

Task Slings.

—As a dog exterminator the Bellefonte automobile is a dandy.

—It is beginning to look as if a number of people believe that HENRY CUTE will be an easy one to defeat for the Senate.

—The Democrats of Centre county will hold their last primary election under the present system on Saturday, June 2nd.

—The trouble at Washington seems to be that there are not enough ROOSEVELT brains to cope with such a brilliant trio as BAILEY, TILLMAN and RAYNER.

—In eighteen years JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has received \$113,500,000 income from his Standard Oil holdings. And to think, he has a weak stomach, at that.

—Between the President, former Senator CHANDLER and Senators BAILEY and TILLMAN there is a liar somewhere and the bug seems to be very near the White House.

—In the light of recent events in Washington the author of the famous "Muck Rake" speech must have been merely giving away some of the secrets of his fellow Muck rakes.

—Research has disclosed that the original chauffeurs were a class of French robbers. How fitting the name for men who now run automobiles at from two to four dollars per hour.

—The Hon. ROBERT M. FOSTER and former Senator WM. C. HEINLE have both announced as candidates for the Senate in this county. Clearfield will probably present GEORGE M. DIMELING.

—The papers announce that Union county has grown so good that there are no cases for the regular sitting of the quarter sessions court to dispose of. Has BENNY FOCHT reformed everybody down there?

—The limit to the court reviews was the stumbling block in the rate-bill legislation, but there has been no limit to the names the men who were pushing the measure have been calling each other since they agreed to disagree.

—Out in Kansas the Democrats have fired their State chairman because he wears a silk hat and frock coat. In Pennsylvania, it is different. Here we need the kind that can afford such sartorial luxuries. It takes money to make the political mare go.

—Each man, woman and child in this country is entitled to \$32.22, that is, under the per capita provision. Have you yours? If you have, are you satisfied with it? You ought to be, for if you take any more some one else will be without their full share.

—All England seems to have been startled with the Earl of Weymouth's statement made in the House of Lords on Monday to the effect that "the country is practically without an army." It is the old case of English obtuseness. The Boers knew this years ago.

—The woman who sued her husband for divorce because she found out from the stubs in his cheque book that he had paid \$2 for ribbons for his typewriter would probably have fallen dead on the spot had she discovered that he was buying bees for the woman who took care of his flower beds.

—ROBERT PITCAIRN, assistant to the president of the Pennsylvania railroad company didn't want his in stock. He asked for \$5,000.00 in cash, and got it. BOB was probably thinking that cash wouldn't tell as many tales as stock, but then he wasn't thinking that he would be called upon to tell a few tales himself.

—The suggestion made in Congress Wednesday that when our new \$6,000,000 senator is completed the President and his cabinet should man it and challenge the new English "Dreadnaught" to a battle to the finish, is a good one. Perhaps if an experiment of this kind were tried once in a while the jingoes would not be so gay about spending the public money for needless battleships.

—CARL SCHURZ is dead. Among America's foremost men he was a leader. As publicist, statesman and patriot his life was like an open book from the moment he landed as an immigrant on our shores in '48 until the day of his death. His was a career of upbuilding for humanity, made forceful by a personal character that was at all times pure and clean. In his death the country has lost a man who commanded the respect of the wide world.

—While Mayor WEAVER, of Philadelphia, would make an admirable candidate for Governor there is no reason why Democrats should go into connivance with him because he has been suggested. Years before Mayor WEAVER was heard of the Democrats stood for the kind of reform that he became conscious of only two years ago and we have scores of men who would give the State such an administration as would be impossible for Mayor WEAVER and among them our preference is DAVID T. WATSON, of Pittsburg.

—A Howard merchant is responsible for a rather shocking advertisement that appeared in the Hustler of that place last week. After itemizing a number of articles that are being sold at mark-down prices the following display line startled the modest reader: Pants, Overalls and Drawers, all Down! If things in the store are really as advertised we would advise the merchant to stop selling and charge an admission of 10 cents for it must certainly beat the Eden Musee if the pants, overalls and drawers are all down.

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Veracity in High Life.

The developments of the rate bill debate in the United States Senate have raised a question of veracity between the President and the Hon. WILLIAM E. CHANDLER, of New Hampshire, the issue of which will be watched with curious interest.

During the debate on the ALLISON amendment, so-called, Senator TILLMAN alleged that Senator CHANDLER had assured Senator BAILEY and himself that the President "had come to a complete disagreement with the railroad lawyers in the Senate" and named Senators KNOX, SPOONER and FORAKER, and Senator BAILEY corroborated the statement.

Happily we are not responsible for the character either of the President or the Senator or greatly concerned about the reputation of those gentlemen, personally. We would necessarily share with all other citizens influenced by proper civic pride in the humiliation that must follow the fastening of such a vice on the President.

Commissioner Martin's Concern.

Insurance Commissioner DAVID MARTIN is much perturbed with apprehensions that the next Legislature of this State may not support President ROOSEVELT with that cordiality which is becoming in the parliament of a great Republican State.

Measuring the probabilities of the future by the events of the past it is not easy to see how the proposed "deal" between the parties in question would materially advance the purpose which Commissioner MARTIN expresses.

Commissioner MARTIN may as well be honest with the public and candid with himself and admit that he doesn't care a farthing whether the next Legislature is favorable to the President or not.

—That old-fashioned spelling book which the ladies of the Presbyterian church are going to hold in the court house on May 29th is causing some of the old "has-beens" to brush up their orthography.

The Logical Candidate.

The esteemed Philadelphia Record ventures the opinion that "Colonel WATRES, of Lackawanna, who wants the job, is the logical candidate of the Republican organization of Pennsylvania for Governor."

We are constrained, moreover, to coincide with the notions of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary upon the platform which should be placed under the candidate in the event that Colonel WATRES is nominated.

Besides QUAY promised the nomination to WATRES this year and though QUAY is dead the machine of which he was the architect, builder and manager still lives, a somewhat precarious life, no doubt, but a life nevertheless.

Absurd Story Contradicted.

It was hardly necessary for the White House authorities to deny the absurd statement telegraphed from Washington to some of the machine newspapers of this State to the effect that President ROOSEVELT has in mind the conversion of the dedication of the new State capitol into a political meeting.

President ROOSEVELT has done some curious things since his entrance into conspicuous life. Three years ago he took the stump like an ordinary barn-stormer to influence the vote in several western States and made speeches that were so startling that he had to be forced to go home.

Probably this absurd aspersion on the character of the President was issued by the managers of the machine as "a good enough MORGAN until after the election."

—A good rain is very much needed at this time, but though we had every promise of it this week the fall was quite limited.

No Occasion for Alarm.

Those esteemed contemporaries, mostly Republican, which are more or less afraid that Chairman DONNELLY, of the Democratic State committee, will neglect some opportunity to appear-out, or under-jab, or side-swipe the remnant of the QUAY machine this year, may compose their perturbed spirits.

But the chairman of the state committee can't do it all himself. The Democratic and so-called independent papers which are so generous in proffering advice to Chairman DONNELLY, have an important part to perform in the work of the political regeneration of Pennsylvania which is now being inaugurated under his leadership.

Chairman DONNELLY will do his part and we believe will do it well. He is not where he is to further selfish interests, punish enemies or reward friends.

Accommodating General Carson.

Attorney General CARSON has decided that the constitution of Pennsylvania is unconstitutional on the apportionment question. That is to say, in his reply to the application for a mandamus to compel the Secretary of the Commonwealth to file the certificate of nomination of JOHN KROK, of Mahanoy City, as a candidate for State Senator in the thirtieth senatorial district, Mr. CARSON declares that the new apportionment is unconstitutional notwithstanding the fact that it violates the express provision of the constitution relating to apportionment of the State into senatorial districts.

The new apportionment bill divides Lancaster county, making a district of one part and attaching the other part to the county of Lebanon to form another district. Now, as a matter of fact, the constitution forbids such a division of a county.

But Attorney General CARSON is equal to any emergency and can be depended upon to decide anything that the Governor or the QUAY machine requires.

—Council, the Street committee or whoever has the matter in charge will have to move a little faster than they have the past two weeks if they expect to have the High Street bridge replanked in time for the big crowds on the day of the dedication of the soldier's monument.

—College and High school commencements will soon be the order of the day.

A Bad Man to Fool With.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch (Rep.) When Senator Aldrich unloaded the Hepburn bill upon Senator Tillman with the hope of discarding the policy of the President by placing it in charge of a radical Democrat the joke was keenly relished in corporate circles.

Since the President recalled Tillman's invitation to the dinner to Prince Henry the Senator has steadfastly kept his vow not to cross the threshold of the White House during the present administration.

Flourishing the Big Stick.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Once more the Big Stick is in evidence. The Secretaries of War and State have both taken it upon themselves to announce to Panama that they will tolerate no revolutions nor election disturbances which "might hinder the work on the canal."

This is something after the fashion in which Congress can vote itself real mileage on the strength of a constructive recess. Anyhow, Gov. Magoon has been notified that the United States is ready to step in at any stage of the proceedings and spank Panama into line if she does not behave and hold her coming election peacefully.

The Why of It.

From the Williamsport Sun. The organs of the corrupt and criminal combination predict that State Treasurer Berry will find nothing out of the way in the treasury and that when he lifts the lid he will discover everything in shipshape order.

No Enlargement of That Army.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The Coal Trust frankly proclaims its admiration of the Pennsylvania Cossacks. In a formal address to the public it pays high tribute to this roving band of armed men paid for by the State to look after the private interests of railway and coal monopolists.

From the Springfield Republican. Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion that no more oil or coal lands on the public domain, if there are any left, should be alienated, came late in the history of the United States.

Spawns from the Keystone.

—Clearfield has twelve cases of scarlet fever.

—At Easton Mrs. Theodore Miller, aged 55 years, while burning waste paper in her back yard, was burned to death.

—Some eastern Pennsylvania corn fields have been so badly damaged by heavy rains that they will have to be replanted.

—Mrs. John Rinker, of Lower Saucon, 98 years old, spent a day in the garden, planting onions and sowing lettuce seed.

—The will of George Kessler, of Philadelphia, leaves about \$11,000 to various Methodist Episcopal boards or institutions.

—Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hill, of Muncy, have just discarded the cook stove they started housekeeping with fifty years ago.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad company has purchased a part of the land in the vicinity of Mt. Union belonging to Dr. W. T. Scheffer for \$48,000.

—President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, was last week offered the presidency of a grange bank, at Benton, Pa., at a salary of \$10,000 a year. He declined the offer with thanks.

—O. G. Fleck's farm in Sinking valley was invaded Monday night by dogs belonging to the foreign colony, at Elk Run, and his entire flock of twenty-five sheep was killed by the canines.

—Bond of \$5,000 was accepted at Somerset Monday for each of the seven men charged with murder in connection with the riot at Windber on April 16th, when three men and a boy were killed.

—Mrs. Minnie Rowe, accused of poisoning her husband, William Rowe, who died under suspicious circumstances last October, was liberated at Lewistown, Mifflin county, Tuesday evening by the grand jury who ignored the bill on accounts of insufficient evidence.

—A gas vein was struck at Waterford, Juniata county, last week, the gas being strong enough to blow the materials from the well and its escape can be heard some two miles away. The well is now over 2,000 feet deep and will be carried still deeper.

—Rev. Charles James Wood, aged 52, rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal church at York, and regarded as one of the most prominent ministers in the Episcopal priesthood, died suddenly last week. He is survived only by his aged mother, Mrs. Charles L. (Davis) Wood.

—Abram Whistler, a farmer living near Newburg, Cumberland county, was hauling a hive of bees to his home Monday when a sudden jolt of the wagon knocked the top off the hive. The hundreds of bees thus released attacked Whistler and stung him so severely that he died shortly afterward.

—A big lumber yard at Tuscarora, a few miles east of Mifflin, caught fire Sunday morning and before being extinguished the flames did considerable damage. It is located near the Pennsylvania railroad and caused a delay in the running of the passenger trains both east and west. Ties along the railroad caught fire.

—Thomas Berry, aged 30 years, was fatally stabbed by his chum, Clark Dauberman, aged 17 years, Thursday near Mill Hall, Clinton county. Berry's own penknife was the weapon used. He lived an hour and a half after the shooting and before his death made the statement that his death wound was due to an accident, as they were only in fun.

—After being buried in a garden for nearly 20 years, a gold wedding ring was turned up by a plow in West Pikeland township, a few days ago, and has been returned to its owner, Mrs. C. V. Llewellyn of Phoenixville, Pa. The ring was of the plain band variety, and on its inner circumference had engraved the name of Mrs. Llewellyn, who had moved away from the West Pikeland farm nearly 15 years ago.

—The Laurel Oil and Gas company of Indiana, Pa., has just brought in its first oil well and made a strike on its large holdings near Sepulpa, Indian Territory. This first well produces 400 barrels a day. The company has 1900 acres leased in a most promising oil field. The members of the Laurel Oil and Gas company are Judge John P. Elkin, Harry and Joseph Clark, Harry and Richard Wilson, of Indiana; John C. Ewing, of Tyrone; Hon. James Kerr, of Clearfield; Warren Thomas, of Johnstown.

—The part of the Clearfield Novelty Works destroyed by fire last week will be rebuilt as soon as possible. The building will be one story high with a floor space containing as many square feet as did the one destroyed by fire which was three stories high. It will be fire proof throughout, solid brick walls, cement floors and steel roof, and will be fitted throughout with modern machinery. The new building and equipment will cost \$50,000. The insurance on the old building and machinery amounted to \$12,500.

—Miss Bertha Fagiey, who sued W. H. Goodfellow for breaking his promise to marry her, was on Saturday awarded the sum of \$4,100 by the arbitrators at Altoona. The sum which her counsel, H. Price Graffius, claimed that she was entitled to under the agreement of Goodfellow to pay her \$25 a month for the balance of her life was \$11,100. His plea was that her expectancy of life was 37 years and under the \$25 a month agreement that is the sum she would have reached had she consented to accept the offer. The plaintiff will take an appeal from the decision of the arbitrators.

—As a Beech Creek train rounded a curve near Lock Haven on Saturday, Engineer E. J. Morrison and Fireman Hoover almost simultaneously discovered a little girl apparently about three years old standing directly on the track. The engineer very promptly reversed his engine and Fireman Hoover lost no time in crawling through the cab window and down onto the engine pilot where he braced himself in preparation for picking the babe up. Before he could do so, however, the baby stepped outside the rail and the fireman called to her to lie down, realizing that this was her only salvation. She promptly obeyed, falling flat on her face. The engine pilot escaped her body by only a couple of inches and the entire train passed over her, the little girl emerging afterward unharmed.