

Ink Blings.

—EMERY's letter was hard to swallow, for SWALLOW only.

—What does Russia want a Donna for if it won't stand for being dissolved?

—Mrs. LESLIE CARTER is certainly doing her best to turn time backward in its flight.

—The same Delaware peach crop that was killed by the hard freeze last March has been killed again by the excessive rain-falls.

—It takes more than one swallow to make a summer, so will it take more than one SWALLOW to make a machine Govern- or in Pennsylvania.

—The Russians are in a turmoil again and, strange as it may seem, the troubles of the Russian bear have made a bear raid on American stocks.

—We don't know who did, but if St. SWITHIN had anything to do with the recent rains we ought to employ his ghost regularly as a rain maker.

—Did you see the circular rain-bow around the sun on Wednesday. There was one rain-bow, at least, that didn't have the legendary pot of gold at its end.

—"Uncle" RUSSELL SAGE just slept peacefully away. There was no expensive doctor bills and trying to keep alive on oxygen at "millionaire prices" for him.

—Since candidate YOUNG hasn't been able to remove chairman ANDREWS, will candidate YOUNG remove himself? If not, the people will do it for him in November.

—Delaware Gas ADDICKS has decided that he doesn't want to go to the U. S. Senate at all, Congress is where he wants to be. Skidoo is what he will really get.

—"Uncle" RUSSELL SAGE said that 50 cents was enough to pay for a straw hat and it should last two seasons. But the trouble with that kind is, that they usually "go to seed."

—The two Altoona policemen who stood up and shot, point blank, at each other four or five times, on Tuesday night, without a single shot taking effect, ought to go to France and become professional duellists.

—It doesn't take a wise man to figure out why the State ticket in Pennsylvania was not discussed in that conference the President had with Uncle JOE CANNON and "Boy" PENROSE, at Sagamore Hill, on Monday.

—President ROOSEVELT has consented to make the address when the new State Cap- itol is dedicated. We know his speech won't contain any reference to the manner in which the setting for the new buildings might be heightened by a QUAY monument.

—The twenty thousand strangers who flocked to Gettysburg on Sunday to make a levee of the encampment of the National Guard and got a good ducking, as well as failed to get anything to eat, could probably have spent their time more profitably in their home Sunday schools studying about how the Master once fed the multi- tude with the loaves and fishes.

—The adoption of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN's rules to the model arbitration treaty proposed by the inter-parliamentary union in session in London is evidence of the regard that the most eminent states- men of the world have for the views of the distinguished Nebraskan, as well as a proof that he is looking farther along the way to universal peace than any of them.

—The efforts of Capt. D. BENLEY MOTT to have our army trained after the English idea in marksmanship are wasted. The Spanish-American war and the Boer trou- ble in South Africa was enough to convince any one that if efficiency is what is sought for, the target had better be kept in front of the English marksmen while longer be- fore they are set up as models for Uncle SAM's boys.

—The school directors of Centre county have already had reason to appreciate what it means to have a man like Mr. BERRY in the State Treasurer's office. Al- ready all of them who have sent in their reports have received their money; where- as, under the old order of things, the machine kept the money in favorite banks and compelled the local school districts to wait until fall for it.

—The Rev. Dr. SWALLOW seems to be determined to make all the trouble he possibly can. He need not write about the opportunity to dethrone the machine and purify the politics of the State, because the opportunity now presents itself to him and he is the only man who shuts his eyes to it. Dr. SWALLOW has become so fanatical as to have lost the confidence of many of his former supporters.

—In furnishing a playground for the festive, odoriferous skunk there seems to be no competition among Bellefonte laws. For several years Linn street atmosphere has been so polluted summer nights that even bridge and finch parties had to be carried on with a satchel bag hanging under the nose of each player. But Tues- day night—judging from the scent—the whole colony must have found pastures new in the West ward. It was awful, and if our new reform council doesn't appoint an official skunk catcher at once there'll be a different kind of stink raised at the elec- tion next spring. Why, it is getting be- yond the joke status when they gambol in- to Linn street kites in broad day light, as one did on Wednesday.

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Third-Term Propaganda Working.

The ROOSEVELT third-term propa- ganda has been set in motion. The mercenar- ies who make the magazines, weekly and monthly, have received their cues and their contracts and are grinding away. ROOSEVELT has said that he won't have another term and the task of these "liter- ary hacks" is to force him to relinquish that idea. It won't be difficult but it is their part to make it seem so and to ac- complish that they set up false statements, pervert facts and conceal truths and then proceed with ponderous arguments and palpable sophistries to break down the bogus barricades they have constructed. As a matter of fact ROOSEVELT is after the third term as zealously as any angler ever pursued a trout and as earnestly as he him- self ever followed the trail of a mountain bear.

One of the most amusing of these liter- ary hired hands is Mr. ALFRED HENRY LEWIS. In an article under the caption "Why ROOSEVELT Must Run again," pub- lished in the Saturday Evening Post of last week, that gentleman, taking himself seri- ously, waddles through a forest of verbiage with the purpose of proving that ROOSE- VELT's re-election is essential to the com- pletion of the Panama canal. Preliminary to this absurd proposition he built up an imaginary economic bogie which was hap- pily throttled by ROOSEVELT's election of 1904. "The people in their fight with that pirate money," he declares without a gig- gle, "were being overborne. They were not, as they saw the right, receiving fair play. And so they swept Mr. ROOSE- VELT into the White House." Mr. J. PIER- POINT MORGAN, H. H. ROGERS, the MCCURDYS, the MCCALLS did this dastard thing.

Having created this preposterous situa- tion Mr. LEWIS proceeds to show that ROOSEVELT must be re-elected in order to guarantee the canal enterprise. He de- clares that the question of the type was simply a question of delay. But the ques- tion of the type was raised by ROOSEVELT and prolonged because he kept changing his mind about it. In any event, Mr. LEWIS says, on the authority of Mr. SHONTZ that the canal can't be completed before 1914 so that if ROOSEVELT is re-elected in 1908 on that account it will be necessary to re-elect him again in 1912 for the same reason and in spite of fate it will involve the Mexicanization of the Presidential office. If Mr. LEWIS were not such an egregious ass this situation would be alarm- ing.

Emery and Swallow.

The reply of LEWIS EMERY JR., to the letter of Rev. Dr. SILAS C. SWALLOW, may have been a trifle too frank but it was entirely characteristic. Mr. EMERY is a cand- id man. His whole life has been in the open. Even in his bitter fights against the Standard Oil conspiracy, the most secretive and insidious foe ever encountered by any man, he spoke from his place in the State Senate the just purposes he had in mind. He can't be either hypocritical or under- handed. He is alike candid and coura- geous, and though his letter was addressed to a friend, and no doubt intended to be confidential, it would have been in the same tone if addressed to the whole world.

Rev. Dr. SWALLOW is a radical prohibi- tionist. He regards even the assent to the use of intoxicants at rare intervals a crime of the highest degree of turpitude. He is a plain spoken man too. Sometimes he speaks indiscreetly. In the case in point that was his fault. He probably didn't mean to allege, even inferentially, that Mr. EMERY or his wife encouraged drunk- enness and had assisted in the downfall of guests at their house. But he actually did say that in a letter addressed to Mr. EMERY and the statement provoked a re- ply which was both caustic and consistent. That is to say it was what might have been expected from a candid and self-respecting gentleman.

The truth is there ought never to have been such a correspondence. The par- amount issue of the impending contest is prohibition. It is essential that the candidate of those who favor civic right- eousness should be a man of good habits and clean life, but not necessarily that he be a Prohibitionist. Four-fifths of that element had chosen LEWIS EMERY, JR., as the standard bearer. The other fifth ought to have freely and promptly acquiesced in the choice. If those who compose it had been honest in their professions they would have done so. But some of them quib- bled, and Dr. SWALLOW wrote the letter referred to. The answer was severe but there are many would have thought less of EMERY if it had been otherwise.

—Early Tuesday morning burglars broke into the postoffice at Vall station and took postmaster George M. Dayton's watch and pocketbook containing quite a large sum of money, while the postmaster slept peace- fully in the same room. Nothing belong- ing to the government was disturbed.

Taking His Own Medicine.

HENRY W. PALMER, of Wilkes-Barre, will have to go to the Dauphin county court for a nomination if he wants to be re-elected to Congress. He claims to have been nominated by the Republican convention of Luzerne county and a vast preponderance of testimony in the case justifies his con- tention. But the president of the conven- tion gave the certificate to Dr. CORLEIGH, his competitor, and the Attorney General has ruled that the Secretary of State must receive and file the certificate. The de- cision is not conclusive evidence of Dr. CORLEIGH's nomination. The Attorney General is not always influenced by law or facts, in making up his opinions. But it is tolerably certain that it means the machine doesn't want PALMER re-elected. The wishes of the machine are guides to CARSON'S action.

We would like very much to sympathize with Mr. PALMER in what appears to be a clear case of injustice, to his prejudice. But it is absolutely impossible. In the mat- ter of attainment he is infinitely the fitter man for the place. We believe that he was nominated, moreover, and that he was cheated out of the certificate. But we are rather inclined to rejoice that he has been made the victim of political in- equity. He is himself, so prejudiced a partisan. Bigotry has so large a part in his make-up that there is something in the nature of satisfaction in seeing the harpoon thrown into him by the party to which he adheres, "right or wrong." In other words, it is rather comforting to see a man squirm because he is compelled to take a tolerably large dose of his own bitter medicine.

PALMER was the attorney on the floor of the House who represented the propo- sition of WILLIAM CONNELL when he contested the seat of his successful an- tagonist a few years ago. CONNELL is a multi-millionaire and a notorious corrup- tionist in politics. His competitor was a school teacher with probably as little mon- ey at his command as the average of that profession. It is safe to say that CONNELL spent more to prevent his competitor from getting a nomination than his competitor ever had in all his lifetime. But PALMER set up the claim that the school teacher had bought the election away from the millionaire and the Republican majority sustained the absurd proposition. It was an outrage of unparalleled atrocity but reconciles us to the injustice which PAL- MER'S party is now putting upon him- self.

The People Will be Benefited.

With the nomination on three tickets WILLIAM T. CREASY, "the most useful member of the Pennsylvania Legislature," is certain of election to the important office of Auditor General. He was first named by the Prohibitionists, though not a Pro- hibitionist, and finally endorsed by the LINCOLN party, though not of that faith, except in so far as both those parties stand for civic righteousness. But he became the unanimous choice of both those parties and of the Democratic party, to which he has always consistently and conscientiously adhered, because of all the public men in the State he is the most conspicuously fit for the office.

Mr. CREASY has been associated with the public affairs of the State for a long time. As a Representative in the Legis- lature he has been a careful and intelli- gent student of taxation. There is no more intricate question for public consid- eration. Because of this fact few of our public men give it attention at all. Mr. CREASY is one of the few and he has mastered it. He knows how much each subject of taxation can bear and the rela- tions of one to the other. He is not, as many imagine, an enemy of corporations. But he is so true a friend of other interests that he believes corporations ought to bear a fair share of the burdens of government and nothing more.

The Auditor General is practically the arbitrator of tax questions. He assesses the value of corporate property for purposes of taxation and upon the accuracy of his judgment depends the equality of tax- ation in the State. That Mr. CREASY will be safe and certain in the fulfillment of his obligations may be depended upon. That he will be scrupulously just to all interests concerned no one who knows him will doubt. Indeed the people are to be congratulated on the assurance of such a deliverance from the machine methods by which the office has been conducted for many years.

—Noble emulation of their brother Americans, victors over the contestants from all other nations in the recent Olymp- ics games at Athens, animated to a too strenuous effort in raising some of the members of the Country club last Saturday evening, and, instead of the final sprint ending in a laurel wreath for Mr. Fenlon, it ended in the dust. He is convalescing this week.

Complete Reform Possible.

The Democratic and LINCOLN parties intend to carry fusion to its logical con- clusion during the present campaign was revealed in the harmonious joint session of the executive committees of the two parties in Harrisburg last week. There will be unity of effort in the support of candi- dates for Senators and Representatives in the Legislature, and unless the signs are misleading the result will be a General As- sembly completely in accord with the re- form purposes of Governor EMERY. Demo- crats or LINCOLN Republicans may be elected in nearly all the Senatorial distric- tions and with the LINCOLN party men already in the body a fusion majority may be expected. In the House there is no doubt of a fusion majority.

The election of a reform Governor will be of great advantage to the people of the State. The executive business of the Com- monwealth is in a shamefully debauched condition and the cleaning of the Augean stables will greatly improve the public service. Even the change in the office of State treasurer contributed vastly to the betterment of conditions. The school ap- propriations are paid promptly, the de- posits are no longer used for the purpose of bribing voters and the office has ceased to be an asylum for party workers. But the value of that change is comparatively slight when compared with that which will follow the change in the executive department including the office of Sec- retary of the Commonwealth.

The reform Governor will be able to defeat vicious legislation, moreover, by the use of the veto power, but unless the Leg- islature is in sympathy with his purposes his opportunities for reform will end there. On the other hand with a reform Legisla- ture to support the reform Governor in his work and to initiate reform legislation, it is safe to predict complete change in the practices and policies of the State gov- ernment as has not occurred for many years though hoped for constantly by the friends of honest administration. We sincerely hope the plans outlined at the committee meeting the other day will be carried out to the letter. It will mark the end of machine politics in Pennsylvania.

Secretary Shaw's Balderdash.

Secretary SEAW of the Treasury Depart- ment is the clown of American life. Com- menting upon the sale of the two per cent. Panama canal bonds, the other day, he "was especially gratified at the patriotic spirit manifested by many of the bidders. They were willing," he added, "to sub- scribe for the bonds even at a high rate, in order to show their appreciation of the government's efforts to build the canal in the shortest possible time." Such rubbish from such a source is an insult to the intelligence of the people. It brings to mind some of the odious characters created by DICKENS to exemplify the vice of hypocrisy.

The canal bonds were taken by specula- tors and others who appreciate their value as a business asset. Under the law national banks are required to deposit bonds of the government as the basis for the cur- rency issue. The bonds in use for that purpose are drawing toward maturity and when due the interest on them ceases. The bankers understand that two per cent. bonds are infinitely preferable to bonds that bear no interest and that it will be a great advantage to sell their high priced bonds before maturity and substitute the two per cents as the basis for circulation. Otherwise they will forfeit the present high premium, for at maturity they must be surrendered at par or held without in- terest afterward. Under the circumstances the two per cents are a great bargain even at the premium paid the other day.

It is a safe guess that ninety per cent. of the purchasers of the two per cents don't care a fig whether the proceeds of the sale are appropriated to the construction of the Panama canal or to dredging a channel in the Susquehanna river. They bought the bonds because they want them for practical purposes and for the additional reason that they are an excellent investment. Within half a dozen years they will be cheap at an advance of the purchase price of a good profit and nobody but a bloom- ing idiot or a groveling sycophant would think of such a statement as has been at- tributed to SEAW in relation to them.

—A curious illustration of the strange things now being produced in the botanic- al world by cultivation is the garden huckleberry that has been grown this summer by D. W. Woodring. The stalks are high and spreading like tomatoes, the fruit in bunches like cherries. In size and appearance the berries are like large cherries, odorless and of taste superior to the mountain huckleberry. That this is no question- able newspaper tale may be vouched for by a sight of the fruit at this office or in Mr. Woodring's garden and it is well worth a little inconvenience to see.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

On the Right Track.

From the Bankers' Magazine.

No thoughtful person would question that the accumulation of inordinately big fortunes is a menace to American ideals and institutions. It means the creation of a parasitic class of endowed idlers, the con- centration of social and political power, the growth of demoralizing luxury, the passing of true democracy, and the incitement to social revolution. But there are many measures of reform that can be tried before resorting to the drastic scheme of last re- sort suggested by the President.

The logical path of reform lies in the di- rection of preventive rather than curative remedies, the thing to aim at is to prevent the accumulation of large fortunes by ex- tortionate and corrupt methods, to make it impossible for any man to amass great wealth except by rendering proportionate great service to society. This calls for the abolition of special privileges of all sort which enable individuals and corpora- tions to exploit the public. The props of monopoly must be knocked away, whether they be tariff favors, railway re- bates, franchise grants or executive con- trol of coal fields, and other natural resources. Monopoly must be destroyed wherever it is economical, necessary and desirable, and controlled where it is, as in the case of railways. When the available preventive remedies shall have been given a fair trial, then, if they be ineffective, it will be time to consider plans to compel the dispersion of excessive accumulations by limiting the permissible amount of in- heritance.

Meanwhile the development of the in- heritance tax may well be left to the States, which are already moving rapidly in the extension of this form of taxation.

How to Get What They Should Have.

From the Blossburg Advertiser.

The mine workers and other labor or- ganizations have adopted a wise course in making their wants known through the ballot box. For the past twenty-five years in Pennsylvania, the miners both of the Anthracite and Bituminous regions have vainly petitioned the Legislature of Pen- nsylvania for a redress of their grievances and in nine cases out of ten their petitions have been ignored and cast aside. The same is true of farmers, who have been petitioning for an equalization of the taxes on themselves and the railroad corporations, asking that the dollar of the railroad corporation pay as much tax as the dollar of the farmer. If the farmer throws aside his partisanship and votes the Fusion ticket headed by Hon. Lewis Emery Jr., he will be in a fair way to obtain that equal taxation which he is fully and justly entitled to receive.

Keeping Very Still.

From the Appeal to Reason.

The authorities are keeping very quiet about the epidemic of cholera that is rag- ing in Manila. The facts are coming out, however, and even the administration-controlled Associated Press is compelled to take cognizance of the condition, al- though it attempts to minimize the peril. It is necessary to search the obscure corners of the daily papers to find any mention of the matter. The presence of this plague is calculated to cause embarrassing inquiries as to the manner in which was expended the vast amount of money that was sup- posed to have been used for sanitation in the Philippine metropolis. A great deal has been said about how the Americans "cleaned up" after the filthy Spaniards. It now develops that in the Philippines our sanitary methods are about as dirty as our political methods.

A Self-Constituted Boss.

From the New York Sun.

The spectacle of a congressional campaign mainly directed from the seat of Executive power would be a novelty in American politics. There is nothing in the Consti- tution, however, which prevents the Pres- ident of the United States from assuming the entire care and responsibility for the maintenance of his party's majority in the House of Representatives. If the other Presidents have not taken upon themselves this extra work it is probably because they have never thought of it, or, thinking of it, have not regarded it as necessary.

In this line of supervisory effort he is capable of all things, or anything. But who called on Hercules?

How Dresser Stood up for Roosevelt.

From the Port Alleghey Reporter.

And now Uncle Solomon Dresser has come out against Lewis Emery for Govern- or of Pennsylvania. The reason Dresser assigns for maligning his neighbor and fel- low townsman, is that in his belief such a result would have a tendency to handicap President Roosevelt in his efforts for a square deal, yet when the President's favorite bill was up asking for this very result, Dresser, led by his political master, Joe Stuber, sneaked away and refused him the support he so much needed. Dresser is a corporation man and everyone knows it, and can be depended on to sell his birthright to the devil for their main- tenance.

For the General Good.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Emery is not a Prohibitionist. He never posed as one. Neither is he a Dem- ocrat, though the Democrats have nominat- ed him for the highest office in the State. It is for the Prohibitionists to decide whether the cause for which they stand will be better advanced by playing into the hands of so noted an advocate of cold water principles as Senator Penrose than by helping the other friends of good gov- ernment to elect Lewis Emery Jr., to the Governorship.

—This is a great year for snakes; not only rattlesnakes, but copperheads and other snakes. Last week while W. T. Kunes, of Rnville, was mowing grass he killed no less than twelve copperhead snakes in one field; and he didn't think it a very good day for snakes, either.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The new cut glass works at Avis, Clin- ton county, have started up and promise to be quite an addition to the manufacturing plants of that little town.

—All of the firemen's associations through- out the State have received invitations to attend the State firemen's annual conven- tion at Gettysburg, from October 1st to 5th.

—Grampan, Clearfield county, has just installed and put in operation a five electric light plant. Arc lights are used for street lights and the town is giving every evidence of thrift and enterprise.

—The annual meeting of the Everett Glass company was held in that town re- cently at which it was decided to sell the plant. It is a 12-pot furnace and has all the necessary appurtenances and buildings.

—Altoona capitalists have started a move- ment towards establishing a trolley line be- tween Altoona and Johnstown, a distance of 28 miles. The proposed road is to pass through Patton, Barnesboro and other towns in Cambria county. It is promised that work will be commenced soon.

—A man supposed to be Samuel Geary, of Lebanon county, went to sleep in the barn of Isaac F. Sensening, near Reidenbach's, Lancaster county, with a lighted pipe in his mouth. The barn was burned and the man almost cremated. The property loss was \$3,000, with \$1,200 insurance.

—A rat trap in her husband's trouser's pocket has driven Mrs. Edna R. Rodway from her home at Centreville, a village near Washington. He put it there to prevent his wife from fishing in his pockets for pin money and while she was making a search the trap was sprung. She became indignant and left.

—Active preparations are now fairly under way for the annual picnic and reunion to be held by the Veterans' association at Agar's Park, Thursday, August 30th. His Honor, Judge B. W. Green, of Cameron county, will be the orator of the day. Several other speakers of note will also make short ad- dresses.

—The Wyoming Valley Society for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis intends to establish a dispensary at Wilkes- barre to be supported by voluntary contribu- tions, where persons who think they may have consumption may consult physicians and be advised as to the proper treatment for the disease.

—The second annual convention of the de- partment of Pennsylvania United Spanish War Veterans will be held at DuBois today and tomorrow, July 27 and 28. A campfire and dance at Driving park will be a feature. Soldiers, sailors, marines, Civil war veterans, Sons of Veterans and Civilians will be cordially welcome.

—The general store of J. H. Musser, at Union Furnace, which is also the postoffice of the village, was entered by thieves early last Thursday morning, the safe dynamited, the entire front of the building wrecked and about \$170 in cash and some stamps taken. There is absolutely no clue to the identity of the safe crackers.

—Arthur B. Guinac, aged 31 years, while cleaning a shredding machine in motion in the Ridgway Mattress and Bedding factory, met with a terrible accident one day last week. His left hand was caught and the arm drawn in to the shoulder, being so terri- bly crushed that it had to be amputated just below the shoulder.

—Presbyterians of Pennsylvania are plan- ning to observe the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Presbyterian church in the United States, at the meeting of the Pennsylvania synod, at Lancaster, October 18th. Rev. Dr. William P. Fulton, of Phila- delphia, will deliver the opening sermon as the retiring moderator.

—Frank Farrell, the young man who shot and killed Samuel Taylor, policeman at Barnesboro, on Sunday, Nov. 12, 1905, has never been captured nor ever heard of since. The universal opinion is that the fellow is dead, and very likely killed himself to evade the carrying out of the law. His aged mother resides at Barnesboro.

—Last Friday the Rev. B. H. Mosser, D. D., of Curwensville, Pa., received notice from Bishop J. F. Berry of his appointment to the vacancy in the eldership of the Har- risburg district of the Central Pennsylvania annual conference of the Methodist Episcop- al church. Dr. Mosser is an able preacher, a popular minister and a distinguished mem- ber of his conference.

—Some time ago Miss Minerva White, who for years kept the toll gate in Holly Gap, Cumberland county, died. She had been a thrifty woman and left behind her an estate worth \$4,900. Their being no heirs or known kindred the money after the debts have been paid goes to the State, which becomes the richer for that which it didn't work for to the extent of \$2,513.96.

—Jacob F. Winters has entered suit for \$5,000 damages against the city of Williams- port. He alleges that on a certain evening in March last he was driving a wagon and the same was driven into an excavation in the street, which was not guarded by lights. He was hurled from the wagon, a wheel of the vehicle passed over his right foot and the member was broken in three places.

—Buried under a tree somewhere in the vicinity of New Florence, is \$150 in United States currency. The money represents the entire fortune of Peter Anderson, a Dane, who placed it there a month ago. Anderson got off a Pennsylvania railroad train at New Florence, mistaking that place for his destination—Gibson, Ill. He wandered into the woods and there buried the money at the base of a tree. When his plight was discovered he was placed in the Westmoreland county home and now a search is being made for the money.

—Edward I. Gilliland, who several months ago moved from Potterdale to Clearfield, died very suddenly Thursday evening of last week, while on a visit to his former home. He was visiting his sons at Potterdale and that evening after supper walked to the creek to look over some lumber. Several hours having passed and he not returning, his sons went in search of him and were hor- rified to find his lifeless body on the bank of the stream. Heart disease was the cause of his death. Deceased was one of the promi- nent business men of Clearfield.