

Ink Stings.

Reform spellers now remind us to be careful how we spell!

Both the Democrats and Republicans are having their own troubles in selecting a candidate for Senator in this district.

In having had a DELILAH SAMPSON didn't have PAUL O. STEINLAND, the defaulting Chicago bank president, skinned.

Does Mr. BRYAN intend that his government ownership of railroads shall put Uncle SAM at the head of the Bellefonte Central?

The Wheeling, W. Va., woman who gave birth to a child while whirling about on a dance platform must certainly have been the kind of a woman that the poor infant will some day be ashamed to acknowledge as mother.

Mr. HEARST is all right in his announcement that he doesn't want to be nominated for anything but he should go one step further and declare that, in the future, he doesn't intend to meddle in the nomination of anyone else.

Mayor TOM JOHNSON, of Cleveland, has predicted BRYAN's election to the Presidency in 1908. Mr. JOHNSON has quite a reputation for his foresightedness in some things, so let us hope that it won't be shattered by this prophecy.

The trouble with that rotten Real Estate Trust Co., of Philadelphia, seems to have been that because it had a president who was a great church man it was supposed to need nothing else, not even the customary examinations or board meetings.

After reading over all the rules laid down for the reform spelling we have come to the conclusion that the proper thing to do is just to spell any word you desire to use in the easiest manner possible and leave it for the person who reads it to figure out what you mean.

An explosion in a winery at Fresno, California, killed one man and destroyed fifty thousand gallons of wine. Now it is a question whether the explosion was not a good thing, even if a life was lost thereby, for how many lives would the fifty thousand gallons of wine have destroyed?

The performance of that Homestead man who captured a wild cow that had run rampant on the streets of that place and threw it down by the tail will cause all to stop and think a little before we use that old expression about trusting people further than we could throw a bull by the tail.

Battling NELSON received \$22,000 for his fight with JOE GANS, on Monday night, but think of the punishment he had to take in the forty-two rounds that the fight went. Now there is ADOLPH SEGAL, of Philadelphia, who got money a great deal easier and probably won't get any punishment at all.

The question that the dispassionate man who dreads the appearance of militarism, as being inimical to the ideas of a Republican form of government, now asks himself—and justly too, is: Would there have been any lives sacrificed at all at Florence had the arrests that had to be made there been made in the old way instead of sending PENNYPACKER'S "Cosacks" to do it.

If President ROOSEVELT wants something to use his "big stick" on just now, and something that should have it real bad, the gable end of the trousers of that son of his who, after witnessing the two pugs GANS and NELSON batter each other out of all semblance of humans remarked that "it was bully good sport." A prize fight that the law has banished from all fully civilized States is no place for the son of a President to be desporting himself.

JAMES J. HILL, president of the Great Northern railroad, has just published a paper under the caption, "A Plea for the Farm." It is a very exhaustive and truthful treatise on the ancient and honorable vocation of husbandry, but knowing that JEEMS certainly made no mistake by leaving the farm we are forced to the conclusion that the highest motive that inspired him in his writing was the hope of increased passenger tolls from colonists for the lands along his lines.

Editor HARTER, of the Gazette, has openly declared himself and is now circulating a petition which he hopes will land him in the postoffice at the expiration of postmaster MONTGOMERY'S term next spring. Ever since the gentleman has been in the county he has been landing the lion's share of the Republican patronage for his newspaper and if this plum should fall to his lot he will certainly have cause for thinking that it was a wise move that made him settle down in the Republican camp in Centre county.

Many of the most prominent Prohibitionists in the State are declining to contribute to the party campaign fund because they believe their party has taken the wrong course in repudiating EMERY. As one of the most prominent cold water men in the State, who lives right here in Bellefonte, said: "I do not propose to contribute toward the election of STUART and that is all our party can hope to accomplish by the stand it has taken." We notice that others no less prominent in other parts of the State concur in this view exactly, so if SWALLOW and CASTLE are going to play the dog in the manger act they will not have the support of the best element of their own party.

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Roosevelt's Expensive Show.

The naval parade at Oyster Bay on Monday was a great success. It afforded the President a splendid opportunity to exploit himself. In the history of the world it has never been excelled and only equaled once.

The event must have made a strong impression upon the mind of ROOSEVELT. Before that no President of the United States even dreamed of such a diversion. Military men are usually fond of "pomp and circumstance," and GRANT introduced some expensive innovations into the public life of the country.

But ROOSEVELT had no such fears and last year he tried the experiment tentatively. That is, he assembled a fleet of a dozen ships or so and there was not a murmur. That encouraged him to the magnificent spectacle which occurred on Monday and will be talked of for weeks to come.

The opponents of Democracy have seized with avidity the feature of Mr. BRYAN'S Madison Square Garden speech which refers to ownership of trunk line railroads by the Federal government and of other roads by the States.

As a matter of fact, however, Mr. BRYAN didn't declare for government ownership of railroads. He merely suggested that as a last resort, in the event that the railroads continue to exercise their control of the government.

No one would deprecate the paternalism involved in the government ownership of the railroads more earnestly than the WATCHMAN. It is contrary to all our ideas of the relationship between government and people and subversive of the fundamental principles expressed in the constitution.

Our Republican friends ought not to get so sore about the enthusiastic welcome Mr. BRYAN received on his return home. It will be time for them to sit up and take notice two years hence.

The Bryan Welcome Home.

The home-coming welcome of WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN was as extraordinary as it was significant. Tens of thousands of people assembled to pay him the tribute of their admiration, some of them traveling thousands of miles for the purpose.

No long nor difficult search is necessary to discover the reasons for the unusual welcome of Mr. BRYAN. As a New York contemporary said, he is a wholesome and hearty chap and the people like him for that.

The dominating characteristic of the American citizen is the love of justice. When President ROOSEVELT announced his platform to be "A Square Deal," he put himself in sympathy with the purpose of a vast majority of the American people.

Answers of the Opposition.

A Pottsville dispatch to the Philadelphia Record of recent date contains the information that "State Republican leaders are supplying HOMER L. CASTLE and Dr. SWALLOW, Prohibition leaders, with campaign materials to attack EMERY."

From another source we learn that the head of the machine bureau of information is PETER J. HUGHES, of Philadelphia, who has been a sort of overseer of the criminal operations of the QUAY and PENROSE organization for eight or ten years.

In this we have not only the personnel but the animus of the opposition to Mr. EMERY in the Prohibition party. CASTLE is influenced, of course, by resentment because he wasn't given the place he coveted on the Fusion ticket.

This summer has been a season of unusually severe thunder storms and hard rains, in fact there has hardly been a shower in the past three months that was not a regular downpour.

President Gompers' Campaign.

President SAMUEL GOMPERS, of the American Federation of Labor, has made an admirable campaign against Representative LITTLEFIELD, of Maine. He made seven speeches in the district with the result that the contest is admittedly in doubt.

But to our mind Mr. GOMPERS might have achieved his purpose better and with less expense in energy if he had adopted another plan. LITTLEFIELD is abler than the average Republican Congressman and can do more harm if he gets a chance.

In this district, for example, if the Republican candidate is elected he will vote for CANNON for Speaker and LITTLEFIELD can do no more against labor legislation.

Some Essential Reforms.

As the campaign progresses care should be taken that important issues are not forgotten. For example, the QUAY monument should not be allowed to drop out of sight.

The Highway department must be reformed. We do not mean by that merely a change in the personnel of the office. We mean a radical change in the law governing the department.

The elimination of PENROSE and DURHAM from the public life of the State is not a complete reform. The death of QUAY didn't stop the iniquities which he practiced and promoted.

We did well in dubbing Mr. QUIGLEY HENRY CUTE. At the last senatorial conference he refused the proposition to send the deadlock up to the state committee for settlement.

Mr. Benjamin Schaeffer celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday, last Thursday, when all his children and grand children gathered at the paternal home to make merry and wish him many more such anniversaries.

The "Why" of it All.

In his speech accepting the nomination for Governor given him by the State executive committee, after the State convention had refused it to him, Homer L. Castle took occasion to give new currency to a lot of lies concerning Lewis Emery, Jr., which were first put in circulation by the agents of the Standard Oil company.

The charges proceeding at second hand from Mr. Castle are just as false now as they were when first made. That Mr. Castle should revamp them is not strange. During the meeting of the Prohibition State executive committee held in this city some weeks ago an agent of the Standard was on hand supplying the misinformation concerning Mr. Emery which Mr. Castle is now endeavoring to use as campaign capital.

Mr. Castle announces through the medium of the organ of the Standard Oil company and the Penrose machine that he proposes to defeat Mr. Emery and that he will have a hundred orators on the stump with him to help in the work.

Castle's avowal of his determination to defeat Mr. Emery shows exactly where he stands. His pretense that he is animated by any high principle is the veriest hush. He is sore because he was not nominated for Lieutenant Governor on the ticket with Mr. Emery, and he is simply seeking revenge upon those whom he conceives to be responsible for his disappointment.

Campaign Contributions.

In the mail a few days ago to the Republican congressional committee in New York there was a letter from a distinguished Republican trust magnate enclosing a check for \$1. So far well and good, his dollar is as good as any other dollar, even the one received from one of the treasury charwomen.

The Simple Truth.

A friend of the Genius thinks this paper was disrespectful the other day in referring to the late Russell Sage as an "old geezer." Our friend is right. It was disrespectful. But we have no intention of recalling it.

Low Rate Niagara Falls Excursions.

Popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls will be run by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on Fridays, September 7, 21 and October 12. Special trains of parlors, coaches and dining car will start from Philadelphia and Washington.

Baltimore Jubilee.

On account of the Home Coming and Jubilee Week of the City of Baltimore, September 10 to 15, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Baltimore from points on its line at reduced rates (minimum rate 25 cents.) Tickets will be sold September 9 and 10, good to return until September 17, inclusive. Consult nearest ticket agent.

Spawns from the Keystone.

While bathing near Clarion 15-year-old Paul Meisinger got beyond his depth and was drowned.

J. V. Thompson, of Uniontown, has sold to Ohio capitalists 10,000 acres of coal land lying in Greene county.

The coroner of Allegheny county has been busy during the month of August, having been called upon to investigate 310 sudden deaths.

Tom Madine, who figured prominently as a witness in the Hartje divorce trial at Pittsburgh, it is announced will star on the dramatic stage.

The residents of Pottsville are evidently looking out for a future rainy day. They have \$2,200,000 at interest and will be required to pay \$8,881 as tax.

After less than twenty minutes of spirited bidding, the fair ground property of the Ebensburg Agricultural society was sold Saturday afternoon to Ira Bloom, one of the principal stockholders, for \$8,600.

A race war has been inaugurated at Sayre against the Italian residents of that place. On account of the murder of a saloon keeper in that place a crowd of 1,500 men assembled and made such a demonstration that all the foreigners left for other places.

Alfred Hartshorn, of Cuba Mines, Clearfield county, a son of Enoch Hartshorn, aged about 18 years, was killed in a mine a few days ago. It appears that he had seen some coal in what is known as a "dog hole" and was in the act of getting it out, when a lot of roof fell, causing instant death.

Last Friday Judge Skull, in the Juniata county courts, issued an injunction against the Pennsylvania railroad, prohibiting it from building a large reservoir at Denholm. The people of the Licking Creek valley allege that, were this reservoir to burst, it would be a repetition of the flood of 1889 at Johnstown.

Three Italians—a man and two women—were arrested at Monument last Thursday on suspicion of having murdered a Jewish peddler, whose dead body was found last June at the bottom of an old well, with a number of beer kegs thrown on top. The accused were taken to the Clearfield jail pending a hearing.

While a train consisting of an engine and five heavily loaded cars was descending the Buffalo and Susquehanna switchback at Cross Fork, Potter county, the track suddenly slid, carrying the engine over the precipice. It rolled several hundred feet to the bottom of a ravine, where engineer Frith was found fatally scalded, dying soon afterward.

Samuel Salda and wife were picking high blue buckles recently near Panther Rock beyond Wild Mans Cave a mile or so, when they came upon a den of rattlers all out sunning themselves on the rocks. Salda prepared himself with a club of proper length and lit into the rattlers in lively shape. He killed 63 of them in a short time but was compelled to quit on account of the poisonous smell.

Fire of unexplained origin, which broke out about 1 o'clock Saturday morning, destroyed the Harris & Boyer bakery, the office of Dr. C. E. Altemus above it, and the building occupied as a barber shop and dwelling by D. W. Marsh, all in Morrellville, near Johnstown. The loss will aggregate \$13,000, about half covered by insurance. The flames originated in the bakery, a frame structure at the rear of the Harris & Boyer store building.

S. M. Williams, of Pittsburg, secretary of the "Homeless 20," denies that there is any danger of disruption of that organization. He states that the publications of trouble in the order are inspired by the railroad companies, against which it has been working and is still working to force them to give a two cent fare in this and other States. All the trouble will amount to nothing, he says, and the order will continue its agitation.

Mt. Union and intermediate towns and villages are soon to be connected with Huntingdon by trolley, it being the purpose of the Juniata Valley Electric street railway to extend their local line through that busy section and to that point as fast as the project can be developed. Papers pre-empting the right of way along the public road from Huntingdon through Henderson and Brady townships, Huntingdon county, were filed in the register and recorder's office at Huntingdon.

The Hayes run fire brick company is shipping two car loads of fire brick to Manilla. This company is running its plant to the full capacity, making and selling 30,000 brick per day. Twelve kilns are now in operation and two more are being built. It is proposed to put up two additional kilns, so as to have 16 altogether. This will afford an output of from 40,000 to 50,000 bricks per day. Additional floor space is soon to be added that the output may be increased to meet the demand.

Karthus is to have a new industry in the near future and one that will help that section of the country greatly. George M. Dimeling, of Clearfield, having purchased all the timber on 6000 acres of the Karthus estate in Karthus township will erect a large saw mill at Karthus to cut it out. It is thought that it will take from three to five years to complete the work and during most or all of that time two hundred or more men and scores of teams will be given employment. Mr. Dimeling has begun to let contracts but has many contracts to let yet in the various departments of the operation.

Superintendent E. B. Green, of the Edison Electric light company, of Altoona, who by the way is a son of F. Peebles Green, of Bellefonte, is at Thousand Islands, in attendance at the annual convention of the National Association of Edison Electric Illuminating company superintendents. The president of the association is a Pennsylvania man, and Mr. Green has prepared a gavel for him that is artistically beautiful and of great historical interest to all who are engaged in electrical pursuits. It is made of wood taken from the headboard of the first direct current Edison dynamo that was operated in the United States. This machine was started by Thomas A. Edison, the wizard, at Sunbury on July 4th, 1883. The gavel is appropriately engraved. The central station at Sunbury was the only one that Mr. Edison ever put in operation.