

Ink Slings.

—Have you made any sacrifices for Lent. —Do you believe that story about GEORGE and the cherry tree?

—The election is over and it is altogether probable that the men who got the most votes were elected.

—All that many men save by making lutes sacrifices is squandered on the Easter bonnets worn by their wives.

—Our Republican friends are wondering why they picked so many lemons in a garden where so many political peaches grow.

—Philadelphia still remains corrupt and contented. Her political revivals are more noted for the back sliders they produce than anything else.

—After the THAW trial is ended the THAW lawyers will have plenty of time to settle their differences and we hope they will use axes in the operation.

—The two-cent car fare law in Pennsylvania, if it ever becomes operative, will probably result in giving the public less luxurious coaches and slower trains.

—A Chicago minister asserts that dancing makes the feet grow large and upon the same proposition we might add that preaching makes the tongue grow long.

—A few blue birds seen on the hills a few days ago reminds us that spring housecleaning time marches on with sprightly step while our physical energies ebb.

—The harrowing experience of the N. Y. C. R. R. with high speed electric trains makes us feel that the old steam engine at a forty-mile per hour gait is fast enough for us.

—The way the Bellefonte Methodists give money for missions has lead many to suspect that there is a mint in the basement of that big gospel factory up on the corner.

—The Legislature has been in session six weeks and two bills have gone to the Governor. At this rate Pennsylvania laws cost almost as much as "solid Mahogany furniture."

—Congress is to saddle all responsibility for the Panama canal on President ROOSEVELT notwithstanding that ROOSEVELT will be gone long before the canal is completed.

—Just what the reformers in Philadelphia are going to do about it is a question that Mr. BLANKENBURG and Sunny JIM will have to argue out. Their battle of ballots is over.

—ADALINE PATTI, the great singer was sixty-four years old on Tuesday. If this be true she must have started her "farewell tours" of America when she was about sixteen.

—Senator SMOOT is to remain in the upper House of Congress. Thus has the Republican party carried out its compact with the Mormons and thus is polygamy flouted in the face of the public.

—CARUSO demands three thousand dollars a night for singing in grand opera in this country next season. The demand is not known to carry with it any special liberties in the monkey houses of America.

—The best evidence that the people of Bellefonte appreciate the work of an economical and careful official is presented in the overwhelming majority Mr. HOWLEY, a Democrat, received for over-see of the poor in this largely Republican borough.

—The new clocks that were bought for the various departments in the capitol are being refused because they are too large and unwieldy. They cost over one hundred dollars each and it is reasonably certain that the State didn't get them on "tick."

—Baltimore's first attempt at an open all night bank has turned out unsuccessful. The reason, of course, is that the people of Baltimore sleep at night. In this they are so near akin to Philadelphians that we presume they will be asking JIM McNICHOLO over there to help boss them while awake.

—The captain of the ill-fated Larchmont evidently stood strictly upon the proposition "that self preservation is the first law of nature." However cowardly his act in being first to leave his sinking boat he probably consoles himself with the thought that "it is better to be a live dog than a dead lion."

—With twenty-two patients crowded into a building designed for twelve it is past the point where thinking about the needs of the Bellefonte hospital counts for anything. Doing is the thing now and it is up to the Legislature of Pennsylvania Bellefonte and some parts of Centre county have done well and do not propose to falter in well doing, but if millions of the State's money can be spent elsewhere why can't this over-crowded institution receive a few thousand.

—The election in the county on Tuesday discloses, in a remarkable way, the absolute non-partisanship that has gradually been growing in the spring contests. Aside from Bellefonte borough, where for years there has been a disposition to vote for men and not parties for the local offices, we find a Republican judge of election and several other officers elected in rock-ribbed Democratic Walker township. While in Patton, just as staunchly Republican, there were a number of Democrats chosen. All over the county the returns bear proof of the effacement of party lines and the lesson this carries is that if party organizations are to remain intact there must be none but the very best men named for office and their nominations be free of taint of manipulation or double dealing.

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Senator Knox and Reed Smoot.

Senator KNOX, of this State, made a very able argument, the other day, against the unseating or expulsion of REED SMOOT, of Utah, who represents the Mormon church and the polygamist propaganda in the United States Senate.

We confess to having been deeply touched by the force of Senator KNOX's arguments and the logic of his reasoning. Precisely the same points have been asserted in these columns time and again.

We are glad to learn, however, that there is now a Republican in Congress who has sufficient respect for the constitution to plead for its maintenance. That it is a recent development detracts nothing from its merit.

—The bureau of commerce presents to the public the interesting information that there is a marked decline in the amount of champagne imported.

Work of the Legislature.

The emissaries of the contractors' combine in the Legislature imitated the ostrich, which plunges its head in the sand to conceal its body, again, the other day.

But even at that there is no intention to pass the bill. It was believed that the pretense would help the machine in the spring elections in Philadelphia and the bill was rushed through.

The truth is that all present indications point to a session of unusual venality.

Nearly two months have elapsed and only two bills have been sent to the Governor. Of course the spring elections have been the cause of the delay.

Pennypacker and His Administration.

It was once said of a public man who talked volubly but without reason, that "whenever he opened his mouth he put his foot in it."

With a full understanding of these facts Judge PENNYPACKER accepted the work of the ballot box stuffers and has been their grateful friend ever since.

But let that pass. It is a stain upon the honor of Pennsylvania which can never be obliterated and probably it is as well that it shall remain to remind posterity of the greatest crime against the Commonwealth which QUAY ever perpetrated.

Beware of Gift Bearers.

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has somewhat ostentatiously announced a contribution of a trifle of \$32,000,000, for educational purposes.

We don't think much of these munificent contributions to educational or charitable institutions by every rich man.

After it is accomplished the philanthropists are pained when they hear that the benevolent person is threatened because they imagine that his injury might impair the value of the property.

Some years ago MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE tried to get into partnership with the government at Washington by endowing a National University with bonds of the Steel Trust.

Prize Whitewashing Operation.

The directors of the Pennsylvania railroad have given to the public a specimen of whitewashing which is entitled to the prize.

The investigation was at once begun and though conducted secretly, nobody doubted that it would be searching and thorough.

As a matter of fact scores if not hundreds of the officers and employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company have been guilty of the offense charged against them by the Interstate Commerce commission.

—Congressman DERMER, of Williamsport, has already announced his intention to run again in 1908.

The Japanese Incident.

We have information from Washington that the school authorities of San Francisco have yielded to the importunities and menaces of the President and agreed to permit the moral and physical Asiatic lepers to mingle freely with the white children of the city in the public schools.

It is rather creditable to the Japanese coolies that they are anxious for the educational facilities which the public schools of San Francisco afford.

Japanese coolies have proved strong competitors in the labor markets of the Pacific coast and it is small wonder that there is considerable feeling against them in industrial centres.

—Secretary ROOR replied to a resolution of the House of Representatives for information with respect to a tariff agreement with Germany, the other day, that such information will not be made public during this session.

An Argument for Good Roads.

The Department of Agriculture has been gathering statistics to show the cost of haul paid by farmers in getting their crops to shipping points.

The highest cost of haul is for wool, which is carried on an average 39.8 miles from farm or ranch to shipping point at a rate of 44 cents per 100 pounds for the entire distance.

Except in the case of wool, practically all costs represent the expense incurred by farmers in hauling their own produce.

A stronger argument for the building of good roads, or for the extension of trolley roads with the freight-carrying privilege, could hardly be presented.

Old Gang is in the Saddle.

The evening in Philadelphia on Tuesday proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the old gang, which was temporarily in eclipse, is again in the saddle.

There may be contract grafting and the utilization of governmental functions for the aggrandizement of individuals, but it will be a long time until they are practiced as hazily as they were before the upheaval came.

A continuation of the City party is the best insurance against rotten government. The Democracy in Philadelphia is atrociously and but a little less rotten than the old Republican gang, so little can be hoped for from this source.

Where the Money Belonged.

Judge Kunkel, of the Dauphin county court, has decided that the State has no claim to the enormous fees collected by ex-Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, who is believed to have secured \$141,223 from 1899 to 1904.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Altoona's \$500,000 High School will be dedicated by State Superintendent of Instruction Schaeffer, March 22.

—Fellow workmen saved William Bodine from drowning in Catawissa creek, at Bloomsburg, when he fell in while cutting ice.

—Fear that her husband would be in prison for alleged violation of the fish laws drove Mrs. Samuel Schwenk, of Glendale, insane.

—In three successive oysters that Hugh Garren opened in a Bethlehem restaurant he found three good-sized pearls, which a gem broker valued at \$300.

—A boll under his left arm caused the death of William Balsinger, of Altoona, aged 47 years, a Pennsylvania railroad moulder. It superinduced blood poisoning.

—The Sullivan county Jail at Laporte has but one prisoner—and that a man accused of murder. And that man is there because of a drinking orgie in a lumber camp.

—Three thousand eggs in a year for twenty hens is the record which Samuel Parkhill, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, claims for his levy of feathered beauties.

—One hundred trolley poles erected west of the city by the Altoona, Hollidaysburg & Bedford Springs Railway company, which is to connect Bedford and Altoona, were chopped down by a vandal.

—There are nine applications for license in Huntingdon county at license court which will be held March 4, 1907.

—J. Calvin Earnest, of Bedford, recently secured a patent on a harness fastener. Patent attorneys have offered to have it patented in foreign countries for a commission, and have advised Mr. Earnest not to sell his right for less than \$8,000 or \$10,000.

—A number of counterfeit pieces are in circulation in Altoona at the present time. They made their appearance a few days ago, but where they came from is a mystery.

—Aroused by the scarcity and high prices of farm products, the Wo-man's Club of Montgomery county is planning for an "Agricultural Day" on February 23, to be devoted to a discussion of scientific agriculture.

The finding of the head and a portion of the body of a man, late Sunday afternoon, created excitement among Landsdowne residents living in the vicinity of what is known as the "Dump," a section of land used to deposit ashes and other refuse gathering in North-west Philadelphia.

—Charges have been addressed to President Roosevelt by nearly 1,000 citizens of Carlisle, asking for the appointment of a commission to take testimony on charges against Caleb C. Brynton, postmaster at that place, alleging that "he has not devoted the proper time to the business of the office and that he has been politically active in violation of the civil service rules."

—Two drunken boys made an attempt at the round house of the Maryland and Pennsylvania railroad at York on Tuesday night, to steal a locomotive. The watchman heard a noise and going to investigate found one of the boys up on the seat in the engine cab with his hand on the throttle side.

—Indiana will have but two licensed houses next year. Judge Telford's decisions on twenty-eight of the thirty-three applications have been filed. The Moore and the National hotels are the only two granted licenses at the county seat.

—Martin McConnell, a car repairman employed at the Avis yard, Lycoming county, had his left foot so badly mangled Wednesday morning that it had to be amputated. McConnell was walking on the tracks and did not notice the approach of a train back of him until it was nearly on him.

—Mrs. Zeller, the wife of John Zeller, of Annville, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite at her home on Friday and her two children, Lydia, aged 15 years, and Mary, aged 5 years, were so badly burned and lacerated that there is little hope of their recovery.

—At the annual meeting of Group 6 Pennsylvania State Bankers' association, comprising the counties of Blair, Bedford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield and Huntingdon, held at the First National bank building at Tyrone officers were re-elected for another year.

—The old Packer House, one of the largest hostleries in Sunbury, and the Seebold building, adjoining the hotel, were practically destroyed by fire Monday, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000.

—The convention of District No. 2, of the United Mine Workers, which is to be held at DuBois, beginning Tuesday, March 12th, will be a meeting of unusual size and importance.

—The customary place of meeting has been Altoona, a city nearer the centre of the district which extends on the south to the Maryland boundary line.