

Ink Stings.

—Both the March lion and the March lamb have made good.

—Bellefonte had a mad dog scare on Sunday but nothing more than the limb of a tree was bitten by the rabid animal.

—It seems to be chute-the-chutes or the toboggan for Wall street and the wise man looks on without a desire to ride down.

—Senator FORAKER has decided to be a candidate for President. Of course there are other things necessary to his ambition but JOE isn't counting them just now.

—Pennsylvania will not have a local option law this year. That was settled in the House at Harrisburg, on Monday, when the CRAVEN bill was voted off the calendar.

—GROVER CLEVELAND thinks tariff will be the issue in the next presidential campaign. How widely great minds diverge. Now the Hon. T. ROOSEVELT thinks that he is going to be the issue.

—The probable reason JAMES HENRY SMITH, who died on his wedding tour in Japan, was called "Silent Smith" was because he was worth \$70,000,000. In his case the money did the talking.

—The "enotation" that one PENNYPACKER, once Governor of Pennsylvania, seems to have done so pat, is one of those words that only people who can afford to buy things at the "per cubic foot" rate can afford to use.

—As a result of that war over a mule the capital of Honduras has fallen. Let us hope that when they pick it up again they will put the letters together in a way that will spell something a little more euphonious and easy to pronounce than Tegucigalpa.

—"SANDERSON did not erect the building; he merely furnished some of the trimmings," says the Altoona Tribune. For once our Altoona partisan is right. It was not so last fall, however, when it was offering all manner of apologies for this very thing.

—The visiting sub committee of the Senate appropriations committee was very much impressed with the needs of and the work being done by the Bellefonte hospital and so far as their efforts can be relied upon the hospital will receive its full amount of \$17,000 asked for.

—A friend yesterday sent us an announcement that an editor had died somewhere and left \$22,000,000. We don't know who the editor was but we are certain he didn't run a country newspaper, unless he might have had a state capitol to furnish on the side.

—An omission in lunacy has been granted to inquire into the sanity of HARRY THAW, thus the long and tiresome trial has been indefinitely interrupted and should the commission adjudge the young man insane the trial will be ended and he will be sent to an asylum for the criminal insane.

—Mr. JOHN R. MURPHY, a Member of the House of Representatives, has the unique distinction of having read his own memorial services. He is ill at his home and the House, thinking him dead, adjourned out of respect on Wednesday. He is not dead and the joke, if there is any, is on the Legislature.

—An Altoona cobbler claims to have discovered a chemical which when poured upon coal ashes converts them into a better and cheaper fuel than coal itself. If he really has, here is one cobbler who has cobbled his last cobbler. It is all off with the awl for him. He has his last peg driven and the wax end of Easy street is his now.

—According to Capt. IRWIN's report the standard of proficiency in the Salvation Army is so high that it is no wonder the Army has nothing to do with the churches. That feature of compelling all soldiers to keep their debts paid, if incorporated in church regulations in Bellefonte, would soon make the poor little Army look like a mighty host by the side of what would be left of any of our congregations.

—Of course under the laws of the Commonwealth the QUAY monument commission has no legal existence, but should it undertake to carry out the undesirable work it was created to perform why not kill two birds with one stone by having the monument to MATT and then grafted onto it a smaller one to JOE HUSTON. The grafting idea appeals to us very strongly as being just the appropriate thing.

—If the Philadelphia Record is really anxious to know what should be done with PENNYPACKER we feel that we are voicing the sentiment of a great many people when we say that a few good stiff kicks with a frozen boot, administered with celerity, untempered and without enotation, right in the vent of his Prince ALBERT, might bring him to a sense of wonderment as to whether he is an idiot, an ass or a man.

—PENNYPACKER is of the opinion that in criticizing the capitol graft "celerity should be contempered with enotation," which liberally construed means that speed should be modified by caution. The Governor is too late with his recommendation. When the State Treasurer was working over time between the date of Mr. BERRY's election and the time of his induction into office, in order to get the fraudulent accounts settled before the storm broke, his observation would have been timely and pertinent.

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Not a Square Deal.

President ROOSEVELT has disapproved the findings of the court martial in the case of Captain LEWIS M. KOEHLER, Fourth cavalry, charged with using disrespectful language concerning General LEONARD WOOD. The court acquitted Captain KOEHLER and the President wanted him convicted. General WOOD is a presidential pet and according to the presidential notion any language concerning him that isn't praise is disrespectful. WOOD isn't much of a soldier but he was the head of the Rough Rider contingent and allowed ROOSEVELT to run that organization in his own way. He used it to exploit his personal ambitions until he reached the Presidency and since that he has used the Presidency to exploit WOOD. This wouldn't be so bad if it didn't involve so much injustice to others. The Captain KOEHLER incident is the latest in that line.

Captain KOEHLER was in service in the Philippines under Major SCOTT who was post commander and civil governor of one of the provinces. The Major had previously been a member of General WOOD's personal staff and was chummy with that pet of the President. But he wasn't as prompt in the performance of his duty as his subordinate thought he ought to be and the Captain preferred charges against him. Thereupon the Major filed counter charges of insubordination against the Captain and got in first. The court martial found a verdict of guilt to the extent that the Captain's charges were "capitons and unnecessary." In approving that sentence General WOOD declared that "Captain KOEHLER's conception of the standards of conduct and uprightness, as they exist in the army, were distorted to a degree not found in the just and fairminded." Captain KOEHLER thereupon filed exceptions in the War Department at Washington against General WOOD, charging him with language unduly severe and unjust. For that KOEHLER was again court martialed and acquitted and the President has disapproved the finding. He probably thinks KOEHLER ought to be drawn and quartered for less majestic.

That is an example of the perversion of power rarely equalled in the military history of any country. Secretary of War TAFT says that "Captain KOEHLER is an officer with an excellent record for courageous service in the field and for attention to duty generally." But that makes no difference to the "storm-brained" Caesar in Washington who uses the patronage of his high office as a huckster uses his wares. A splendid record for courage doesn't help a man who fails to worship at the WOOD shrine or attempts to maintain his rights and his manhood in a just and lawful way. It is small wonder that thoughtful men are becoming alarmed when such outrages are perpetrated by the man who above all others should strive to hold the standard of justice evenly between men of high and low degree.

The State Board of Trade.

The State Board of Trade is "butting in" to politics in great shape, according to a statement recently issued and ascribed to that organization. It wants no "additional burdens on manufacturing industries," and is opposed to employers' liability bills. It simply can't bear the idea of making corporations responsible for injuries to employees. "Why should not the employee who injures a fellow workman through carelessness," writes these conservators of the Commonwealth, "be held with some of the responsibility, and not throw all upon the employer, simply because he is able to pay."

"The value of this observation," as Captain Jack BUSBY would say, "lies in the application on't." In other words, the State Board of Trade proposes to continue Pennsylvania in the questionable attitude of valuing money rather than life. There is no bill pending in the Legislature which makes the employer responsible for injuries caused by the carelessness of an employee. The MOSCRIPT bill makes corporations responsible for injuries to other than employees of the corporations and the TUSTIN bill is practically similar. Under judicial interpretations, which are a disgrace to civilization, the contrary is the rule in this State and the bills in question are proposed remedies. But they are neither drastic nor unjust.

The State Board of Trade appears to be controlled by a lot of guineas who are trying to exploit their own selfish notions at the expense of other people. It pretends to represent the business interests of the State but as a matter of fact only represents the selfishness and injustice of predatory wealth. Most of the progressive States of the Union have already enacted legislation for the protection of employees by making employers responsible for the evil effects of their own greed and selfishness and the sooner Pennsylvania gets in line with that form of progressiveness the better it will be for the State.

Uncle Shelby's Tale of Woe.

Senator CULLOM, of Illinois, informed the President the other day, according to the Washington dispatches, that Mr. HARRIMAN ought to be put into the penitentiary. Senator CULLOM is indignant about the Alton deal in which HARRIMAN was the principal figure. The Alton is an Illinois enterprise of which the people were very proud until HARRIMAN began monkeying with it. The stock represented actual investment in cash and labor up to that moment and was a gilt edged commodity. It sold for nearly two hundred cents on the dollar and paid a large dividend on the big price. That excited HARRIMAN's avarice and he bought a majority of the shares. Having thus acquired the power he poured water into it until its value was completely submerged and the property has become a subject of reproach rather than a source of pride to the people.

Uncle SHELBY CULLOM isn't sensitive when others are "getting it in the neck," so to speak, but when residents of Illinois get an elbow jolt he squeals like a pig. Mr. HARRIMAN in the pursuance of his purpose of getting a railroad clear across the continent, handled the people of Illinois just as he would treat those of Ohio or New Jersey, if the exigencies required it. HARRIMAN is a pirate who would rob a widow or strangle an orphan if there were a couple of millions in it for him and Senator CULLOM would have watched the process with absolute complacency if the widow and orphan had lived in Indiana or Iowa. But the Alton widow and orphan lived in Illinois and your Uncle SHELBY let his indignation enjoy unbridled freedom for a time and finally took his tale of woe to Washington and laid it before the President.

Uncle SHELBY informs us that he doesn't know what the President thought of the matter, but so far as he is concerned, he just spoke his mind. He told the President that a colossal crime had been perpetrated and that HARRIMAN ought to be adequately punished. No doubt he has accurately described the incident. It would be just like Uncle SHELBY to do what he says he did do. It is a pity, however, that he doesn't understand the President better. If he did he would be able to add to his interesting narrative the statement that the President will not put Mr. HARRIMAN into the penitentiary or any other disagreeable place for the ample reason that Mr. HARRIMAN is the most liberal contributor to the Republican corruption fund and paid more to procure ROOSEVELT's election than any other individual. ROOSEVELT knows his friends.

—Contractor SANDERSON has not gone to Europe as was commonly reported but is living at an expensive New York hotel. Well he is just as safe there as in Europe for a summons can't be served on him in either place.

An Encouraging Statement.

State Senator ARTHUR G. DEWALT, a member of the Capitol Investigating Commission, declares that those responsible for the graft "should be prosecuted and sent to jail." He adds that former Governor PENNYPACKER will be summoned to testify and intimates pretty strongly that it will not be a perfunctory affair. In other words, the eulogist of QUAY and the apologist for criminal misfeasance in office will be compelled to explain why he paved the way for the treasury looting which Senator DEWALT estimates at at least \$5,000,000. There will be mighty little "enotation" in this process if the commission is just to itself.

The evidence already brought out in the investigation leaves no doubt as to the collusion. There is very little uncertainty as to the conspirators. Governor PENNYPACKER was the principal offender. Probably he imagined that he was paying a subtle tribute to the memory of QUAY when he was thus converting the administration of the government into an agency for robbing the people. QUAY's whole life had been a period of iniquity and the perversion of power to spoliation was a form of continuing QUAYISM after QUAY had gone. Therefore if those responsible for the crimes perpetrated in the construction of the capitol are to be punished the recent Governor should be the first to be put on the rack.

Governor PENNYPACKER introduced the resolution which made the looting almost a necessary incident of the capitol construction. He deliberately deceived other bidders for the work by assuring them that separate bids would be considered when he knew that he had made that impossible. For these reasons if there are to be prosecutions the first who ought to be brought to the bar of the criminal court is SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER, the worshipper of QUAY and the friend of all official crooks. Senator DEWALT's assurance that such will be the result of the investigation is most encouraging and gratifying.

—In the event that the capitol grafters are prosecuted the appearance of PENNYPACKER in striped clothes will be an interesting spectacle.

Our Charity Institutions.

The commission appointed two years ago to "investigate the management of Pennsylvania institutions for the insane," has made its report. It was tardy in beginning and slow in completing its work but on the principle of "better late than never," we are probably estopped from complaint on that score. As a matter of fact it is something in the nature of an accident that an investigation was made at all. If the political convulsion which resulted in the election of WILLIAM H. BERRY to the office of State Treasurer had not occurred, we might suspect the worst, but there would be no official declaration that the condition of our charity institutions are a disgrace to civilization.

The report of the commission justifies the very worst suspicions which were entertained on the subject. The institutions are unsanitary, over-crowded, badly managed and in some cases dishonestly conducted. The members of the commission were horrified at the spectacles which were presented to their view. They were told all about it during the campaign last fall but vehemently denied every accusation. As long ago as during the last session of the Legislature the facts were presented in such unmistakable terms that everybody except the managers of the machine understood. But they were entirely oblivious. They wanted the money for the capitol grafters.

Strangely enough, moreover, the head of the commission, the report of which has horrified the public, was Speaker of the House of Representatives two years ago and ex-officio a member of the committee on appropriations of that body. He was also a member of the Boas mansion colony and must have known of the conditions of the institutions as well as the resources of the treasury. But he made no effort to remedy the evils or correct the faults in the management of our charities. One word from him then would have turned the tide in the direction of justice and righteousness, but he never uttered the word. Now that the machine has no use for the money, however, he is willing to be right.

—Ex-Senator BURTON, of Kansas, who has just emerged from a Missouri jail is very bitter against the President to whom malice he ascribes most of his misfortunes. BURTON is not what you would call a credible witness but some of his statements with respect to ROOSEVELT's perfidy are so buttressed by circumstances as to command belief.

The Final Argument.

We wouldn't under any circumstances discourage an early final adjournment of the Legislature if the work of the Legislature is completed early. There is no substantial advantage to the public in prolonged legislative labor. But the present Legislature can't afford to adjourn finally until certain pledges are fulfilled whether one month or six will be required to achieve the result. Legislation to enforce the constitution has made no progress as yet. No ballot reform legislation other than the LYDICK-RIPP primary election bill has been presented and other promised reforms are moving tardily if at all.

The Legislature ought not to adjourn finally until such measures are enacted. And even if those measures were enacted the Legislature ought not to adjourn finally until provision has been made to give publicity to a report of the investigation of the capitol graft. A bill was introduced the other day to appropriate sufficient funds to make the investigation searching and complete. That bill ought to be passed promptly. The work should not be retarded or its efficiency impaired for want of funds. But there is little use of a thorough investigation unless provision is made for the publication of the report.

There is a growing suspicion that an attempt will be made to defeat that result. In other words the impression is spreading that the Legislature will adjourn before the investigation is finished and that consequently there will be no way to make the report public. If that is done justice will be outraged as it has never been before. As soon as the investigation is ended the results should be given to the world that all may understand who is culpable and visit adequate condemnation on the guilty. It is not necessary for the Legislature to be in session to achieve this result but it is necessary that a way to make the result of the inquiry public be provided by law.

—The contracts for the big battleships authorized by the last Congress are to be rushed. The President is probably afraid that reason will resume sway in Congress in which event the law authorizing the largest one would be repealed.

—Judge GARY, chairman of the Steel trust also promises to be good. The frenzied financiers are all dodging the retribution which is inevitable but they can't get away with the swag and leave a record for integrity.

Presidential Possibilities.

From the New York Press. One of the lists of possibilities for the Republican nomination for president next year going the rounds of the newspapers is: Theodore Roosevelt of New York. Charles E. Hughes of New York. Elihu Root of New York. George B. Cortelyou of New York. William H. Taft of Ohio. Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa. Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana. Albert B. Cummins of Iowa. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin. W. M. Crane of Massachusetts. Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania. A little blue penciling, for obvious reasons, shows how excessively the list has been padded. These are to be stricken out for reasons that are self-evident.

Roosevelt—Because he will not touch it. Root—Because he could not carry New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, nor a single state, with the possible exception of Iowa, west of the Mississippi river.

Cortelyou—Same reason. Knox—Same reason. Taft—Can't get the delegates of his own state nor of any other worth mentioning; might have a few federal officials from territories.

Foraker—President Roosevelt's battleax will knock him in the head. Fairbanks—Frozen stiff. Cummins—Hasn't any principles except "push myself along."

Crane—Never been introduced to the public. So the host dwindles to:

Hughes. La Follette. Shaw. Shaw is a good man, but the public regards him as too conservative. It will not vote for a man who is less radical than Roosevelt. This leaves:

Hughes. La Follette. Plenty and to spare! Here is something worth study. It is worth pasting up for future reference. It indicates a trend in Republican sentiment of profound significance. When the most important Republican organ in the country eliminates from the list of presidential possibilities the name of every conservative mentioned, leaving only the names of Hughes and La Follette, the most conspicuous Republican radicals, on the roster, the fact is one to challenge wide and thoughtful attention.

The Oil Kings Warning.

From the Pittsburg Sun. Whatever the business ethics of the head of the Standard Oil corporation, his private life and personal habits and unostentatious manner shine brightly by comparison with others of his school of finance. His worldly wisdom should command respect.

In discussing the present situation the oil king among other things recently said: "There is an undercurrent that doesn't look good. I don't think our people are saving the money they should save. The Nation at the present time is unusually prosperous, but financial reports do not show that saving has increased in ratio with our prosperity."

Here is something for you, Mr. Man, to ponder over. You have been enjoying an increase of income for some time. What are you doing with it? Are you any better off? Any happier? Any better able to meet the next gale? What are you doing to help this country to deserve the prosperity that now blesses it?

The money sense is strongly developed in Rockefeller. He scents danger, and from a cause that is perfectly obvious to all must bring forcible measures are taken to allay evil conditions.

Getting scared and trying to grab things and to get in out of the wet will only precipitate the catastrophe. The panic is a kind of storm that falls on the just and unjust, hard.

It never pours when the just are in the big majority, but it won't always wait for them to take their time to resume control. Get busy!

A Legal Thrashing for Editors.

From the Baltimore News. A new principle in jurisprudence is presented by a bill pending in the Pennsylvania legislature. \* \* \* The bill in effect authorizes aggrieved citizens to whip the editor without being liable to legal penalty. It expressly provides that the defendant in any suit for assault and battery, or in any civil action for damages, shall be acquitted if he can prove that within a year the person assaulted wrote or published any false or defamatory matter concerning the defendant, or any member of his family, or his fiancée. The last-mentioned ground of immunity emphasizes the features of brain storm on which the legislation is obviously founded. It marks an advance along the new line which has been opened in our jurisprudence, in that it does not propose to leave effects of brain storm to the protection of the unwritten law when it is an affair between the editor and the indignant subscriber.

A Fitting Commentary.

From the Springfield Republican. A member of the Pennsylvania legislature, representing the "old gang" of Philadelphia, has met the repeal of the much-ridiculed Pennypacker press-muzzling law by offering a bill which virtually substitutes "press slugging" for "press muzzling." The bill provides that the charge of assault and battery shall be dismissed when the assault is committed because of newspaper attacks. This is about the best commentary to date on the character of the Philadelphia ring.

Nobody Wants It.

From the Philadelphia Record. When the Quay statue shall have been completed, ready for delivery to the State, it will be a sort of mortuary derelict. Governor Pennypacker's Commission, appointed to receive it, "died a-borning," so there is nobody deputed to act on behalf of the purchaser. The original plan of setting it up in the Capitol building was more appropriate than anybody suspected at the time it was broached.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—At a supper given by the Ladies Auxiliary of Modern Woodman of Reading a mile of sausage and a ton of buckwheat cakes were consumed.

—Judge Kooser, of Somerset county, has disposed of the license applications in that county. There were ninety-one applicants, of which seventy-nine were granted, six refused and six held over.

—The McCurt Coal company of Girardville, Schuylkill county, has let the contract for the erection of a monster breaker to cost \$70,000. The plant will have a capacity of 900 tons of coal daily.

—In the gizzard of a chicken which Mrs. Hiram Cooper, of Andrews Bridge, Chester county, was cleaning for dinner, were found twenty-seven pins of different sizes. Yet the fowl was plump and fat.

—John Mills, who is employed in sawing timber on the lands of Sylvester Doyle, near Shade Gap, Huntingdon county, recently cut a monster white oak tree from which he sawed forty-one railroad ties.

—Schuylkill county does not appear to be in a hurry to get its share of the goods roads appropriation which for the next two years is \$87,939.50, as thus far application has been made for only five miles of new road.

—The borough of Lititz, Lancaster county, has four pretzel bakeries, employing forty persons, and every week they turn out over 10,000 pounds, or about five tons of crisp, salt pretzels, which are shipped to various points.

—A new law has just been enacted providing a salary of \$2 per day for two days and mileage at the rate of three cents per mile for each school director who attends the annual meeting of the county association of school directors.

—The headless body of a man was found in the Susquehanna river ten miles below Sunbury, on Saturday, securely tied in a sack. There were ten bullets and five knife wounds in the body and the head was severed close to the shoulders.

—Peter Burkett, a civil war veteran, aged 76 years, of Penfield, Clearfield county, has placed five children in the Soldiers' Orphan school at Juniata, near Uniontown. Burkett survives thirty-three children, twenty-one of whom are alive.

—Ex-Congressman William Connell has paid \$534.34 for a strip of land four inches wide and 150 feet deep, running along the side of his million dollar office building in Scranton, for the purpose of building a fire wall to protect the fire structure.

—Thirty female employees walked out of South Sharon tin mill on Tuesday, and as a result a larger number of other employees must quit work. The reason alleged for quitting is that the girls objected to a new foreman recently placed over them.

—Lewis Emery Jr., who was the Democratic-Lincoln party nominee for governor last fall, has brought action for alleged libel against the publishers of the News Times, Reporter and Courier, all newspapers of Lebanon. The alleged libelous matter, it is claimed, was published during the campaign and \$10,000 damages is asked in each case.

—Joseph Erelman, of Palmer township, Northampton county, died recently, leaving his estate to his nephew, Andrew Erelman. After the nephew had made an inventory of the estate, he was rummaging on the attic on Wednesday when he noticed a pair of old rubber boots which attracted his attention and investigating he found in one of them \$22,300 in bank notes.

—It is said that the term of criminal court which has just closed in Cambria county has established a new record in the number of convictions for penitentiary offenses. Twenty-one prisoners were sent to the pen, the sentences aggregating forty-nine years and four months. Of the number sent up all but nine were foreigners, and in every case in which the guilty man is not an American the offense is some form of personal assault.

—Miss Daisy Mindrew, aged 23 years, a popular and talented young lady of St. Mary's, was found drowned in Elk creek Saturday forenoon. The young lady disappeared Friday night. As she failed to return home late that night, the fire alarm bell was rung at 12:30 a. m. to call the people out to assist in the search, but not until next forenoon was her lifeless body found in the creek. The girl had been in poor health for some time, and while temporary insane, drowned herself.

—Mrs. John F. Myers, of near Wolrich, Clinton county, was attracted by the barking of some dogs in the mountain near her home a few days ago, and knowing her husband to be in that vicinity, started out with a rifle to ascertain what was going on. In going up the mountain she became aware that there was a strange animal ahead of her, and this quickly developed into a catamount. Aiming the rifle the woman shot and killed the animal, which measured almost three feet and weighed over twenty pounds.

—The Altoona Sand, Clay and Iron Ore company, with a capital of \$80,000, was organized last Thursday by a number of Altoona business men. The company is already in control of a large tract of land at Warriorsmark which contains valuable deposits of sand, limestone and iron ore. A sand mill, crusher, etc., have been erected on the ground and a siding put in from the railroad. Operations are to be begun on April 1. D. Ramey Peffer, of Punxsutawney, has been chosen general manager of the company and will have his offices in Altoona.

—An idea of the rapidity with which the timber is disappearing from some sections of Pennsylvania can be obtained from the following figures, which refer to the timber cutting on the Hicks run tract, in Clearfield county: Original size of tract, 9,000 acres; timber cut the first two years, 3,000 acres; still standing, 6,000 acres; amount of timber cut, 50,000,000 feet; amount standing 200,000,000; daily capacity of saw mill, 200,000 feet; daily shipments, fifteen car loads; amount of timber in Hicks run yard, 6,000,000 feet; time of operation, two years; estimated time to cut standing timber, four years; number of men employed, 800 to 1,000.