

Ink Slings.

-JOE FOLK is still keeping in the lime-light as THE man from Missouri.

-There is little sunshine in Russia these days. The Czar continues to reign.

-Will the New York Sun please tell us now which horse it was playing for the Governor stakes: HEARST or JEROME?

-There are so many climbers that the EMERY band wagon is sure to be crowded to overflowing by November.

-Fifty naval vessels and fifteen thousand soldiers ought to make quite a lot of fun for KERMET and QUESTIN at Oyster Bay.

-It has been only eight years and a few days since we met the Philippines, and took them in. My, how much longer it seems.

-Treat the firemen royally when they come next week. Remember that our boys go avisting occasionally and naturally expect the glad hand.

-Whatever else may be said of PENNY-PACKER we'll bet a bean shooter to a Krupp gun that he dies his political death five months hence with his boots on.

-The mad Mullah sallied forth on a little excursion on Monday and after killing one hundred keepers captured ten thousand camels. He must have had a hump on.

-Those faces on the capitol doors at Harrisburg should be of brass. Then they would be so much nearer the types of Pennsylvanians they are supposed to represent.

-What will be in the telegram of condolence that LEE PLUMMER will probably send EDWIN S. STUART on the night of November 6th. Wonder if it will be merely: I got mine ED.

-We would like to know whether "Boss" PENROSE has put that little matter of being for him for the U. S. Senate up to candidates QUIGLEY, of Centre, and ALEXANDER, of Clearfield.

-The Clearfield Republican and Public Spirit are so busy crying "stop thief!" at one another these days that the public may expect the county to be carried off, as usual, by the same old thieves in November.

-Since HOMER L. CASTLE has found out that Mr. EMERY is a bad man he ought to be so grateful to the Democrats for not having gratified that dearest of ambitions of his to be Lieutenant Governor.

-The HARTJE case cost \$160,000. We are not likely to have any HARTJE affairs in this county because we haven't got the price in the first place and we don't have any men as mean as AUGUSTUS HARTJE in the second.

-We are gradually being discovered. A German scientist has just published a paper in which he proves that criminals all have large ears and "the larger the ears the lower the mentality." What a shock! Our ears have always been so large.

-CARRIE NATION is real mad at Mr. Secretary LOEB for having had her ejected from the White House. She says she is going to sue him for damages ranging from \$5,000 to \$300,000. Now the question is: Were she to set on LOEB would she hatchet.

-The Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg is planning to begin more extended work in poultry lines, all of which will probably bring joy to the hearts of some of the old political roosters in the State that will be out of a job in November.

-All these people who are being killed in automobile accidents or drowned in sea-shore excursions on Sunday were probably real good little boys and girls. We'll bet they always went to Sunday school at least three Sundays before the annual Christmas treat.

-With the clams and crabs at the sea-shore beggerting ptomaine poisoning, and all the candy being condemned because of the glucose and mineral dyes used in its manufacture this has certainly turned out to be a hard-luck season for the summer girl.

-The Chicago man who turned up the other day, after an unexplained absence of thirty years, presented his wife with five thousand dollars. He said he made it in the Philippines. Here is the one case on record to show that our new possessions are not a losing venture.

-The new "Cascades" poster that is being displayed on the bill boards and blank walls is rather risque largely because of the absence of lingerie but we can't see much use of making the fuss about it that some communities are. Why should a peek-a-boo skirt be any worse than a peek-a-boo shirt waist.

-This Mr. AUGUSTUS WEBER, of Chester, who is in print just now with nearly a column of advice about growing hair hasn't anything new. He is telling the old story of how luxuriant hair can be secured by always having it cut on the first Friday of the full moon. If you don't believe it is a fake come and look at ours, after years of first Friday, full moon cutting.

-Why is this thushness? The Canadian government has placed a tariff on American trust products to prevent their being sold in Canada cheaper than they are here. Where are the fellows who keep howling that American products are not sold cheaper abroad than they are at home? And where are the fellows who tell you that the foreigner pays your tariff tax.

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Penrose's Purposes and Methods.

Senator PENROSE has not only revealed his purposes but he has exposed his methods with respect to the Senatorial succession upon the expiration of his term of office. He is a candidate for re-election and allegiance to him is to be the test of fitness of candidates for nomination for State Senator in the twenty-five districts in which elections will be held this year. In other words, every candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senator must pledge himself in advance to support PENROSE for United States Senator and failing to do that he will be defeated for the nomination if the PENROSE adherents have the strength to compass that result.

ALGERNON S. ROBERTS is a candidate to succeed himself in the senatorial seat of the General Assembly for Montgomery county. Mr. ROBERTS is a stalwart Republican, but wealthy enough to imagine that he ought to be invited rather than ordered to do the things that the machine wants done. The other day an emissary of PENROSE waited upon him and asked for an expression of his views on the subject of re-electing the Senator. He declined to make a declaration and tried to evade the question by stating that he wouldn't announce himself for or against any aspirant for that office until after the election. PENROSE's agent became very indignant at this and threatened to defeat ROBERTS for the nomination, and to punish some of his friends.

We have no idea that Senator ROBERTS was influenced to this determination on account of his reprehension of the methods of the machine. He is not what might be called "finicky" on such things. He did not support the PULL bill during the last regular session and voted against one or two of the other measures which stunk. But he didn't regard them as political and if he had been shown that they would promote the interest of the party he would have been as bad. He was for the press muzzler and every other strictly partisan iniquity that was introduced and narrowly escaped a public rebuke because of his persistence in urging the late Senator PATTON, of this district, to vote for the muzzler.

We are not disposed to question the motives of a man and therefore will not inquire too closely as to the reasons which influenced Senator ROBERTS to refuse to pledge himself to vote for the re-election of PENROSE. It is a safe guess, however, that if he is re-elected he will vote for that machine candidate, notwithstanding the stupid blunder of sending an incompetent, instead of a diplomat to sound him. He is a corporation man and if Mr. CASSATT, instead of some ward healer, had appealed to him, things would have looked different. At the proper time the fit sort of an emissary will be sent and meantime it is a safe bet that PENROSE won't oppose him either for the nomination or election.

Still we are glad the incident occurred. It hasn't altered our opinion of ROBERTS, but it has given the public an idea of what sort of a campaign is to be expected and what to look for from Republican candidates for State Senator, in the event that they are elected.

The Full Measure of Victory.

There is no question of the election of LEWIS EMERY Jr., and all his associates on the Democratic ticket. The conditions are vastly more favorable this year than last when State Treasurer BERRY received more than 75,000 majority. The strongest element in the opposition then was the supposition that the machine was invincible. Everybody knew of the changing conditions but imagined that a change in the result from that of previous years was impossible. Tens of thousands of uncertain voters, those that are known as floaters, were held to the line by that delusion. This year it is entirely absent. The presumption of victory is on the other side.

But the election of the Democratic State ticket will be less than half the battle. It is equally important to carry the Legislature. For nearly a score of years well-meaning and sincere men have been complaining of the inadequacy of the constitution of the State. The fault is not in the instrument. It is in the failure to enforce it. This is in part an administrative neglect. But the principal fault was in the Legislature. The legislation to give force and effect to the constitution has never been enacted. The corporation power was too strong to be overcome. It is the duty of the people, therefore, to elect a Legislature this year that will correct these faults.

The Republican machine has pledged itself to the passage of certain measures of legislation which it has been opposing for years. It is "a promise to the ear to be broken to the hope." QUAY frequently promised reforms but never fulfilled the promises. After the danger that inspired them had passed, they were forgotten. QUAY's successors in the management of the machine have adopted his methods. Their promises are made to be broken. The only way, therefore, to secure the leg-

islation to make the constitution effective and work the other reforms which are needed is to elect to the Senate and House of Representatives men who are opposed to the machine, in other words the Democratic candidates.

Republican Injustice to Labor.

Under the sanction of the administration the Panama Canal commissioners have determined to employ Chinese coolies in the construction work of that enterprise. The excuse for this is that other types of labor are unobtainable. It has been asserted that white men are unable to endure the climate. Colored men of this country will not undertake the work and Jamaican negroes are too indolent. It was necessary to get the work done, the commissioners add, and Chinese coolies were the only alternative. President SAMUEL GOMPERS, of the American Federation of Labor, remonstrated, but to no purpose. Other labor organizations protested unavailingly. The President feels that he is strong enough to stand against all opposition.

The pretense that it is impossible to get labor other than Chinese coolies in the canal zone is absurd. If labor conditions there were made as favorable as public opinion compels them to be made here, there would be no such difficulty to encounter. Not long ago the President ostentatiously ordered that the eight hour law be obeyed in all work for the government. But in the canal zone where climatic conditions make shirt snots essential to life he permits the contractors to insist on long hours. Other conditions are equally inimical to labor in the zone. Wages are not high enough considering the hazard of the service. The President and his pets, the canal commissioners, show too much consideration for the contractors and not enough for the workmen.

President ROOSEVELT imagines that he can fool all the people all the time. In another words, he thinks that a false pretense of consideration for the interests of labor at home will close the eyes of workmen to flagrant disregard for labor interests some distance away. In this he is mistaken. Workmen are too intelligent to be deceived by such a subterfuge and too just to sanction wrong to others because it is not imposed on themselves. The pretense that the canal zone is foreign territory will not serve as an excuse either. It is legally and morally territory of the United States and in introducing coolie labor both the Chinese exclusion law and the eight-hour labor law are violated. But the greatest evil is the injustice to labor.

Those Faces on the Doors.

"The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse." That is to say, the capitol building commission met on Monday and said nothing about the "strange faces" on the bronze doors. Only a few weeks ago indignation was boiling and bubbling out of the nostrils of former Governor STONE on account of these faces. He declared that his own would come off even if he had to file it off with his own toll-hardened hands. In a subsequent interview he promised to make things warm for the architect, the contractor and all others who could possibly be interested at the then approaching meeting of the commission. But the meeting has been held and the ex-Governor "piped as meekly as a snoking dove."

What influence has worked this marvelous change in the temper of the ex-Governor? Who has hypnotized him? When QUAY was living some of his admirers believed that there was some power in his eye that subdued opposition and it has been said that many an impulse was repressed by the sinister effect of a squint out of that curiously formed eye. But QUAY has "gone before," so to speak, and we know of no one gifted with that strange power. PENNYPACKER's leer tangles butterflies helplessly at his feet and even subdues the savage passions of the tumble bug. But we can't imagine that it would have such an effect on the mind of STONE. DURHAM is fearful at short range but could hardly assume the character of a basilisk at a distance of 3,000 miles. Yet something has happened.

Softly now. "It was the cat," or possibly it might have been Justice JOHN P. ELKIN. That distinguished jurist who openly served notice on the public that he would take politics with him on the bench and had his vote padded by several thousand bogus ballots as a reward for his candor, has a surprising influence over STONE and a deep attachment for the other crooks who compose Architect HUSTON's group of beauties, and he may have whispered something soothing into the ear of this former chief and present philosopher that has reconciled him not only to the brass faces on the bronze doors but to association with them in the capacity of door ornaments.

-Hon. James Wolfenden, of Lamar, passed through Bellefonte Wednesday noon on his way home from Altoona, making the WATCHMAN office a very brief call while here between trains.

Some Signs of Reform.

It is gratifying to learn that the President "has become very much interested in the reports of the bad meat supplied the New York and Norfolk navy yards and has written to Secretary BONAPARTE to inquire about it." It is one of the encouraging signs of reform. Similar indications of a changed heart may have been noticed elsewhere. Senator PENROSE, for example, has become a strong advocate of better methods in politics and public life. Former insurance commissioner DURHAM is so impressed with the importance of reform that he declines to come home for fear that his presence might in some way encourage the municipal hoodlums. Even Senator JIM McNICHOL is protesting that public work should be performed in the best methods and contractors held to the strictest account in cases of delinquency, and DAVE LANE tries to look like a saint.

President ROOSEVELT wasn't always so deeply concerned about the wholesomeness of the meat fed to the soldiers and sailors of the army and navy. During the Spanish war Major General NELSON A. MILES fled a protest against the embalmed beef which the Chicago meat trust was sending to the army stationed in the miasmatic swamps of Cuba. The President, who was then an officer in the army, rather encouraged this action on the part of the commanding officer. But after, through the friendly offices of an assassin, ROOSEVELT became President, he seems to have changed the lenses through which he viewed the matter. General MILES being nothing but a brave and brusk soldier failed to discover any reason for changing his mind on the subject, and persisted in his complaint against the trust. The result was that he was sharply rebuked by orders of the President, and inferentially told to mind his own business and let that of the meat trust and the War Department alone.

We are glad, beyond description, that the President has come to take a different view of the subject even though it may be only a transient spasm of reform. Within the nearly three months between this time and the election much good may be achieved if the President adheres to the policy expressed in his order to the Secretary of the Navy from which we have quoted. But we have no idea that it is an enduring change of mind any more than we believe that the expressions of reform which have been coming at frequent intervals from Senator PENROSE are sincere expressions of a contrite heart, or that IZ DURHAM, DAVE LANE and JIM McNICHOL have become advocates of civic righteousness. It is simply a case of "good enough MORGAN until after the election," which will be abandoned when it ceases to serve the purpose of a campaign cry.

Mr. Castle is a Victim.

Of course nobody will ever know what sinister influences worked on the mind of HOMER L. CASTLE to entice him into the service of the atrocious machine which he has always despised and denounced. At the time of the Democratic State convention it is known that he was anxious for the nomination for Lieutenant Governor or on the ticket with Mr. EMERY. It is believed that up until the moment that the re-assembled LINCOLN convention put JERE S. BLACK on the ticket of that party Mr. CASTLE yet cherished the hope of getting that nomination. Nevertheless within a few weeks he consents to a course which can't possibly give him honor or fame but promises a little help to the PENROSE pirates.

Dr. SWALLOW is a vindictive man but we have never heard him accused of venality. Yet in the campaign of 1898 he persisted in a hopeless candidacy for Governor when he must have known that the only effect of his running would be the defeat of GEORGE A. JENKS and the election of WILLIAM A. STONE. Mr. JENKS is the very personification of the Christian statesman. A man of the purest and most simple life he was without a fault in his habits and reputation. Governor STONE wasn't exactly that type of a man. We make no accusations against his honesty or his habits. But he was different from JENKS in every respect. He is almost the opposite of the God-fearing countryman.

How Dr. SWALLOW reconciled his conscience to the part he took in that campaign we have never been able to find out. What recompense he received for the potential service to the machine has never been explained. It is true that his arch-enemy, Captain JOHN C. DELANEY, was cast out of the public life of the Commonwealth immediately after the inauguration of Governor STONE, but that would hardly compensate SWALLOW. It is not impossible, however, that the same influences which kept SWALLOW in the field then have inveigled CASTLE in this time and that the reward, whatever it may be, honorable or otherwise, will go to SWALLOW rather than to CASTLE. In other words, CASTLE is a victim.

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Canada Explains How the Tariff Hits You.

From the Philadelphia Record. According to the "stand-patters" the great increase in the foreign trade of the United States is due for the most part to the wonder-working power of the Dingley tariff, and therefore, any revision of the tariff would seriously endanger the nation's prosperity. What is peculiarly strange about this plea is that many persons affect to believe in its validity, notwithstanding that other nations not possessing this tariff boon are also enjoying a great period of prosperity. Is this due also in some mysterious way to the double effect of the Dingley tariff upon the outside world? There is our neighbor Canada, for example, whose tariff would be regarded as rank free trade by the "stand-patters" of this country. Canada, it is true, has raised its rates of duty as a measure of defense against the trusts on this side of the St. Lawrence. But it has at the same time reduced its duties on the "paper labor" of the mother country without any detriment to its own commerce and industries. In proof of this, the foreign trade of Canada, without the aid of robber trusts to come to its aid, amounted last fiscal year to \$522,000,000, against \$250,000,000 for the United States. But Canada, with 6,000,000 inhabitants, has only one-fourteenth of the population of this country. While the foreign trade of the United States amounted last year to \$35 per head of the population, that of Canada amounted to \$92 per head. The exports of the United States increased last year \$44,000,000, or 7% a head, and the exports of this country increased in the same time \$2.60 per head.

It is to be observed that (without trusts to develop them) the industries of Canada are in their comparative infancy; that its production is chiefly drawn from the United States, and that it has a system of canal transportation that is rapidly increasing its commerce. While Canada has expended millions upon its ship canals, this country has already sunk \$700,000,000 in the Philippines without return or reasonable prospect of return. Canada has no arbitrary tariff and no trusts; and neither its "stand-patters" nor its Jingoos nor its Nativists (for it has its types of all these) are able, all combined, to interfere with its liberal commercial and industrial policy. Thus, free from obstructions that harass our own and some other nations, there is no predicting the rapidity of the march of Canada to its place in the front rank of the world's empires, though bound by nominal ties to the mother country.

Cranks Want Cranks Harred.

From the Pittsburg Post. That model community which a notorious novelist is organizing near New York, has evolved a string of rules and regulations that seal its fate, were it not doomed. But deep regret is felt that this fantastic scheme may not last, for one provision of membership is precious. No cranks are allowed a residence. It requires only a slight reasoning to show that this inevitably will result in alluring nobody not a crank to the idyllic settlement. That is why regret is experienced. If by this magnetic attraction all the cranks, who deny their crankism, could be impounded, outside communities might well afford to contribute to its maintenance. Leper colonies have been proposed, and the sequestration of anarchists on some remote island. The segregation of cranks would easily surpass either. Anybody reading the rules of this dreamland will readily detect that they have not been concocted by cranks, that is by self-acknowledged cranks, but just the same, none of them would be able to get past the secret service operatives at Sagamore Hill.

One Clear Issue.

From the Pittsburg Sun. The issue in this State is one of good government against bad. It is to determine whether the corrupt oligarchy, backed by lawless public service corporations and tainted with partisan misrule, shall be hurled from power or not. Those who fail to support the State and Legislative tickets will be guilty of giving aid and comfort to the gang that has made Pennsylvania the byword among the States for political corruption and misrule. There is no middle course.

The prohibitionist who votes his own ticket this year and who carries out Castle's wishes by attempting to defeat Emery is doing that which will forever alienate his party and its principles from the consideration of the forces who are now seeking good State and local government. Hence let this be secured, and all that is best for the people in prohibition will more easily follow.

He Will Have to be Ossicized.

From the DuBois Express. In spite of the fact that "Uncle Joe" Cannon will be seventy-two in 1908 he is persistently mentioned as a possible candidate for the Presidency. Some people seem to think that this is too advanced an age, but no alarm should be felt as long as Mr. Cannon is able to take in Coney Island and smoke rank cigars.

What It Takes to See the President

From the Johnstown Democrat. Of course that woman who tried to see the President is mad. They said that about Mrs. Minnie Morris in excusing the White House assault upon that venerable lady. Anybody is crazy who tries to see the President unless he has proper trust or corporation or machine credentials and looks good to the presidential flunkies.

The street commissioner has been busy this week hauling cinders on Allegheny street, going up jail hill, and now if we don't have any of those very hard rains before the cinder becomes packed solid, the improvement will be a good one.

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Spawls from the Key-stone.

-Capitalists in Pottstown will organize a company to furnish gas at 7 or 85 cents per 1,000 feet to large consumers. The maximum price will be \$1.05 per 1,000. The rate now is \$1.60.

-An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in Harrisburg and an impure water supply is assigned as the cause of it. The new filter plant does not appear to filter effectively.

-Only 230 owners of dogs in Hazleton have thus far paid the \$1 license fee exacted annually by council, although it is estimated that there are more than 1,000 canines in the town.

-The heavy rains of the past week have so raised the waters of the rivers that logs and rafts are moving out of Clearfield creek. Five rafts left there on Friday last for the eastern market.

-Mayor Knies, of Hazleton, laid the first brick on the extension of street paving, and which will cost \$50,000. The ceremony took place in the presence of city officials, councilmen and citizens.

-The people of Bedford are going to indulge in a union picnic on Thursday, August 30th. This is a sort of old home day, inaugurated several years ago and which has become quite popular.

-Factory Inspector Delaney issued instructions to deputies to order the dismissal of all children under 14 years of age employed in industrial establishments and to prosecute employers.

-Several weeks ago a little son of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Eck, of Williamsport, swallowed a tack, which lodged in one of the lungs. Since that time the sufferings of the little one were intense and it died on Wednesday.

-The Perry county Red Men will hold a reunion in Duncannon on Saturday, September 15th. Prominent members of the order of Philadelphia and Harrisburg will be present to make addresses. There will be a big parade in the afternoon.

-The residents of DuBois will be warned by the burgess of that town to boll the water before using the same. This precaution has been deemed necessary for the reason that a case of typhoid fever has developed in close proximity to the Anderson Creek reservoir.

-The council of Huntingdon, by a majority of one, has defeated the resolution that the chief of police and his assistants be instructed to see that the laws regulating the observance of Sunday are enforced. There was an animated discussion over the matter before final action was taken.

-Some time during Friday night burglars entered the store of E. J. Sheal & Sons, at Cresson, and departed with goods worth over \$100. The goods taken consisted of suits of clothes, shoes, etc. The borough of Cresson has no night policemen, and this is the fourth robbery within a few weeks.

-Ira J. Dayton, one of the prominent business men of Williamsport, died in the hospital in that city Friday evening. He was the head of the J. E. Dayton company, manufacturers of shoes, and was regarded as one of the most progressive of the city's business men. His wife and two children survive him.

-A young man named Barrell, while picking berries near Farrisandville, Clinton county, Monday, with a companion, ran across a den of snakes. They immediately proceeded to work and when the round up was concluded they had five reptiles. Four were blacksnakes one measuring over six feet, and one a copperhead.

-F. W. Ely, of Williamsport, now having a drug store at Clearfield, was robbed the other night. Thieves broke into his store and took papers, notes and checks valued at \$3,800 from his safe. Two men suspected of the crime have been arrested. One of them told where Mr. Ely's valuables could be found and they were recovered.

-The Lincoln party of Bedford county held a convention in Bedford Saturday and endorsed the following ticket: Congress, Joseph E. Thropp; State Senator, William H. Koonz; Legislature, E. S. Doty; director of the poor, J. B. Cessna; jury commissioner, A. A. Diehl. The ticket is the same as that named by the Democratic county convention last week.

-An organization, under the name of the Larrys Creek Fish and Game club, composed of 25 prominent Williamsport citizens has been formed. A tract of land comprising 2,300 acres and located near Salladasburg has been secured, and will be converted into a fish and game preserve. The land abounds in game and is finely located. It is proposed to stock the grounds with deer, and smaller game; as a further attraction a \$3,000 club house will be built.

-While Ernest Sauer, a prosperous farmer of Dry Hill, near Conneville, was attending prayer meeting Wednesday evening, a gang of boys entered his home and stole \$1,600. Thomas McGill, George Beatty, Harry Holliday, Ray Baldwin and John and Willie Sauer, nephews of farmer Sauer, have been arrested on suspicion. Their ages range from 15 to 20 years. The thieves evidently knew that the farmer had drawn \$2,000 from a Conneville bank a few days ago to buy a new home.

-The borough of Wilmore has granted to the Johnstown, Ebensburg and Northern railroad, which is being promoted by J. C. Hillebrand, of Johnstown, a franchise through its streets. There is no compensation provided except that the road will pave between its tracks and one foot on each side and maintain six lights, one at each street crossing and one at a bridge. It is said Mr. Hillebrand has stated that he will offer the city of Johnstown the sum of \$100,000 for a franchise through certain of the streets.

-Elmer Garverick, aged 23 years, on Sunday was brought from the city poor house to the home of relatives in Williamsport and will be sent to Mount Clemens, Michigan, in the hope that mud baths will cure his peculiar ailment, ossification of the joints, it being impossible for him to move. Noted specialists have failed to check the progress of the disease and mud baths will be tried as a last resort. Garverick sits night and day in a wheel chair and requires constant attention. For twelve months before he died his father was similarly affected.