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Ink Blots.

—The trout fishing season closed on Tuesday and now the thoughts of many a good liar will be diverted to other channels.

—Lots of people will be able to give Mrs. RUSSELL SAGE advice about how to spend her millions, who couldn't have told old "Uncle RUSSELL" how to make a single cent.

—The London tailors don't like the cut of BRYAN'S clothes, which probably won't worry BRYAN nearly as much as it will some of the sartorial authorities of Lincoln, Nebraska.

—There being eighty-two thousand automobiles in use in the United States it is beginning to look as if the day of the good old carriage horse is drawing to a close and then—what of the poor sparrows?

—In view of the frequent drownings along the sea-shore lately the life savers should be taught to sing that old nursery rhyme about hanging your clothes on a hickory limb and don't go near the water.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Co. has decided to issue one-thousand mile tickets at twenty dollars each, good for any person to ride on, and reduce the passenger tariff to two and one-half cents per mile. The power of the press.

—Each Republican in the United States is expected to contribute one dollar to the national campaign fund for this fall. President ROOSEVELT has already sent his and gotten a notice in the papers. Now for Col. NED CHAMBERS, G. WASHINGTON REES, et al.

—A stuttering haudit entered a Chester store on Tuesday and at the point of a loaded revolver gave the command: "H-h-old up y-y-your h-h-hands!" According to reports the frightened store-keeper never stuttered a bit in getting his digits in the air.

—All you need to do is to look at the base ball reports in the Monday papers if you want to discover which way the old fashioned American Sunday is drifting. The Lord have mercy on our land when Sunday ceases to be any more to it than it is to Mexico, France or Spain.

—The one is afraid and the other daun't. That is the reason the Republican Senatorial conference for Centre and Clearfield counties made no choice at Philipsburg, last Thursday. As to which is which we refer you to Mr. HENRY CUTE QUIGLEY, the Centre countan, and the Hon. JOE ALEXANDER, of Clearfield.

—The complaint from the managers that there is a shortage of chorus girls in New York might be due to the fact that STANFORD WHITE is dead and HARRY THAW is in prison. Then, again, it might be because there really does come a time when ancient ladies can't trip around, despoiling their spindle shanks as if they were girls.

—Monday's Philadelphia Press editorially said about all the nice things it could say about fusion candidate EMERY. In fact it said everything except that the Press will support him. Come out neighbor. Stand where your conscience tells you you ought to stand. Your course last fall made more friends for the Press than a rotten and busted machine can ever hope to drag away from it.

—The Johnstown Democrat wonders how many things would happen if some party were to nominate the following ticket in 1908:

For President, JOHN D. ROCKERFELLER. For Vice President, J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

About the most that could happen would be that their campaign managers would be living on "easy street."

—Mrs. WILLIAM ELLIS COREY has been divorced from her husband. How thankful she should be that she is no longer tied to a man who could not act as he has done. She must have been an altogether lovely woman, else his own parents and sister would not have taken the stand to swear that he was unfit for his own son to associate with. And, to think, he is president of the United States Steel company, the largest industrial corporation in the world.

—It is an interesting fact that of all the losses incurred by Pennsylvania companies in the San Francisco disaster only two, the American and the National Union were caught for amounts in excess of their entire surplus. While both of these companies will see the surplus they have been working for years to build up entirely wiped out, nearly all of the others will see theirs reduced to a mere skeleton. It is a fact worthy of note that the gigantic losses suffered have wrecked only two companies and that unless another such disaster occurs within a year, all of them will be on very firm footing again.

—France has officially expressed her regret at the carelessness of the French gunner who, while practising with a machine gun aboard a French cruiser in the harbor at Chefoo, China, shot and killed Lieut. CLARENCE ENGLAND, of the United States cruiser Chattanooga, which was lying some distance away. This will be so satisfactory and consoling to the dead officer's friends and relatives. If you have ever played tennis with a girl and after she has knocked the ball into a garden several lots away and you have had to climb over two or three picket fences to get it and then heard her complacently sing out: "Beg pardon!" you have an idea of how much satisfaction there is in this French expression of regret.

Roosevelt Repudiates the Machine.

President ROOSEVELT has openly expressed his opposition to the atrocious Pennsylvania machine. The managers of the "criminal conspiracy masquerading as the Republican party," expected to conjure with the name of ROOSEVELT. The vast vote polled for him two years ago indicated an extraordinary popularity which it was hoped could be coined into political currency. In pursuance of this purpose Senator PENROSE, with characteristic audacity, obtruded himself into a conference at Oyster Bay, and subsequently permitted his clericals to circulate false reports of the President's interest in the Pennsylvania contest. He will make several speeches, they said, in the interest of the party. They even went so far as to indicate where the speeches would be delivered, naming Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and York. As a matter of fact, the President had frankly informed PENROSE that he has no sympathy with, and would take no part in the campaign of Pennsylvania.

He felt, however, that the rumors of his purpose to help the Pennsylvania machine cast an aspersion on his character. His chief official adviser had revealed to him the base character and sinister purposes of that organization and in defence of his own reputation he caused his secretary to issue a bulletin of denial. The President will make no political speeches in Pennsylvania this year, Mr. LOEB said in substance. He will deliver an address at the dedication of the capitol building at Harrisburg in October and speak briefly at the York county fair on the same day, he added, but neither of them will be political in tone or tenor. They will express no words of comfort for PENROSE. They will contain no sympathy for his decoy ticket or lost cause. The President will simply ignore the organization entirely while his association in York with Mr. HENRY C. NILES, chairman of the LINCOLN party State committee, will emphasize his friendliness for EMERY.

A party organization is in sad shape when it is thus openly and ostentatiously condemned by the official head of the party for which it falsely pretends to stand. But the PENROSE machine deserves such an emphatic reprimand. It is the sum and substance of political iniquity and infamy. For years it has preyed on the people of the State. The welfare of the public was no part of its purpose at any time. The looting of the treasury and the enrichment of its leaders was its paramount consideration. Graft was its god and greed its passion. Every public service was embezzled with crime until finally the public conscience was aroused and revolt followed. In this convulsion every self-respecting citizen of the Commonwealth joined and finally the President, the official head of the party, has publicly declared his abhorrence of the machine and its methods. The organization is putrid. It stinks in the nostrils of men. It can't endure much longer.

A Political Anomaly.

We are watching with increased interest the development of the plans of the Republican campaign. Some time ago it was semi-officially announced that unless Chairman ANDREWS was summarily removed from his office, Mr. ROBERT K. YOUNG, nominee of the party for Auditor General, would not accept the nomination. Interpreting that declaration literally we assumed that within a reasonable time from the announcement either Mr. ANDREWS would resign or Mr. YOUNG decline. Neither of these things has happened yet. Mr. YOUNG can't possibly change his purpose. It would involve stultification. Mr. ANDREWS can't resign. That would imply a confession of unwiftness.

In this anomalous position we were surprised to see the other day that Mr. ANDREWS had been at the headquarters of the committee and was preparing for the work of the campaign. This opens up a field for all sorts of conjecture. It might indicate that Mr. YOUNG had secretly accepted the nomination or it justifies the inference that the machine is indifferent to Mr. YOUNG's actions. If the former conjecture is the solution of the problem Mr. YOUNG is trifling with the public. If the latter expresses the existing condition the managers are taking chances of ruinous resentment. In either event all concerned in the affair are "between the devil and the deep sea."

Public interest in the matter is multiplied, moreover, because opinions differed widely as to the reasons which influenced Mr. YOUNG to the course he adopted with respect to the nomination meeting. Some thought it was a genuine expression of abhorrence against the methods of the machine. Others construed it as a bid, with the consent of the machine, to the reputable element of the voting population to support the ticket on the ground that it isn't altogether bad. Sooner or later the truth must come out. Either Mr. YOUNG must decline or acknowledge the bluff or else Mr. ANDREWS must resign. They can't fool all the people all the time. It's impossible.

The Only Safe Course.

In his admirable letter of acceptance, LEWIS EMERY Jr., says: "This State was the pioneer in the anti-discrimination movement. It was my privilege, more than a quarter of a century ago, to assist in wringing from the powers at Harrisburg an anti-discrimination law. The fight was long, hard and bitter. The people of the oil regions were being reduced to poverty and their property was being confiscated by a conspiracy between the Standard Oil company, the Pennsylvania railroad company and the bosses. The act was not all that could be desired. The striking out of the imprisonment clause destroyed its effect and the relations existing between the political machine and the corporations nullified the law in a great degree."

In that statement of an event of the past there is a startling admission for the future. The Interstate Commerce law, Mr. EMERY observes, was modified in the same way and it may be predicted that the Republican machine never will enact a reform measure that isn't similarly weakened. Every provision of the reform legislation enacted during the recent special session is practically nullified by qualifications which will either invalidate the proposed reforms or create a loophole for escape from its provisions. Less than a third will stand the test of judicial interpretation and the third which might be declared constitutional is weakened in some other way. The purpose of the machine was not to enact reform legislation but to fool the people by a false pretense.

You can't paint the spots out of a leopard and it is equally impossible to legislate honesty impulses into the heart of a corrupt politician. A QUAY, DURHAM, or MC-NICHOL may pretend to have changed in nature, but it is a false pretense. The moment the opportunity presents itself he will resume his former habits of life with his appetite for spoils sharpened by the period of abstention. The remedy for such things is not to depend upon false promises of reform or the recitals but a complete cleaning out of them.

Mr. Rockerfeller Laughed.

Mr. JOHN D. ROCKERFELLER is (home and, according to the newspapers he laughed, on his arrival, when told that a warrant for his arrest had been issued by an Ohio court. He had probably heard of the warrant before he left France and had plenty of time and leisure on ship board to think out a plan of action in the event that it was served upon him. But we can't imagine why he should laugh about it. A warrant of arrest is no joke. To a sensitive and right-feeling man, it is an aspersion, even though it has been issued without cause. It implies a doubt of the integrity of the person against whom it is directed.

Probably Mr. ROCKERFELLER laughed at the warrant for his arrest because of his confidence of immunity against arrest. A man worth a billion or two is apt to imagine that he is beyond the reach of courts and feel an indifference to, if not a contempt for warrants of arrest. But if Mr. ROCKERFELLER laughed because of that notion in his head, he hasn't been watching the progress of events in this country with his customary intelligence. The courts have been doing things, other tribunals have been acting and the people have been thinking in a way that may make even millionaires set up and take notice.

The warrant in question was issued because an investigation had shown that Mr. ROCKERFELLER, through his agents, had been violating the law. Possibly Mr. ROCKERFELLER will be able to prove that he is free from responsibility in the matter, but it is up to him to do so through the regular processes of the law. He can't laugh it off any more than an ordinary criminal can dispose of accusations against him. At least we hope it is as impossible in one case as it would be in the other, and if it isn't now it will be before long if there is no reaction in the public mind with respect to public and private morals.

The Republican senatorial conference met at Philipsburg last Thursday but adjourned without making any nomination. Henry C. Quigley Esq., of this place, and Joseph W. Alexander, of Clearfield, were the two candidates before the conference and, although a number of ballots were taken, the conferees from each county stood solidly for their candidate, and the conference finally adjourned to meet again in Philipsburg on Thursday, August 9th.

—There is considerable wonderment just now as to when those name plates for the soldier's monument will be completed and put in place.

The Purpose of Speaker Cannon.

The announcement that Speaker CANNON will spend a week in this State during the impending campaign, "stumping" for the Republican party, is a matter of interest to Mr. SAMUEL GOMPERS, president of the American Federation of Labor, and should cause all the members of that and every other labor organization to sit up and take notice. It is announced that Mr. CANNON is on the black-list of the labor organizations. It is known that he has not only opposed all labor legislation but that through the vast power of his office as speaker of the House, he has even prevented the consideration of such legislation. He is the paid lobbyist of the trusts on the floor and was instrumental in emasculating the meat inspection bill to the extent that it is practically worthless.

Speaker CANNON is not coming to Pennsylvania to electioneer for the machine state ticket. He doesn't care a farthing about the machine state ticket. It is not that he is repulsed by the political immorality of the machine. He has no objection to the looting and other predatory operations of the party managers. On the contrary, he would like them better if they were worse. But he is one of that sordid, selfish sort who have thoughts for nobody but themselves and in coming to Pennsylvania he is coming to work for Republican candidates for Congress in order to secure their support for his re-election to the office of speaker, to the end that he may continue his services for the trusts and against the interests of the people, and especially the workmen.

In his "Programme for the Campaign," president GOMPERS, of the American Federation of Labor, declares that labor has been fruitlessly appealing to Congress for just legislation for years. That is true and it is absolutely certain that so long as JOSEPH C. CANNON continues to occupy the chair of the House of Representatives, their appeals for just legislation will be fruitless. He is paid by the trusts for defeating such legislation. It is equally certain, moreover, that as long as the Republicans have a majority in the House CANNON will be speaker. Obviously, therefore, it is the duty of workmen to vote against Republican candidates for Congress in this State, and CANNON'S coming makes it plain.

A Humbug Appeal.

Chairman James Schoolcraft Sherman, of the Republican congressional campaign committee, has issued a circular requesting every Republican in the United States to subscribe \$1 to aid in carrying on the work of his committee.

This appeal for \$1 subscriptions is a part of the humbug. It is put forth primarily for the purpose of hoodwinking the public into the belief that Republican committees can no longer look to favored corporations and combinations for financial aid.

The appeal is a humbug. During the last month of the recent session of Congress a senate bill prohibiting national banks and other corporations from making money contributions for campaign purposes was lying on the speaker's table in the House of Representatives. Speaker Cannon and Chairman Sherman, who spent last Monday with the President at Oyster Bay, considering plans for capturing the vote, were the head conspirators in smothering the Senate bill and in keeping the door open for campaign contributions from all tariff fattened trusts, and the corporate combines enjoying or seeking legislative favors.

Furthermore, it was Chairman Sherman himself, as a member of the House committee on interstate commerce, who, a few days before the end of the session, introduced a bill to compel all railroads doing an interstate business to put on sale mileage tickets at the rate of two cents a mile throughout the United States. Why did he introduce it if not for the purpose of using it as a big stick for obtaining campaign contributions to be dispersed or otherwise utilized by his campaign committee?

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Simply Doing Their Duty.

In attempting to defeat certain congressmen for re-election, the leaders of the American Federation of Labor are so completely within the commonly accepted political rights of all citizens that attacks upon them for entering politics are wasted. Their conduct is perfectly straightforward and open. They have as much right to seek the election of men favorable to their program of legislation as standpatners have to defeat tariff revisionists. No one can complain of the attitude of the leaders of organized labor at this point. Whether the reasons they offer in support of their campaign against the congressmen who are objectionable to them are sufficient is another question entirely. The voters of the respective districts will determine the matter at the polls.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

—The trout fishing season closed] on Tuesday and local piscatorialists are now trying to figure out whether it was a good one or not. Though the opening day, April 15th, was not the most auspicious the catch was a good one but throughout the entire season big catches were the exception rather than the rule. This was especially the case on the streams close to Bellefonte. Fishing creek was the mecca for the majority of anglers and all those who went there and had the necessary amount of patience were invariably rewarded with a good catch. The trout were also quite plentiful in most of the mountain streams but they were not fished as hard this season by Bellefonte fishermen as they have been in former years. Taken all in all, there is no reason to believe that trout are getting any scarcer, even if they are not becoming more plentiful.

How Treasury Methods Have Been Improved.

From the Philadelphia Record.

It was the policy of the gang when in control of the State Treasury to favor the pet banks in which the State funds were deposited at the expense of the school districts. The school money was kept in the banks as long as possible; the schools could wait for their share of the general appropriation. State Treasurer Berry has reversed this policy. Under his administration the schools get their money on demand; the banks are no longer favored by delay in payment. This policy is as wise as it is just. It has given the greatest satisfaction throughout the State.

The Constitution makes it imperative that the burden of the support of the common schools shall be in part laid upon the broad shoulders of the State. To delay disbursement of the school appropriations, when the money lies unused in the treasury, is a fraud upon the taxpayers out of whose pockets the money has been originally obtained, and a partial obstruction of the beneficent purpose of the law in promoting general education.

The improved management of the Treasury Department, now that it has been wrested from the hands of the political pirates who have heretofore farmed out the funds of the State for the advancement of their own fortunes, should furnish inducement for pushing on the battle to put the control of all branches of the State government in the hands of men opposed to gang practices and gang rules. Berry points the way in which Emery, Black, Cressy and Green will carry forward the work of civic reform if the fusion State ticket shall be elected in November. Should a reform majority be also secured in the next Legislature, no matter whether it be of one political party or another, the most beneficent consequences will have been assured.

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Knows Where His Is.

From the Cleveland Press.

"Where is your gold?" asked a New York paper. Don't know where yours is, partner, but most of us carry ours in our teeth.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Harry Williams was killed by lightning at Sinking Spring, near Reading, while picking blackberries. He was 67 years old.

—Pottstown's school tax duplicate amounts to \$43,853.16 this year, an increase of over \$6,000 because of a raise in the tax of from 6 to 7 mills.

—The Bedford county Agricultural society announces that it has determined to conduct a poultry show in connection with its annual exhibit, beginning next October.

—Johnstown wants the government to erect a federal building there, but none of its citizens are willing to sell property for that purpose for the sum the government offers.

—Grasshoppers have appeared in such large quantities in the upper part of Lehigh county that the farmers in order to save their oats crop are compelled to harvest it before it is fully ripe.

—The Keystone Coal and Coke company have sold their operations near Glinter to the Coxe Coal and Coke company, of Philadelphia. William Shadrack has been retained by the new company as general manager.

—The Bittings lumber camp, twenty-four miles from Lock Haven, was struck by lightning Saturday afternoon and Mrs. Nellie Parsons, employed as a cook, was a victim of the bolt. Her life is despaired of.

—The twenty-first annual picnic and encampment of the grangers of Bedford county will be held at Osterburg on Tuesday, August 21, and continue four days. Wednesday will be Secret Society day and Thursday Grangers' day.

—Grant Lewis, who through an attack of typhoid fever eleven years ago forgot he had a wife and family living at Shamokin, returned to his home Saturday and made arrangements to take his family to Chicago, where he now resides.

—A Scranton dispatch says that John D. Lambert, of Keyser valley, shot Michael Rupp, 15 years old, while Rupp was picking apples in one of his trees. Lambert was arrested and the boy, who has fifteen buckshot in his body, was taken to a hospital.

—Lewistown has the National Guard fever, according to a telegram sent out from there, which says that sixty-four men have signed the muster roll for a new company to take the place of company H, Fifth regiment, of Johnstown, recently mustered out of service.

—Two weeks ago Miss Fannie Miller, a telephone operator in the Williamsport exchange, was shocked by lightning and was afterwards taken seriously ill. On Tuesday night she was operated on at the hospital in that city for the removal of an abscess from the brain which was caused by the shock.

—A conspiracy having for its object the counterfeiting of the stamps of a trading stamp company in Philadelphia has been unearthed, as a result several men have been arrested. Officers of the company estimate that over 2,000,000 counterfeit stamps are in circulation and that more than \$50,000 is involved.

—Mrs. Thomas Manion, of Pottsville, widow of a Reading railway conductor who was killed in a wreck, has been awarded the full amount of her claim, \$1,000, against the Pennsylvania Casualty company, of Scranton. The company refused to pay the money because the first and only premium was not paid by the insured himself.

—On Saturday evening, July 14, the steam mill of Wilson & Mackay, located at Reedsville, Millifin county, was destroyed by fire, together with 3,000 bushels of wheat, 900 barrels of flour, a quantity of corn and other grain. The cause of the fire was a stroke of lightning. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

—A horse owned by Grant Ogden, of Hillside, a suburb of Clearfield, took fright and ran away last Thursday afternoon. The animal was going a good slip when it ran against a post and broke one of its legs. A young son of Ogden was in the wagon at the time and he was thrown out and his left leg was broken. The horse was shot.

—The council of the borough of South Fork is considering very seriously the matter of erecting a municipal building at a cost of \$7,000. According to the plans the first story would be devoted to the fire company, while the office of the burgess and the council chamber would be on the second. There would be a hose tower and in this a clock.

—State Economic Zoologist Surface is preparing to send to each county in the State for the use of its schools a collection of snakes found in Pennsylvania with a chart showing the food for the various serpents, the ramifications of the distribution of the various species. The snakes will be used for educational purposes so that the teachers and pupils may be able to recognize the varieties from their appearance whether they are poisonous or not.

—A. A. Miller, of Lock Haven, Saturday came from Queen's Run, Colebrook township, with a can of half stones gathered two hours previous, some of which measured an inch and a half in diameter. At Renovo they fell still larger and one weighed on an apothecary's scales is said to have approximated half a pound. The stone was especially destructive in Bald Eagle, Woodward and Danastown townships, and caused a loss of thousands of dollars to farmers. Tobacco, just ready for topping, was riddled, as many as twenty-one perforations being counted in one leaf. Corn was laid waste, pears and apples stripped from trees.

—A fierce encounter between a bull and a horse on the farm of Abe McHenry, in Benton township, Clinton county, on Wednesday of last week resulted in the death of the horse, which was ripped so badly that it had to be shot. The two had been turned loose in adjoining barn yards and in some manner a communicating gate became unfastened and the horse proceeded over to the bull's enclosure. This roused the ire of the bull and he immediately charged the horse. The fight which followed was a terrific one. The bull was a deboned one, but he nevertheless proved too much for his antagonist, for backing him into a corner he butted him so repeatedly that the under part of the horse's body was ripped open. Farm hands coming upon the scene drove the bull away with pitchforks, but it was too late to save the horse which had to be shot.