will be plenty of entries in fresh ink that have been necessary in the work of making good.

If Gen. FATHER SHERMAN hasn't anything else to do than ride over the route of his distinguished father's historic march to the sea, the commander of the army had better find some barracks fences for him to whitewash. We have been hearing of those old sores for forty-one years and just why this nonsensical act of opening them up again was ever conceived we cannot understand.

The English army is at logger-heads with the navy as to which branch of the service will have the right to buy and direct air ships in time of war. Why fight over such a question until the practicability of air ships is established. The English fighting men have had nothing to do since those South African farmers had them on the run so, we suppose, they must work off their bellicosity some way.

Professor SERVISS says that the San Francisco earthquake was due to the weight of the polar ice caps. While the Professor's opinion is worthy that consideration that we are forced to give the statements of an eminent scientist he has left us just about as much in the dark as we were before he volunteered this profound information; because some of us have never weighed the polar ice caps, therefore we don't know how much weight it takes to make a real, first-class earthquake.

About the most sensible thing we have noted for some time, and an act that will have a tendency to strengthen public confidence in labor unions, was the action taken by the San Francisco brick-layer's union to work over hours, to keep wages down to the old scale and to work with non-union men in the effort to rebuild the city. While it might be said that the extreme necessities of the case brought about such action—and it probably did—yet a precedent has been established that will be of good service to unions and public everywhere. In this connection we want you to mark the wide contrast between this San Francisco union and that Minnesota union that wanted to prevent the carrying of supplies to the sufferers by any but union men.

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An Evil and a Remedy.

The bill to exempt denatured alcohol from the prohibitive internal revenue tax appears to have fallen under the displeasure of the Standard Oil conspiracy.

There is no valid reason for defeating the proposed legislation. Instead of impairing the revenues it increases them. No taxes are paid on denatured alcohol because there is none manufactured, the internal revenue tax being prohibitive.

In the absence of reasons, however, Senator ALDRICH is proceeding without reasons and by a process which requires neither reasons nor explanations. He is simply holding the bill up in committee in spite of protests and regardless of consequences.

It is the logical consequence of special privilege and the remedy is the utter and enduring defeat of the Republican party, which has created such conditions.

Foolish Talk of Principles.

During a debate in the House of Representatives in Washington, the other day, Representative HEBURN, of Iowa, remarked in a somewhat derisive tone that the Democratic party now has a tripple leadership of BRYAN, HEARST and COMPANY, which provoked Representative GAINES, of Tennessee, to add: "No; we have ROOSEVELT with us."

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The special session of court called for next week will not be held, all jurors, witnesses, etc., having been notified not to appear.

A Million Dollars Found.

Men don't frequently find money in million dollar lots but Representative CREESEY, of Columbia county, announces in the March number of the Pennsylvania Grange News that he has just experienced that form of good fortune.

"Farmer" CREESEY'S "find" consists mainly in a subject of taxation which for some inscrutable reason has escaped the lynx eyes of the assessor thus far. Gas companies have never paid a cent toward the expenses of government in this State though they have milked the people with singular assiduity, while electric light companies, their competitors in business, are taxed on capital stock, bonded indebtedness and gross earnings.

We have said that the reasons for exempting gas companies from taxation are inscrutable but that is not literally true. All the big gas companies in Pennsylvania and most of the smaller ones are owned by the Standard Oil company, the alert lobby of which has exercised a potential as well as sinister influence on legislative and judicial actions.

A Credulous Contemporary.

The credulity of some of our Republican contemporaries is surpassing strange. For example, the esteemed Philadelphia Press tells its readers, in a recent issue, that "the Republican State convention to be held in Harrisburg on the 6th of June, will be different from past conventions. It will be unbiased, uncontrolled, unrestricted."

The Republican State convention will be biased, controlled and restricted this year quite as completely as any of its predecessors were and the esteemed Philadelphia Press understands that fact just as well as Senator PENROSE or "gumshoe" ANDREWS.

The esteemed Philadelphia Press would like to see better political conditions in this State, we actually think. It has done valiant and effective work for civic improvement in Philadelphia, and last fall it obeyed conscience sufficiently to throw the weight of its considerable influence against "the lonely misfit nominee of a discredited organization" for State Treasurer.

The people of Columbia, S. C., are demanding separate elevators for the negro. Of course this applies only to things mundane, for, we imagine, when it comes to the long elevator journey that all of them hope to take some day they will be so glad to be in it themselves that they won't notice who is doing the crowding; whether it be white or black saints.

A Shabby Legal Trick.

The obvious purpose of the administration at Harrisburg to sustain the Senatorial apportionment bill passed during the special session of the Legislature, right or wrong, was revealed in the Dauphin county court last week, when the Schuykill county case was taken up for hearing.

That might seem to be a justifiable piece of sharp practice by a quarter sessions' demagogue but hardly measures up to the dignity of a ruling of a department of the state government. The petitioners knew quite as well as the Secretary of the Commonwealth understood, that there is no Senatorial vacancy in Schuykill county under the new apportionment. But they allege that the measure is invalid because unconstitutional, and the proceedings in the Dauphin county court were inaugurated to determine the question.

That the apportionment is unconstitutional admits of no doubt. It specifically violates one of the mandates of the constitution which declares unequivocally that "no county shall be divided unless entitled to two or more Senators" whereas Lancaster county is divided. Of course the Secretary of the Commonwealth had a right to assume that the law is valid until the courts declare the contrary.

But such a decent disposition of the matter would have prevented the flighty Deputy Attorney General from indulging in a dramatic display.

Not Analogous Ideas.

We can imagine nothing more preposterous than the idea expressed by some of our esteemed contemporaries that President ROOSEVELT'S remarkable proposition to limit fortunes or confiscate property in excess of a certain amount, is in any respect analogous to the Democratic policy of taxing incomes. There is nothing farther from the fact. Taxing incomes is a legitimate function of government.

The gist of the President's proposition is contained in the phrase, "a tax so framed as to put it out of the power of the owner of one of these enormous fortunes to hand on more than a certain amount to any one individual." That would be a tax on inheritances rather than on incomes, in any event, and to achieve the purpose it would involve the confiscation of all bequests above a fixed amount.

The truth is that the President's scheme is socialistic rather than Democratic. It is the idea of EUGENE DEBS, and not that of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. It is confiscation and not taxation, and those of our contemporaries which have mixed matters up in a way to misrepresent the facts, owe an apology to the memory of JEFFERSON, and a correction to their own consciences and the vast body of Democratic voters in this great country.

Clearfield Republicans have come to the front with a boom for THOMAS H. MURRAY Esq., for the Republican nomination for Governor. And that the boom may be pushed along at a rapid rate to as good a finish as possible a committee of seventeen has been appointed to manage the campaign in his behalf.

April is now a back number.

As Good as His Party.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner.

A monument to the late Matthew S. Quay, for many years the Republican leader of Pennsylvania, is to be erected at Harrisburg. A writer in the Philadelphia Ledger (Republican) suggests for the proposed monument the following inscription:

He understood better than any man since Webster and Clay the art of getting cash for campaigns and votes for an election. There was no "interest" he did not favor. To the laborer, he offered work. To the millionaire, state funds for charity. To the officeholder, office and more offices. To the manufacturer, protection. To the philanthropist, state funds for charity. To the criminal, immunity from the law. He thus bound the whole people to him, and established a political system the pride and glory of our State.

A very interesting inscription, indeed. It is getting cash for campaigns. It is favored special interests, promised "the full dinner pail" to the laborer, more billions to the millionaires and more shelter to the tariff barons. It has given immunity to several distinguished men guilty of crimes, and under the pretense of "defending the national honor" has built up, and continues to defend, a system that takes from the many in order to enrich the few, that oppresses the masses in order to pamper the classes; and with all of its wickedness and folly it continues to pose as "the party of God and morality!"

Surely "Mat" Quay was a fitting representative of such a party. Surely those who were the beneficiaries of his skillful services should not look lightly upon his memory.

Where Prosperity Exists Without a Republican Party.

Those who still doubt the capability of South American republics to attain a high degree of prosperity will do well to observe the existing conditions of Argentina, the second of those States in size and importance. The year just ended was by far the most prosperous in its history, but the present year bids fair to surpass it. In the first nine months of 1905, according to official statistics, the exports from the country were—excluding specie—\$247,110,000 gold. At the same time the imports by way of the custom houses were \$155,651,460. Doubtless there were many millions more of imports, for smuggling is rife in Argentina, but at any rate the imports fell far below exports, leaving a handsome balance on the right side.

The directions and tendencies of Argentina commerce are also well worth notice. Imports to Argentina from Great Britain increased only 51 per cent.; from Italy, only 5 per cent.; from France, 20 per cent.; from Germany, 20 per cent., and from the United States, 30 per cent. At the same time exports to the United Kingdom increased 25 per cent.; to Italy, 80 per cent.; to France, 18 per cent.; to Germany, 16 per cent., and to the United States, 40 per cent.

Effective Legislation Needed.

The absolute disregard of the railroad corporations for laws interfering with their profits is shown in their action in the compilation of the new passenger rate sheets. It was the open boast of those concerned compiling the schedules that the Ohio law making a rate of two cents a mile obligatory upon the railroads "did not cut much ice." In the estimating of the tariffs on through business the Ohio rate was absolutely disregarded.

In looking for a fusion candidate for governor it is quite natural that the opponents of the machine should favorably canvass the popular name of our excellent State treasurer-elect. There is no doubt that Mr. Berry would prove a strong candidate with the prestige of success which he enjoys, but for the fact that when the people of Pennsylvania elect a citizen to a responsible office they expect him to fill it instead of making it at once a stepping stone for another position. The faithful watchdog should be permitted to remain where the people of the State united in placing him.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Contractor Hughes has about 150 men employed at present in making the new State road in Cooper township, Clearfield county.

The Standard Steel car company of Butler, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the trucks to be used on the large trolley cars of the Butler and Pittsburg line.

It is said that the Pennsylvania railroad company will continue its planting of trees for cross-ties by setting out 800,000 this year. Nearly 300,000 trees were planted last year along the Philadelphia and Middle divisions.

An Altoona dispatch says that the Pennsylvania railroad has ordered the employees of the maintenance of way department to work ten hours a day instead of nine. This gives an additional hour to about 12,000 men.

The district attorney of Allegheny county declares that he means to proceed against the vice syndicate said to exist in Pittsburg, as soon as sufficient evidence has been obtained. Five councilmen are said to be involved.

The Hyde-Murphy company, of Ridgeway, have just completed plans for a handsome new school building to be erected by them at Osceola. The entire building is to be of brick and will cost when completed \$50,000.

A few days ago while Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitesel, of Six Mile run, Bedford county, were absent from their homes, thieves entered and secured cash to the amount of \$307 and a valuable watch belonging to one of the servants.

Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickinson college, Carlisle, has just celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of his accession to the presidential chair. The class of 1906 presented him with seventeen fine American Beauty roses in a handsome vase in honor of the event.

Five tons of eggs were recently shipped out of Three Springs, Huntingdon county, to markets on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad. Three Springs is one of the best shipping points along the line of the East Broadtop railroad for all kinds of country produce. Seven to nine eggs will weigh a pound.

Just as a base ball game for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers was about to commence the grandstand on the Riverside grounds at Sayre, Pa., collapsed Friday afternoon, and although but one was seriously injured, everyone of the three hundred on the stand was hurt, most of them being women.

The Governor has signed the charter for the New Era Publishing company, incorporated with a capital of \$10,000 to conduct a general newspaper and job printing business in Huntingdon. The incorporators are all Huntingdon men and are: W. H. Boggs, Samuel Steel, treasurer; D. S. Drake, J. G. Dell, C. C. Johnson, E. M. Krug and J. J. Johnson.

A dressmaker of Williamsport is the loser of about \$765 in cash and a quantity of valuable diamonds, as the result of a clever game in which she was the victim. She went to Atlantic City to meet a German architect whom she had become acquainted with through a matrimonial bureau and after he had secured from her the valuables named the erstwhile lover left her in New York.

The division encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will be held at Gettysburg on July 21st-28th. General Stewart said that the details of the encampment would not be arranged until after the location of the camps of the three brigades have been selected. This will be the last encampment of the Pennsylvania administration and the Governor will spend the entire week with the troops.

The Bigler campeering association suffered almost a total loss of its property by fire Friday morning. The fire is supposed to have originated by a spark from a passing locomotive. The property destroyed includes the tabernacle, restaurant, boarding house and thirty-one cottages. The only building saved was the ticket office. The loss will be quite heavy, as there was no insurance on the property.

A landslide of unusual proportion was that which just occurred on the north side of Green mountain, near the road from Shumstown to Ringtown. A slice of the hillside 30 feet wide and 10 feet deep, and extending nearly from the top to the bottom of the mountain, became loose and slid down into the valley. The slide was accompanied by a loud roar which terrified all inhabitants of that section. Those who witnessed the startling spectacle say that the water shot up in the air higher than the tops of the highest trees.

The Wilmore Coal company, the real-estate holding organization of the Berwind-White Coal mining company, has awarded a contract to the Windler Lumber company for the erection of fifty more large double houses at No. 40 mine, near Windler, in addition to the fifty already built, which will be occupied by Berwind-White miners. Work was commenced last week and they will be ready for occupancy early in the fall. The new dwellings are better finished, with cellars and better in every way than the average miners' home.

The farm house on the Adam Heckman homestead near the Mt. Bethel church in Nittany valley, was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday last week and the barn was saved only by hard work. The fire started from an overheated flue, as the women were ironing and had a hot fire. The high wind blew burning timbers into the barn and a number of times the hay in the mows was on fire but the bucket brigade made good use of water and wet blankets and they succeeded in saving the structure. The house was occupied by John Heckman.

Fred Dubler, the 12 year old son of Fred Dubler, Sr., of Beech Creek, met a horrible fate at Ferrandville Saturday. The lad was spending the day with his grandmother, who sent him on an errand. He was delayed at a crossing by an eastbound freight train. As the caboose passed the Buffalo flyer engineer on the next track saw a human figure step in front of his locomotive. In a second the wheels had cut the boy in twain. The body was not identified until Sunday, after a search had been made for the missing boy.