

Ink Blings.

-If you were good during the old year try to be better during the new one.

-Milk is getting almost as high in the cities as it was when the cow jumped over the moon.

-No doubt some of the new leaves that were turned over are beginning to look new and yellow already.

-Some of the best people of the town have been seen with a skate on for the last few nights—at the rink.

-Bellefonte had its share of noise as the new year came in. Let us hope it will have its share of the joys as well.

-A new Legislature is in session at Harrisburg. Good, clean, impartial legislation is promised. Don't take this as a hint to bet on results, however.

-If 1907 brings nothing else for Pennsylvania the good old Commonwealth will be thankful that the new year brings a successor to PENNYPACKER.

-Bellefonte is paying less for her street lights than ever before and from the effulgence of the lights it must be acknowledged that she is getting less light than ever before.

-Governor PENNYPACKER quotes CONFUCIUS in his last message to the Legislature, which probably accounts for the confusion of his ideas about the capitol robbery.

-What is the matter that the price of milk has been advanced so much in almost every city in the land? Can it be possible that a shortage has been caused by the theatrical profession's gathering up all the good calves.

-The great number of weddings that were celebrated in all parts of the county just before Christmas arouses the suspicion that some young men thought it cheaper to marry than buy sweetheart Christmas presents.

-The death of president A. J. CASSATT of the Pennsylvania removes from the field of railroad activities a man who undertook and carried well toward completion the most herculean tasks ever undertaken by a carrying corporation.

-There are just a half a dozen lemons and one postoffice to be handed out in Bellefonte in March. There will be no mistaking who got the lemons the day the appointment is announced. The visages of the six other applicants will tell that.

-LINCOLN once said that "a man's legs ought to be long enough to reach to the ground," and this in face of the fact that the great statesman was the daddy of a brand new boy and knew that there are times when a man can't keep from walking on air.

-There is one thing very certain and that is when Judge TAFT jumps into the pond of presidential possibilities he is going to make a pretty big splash. It is not probable, however, that the concentric waves of public preference set a-going will drown many of the other previous plungers.

-JAMES MCCREA has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company and has already announced that he intends following out the policies inaugurated by the late president CASSATT. This means, of course, that we will continue to buy mileage books, just like any other travelers.

-The majority vote of 1905 in New York city is to be recounted, all because Mr. WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST wants something he can't have. Now if he had been elected Governor of New York last fall he would have forgotten all about the possibility of his having been counted out for mayor the year before.

-THOMAS DONACHY, HUNTER KNISELY, ISAAC MILLER, HARRY KERNS, JAS. RINE and SAMUEL GAULT are all reported as being out for the Republican nomination for overseer of the poor. While the old saying "the more the merrier" holds good in some instances here is a condition that will knock it into a cocked hat. Just wait until the day of the primaries and then you will see the amount of merriment there will be among the sextet of gentlemen who are all eager to serve the dear people.

-Mark the prediction that Pennsylvania's legislature will be just as much a machine organization as it has ever been. Things will not be conducted as openly defiant of public opinion as they have been in the past, but machine managers will be at the helm all the time and machine methods and machine plans will carry. It will be the same old game in a different way and after it is worked off the people of the State will be up in indignation until another election comes round then they will do the same thing again.

-EDMUND SCRIBNER STEVENS, the Washington astrologist, who has been dreaming all kinds of direful things for 1907 must be hitting the pipe pretty hard. He has the island of Manhattan dropping into the sea in July, Philadelphia earthquake in August, home rule for Ireland in March and RAISULI driving the French out of Algiers in May. How seasonable his times for the calamities: In July the water will be fine for the Manhattanites to be submerged. Philadelphia needs a good shaking up. The Irish will all be wearing the green in March and Congress will be adjourned so that TEDDY can help RAISULI again with his "big stick" in May.

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The Late Mr. Cassatt.

The death of ALEXANDER JOHNSTON CASSATT was a sad incident in the business life of the Commonwealth and the country. That it is an irreparable loss is not true, however. One head of that corporation has succeeded another and upon the death of each there were those who said and believed, that it would be impossible to find a successor equal to the requirements. But it is neither invidious nor unjust to say that of all the great men who have occupied the office between the time of EDGAR THOMPSON's successful administration and that of the successor of Mr. CASSATT, the lamented last president exhibited the greatest talent for constructive and administrative railroading.

We are not able to coincide with the opinions of some of the very enthusiastic and too partial eulogists of M. CASSATT, however, in estimating the quality of his greatness. Unquestionably he was a discerning and successful operator in transportation enterprises, whether considered from a financial or practical standpoint. But the esteemed contemporary which holds him up to public view as a martyr to principle has hardly measured him accurately. He was guided by personal and corporate interests rather than by conscience in his work as a citizen and railroad manager and principle had little to do with his movements. During the last few years of his life he was the supply fountain for the QUAY machine.

Nothing but good should be said of the dead unless the moral interests of the living are jeopardized by suppressing the truth. When a man whose life has not been exemplary is held up as a model of virtue after his death, those who come after are likely to be misguided and probably injured. Mr. CASSATT was successful as an administrator of the affairs of the great corporation in which all Pennsylvanians are interested. But he failed in the fulfillment of his obligations as a citizen, however faithful he was to his trust as president of a great corporation. In other words he sacrificed the public to the Pennsylvania railroad and gave us bad government that it might pay big dividends.

The "Easy Machine."

The Republican machine never had a smoother run than that it enjoyed at the organization of the Legislature on Tuesday. There was a false pretense of reform in the atmosphere, and Speaker McCLAIN, of the House, indulged in some platitudes which contained the promise of better methods. But the SAM RIPS made open declaration of their defiance of such things and good and bad took orders with equal complacency and obeyed them with like alacrity. There was no opposition to any candidate or measure. The pretenses of Senator ELLIOTT ROGERS, of Pittsburg, to leadership were bumped to some extent but that only caused a ripple and didn't disturb the serenity of the gang.

There will be no material change in the methods of the Legislators or the measures of legislation during this session. Farmer CREESEY may nag the managers into the passage of the trolley freight bill for which he has been contending so assiduously for nearly ten years. But those who expect a two-cent passenger rate are more than likely to be disappointed. The propaganda against that reform so earnestly promised by the Republican State convention, has already begun operations in the lobbies and are pointing out the danger of such legislation to the small railroads. The big concerns can stand it, they say, but the smaller roads will be bankrupted.

Such talk is rubbish, of course, but it will achieve its purpose unless the people are alert and hold their representatives to the pledges they have made. We don't believe that any of the collateral railroads will suffer gravely by such legislation and we do believe that the public will be greatly benefited by it. There is as little likelihood of ballot reform legislation, moreover. The machine has been encouraged by recent events and the easy manner in which it put its plans into operation at the organization indicates that its nerve as well as its strength has been restored. Still it may be worth while for reformers to keep up a vigilant watch.

It is just four weeks today since the big fall of rock in the quarry of the American Lime and Stone company which killed three men and up to this writing the bodies of George Bovango and Steve Bianco have not yet been recovered. The company has worked all the men they conveniently could in the quarry and are now pretty close to where it is thought the bodies of the men must be, so that their discovery is likely to be made within a few days.

Candidates for borough officers are beginning to sprout. The first in the field are Samuel Ganit, H. B. Kerns, and Hunter Knisely, in the North ward; Isaac Miller and Robert B. Montgomery, in the South ward, and James Rine, in the West ward' all candidates for overseer of the poor on the Republican ticket.

A Lame Excuse.

Governor PENNYPACKER's reply to Attorney General CARSON's inquiries in respect to the Palace of Graft is hardly up to his standard in humorous literature and yet it cannot be considered in any other light than that of humor. He evades the important questions and inadequately answers those which are unimportant. That is the method of the court jester and it fits the absurd Governor. But his answer is not altogether in a humorous strain either. In one place he quotes a part of the Act of Assembly which authorizes the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings to expend money in furnishings for the capitol but neglects to include the provision which forbids the Board from completing the building. That was the act of a knave rather than a fool.

In another feature the rogue is again revealed. The Governor alleges that a part of the money which the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings is accused of having unlawfully expended is the \$550,000 expended for the erection of a capitol building during the HASTINGS' administration. As a matter of fact that money was included in the expenditures of the building commission and had nothing whatever to do with the expenditures of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. In fact the legislative debate on the bill appointing the building commission clearly reveals that fact for the question of the disposal of the temporary building was fully discussed. Obviously, therefore, the Governor intended to deceive the public by that citation.

Governor PENNYPACKER knows, if he knows anything at all, that every dollar expended by the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings toward the completion of the building was in violation of the constitution and the statutes. It may be claimed that the Board has authority to alter or improve a building belonging to the State. But the new capitol building was not a part of the property of the State at the time the expenditures in question were made. The building was not the property of the State until on the occasion of the dedication it was formally given over to the State by the building commission. In fact there is no valid reason for the action of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and the Governor can summon no sophistries to support it.

The Mystery Cleared.

Our old friend Captain JOHN C. DELANEY, chief factory inspector, has solved the problem of the per foot rule in buying furniture and the per pound standard in purchasing chandeliers. A modest man, Captain DELANEY was probably reluctant to "own the soft impeachment." But what could he do under the circumstances? When WASHINGTON was caught with the goods on him what did he say? "Father," he sobbed, "it was I. I did it with my little hatchet." Captain DELANEY was similarly situated and he was equal to the emergency. "Dear CARSON," he wrote substantially, "I invented the per foot system. I cannot tell a lie."

But DELANEY wasn't altogether to blame. He was encouraged in the discovery and application of this system of loot by others to whom he freely refers. His witnesses are all dead and can neither affirm nor deny his allegation, but that only proves the vastness of the resources of the Captain. There are a great many people dead who might have been quoted as enthusiastic supporters of the per foot system, so that the fact that only a few have been named can be regarded as an evidence of modesty rather than an absence of consciousness. Dead men tell no tales and contradict no statements, so that DELANEY will not be disputed even if he isn't corroborated.

But we are glad that Captain DELANEY has revealed the truth in this matter. Others who ought to have known all about it side-stepped the inquiry and we were beginning to despair of a solution of the problem, important as it is. But DELANEY has settled it all. The evil cost the people immense sums of money and the inventor of it stood to harvest a great amount of popular execration. But DELANEY knows that "bread cast upon the waters," brings good returns at times and if he is not fitly rewarded for this act of devotion to the party then Republicans will indeed be ungrateful. DELANEY will soon be out of a job.

About a month ago Miss Mary A. Cole, daughter of architect Robert A. Cole, who is studying for a trained nurse in the Bellefonte hospital, cut her hand slightly while putting things to rights in the operating room. She thought nothing of it at the time and the cut apparently healed up, but about a week later a lump appeared on her side and it finally became apparent that blood poison had developed and since that the attending physicians have had a hard battle to save her life. Her condition now is gravely critical, though when the WATCHMAN went to press yesterday the doctors thought her slightly improved.

The Governor's Message.

No man can read the message of Governor PENNYPACKER to the Legislature patiently. It is the most marvelous mixture of sense and nonsense that has ever been designated as a state paper and the regret is that the absurdities predominate. Even that which is commendable is tarried by the egotism revealed in almost every line. For example, he praises the work of the game commissioners, the fisheries department, the forestry department, the health department and all other departments for the obvious purposes of inferentially adding that his own virtues are reflected in the work of all these public officials.

In his observations upon the coal and iron police the Governor strikes the only true note in his entire message. "It is an entirely improper system," he says, "since it puts at the disposal of one of the parties to a controversy an authority which ought to be exercised only by the Commonwealth." No greater truth could be uttered but there is no perceptible difference between the operations of the coal and iron police and the state constabulary except that the State pays the constabulary and the coal operators were compelled to pay their policemen themselves. We defy the Governor or any one else to show a single instance in which the constabulary exerted an effort to protect the individuals against the corporations.

The Governor reaches the limits of absurdity, however, in his false praise of the new state capitol. "In the completion of the capitol at Harrisburg," he writes, "The Commonwealth has accomplished a difficult and complicated task in a manner which will reflect credit on her for ages to come." Is it creditable that the Governor violated the fundamental law of the State which he had solemnly sworn to obey? Is it creditable that \$9,000,000 were stolen from the treasury to feed the rapacity of corrupt grafters while the insane and otherwise helpless necessities of the State were suffering for the necessities of life? If so PENNYPACKER is right.

A New Colonel to Be Elected.

As announced exclusively in this paper two weeks ago the Fifth regiment will not be disbanded and a new colonel will be elected to take the place of Col. Rufus C. Elder, resigned. An order to this effect was issued last week by Brigadier General Wiley and later by Lieut. Col. H. S. Taylor for a meeting of the line officers of the regiment to be held at the Logan house in Altoona, on Thursday, January 10th, for the purpose of electing a new colonel. Col. W. E. Thompson will conduct the election. There is no doubt whatever that Lieut. Col. H. S. Taylor, of this place, will be the man chosen to command the regiment. He is right in line for the promotion and in fact could have been elected a year or so ago when Col. Elder was chosen had he wished the office. Col. Taylor's selection will naturally carry with it some changes on the colonel's staff as well as in several of the other departments of the Fifth, all of which will likely give Centre county more prestige with the regiment if not a better representation.

So many persons called at the WATCHMAN office during the Holiday season and so many wrote pleasant letters of congratulation that we have been quite overwhelmed. In fact from the standpoint, purely, of renewals and new subscribers it was the best period in the history of the paper. While we appreciate the money, for every one knows we need it, the kindly words and expressions of gratification over the excellence of the WATCHMAN were most encouraging. Newspapers, as a rule, are not prolific money makers and their publishers occupy a position very similar to that of men engaged in the educational fields: None of them receive full compensation in money for their efforts, but the greater good they do for humanity is the incentive that retains them in such avocations, when, in all probability the same talents and energy devoted in purely business spheres would bring greater recompense. We have always tried to make the WATCHMAN a model country newspaper, fearless, frank and truthful and it is a great pleasure to know that so many people regard it as such. In fact one old friend wrote at Mt. Eagle wrote that "it is next to the Bible in truth and ahead of them all in the kind of country news we want to read and edited in a way that makes the reading have an educational value." After reading such notes as these can you blame us for being pleased and don't you realize how sorry we are that we haven't the space to quote from them all.

The mailing list of this paper has been corrected this week and those who have paid their subscriptions lately should note whether the tabs on their papers correspond with the receipts already sent them.

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The Phantom Guest.

At the Altar a pale-faced bride,  
A lordly bride-groom at her side,  
A brilliant company await  
The binding words that seal her fate.  
The man of God in solemn tone  
Repeats the words that make them one.  
Or one in soul or only name,  
The pastor lays on God the blame.  
In that gay company is one  
Who is unseen and quite alone—  
A phantom lingering by her side,  
Whom God had meant should be her bride.  
Invisible he lingers near,  
Betrayed by neither sigh nor tear.  
Unseen except by her alone—  
The silent king on her heart's throne.  
She treads life's way devoid of blame,  
The wife of one only in name,  
Her heart's pain hidden by a smile,  
Her phantom soul-mate near the while.  
—M. V. THOMAS.

Property's Other Side.

It is evident that prosperity is not without its drawbacks. Because of the boom in business the prices of many commodities have gone up. It is true that the wages of a large number of persons have also been raised, but not as a rule in the same ratio as the increase of prices. Further than that, there is a numerous class of persons whose incomes have remained the same, while prices have soared. It is therefore not strange that there are many who are disposed to feel far from enthusiastic because of the abounding prosperity of which they hear so much but experience so little, or nothing, and which in fact makes their condition worse.

It is not encouraging therefore to those who are the victims of prosperity to hear that because the National treasury will exhibit an unexpectedly large surplus for the current fiscal year this fact will be accepted as sufficient reason for Congress not enacting any legislation to relieve their burdens. This surplus, it is claimed, will afford sufficient warrant for not making any revision of the tariff and also for failing to enact any inheritance tax law. If this excuse should be acceptable to the majority of our National lawmakers, then indeed will there be another striking exhibit of the reverse of the prosperity shield. One means of relief for those who are compelled to pay higher prices while denied a corresponding increase in their income would be a revision of the tariff, which would curb the combinations to unduly enhance the cost of commodities. Another relief would be afforded by the readjustment of the burdens of taxation so that great wealth would pay its proper share. This might be accomplished to a considerable degree by the enactment of a proper inheritance tax law or an income tax. But the staid patriots in Congress are now declared to be joyful because the treasury surplus will be so large that they say there will be no good reason for revising the tariff or imposing an inheritance or income tax. If they can persuade a majority of their colleagues that this is the correct position to assume, then the outlook for many persons is a gloomy one, indeed, despite the great and abounding prosperity which is so loudly proclaimed to exist.

Old Time Salaries.

Chicago antiquary has discovered that Columbus received a salary of \$320. He estimates that the whole cost of the expedition that great wealth would pay its proper share. This might be accomplished to a considerable degree by the enactment of a proper inheritance tax law or an income tax. But the staid patriots in Congress are now declared to be joyful because the treasury surplus will be so large that they say there will be no good reason for revising the tariff or imposing an inheritance or income tax. If they can persuade a majority of their colleagues that this is the correct position to assume, then the outlook for many persons is a gloomy one, indeed, despite the great and abounding prosperity which is so loudly proclaimed to exist.

An Object Lesson.

The Democratic vote in Illinois in 1900 was 503,061. That was when the party stood for a positive and progressive Democracy. In 1902 Mr. Hopkins was chairman of the state committee and conducted the campaign. The Democratic vote that year was only 390,925. In 1904 Mr. Sullivan became a member of the national committee, and he and Mr. Hopkins controlled the state organization. That year the Democratic vote fell to 327,606 notwithstanding the fact that it was a presidential campaign. In 1906 Hopkins-Sullivan influence still controlled, and the Democratic vote fell to 251,954. Here was a falling off of 251,077 in six years—a loss of almost 50 per cent. Query: How long will it take that sort of party management to build up a Democratic party in the state of Illinois? Is it now about time for the rank and file of the party to bring the Illinois organization into harmony with the Democratic voters?

Must Attend to Details.

Those congressmen who are going down to Panama to see the canal don't want to forget to have themselves photographed in the act of climbing a steam shovel.

During the year 1906 there were just 183 deaths and 254 births in district No. 337, composed of Bellefonte, Spring, Benser, Walker and Marion townships, according to registrar S. A. Bell. Of the deaths recorded nineteen were bodies shipped into the district from a distance for burial.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Fourteen head of valuable cows belonging to Joseph Wood, of Jersey Shore, were killed last week by veterinary surgeon E. E. Sweely. They were afflicted with tuberculosis.

Leroy Haines, a traveling salesman of Williamsport, was held up by two highwaymen along a lonely road near Potstown and relieved of \$50 in cash and a gold watch valued at \$100.

Elias Hartz, the venerable weather prophet of Reading, whose prognostications with the goose bone have made him famous, has entered the Friends home at Frankford. Mr. Hartz is 92 years old and is quite feeble.

The increase in wages in various industries which went into effect with the new year will increase the monthly pay rolls in the Pittsburg district about \$2,000,000 and the amount that will be paid to wage earners will sum up about \$385,000,000 for the ensuing year.

Frank S. Russell, of DuBois, stenographer in John DuBois' general office for a number of years, went to Pittsburg and on Sunday, December 23rd, committed suicide at the Hotel Henry. The suicide left a letter to his wife announcing his intention to end his life and praying for forgiveness for his rash deed.

The Lackawanna Steel company, it is stated, has purchased the J. W. Ellsworth Coal company properties in Washington county at a price reported to be \$7,000,000. The property consists of 16,000 acres of the best coal lands in the county, on which there are four mines in operation and 387 coke ovens.

George W. Vernes, the well known railroad detective, has been reappointed deputy for the Royal Arch chapter of the eleventh district, which embraces Lycoming, Clinton, Tioga, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Centre and Bradford counties. The appointment was made on St. John's day at the Masonic Temple, in Philadelphia.

During the month of January a large colony composed chiefly of Dunkard people from Mifflin and the western section of Snyder counties, will leave Lewistown for the purpose of colonizing the Butte valley, in California. The colony will be under the leadership of Rev. John Mohler and his brother-in-law, Oliver Rothrock, of Maitland, Mifflin county.

Miss Helen Elkin, daughter of Justice and Mrs. John P. Elkin, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation Friday morning. On retiring Thursday night she left a gas jet burning and it is supposed the wind from an open window blew out the gas. She was discovered unconscious at ten o'clock in the morning and did not revive until two o'clock in the afternoon.

Before fully 2,000 guests, Harry W. Bots and Miss Elsie Smith, of Williamsport, were married on the stage of the Lycoming opera house in that city. The wedding had been well advertised and was used as a special feature of Friday night's performance of the Earl Burgess company, a repertoire company that played there last week. The bride received a present of \$25 from the manager of the company.

The Pittsburg & Clearfield Railroad company, of which James Kerr, of Clearfield, is president, has been granted a charter to build a line 142 miles long, from Pittsburg to Clearfield, where it will connect with the Pittsburg, Binghamton & Eastern, recently formed out of several smaller roads. The capital stock of the new company is \$1,500,000, said to be controlled by Joseph Ramsey Jr., late president of the Washaw.

William H. Albright, of Morgan Run, not far from Philipsburg, rejoices in the arrival of his nineteenth child, born last week. The family consists of a dozen fine, handsome boys and seven girls—all of them pretty. Several of the sons and daughters are married and the latest arrival has a number of nephews and nieces. Mr. Albright is still on the sunny side of fifty-five, and his wife carries her years remarkably well.

While passing through the woods in Leidy township, Clinton county, Friday afternoon, with his gun over his shoulder, Albert Calhoun came upon a small cave, and peering in, saw an animal move. Stepping back his curiosity was soon satisfied, for a large black bear came shambling out towards him. Calhoun raised his gun and put a ball through bruin's head, and followed it up with a second shot, which brought the big denizen of the forest to the ground.

Joseph Hayes, the well known Mackeysville farmer, and his son, while on their way to market in Lock Haven at 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning in a spring wagon, had a narrow escape from being killed or injured. While driving over the railroad tracks at Bellefonte, the locomotive of a west bound freight train suddenly loomed up out of the fog. The rear of the wagon just cleared the track as the big engine thundered past. Mr. Hayes says it was an exceedingly close call, and that at no time was he ever more "skereed."

John F. Hoover, a young civil engineer of Milwaukie, and Miss Mahala Ling, of Johnstown, met for the first time on a Pennsylvania railroad train last Thursday morning, and were married within several hours. Hoover was going to Chambersburg where he has accepted a position, and Miss Ling was traveling east to visit friends. When Harrisburg was reached Miss Ling was persuaded by Hoover to wait for another train, and while the two were looking about the city the young man proposed marriage, and Miss Ling accepted. A patrolman directed the pair to the marriage license office, and an hour later they were married by Alderman Robert Spayd.

James McCoy, a freight conductor on the Tyrone branch, fell from his train Saturday evening, December 22nd, near VanScyoc, and met instant death. His absence was not discovered until the train reached Tyrone when an engine was sent back and the lifeless body found lying along side the track. McCoy was aged 52 years and is survived by five daughters. Wednesday morning of last week James Miller, an engineer on the same road jumped from his engine in the Occochee yard, breaking his neck and fracturing his skull, causing instant death. Miller was bringing his train down the mountain when he lost control of it and fearing he would run into some engines standing on the track ahead of him, jumped to his death. Miller lived in Tyrone and leaves a wife and family.