

Ink Blings.

The country is at rest. Congress has adjourned. March winds are chill to the shorn stock market lambs.

Dr. WAGNER calls it "circular insanity." We always thought it was just plain "wheels."

Russia has a new Duma, but new Dumas in Russia are about as much good as revolutions in South America.

All president ZELAYA, of Nicaragua, needs to satisfy his ambition to become the NAPOLEON of Central America is a Waterloo and he will likely get it.

If district attorney JEROME cuts any more capers like he did on Tuesday the TRAW lawyers will counter by asking for a commission to inquire into his assy.

In two weeks more spring will be here, but that is no reason for shedding your flannels. On the 24th of March, 1906, thermometers registered four degrees below zero.

The saloons in Philadelphia are to be closed on St. PATRICK'S day. This does not necessarily mean the complete elimination of the annual celebration in honor of the patron saint.

A convict in the Columbus, Ohio, prison has just made for himself a set of false teeth out of old steel buggy tire. Goodness, gracious, what tough food the prisoners must get in that pen.

The public will await with interest the outcome of the experiment of having a girls club in Bellefonte. Inasmuch as knitting and gossiping are not to be prohibited it will probably be very popular.

Every man, woman and child in Massachusetts produced three hundred dollars worth of manufactured goods and fifteen dollars worth of agricultural products in 1905. The latter were probably all beans.

That Beaver county justice of the peace who decided that a young man who grabbed a girl on the street and hugged and kissed her was not guilty of "assault" but of "embroidery" has a judgment as apt as an eye to the eternal fitness of things.

Because cock-fighting and lottery gambling have been prohibited on the island it has been discovered that the Cubans are lapsing into a state of laziness that is not good for them. They say that now they have nothing to earn money for there is no need of working.

President W. E. COREY, of the United States Steel corporation, has put in an emphatic denial of the statement that he will retire from his office at the next annual meeting. Probably he thinks so but then the great steel trust has a way of just dumping men that COREY ought to know something about.

The first luncheon of the new Secretary of the Treasury, after he had taken a fried egg sandwich and a piece of hot mince pie. If Secretary COREY could stand a dose like that he ought to be able to stomach most anything those Wall street bankers put up to him.

The poor Duchess of Marlborough is to come home to do colony work in New York. It is just possible that had she looked over the great city she is about to try to help before she wasted her millions on a worthless titled foreigner she might have found a man who wouldn't have driven her to such distress.

Just to bring you to a realization of your remissness in keeping track of the government that you would give your life to defend, if needs be, we want to ask you how many of the thirty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine bills that the last Congress passed on are you familiar with. Just think a moment! Can you even name five of all these thousands of acts.

AD FAUBLE and "TIM" FENLON have launched a boom for Senator RAYNER for the Democratic nomination for President. While it is not probable that the desire of these two local political arguers will upset the calculations of the national slate makers they have hit upon a man whose name should certainly appeal to a large element of the voters of the United States.

The statement of expenses incurred in running Centre county during the year 1906 appears in this issue of the paper, but owing to the short time which we had to go over it a digest of the statement cannot be made until next week's issue. Meanwhile all our readers should look it over carefully for it constitutes the annual accounting to you by the men you have chosen to conduct your public business.

That you might about as well tackle a mad bull in an open field as to try and book the stock market by dealing in Reading was never more fully exemplified than it was on Wednesday when that stock soared by leaps and bounds for an eleven points rise while the balance of the market was weak. Of course the rumor that E. H. Harriman had succeeded in getting control of the Reading railroad was assigned as the cause but that was not sufficient to alleviate the pangs suffered by the "shorts" while being driven to cover.

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Chairman Sheatz's "Lemon."

Representative SHEATZ, of Philadelphia, Chairman of the House committee on Appropriations, is already slated for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer.

The result of Mr. PLUMMER's experience ought to have served to admonish others against that system for years. He was overwhelmingly defeated for the election and left a political outcast.

Chairman SHEATZ is beginning differently and probably expects different results. That is to say, he announces that the appropriations will be made this year according to the constitution and the law.

Mayor WEAVER, of Philadelphia, is going to Europe soon after the expiration of his term of office.

Reform Talk that is Rubbish.

We have the assurance of Speaker MCCLAIN, of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, that the campaign pledges made in the Republican platform, and by the Republican candidate for Governor on the stump, last fall, are to be fulfilled.

In so far as the Republican platform and candidate promised increased appropriations, we have no doubt the pledges will be kept.

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The Grangers Demanding Again.

Our friends the Grangers are justly becoming impatient of the delays in the passage of legislation in which they are interested.

What the Grangers want is really well within the lines of reason in most respects. They insist on the removal of unjust discrimination in the taxation of "farm property and other real estate."

But the trouble with the Grangers is that they want and favor and demand things and then do absolutely nothing to promote their wants and enforce their demands.

It would probably take a thousand years to convince Mr. OLIVER that the rejection of his bid to build the Panama canal was "a square deal," or that President ROOSEVELT wants to be fair.

Important Bill Stifled.

It may as well be assumed that the bill providing for the measurement of distances on railroads in this State has been defeated. It was not killed outright, or strangled openly, as such things used to be done when the Pennsylvania railroad wanted such results.

As a matter of fact, the measure in question had for its object a just purpose. It is estimated that since the distance between points on the Pennsylvania railroad was fixed, cut-offs here and straightening curves there, has diminished the distance between Philadelphia and Pittsburg a matter of ten miles.

The bill was not the proper or best remedy, however. It would have cost the State something like \$100,000 to make the proposed survey and that would have been money wasted.

Possibly the Interstate Commerce Commission has used Mr. E. H. HARRIMAN very roughly but he doesn't look it. In fact he appears to be quite well and happy.

Senator Spooner's Resignation.

The resignation of Senator SPOONER, of Wisconsin, can hardly be regarded as a great public loss. He is abler than the average of his associates in the body and so far as pecuniary considerations go he may be regarded as scrupulously honest.

Senator SPOONER gives as the reason for his retirement from public life the necessity of acquiring greater wealth. He would have the public believe, it may be inferred, that after fifteen years service in the Senate he is poor.

There are two reasons which probably influenced Senator SPOONER to resign, neither one of which was mentioned in his letter to the Governor.

Having fixed Mormon Apostle REED SMOOT safely in his Senatorial seat and paid him \$15,000 for his expenses in fighting the Christian sentiment of the country, the Republican party has proved its fidelity to the memory of MARK HANNA.

Filibustering Justified.

The Democrats in the United States Senate were not only justified in filibustering against the ship subsidy bill, but they had no alternative.

There is no valid reason for the ship subsidy bill other than the reason which kept REED SMOOT, the Mormon Apostle, in the Senate. It is the result of a corrupt bargain between the late Senator MARK HANNA and a group of rich shipbuilders.

The ship subsidy bill of this Congress was not the colossal fraud which its predecessors of other sessions have been. In fact it had been stripped of most of its grossest features in the hope that by such modification it could be forced through.

Senator CARMACK of Tennessee had plenty of fun with the subsidy mongers of the Senate last Sunday and he was performing a valuable public service while he was enjoying himself.

Harriman and Roosevelt.

From the Bloomsburg Democratic Sentinel. Mr. Harriman is of the opinion that President Roosevelt is wanting in mental discipline. The President is a "very able man," this wizzard of frenzied finance declares, and might be "capable of doing great things," if he only had more "fixity of purpose."

The average thinking man is not likely to be influenced either in his likes or dislikes by the opinions of Mr. Harriman. A writer in one of the daily papers is not far wrong in his conclusions that Mr. Harriman's story of his juggling operations with the stocks of the Alton, the Illinois Central and the Union Pacific railroads expressed a more dangerous form of immorality than that of several witnesses in the Thaw trial.

Roesevelt lacks in steadfastness if not in common honesty. His open traffic in public patronage in order to prevent an investigation of the Post-office department just after he had enjoyed extensive and expensive favors from railroads which had been overcharging the government for services was suspicious if not criminal.

The Higher Law and the Thaw Jury.

From the Conneleville Courier. The newspaper jury, which tries Thaw and convicts or acquits him from day to day, and every day, has now discovered that the District Attorney has him in a corner between the mad house and the electric chair, this by reason of the alleged admission of an alienist for the defense that Thaw had his wits about him when he was suspicious of not criminal.

Alienist testimony is largely theoretical and hypothetical, and Doctor Britton's cross examination was almost entirely so. He did not see Harry Thaw at the time of the shooting, nor immediately before or after, and has no knowledge of his mental condition at that particular time save through the testimony of others.

The chief use of alienist testimony is to furnish a legal excuse for modifying the law as well as the facts.

While the jurors are sworn to try the case "in accordance with the law and the evidence," it has been decided in Pennsylvania at least that "the jurors are judges of the law as well as the facts."

There is no Higher Law in the State of New York, but there are alienists.

That there is much prosperity no one can deny. The enormous expenditures of the luxurious rich testify to it in unmistakable terms. But whose is the prosperity? Are they prosperous whose labor furnishes the wherewithal for these lavish expenditures?

Prosperity.

From the Chicago Public. The minister and his wife who recently separated for a period of three years, meaning to seek a divorce if after that lapse of time they were so minded, have introduced a happy idea. Instead of the trial marriage, why not the trial divorce?

Is Not, But Ought to Be.

From the Conneleville Courier. The Johnstown Democrat denounces as a crime the suppression of news of railway disasters. It isn't a crime, yet; but it's a question whether it ought not to be made one by legislative enactment.

Want the Women to Vote.

From the Perry County Advocate. Some time ago Grover Cleveland was at odds with the suffragists, but now he is almost persuaded. He can't blink the fact that a lot of ignorances in trousers march up to the polls and the further fact that the country is full of sensible women who have as much at stake in government as the men.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Allentown young women raised \$6,555 in one week toward a free public library.

D. C. Crags, a plasterer, of Warren, has received word that he is a beneficiary under the will of an old friend in Arkansas, and will likely receive a fortune of \$75,000.

S. F. McCloskey, an aged citizen of Curwensville, Clearfield county, died Thursday of last week. His wife died the Tuesday previous. For a number of years he acted as county surveyor.

Thirty Indian boys and girls arrived at the Carlisle Indian school last week, all Northern Cheyennes from the Tongue river agency, Montana.

Homer Hetrick, aged 17, was burned to death, and James Oben, aged 18, was seriously burned in a fire which broke out in a saw mill at Camp Run, near DuBois, shortly after midnight last Tuesday night.

The store room of Whitman, Schwarz & Co., at Lewistown, was burglarized Friday night. The safe was rifled and white no money was secured by the thieves valuable papers were taken out.

The prison officials of Luzerne county have been charging the city of Wilkesbarre 45 cents a day for boarding city prisoners, and have been feeding them on choice meats, including turkey occasionally.

The officials last Thursday issued their call for the eighteenth annual convention of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, to be held at DuBois, and set March 21st as the date for the opening of the same.

With his throat cut from ear to ear as if by a razor, C. E. Keys, a Pennsylvania railroad fireman, was recently taken to the Columbia hospital. While Keys was riding in the cabin the bursting of the air hose caused the train to stop suddenly and the fire forced his head through one of the windows.

Henry M. Kuester, a well known insurance agent of Williamsport, was found dead in bed at the home of his mother in Viaduct, Clearfield county, Saturday morning. With his wife he had gone there on a visit, having complained of ill health.

In May, 1905, James B. Miller was murdered at Rainburg, Bedford county, and Henry Rose, who was charged with the crime, was convicted of murder in the first degree at the September term of court in 1906.

With the death of Victor Weldon, a stove maker at Lequin, Lycoming county, there is added another chapter in a sad story. Weldon, who was about 38 years of age, moved to Lequin two years ago.

The section foremen of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad witnessed an unusual sight one cold morning last week. He was riding a railroad bicycle and when a few miles from Lewisburg saw an animal of some kind on the track.

The Round Table conference of superintendents and principals of Central Pennsylvania will meet in Clearfield Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th. The first session will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the assembly room of the High School building.

One of the biggest merges in the history of bituminous coal mining in Pennsylvania has been effected in Cambria county according to papers filed at Ebensburg recently, in which thousands of acres of coal and mineral rights in that and Clearfield county, formerly owned by the Beech Creek Coal Mining company are conveyed to the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company.

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