

Ink Stings.

The Shah of Persia is dead and there is a bare on the market now.

It is not so much who is going to run for the local offices next month as it is who ought to run.

The ice men have all joined the Dr. MUYAN club in which the pass word is: There is hope.

In Kentucky, they say, there is a man who keeps a wife and fifteen children on sixty cents a day. Maybe he only thinks he keeps her.

The great Centre county fair last October would have been lucky to have had weather as warm as the early part of this week has been.

The migration of GILMANS toward Paris begins to look as if the president of America's greatest trust is trying to secure a corner in that family.

The man who sells nitro-glycerine and other high explosives should be kept under as strict surveillance as the crank who uses them to wreck property and take human lives.

It took fifteen thousand words for architect JOSEPH HUSTON to explain the thirteen million capitol job. In other words, each word of JOE'S explains \$866 worth of capitol.

Really things theatrical are becoming a little too exciting. An Uncle TOM'S Cabin show and HOWE'S moving pictures both in the same week is piling the novelties on too thick.

Next Tuesday Governor STUART will be inaugurated and the Legislature will settle down to the business of making the usual appropriations and a lot of laws that will later be declared unconstitutional.

About the brute who assaulted the girl at Fairbrook, last Thursday, is caught, let us hope that there won't be any mawkish sentiment for him and that just punishment for his crime will be sure and swift.

About the only things done in Bellefonte these evenings, since the six o'clock closing rule went into effect, are the lighting companies. The store keepers are certainly doing the electric light and gas people.

Senator PENROSE is reported as having said that he must have an organ in Centre county. By axiom 1 anybody can work to the conclusion that the editor of the Gazette must have the Bellefonte post-office.

The Maryland Democracy is showing signs of getting together under the leadership of young ARTHUR P. GORMAN, a son of the deceased Senator. Let us hope that it does rally under the banner of someone who can lead it to permanent victory.

Now they are trying to mix the President up in insurance scandals. If TEDDY doesn't stop getting into scrapes he will soon have to resign the Presidency to give his time exclusively to answering the charges that are being preferred against him.

If that really was an earthquake up along the Branch yesterday morning you other sinners had better sit up and take notice of the big revival meeting going on in the Methodist church. With earthquakes that near home it is time for many of you to get ready.

The war hogs-man is at it again because the Japs are crowding into Hawaii and especially because many of them have the uniform of the Japanese army. In all probability the uniform is the only clothing they have because the Japanese are wretchedly poor now.

It is reported that one particular gentleman who doesn't live far from Thomas street, was awakened by the shock yesterday morning, was afraid to look out the window for fear old GABRIEL might really be standing outside. If this is true the party in question must have something on his mind he hasn't confessed yet.

The powers that be have decided that it won't be necessary to discharge colored troopers from the army any more. It will be much easier to send them for service in the Philippines. After all, this temporary makeshift for removing a source of trouble to the administration might finally prove a solution of the race troubles. Why not give the Philippines to the colored people?

The people who complain that the two murders in Centre county have not been avenged should take a hand in the hunt. It is easy enough to say a thing ought to be done but often times a very different matter to do it. Thus far the murderers have eluded some of the most skillful detectives in the country and no one can be accused for not having captured them.

"Murder will out," though, and they will be run to ground eventually.

While every American citizen will naturally look with regret upon the proposition now being hatched in the Senate to pass a formal resolution of censure of the President and will hesitate in endorsing such a move it is certain that the President has exceeded his prerogatives a great many times. ROOSEVELT is undoubtedly a great man, but his gravest mistake is in the evident conceit he has in thinking that his opinions and his acts are the only ones worth while and should be final in all cases. The moment he comes to realize that his is only an executive office he will remove himself from the danger of having votes of censure even talked about.

Democratic Watchman

Looks Like Footing. Attorney General CARSON's letters to Architect HUSTON and other political pirates accused of robbing the State by means of graft in the construction of the capitol are interesting but they "cut no ice."

In his last letter to Architect HUSTON Attorney General CARSON makes it pretty plain that he suspects collusion between the architect of the capitol and at least one of the contractors. But what's the use of writing letters to a man that you suspect while you are in possession of information that will confirm your suspicions.

Probably, however, the Attorney General isn't "as dumb as he looks." In other words, maybe he wants the accused to escape punishment and penalty while he appeals to the credentials for a certificate of character for fidelity to duty.

Obviously Attorney General CARSON is "playing horse" with the people of Pennsylvania.

Amiable but Mistaken. No one feels like controverting anything which MARK TWAIN says or writes. He is so amiable, so helpful, so admirable that one just feels like agreeing to anything that he proposes.

There are books that ought to be read and even treasured by every living soul in the land and nearly all those written by MARK TWAIN are well up at the head of the list.

The public will watch the progress of the trial of the election cases now in progress Luzerne county with much interest. Political corruption has been developed in that county to such an extent that elections have become a farce.

way to reimburse themselves. For that reason every honest citizen is concerned in the suppression of electoral frauds and the litigation now in progress in Luzerne county, in the conduct of which special counsel have been employed by the State, is really the first earnest effort that has been made in that direction.

We have been living under the delusion for some time that all or practically all the electoral frauds have been committed in the two great cities. Many people imagine that outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh the elections are fair and honest.

Southern Senators Caricels. These southern Senators who are rushing to the defense of the President against the charge of usurpation of power in the dismissal of the negro troops at Brownsville, Texas, are "obscuring up wrath against the day of wrath."

But in supporting an executive usurpation of the most flagrant type are not those southern Senators encouraging a greater evil and more perilous danger? Senator FORAKER has shown that under the articles of war and the laws of the country, Congress alone has the right to make rules and regulations for the government of the army and that both the articles of war and the acts of Congress guarantee to every soldier accused of misdemeanor or crime a fair trial by court martial.

Militarism a Thing of the Past. Admiral DEWEY appears to have fallen in with the notion that we need the greatest navy in the world. The Admiral is growing old and feeble and in his case as in that of others as the mind decays the desires increase.

The Admiral wants three new battleships a year at an expense of \$18,000,000 for construction and a vast sum for maintenance. Of course his plan would involve an addition of at least three thousand a year to the naval force.

Congress is not likely to take the advice of men of the equipment of Admiral DEWEY in matters of such importance. The period of militarism is drawing to a close and a period of peaceful progress may be predicted.

—This kind of weather has had the effect of bringing out the usual crowd of snooker fishermen.

The Waynesburg Bank Failure. The Waynesburg bank which failed the other week appears to have been quite as much a political institution as the Enterprise bank which closed its doors during the campaign of 1905.

Cashier RHINEHART of the busted bank appears to have been a good deal of a broker in offices. He professed to be a Democrat but cared more for personal than political success and when PENROSE wanted a Senator for that district RHINEHART was ready and willing to underwrite a candidate.

The forgeries and frauds which have been revealed since the failure of the bank were, of course, the result of this political manipulation. Former Secretary of the Commonwealth FRANK FULLER and former State Treasurer FRANK HARRIS were concerned in some mining speculations and induced RHINEHART to let them have the funds of the bank in consideration of a state deposit.

Our heart bleeds for Captain JOHN C. DELANEY. He is an unfortunate as well as an unappreciated man. Last week we referred in these columns to his self-abnegation in confessing that he had invented the "per foot" system of buying furniture.

But contractor SANDESON has ruthlessly punctured the tire of DELANEY'S expectations. In other words that gentleman has brought forward evidence which not only proves that DELANEY didn't invent the system but that even now he doesn't know much about it.

The inference that DELANEY has been robbed of a distinction is, therefore, inevitable. Possibly it was an unenviable distinction and some might be harsh enough to characterize it as infamous.

—It may be interesting to WATCHMAN readers to know that William Z. McLearn, the cashier of the Fourth Street National bank, of Philadelphia, who was killed on Saturday last by a bomb thrown by one Rolla Steele, was married to a former Centre county girl, Miss Mary Bing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bing.

—The Pittsburgh Post.

Machine and People. From the Harrisburg Patriot. The resolution offered in the House of Representatives on Tuesday by Mr. Creasy to pledge the members to vote for an appropriation of \$20,000 for the use of State Treasurer Berry to secure expert testimony to aid in determining his legal right to refuse to pay bills which he believes are tainted with fraud should have been passed, but it is not surprising to those who know him, that Speaker McClain promptly ruled the resolution out of order.

It is the impression of the members of the Senate and House who have been identified with reform in the past that the representatives of the Machine in both houses will do all they can to prevent a "thorough and complete" investigation of the Capitol scandal such as the people demand and such as Governor Pennypacker recommended in his last message to the Legislature.

There's Fun Ahead. From the Williamsport Sun. There is fun ahead for the Republican national organization, and it will open with the retirement of George B. Cortelyou as chairman of the national committee.

There is no doubt that a conspiracy had been organized to loot the bank and those still living, who were concerned in the operation, should be criminally proceeded against. The only way to stop such crimes is to punish the perpetrators.

A Great Opportunity. From the Easton Argus. Speaker McClain in taking the chair after his election as presiding officer of the House at Harrisburg Tuesday gave utterance to a ringing speech which followed to the letter will make the present session of the Legislature one long to be remembered.

It is reported from Tokyo that the Japanese press ridicules the attempts of the Russian papers to cause a disturbance between Japan and the United States. Japanese public opinion is said to be quite free from excitement over the San Francisco question, which is regarded as altogether inadequate to disturb the traditional friendship of the two nations.

No Cause for Alarm. From the Pittsburgh Post. It is reported from Tokyo that the Japanese press ridicules the attempts of the Russian papers to cause a disturbance between Japan and the United States.

Spawls from the Keystone. —The Vinton Colliery company of Vintondale, Cambria county, is making improvements at that place which it is said, will cost about \$1,000,000.

—Mrs. William Fisher, a progressive woman who conducts a farm near Wernersville, Berks county, converted her last year's milk product into 3,034 pounds of butter and 6,000 pounds of cup cheese.

—The first otter that has been killed in fifteen years in Lancaster county was shot near Shenk's ferry, along the Susquehanna river, on Thursday, by Oliver F. Love. The animal measured three feet in length and was a splendid specimen, dark brown in color.

—An enterprising farmer in Dover township, York county, advertises that he will give away free 1,000 pumpkins pies to the persons who attend a public sale of his farming implements and stock, which takes place soon. He has also secured the service of a brass band for the entertainment of his intending purchasers.

—The diphtheria epidemic at Tyrone, which had almost disappeared, under the rigid quarantine regulations, has broken out with fresh violence and it is feared that it may be necessary to again close the schools, which had been closed several weeks prior to the Christmas holidays on account of the diphtheric scourge.

—Two women of Williamsport, aunt and niece, who have been hunting each other for years, were unexpectedly united recently. The women are Mrs. Elizabeth Toner, of Elm street, Newberry, and Mrs. Charles Bastian, of East Jefferson street. Neither of the women was aware of the other's presence in the city, although both had lived there for fifteen years.

—The town of Bedford is in the throes of dispute over the subject of lighting its streets. At present it has no contract with the electric light company, but is paying at the old rate each month, in a sort of a continuous line of dispute. A new company, which proposes to introduce gas in the town for light, heat and manufacturing purposes, is knocking at the door for a franchise.

—A masked party was given by Miss Emma B. Brown, daughter of Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. William B. Brown, at her parents' home in New Castle on Saturday night. It was attended by 125 persons and was the chief society event of the week. Everything passed off gleefully until the refreshments were to be served, when to the dismay of the fair hostess it was found that thieves had carried off the ice cream and other delicacies.

—There has been twelve cases of appendicitis in Coatesville, Chester county, within two weeks, and in consequence an anti-appendicitis club has been formed, of over 100 prominent men of the town. Each member is pledged to live according to a prescribed set of by-laws and rules, which set forth what to do to keep away the dread disease. The club has ordered a barrel of olive oil and each member takes a tablespoonful before each meal.