

Ink Slings.

—What has become of the Delaware peach crop?

—If the back-bone of winter is really broken let us threaten to break the back-bone of the man who tries to set it again.

—The sun has gotten into the e. o. w. class, which means the advertisements that appear in the country papers only every other week.

—Uncle JOE CANNON seems to think there is a chance for him also. He is getting out of the road for no one; especially FAIRBANKS.

—The House has reported out a bill appropriating twenty-five thousand dollars for a statue of Governor CURTIN for the capitol grounds.

—Former State Treasurer HARRIS didn't even make good enough in the capitol investigation to get a verdict of "not guilty but pay the costs."

—The Jamestown exposition has been opened, but there is nothing there to get to expo. So far as exhibits are concerned they are like Jamestown, only a name.

—There has been no move yet to order the fleet at Jamestown up to Oyster Bay for the delight of the little ROOSEVELTS. That will probably be promulgated later.

—After all it might be a good thing that so much of the "real bronze" in the capitol is really cast iron. As it is there will be less incentive for the thieves to steal it.

—The United States is coining, annually, about three hundred million dollars in gold. Are you getting yours? You are not if you are not advertising or reading the papers.

—The tombstone makers of New York are striking for an eight hour day, while the grim reaper death keeps right on mowing them down, one each second, in every twenty-four hours in the day.

—It is announced that ROCKERFELLER is to give fifty million to the cause of converting the Chinese. He probably figures that after they are made to see "the light" they will buy some of it from him.

—The drunk who kicked a hole in one of the plate glass windows in Doll's bakery Tuesday afternoon because he saw something in there that didn't look good to him, must have seen a reflection of himself.

—Speaker MCCLAIN has been making a very good speaker and he should be content to stand on that record. There is danger of his ruining his reputation as a speaker by trying to become a booster on the side.

—The fact that a Johns Hopkins professor has knowledge of a whale that could swallow a man knocks another pin from under the skeptics who are trying to make us believe that there is nothing in that JONAH story.

—Senator FRED GODCHARLES, of the Northumberland district, who lined up with the machine for the defeat of the McCORD bill, is floundering a few things about himself now that will probably do him good to know.

—ANDREW CARNEGIE has given a diplomatic to France and to Germany. Where ANDY procured two of them we don't know because, for several years, we have been laboring under the impression that the only known one was found at Schwenksville, this State.

—The proposition to nominate JOHN B. LARKIN, of Pittsburgh, for State Treasurer to succeed Mr. BERRY should meet with the approval of all who are anxious to have the office filled by a fearless and honest man. LARKIN is just such a man as BERRY and would continue the latter's graft exposure if elected.

—While GEORGE GRAY BARNARD walks the streets of Paris, penniless and a bankrupt, because of the real art he was creating for his native State, HUSTON and SANDERSON are probably driving automobiles from one swell cuf to another in order to find places to squander the vast sums they received for plans that were stolen and furnishings that are shams.

—How does it come that all this gush about a third term for ROOSEVELT is being sent out by the ROOSEVELT news bureaus. If he really isn't after a third term let him stop cackling so much himself and the people will call a man to the presidency when the time comes. The history of the government doesn't reveal any dearth of presidential timber at any time, past or present.

—A civil service law covering state offices in Pennsylvania will not be popular with machine Republicans, consequently will not be passed. The machine has no use for a system that would retain one set of efficient office holders permanently. What it wants is a chance to have them around for future favors as well as the opportunity to kick out all the fellows who don't have some goods to deliver at each election.

—If the report be true that PENROSE has increased the railroads in his re-election to the Senate then it is next to a certainty that PENROSE will succeed himself as the misrepresentative of this State in the upper branch of Congress. While the railroads do not wield the influence they once did in Pennsylvania politics they can yet bring potent enough influence to change sentiment very materially and if they rally to PENROSE's support he will probably be re-elected without much of a struggle.

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Roosevelt's Bad Example.

President ROOSEVELT has semi-officially announced his intention to take a hand in the politics of New York. He wants to make Governor HUGHES of that State the candidate of his party for Vice President and reasons that making a success of his gubernatorial administration is an essential to that result. Therefore he proposes to enforce the Governor's policies on the leaders of his party. Wise or otherwise they are to be accepted without question. Recalcitrancy will be resented and opposition penalized. This is the latest dictum from Washington and it is in dead earnest. The presidential office has not hitherto been degraded to so low a level but this fact might be overlooked under ordinary circumstances. It is agreed that the President has a right to exercise his duties of citizenship and ROOSEVELT being a citizen of New York is entitled to the privilege of participating in the contests in the State. But he should exercise that right as other men do or at least in lawful manner. In other words, the President has no more right to use the patronage of the government to compass political results than other men have to employ "valuable things" to achieve the same end.

The President's programme fails to conform to this obvious requirement, however. That is to say, according to well authenticated reports from Washington, the President has announced that all federal officials must actively support Governor HUGHES in all his undertakings or lose their jobs. In fact he demanded the resignation of Revenue Collector SANDERS, of Genesee, the other day because former Congressman WADSWORTH, who procured his appointment, is opposing some of the plans of the Governor, and announced that every other federal officer similarly situated would be treated in the same way.

There is only one way to characterize such conduct. Under the law influencing political results by trading in official patronage is bribery and therefore the action of the President is criminal and the fact that it is the President aggravates rather than mitigates the turpitude of the offense. One of the essential duties of public officials is to set a good example to the people. When they disobey the law others lose that respect for it which is necessary to good government and thus ROOSEVELT is setting a dangerous example to the people of the country.

Olney the Next Member.

RICHARD OLNEY, of Massachusetts, is likely to be the next new member of the President's Ananias club. Mr. OLNEY is a very illustrious lawyer and a highly respected citizen. He has served the public with great distinction and ample satisfaction as Attorney General of the United States and Secretary of State. His name has frequently been discussed as among the most eligible presidential candidates and his legal opinions command the highest respect on both sides of the Atlantic ocean. But he said things, the other day, in a speech before the American Society of International Law, which are certain to bring him within the radius of the presidential reprobation.

Mr. OLNEY's theme was the "Development of International Law as a Science." Any one will admit that that is a grave subject and yet few persons will deny that Mr. OLNEY is splendidly capable of discussing it. Incidentally it brought him to the consideration of the Monroe Doctrine, during which he exoriated that absurd interpretation of that doctrine which makes the government of the United States "an international policeman for the American continent or a debt collecting agency for the benefits of foreign creditor States and their citizens." He showed the evil consequences of such contingencies both to our own government and the people of the other countries concerned.

Mr. OLNEY was equally unsparing in his condemnation of that crowning atrocity of the present administration which robbed Colombia of that portion of her territory that now comprises the Isthmian canal zone. He didn't refer to the fact that a revolution had been organized and supported by the government of the United States to promote that unholy transaction but he declared substantially that it had stolen the territory in question. "There was no pretense that that Republic had ever parted with its territory voluntarily," he said, "the territory was practically appropriated." If that doesn't entitle him to membership in the club nothing can.

The Eastern Dealer, an implement magazine, in its issue of April 18th devotes three pages to an article on the dairy interests at The Pennsylvania State College. It is one of the most comprehensive stories of that department of the College that has ever appeared in print.

An Italian fight in the neighborhood of the Brown Row, on Sunday night, resulted in two of the foreigners being arrested and looked up.

Our New Attorney General.

The Attorney General assures the public, according to popular gossip, that the capitol looters will be punished to the full measure of the law. We expected as much from Attorney General TODD. He has not been a politician, and he has had no interest, direct or indirect, in the graft. His predecessor in office was equally free from complicity in political chicanery when he went to Harrisburg. But unfortunately for him he was associated with a Governor who was under obligations to the machine and he yielded both conscience and manhood to make good with his chief. The history of the State reveals no more lamentable incident than the prostitution of Attorney General CARSON to the base purposes of QUAY'S "Cousin SAM."

Attorney General TODD is a distinguished lawyer who came into the public life of the Commonwealth without political backing. He was known to the bar, not only of Philadelphia, but of the State, as a "lawyer's lawyer." That is to say, he knew the law better than most lawyers but wasn't himself known to the public. We can conceive of no better recommendation for the office to which he was called. We can imagine no other Republican Governor than EDWIN S. STUART who would have called him to the office under those conditions. But his announcement that the grafters, high and low, will be punished, more than justifies the wisdom of his selection. It proves that the right man is in the right place.

But Attorney General TODD will have plenty of work to do if he fulfills his promise with respect to the grafter. There is plenty of criminal business to be looked after, if the testimony taken before the probing commission is anything like accurate. Collision between HUSTON, SANDERSON, PAYNE and CASSELL has already been shown and if PENNYPACKER is not inculcated as an accessory before and after the fact he will have to show us. But we believe that Attorney General TODD is equal to the emergency. No lawyer has had a greater task before him and we know of no lawyer who has greater capacity to meet his obligations. But meantime we are awaiting results and promises.

Reason Has Returned.

The ROOSEVELT hysteria which revealed itself in the Legislature at Harrisburg, a couple of weeks ago, seems to have spent its force. On Monday evening last a resolution declaring for his re-nomination was overwhelmingly defeated. On a previous occasion an almost similar resolution was unanimously adopted. Since then, it may be assumed, Senator PENROSE has been giving the boys a few lessons in discipline. He has been telling them what's what and who's who. ROOSEVELT favors the Senator when he has to but not cheerfully and PENROSE wants a different sort of man nominated next year.

We have no sympathy with the political plans and purposes of Senator PENROSE. He has contributed largely to the corruption of the public life of the State. But at his best ROOSEVELT is a more dangerous man than PENROSE at his worst. The President absolutely disregards every principle of law and justice. He has taken a solemn oath to "support, obey and defend" the constitution but he violates it whenever exigencies require it. He is guided entirely by his own passions and fancies, and he maligns men whenever they disagree with him. Such a man is not fit for any important office or public service.

The re-election of ROOSEVELT would mark the beginning of the end of the Republic. The election of any man of his choice would involve danger though we don't believe that there is another who would pursue his policies. But the re-election of ROOSEVELT would be giving public sanction to the most reckless violations of law and order. Ours is a government by law rather than of men and when we so far depart from the traditions of our fathers as to endorse lawlessness the government of the people and for the people will soon perish. We congratulate the people that reason has returned to the Legislature.

The Chemical Lime and Stone company is losing no time in an endeavor to get its plant up and in operation as soon as possible. A large force of men are now at work there. The quarry is being stripped and opened ready for the taking out of good limestone. An immense stone wall has been erected along the hill fronting the railroad on which will rest the battery of kilns it is proposed to erect, and work on which will be pushed as fast as possible. One nice thing the Chemical company has on its property is a big spring of almost ice cold water, and which is located on a hill at an elevation of perhaps fifty feet above where their plant will be located. A pipe line has already been laid and the company will have an ample water supply for manufacturing as well as drinking purposes.

One Curious Fact Revealed.

Careful analysis of the testimony taken by the graft probes at Harrisburg reveals one curious fact. It is that the loot went in the main to the ELKIN faction of the party and it is not improbable that some of the zeal shown in the investigation is ascribable to that fact. The Capitol Commission was a creation of the Stone administration. The architect and contractor SANDERSON and CASSELL, who got most of the plunder are ELKIN partisans and all those who have thus far been inculcated with the single exception of PENNYPACKER are ELKIN supporters. In view of these facts it is easy to see why PENROSE views the progress of the inquiry with complacency.

We are not deluded with the absurd notion that the looting would have been less if the other fellows had been in charge of it. No sane man will imagine for a moment that PENNYPACKER would have been less indulgent if DURHAM and McNICHOL had been plundering the State as they were plundering the city of Philadelphia at the same time. But as a matter of fact they were not plundering the State while HUSTON, SANDERSON and CASSELL were. It may have been by agreement that one faction had the State and the other the city to loot. But in any event it is the ELKIN crowd that is under fire at present and the other crowd gets advantage out of the exposure.

While the PENROSE plunderers in Philadelphia were under scrutiny a little more than a year ago nobody enjoyed the squirming more than the followers of ELKIN. Former Governor STONE became exceedingly sarcastic in commenting upon the exposures. It may be assumed that PENROSE is quite as happy over the developments now being made which inculcate the ELKIN retainers as STONE was when it was PENROSE's friends who were threatened. Meaningless men of all parties have opportunity to reflect that the leaders of both factions of the Republican party are corrupt and safety for public interests will be found in voting them out of power.

Frank Harris Testifies.

Former State Treasurer FRANK G. HARRIS, of Clearfield, testified before the capitol probes last week and made some startling admissions. He got no part of the graft himself, he protested, and didn't know that the treasury was being looted until the investigation began. But he contributed to the operation very considerably, according to his own statements. In other words, he signed anything and approved every suggestion made by architect HUSTON without taking the trouble to inquire whether it was right or wrong. There may be an absence of turpitude in such action but it is certainly criminal carelessness.

Mr. HARRIS admitted before the commission that he signed orders involving the expenditure of about \$16,000,000 for furnishing and decorating the capitol and adorning the capitol park. He is a lawyer by profession and must know that the constitution forbids the expenditure of money except upon appropriation by the Legislature. He certainly knew that the Legislature had made no appropriation for furnishing or adorning the capitol or building a wall around the park. Even if those things had been done honestly and economically they would have been unlawful and reprehensible. But HARRIS made no objection to them on that account though he was under sworn obligation to support, obey and defend the constitution.

The State was saved a useless expenditure of \$3,000,000, according to HARRIS, because the people of Harrisburg "kicked" against enclosing the capitol park with an immense granite wall. But HARRIS and his associates on the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings had authorized such an enclosure. It would have been as atrocious as it would have been absurd, and we thank the people of Harrisburg for their timely and effective kick. But what are we to say of the public officials who were willing to allow such a thing for no other reason than that it multiplied the opportunities for graft and loot?

Sim Hazzard, of Snow Shoe township, brought quite a menagerie to Bellefonte on Tuesday. It was composed of a wild cat, a possum and a skunk, but they all were harmless. They had been killed by Mr. Hazzard's hunting aim many months ago and were simply mounted animals. He brought the collection in for George Kuisly to display in the Kuisly Room, pool room but James R. Hughes secured the mounts as the matter of a museum at the Bellefonte Academy.

That "Barnyard and Farmyard Circuit" that is to be given by members of the Y. M. C. A. next week promises to be one of the best amateur rural plays ever given by any local talent in Bellefonte. You don't want to miss it.

Some one has asked what silence is? Just at this time it seems to be the Republican papers on "BERRY's failure to lift that lid."

Stupid or Dishonest.

The capitol building is being at last fully uncovered, and we have every reason to expect that we will get the true story of the general concoction and subsequent execution of a scheme to build the capitol for the loot that would be in it. The story develops as a brazen plot for the robbery of the state and its carrying out under the noses of its officials, some of whom claim to have been, and probably were, the blind tools of the conspirators.

Here is Former State Treasurer Harris declaring that he never made a "red cent" out of what he admits was the free hand he gave those who robbed the state under his hand. He did not know, he says, what was going on, or what he was doing when he agreed to the expenditures for the capitol, of whose sum total he had no conception. Maybe he says true. What he says is just what Gov. Pennypacker says. He thought it was all right, and that the men who asked for his signature were good men; who knew what should be done, and whose counsel could be relied on.

No one doubts that Governor Pennypacker was an honest fool in the matter, who was deluded by his conceit in his power to tell a hawk from a handsaw, and an honest man from a thief. A man who passed Quay as worthy of a monument, because he was his friend and benefactor, might well be expected to approve those capitol thieves, who were his party friends, in whom there was guile. Maybe Harris was as stupid; anyway, he had the governor's example to follow, and doubtless the advice that he took came from influential political counselors, whom he would hardly venture to disobey.

This has been the whole fault of his political administration, which has put in control smart scamps, who were able to secure and control their tools. There has been no independence in administrators, for no independent men could be chosen to office. See in this county how at the last election the people elected to Congress the man who was then exposed as the holder of a contract yielding millions in the capitol building, which, by far the major part is admitted to have been without value received. This man was nominated and pressed for election by the Republican machine, and elected by the people in the face of this knowledge. The rottenness goes even down to the people.

The Lydiok Bill.

From the Harrisburg Star—Independent. Speaker McClain has come out openly in advocacy of the Lydiok uniform primary bill, vest pocket secret ballot, popular election of choice of candidates for United States Senators, and all. This is equivalent to notice to the Penrose factionists that the Elkin forces are keeping an eye on them. But to what purpose? The McCord bill might have served the purpose, although the Lydiok bill, which contains a provision for the casting of ballots for preference for United States Senator is said to be superior to the bill which the Penrose Senators were ordered to defeat. Can the Speaker influence any of the Senators—or rather enough Senators to make certain the passage of the Lydiok bill without changes that will make it useless or unconstitutional or both? It is to be doubted.

If several Senators who voted against the McCord bill or absented themselves can be induced to vote for the Lydiok bill the Penrosians can be defeated. If their constituents cannot persuade them to support the measure, then it would seem that the Speaker would be unable to influence them. But whatever be done, there will certainly be an alignment of the Republican factions for and against the measure. Moreover, there will be a square deal, which means that there will be "no dealing from under the table," if the Speaker can have his way. The future of the Lydiok bill will be full of interest.

Two Cents a Mile Pays.

From the Bloomsburg Democratic Sentinel. The returns in Ohio, of railroad passenger receipts, where the two cent rate fares have been in operation a year, as well as on lines in New York and other places, show the reduction in rates has stimulated travel, and benefited instead of injuring the roads in their passenger receipts. Another convincing proof of the profit in low fares has just been afforded by the report for last year of the Long Island railroad, which is owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. In 1905 the road put up fares, and as a consequence there was considerable falling off in the passenger traffic, many of the commuters using the trolley roads. Last year the fares were reduced to an average rate of 1.522 cents per mile. As a result, the report says, "the number of passengers carried increased 3,427,228, or 18 per cent; the passenger mileage increased 60,440,339, or 22 per cent, and the passenger train mileage increased 617,394, or 16.4 per cent. The large increase in passenger business is particularly gratifying, in view of the fact that the previous year's report showed a decrease in passengers carried as compared with 1904. During the year additional industries were located on the line and the prospect of future rapid development of industrial enterprise along the road is very promising." Reports like this may well make the railroad people pause before they decide to contest the new two cent fare law in this state after it becomes effective.

An Era of Slush.

From the Chicago Chronicle. Seasonal preachers haul blasphemies from the pulpit or write baldersdash for yellow newspapers. Demagogue politicians vociferate from lecture platforms or at banquets. Wild-eyed reformers shout bedlamite denunciations at everybody and everything. All of them draw large audiences. It is an age of surcease. Mankind had these periods of aberration before and doubtless will have them again. It is this reflection alone which prevents sane people from despairing at the present deluge of slush.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Notices are being served on the Bell Telephone company that the rate for residence telephones in Williamsport will be increased from eighteen to twenty-four dollars a year, the advance to become effective June first.

—The entire family of Henry Faulk—husband, wife and six children—residing at Lehigh Tannery, Luzerne county, were stricken with typhoid fever at one time. The father is dead and three of the children are in a critical condition.

—After tilling the soil for over a quarter of a century and making it yield abundant crops, David K. Rauffman, a well known farmer of Riverside, Berks county, retired from business, well off in worldly goods and with all-abounding health.

—Over 1,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles were present at the dedication of the new Eagles home at Mahanoy City last Tuesday. The new building cost about \$20,000. President Roosevelt, a member of that fraternity, sent a letter of regret.

—The other afternoon a Huntingdon drayman was delivering a washing machine to its owner, when he stopped his team at a street corner and went into a house on an errand. When he came out the washing machine had disappeared and no trace of it has been found.

—The members of the Masonic fraternity in Sunbury propose building a new home and the contract has been awarded to G. W. Keefe, of that place, at his bid of \$2,195. The structure is to be of brick, three stories high and contains all the improvements which go to make a first class building.

—Muhlenberg college, a Lutheran institution at Allentown, has secured \$127,000 towards its new building fund of \$300,000. Andrew Carnegie has promised to give \$20,000 provided the whole amount is raised, and \$10,000 is pledged by citizens of Allentown, so that \$33,000 must yet be raised.

—On Saturday the largest mortgage in ten years was put on record at the court house at Harrisburg to secure the \$25,000 bond of the American Union Telephone company, which controls most of the independent lines in the State. Similar papers will be filed in all other counties where the company does business.

—However successful clairvoyants are in other counties of the state, in Tioga there is something wrong about the altitude or ozone that gets on the lens and confuses the operator. Recently a medium "located" a \$10,000 oil well in the Gaines field. The drill has gone down 5,000 feet, but the well is still dry as the Red Sea when the children of Israel passed over.

—Gas excitement at Reynoldsville was revived Tuesday afternoon of last week, when Driller Pentz shot the well which the local company had pushed to a depth of 3,040 feet. The shot was at 900 feet, the point where the first gas was struck, and it was a tremendous success. Forty-two quarts of glycerine were used. The well is now regarded as a very good gasser.

—By an arrangement made with the district attorney's office the attorneys for David Laughhead, convicted of manslaughter at the December term of Clearfield court and sentenced to 18 months in the western penitentiary, the appeal to the Supreme court was last week postponed to October next. In the meantime Laughhead continues to act as constable of Bigler township.

—The Central Pennsylvania Lumber company has broken ground for the foundation of a large saw mill at Sheffield, Pa., which will have a daily output of 175,000 feet of lumber. The mill will be constructed of reinforced concrete, and is to be completed by November 1st of the present year. It will contain two band saws and a re-saw. The motive power will be electricity.

—Geo. W. Gearhart, a former resident of Clearfield, and a brother of Hon. Peter Gearhart, one of Clearfield county's representatives in the Legislature, was killed a few days ago by a vicious bull on his farm in Fresno, California. He was aged 61 years, and leaves two sons and one daughter, together with three brothers, Levi, of Huntingdon, and Peter and James, both of Clearfield county.

—Emanuel Hummel, who has been night watchman for sixteen years at the Bloomsburg silk mill, has resigned, as he says he is broken down in health by the task. Every night the rounds he had to travel measured twelve miles in length, much of which was up and down stairs and in the sixteen years he has walked 40,000 miles. He always had a dog as a companion and has worn out three dogs.

—William A. Bond has pleaded guilty in the York county court to stealing seven horses, three buggies, besides saddles and harness, in the lower end of the county, and will also turn state's evidence against Wilbur Wright, a companion in crime. Bond, however, falls short of the record of Levi Bupp, of the same county, who is serving a fifteen years' sentence, having pleaded guilty last fall to thirteen indictments for horse stealing.

—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Newton Hamilton camping association held on the 16th inst., it was decided to open camp this year on the eighth of August. A fine program is being arranged and some of the most prominent ministers of the state have been secured to deliver addresses. A number of improvements were decided upon, and when completed the grounds will be prettier and more inviting than ever before.

—The dedication of the new public library of Juniata college, Huntingdon, was a notable event last Friday. Addresses were made by Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, superintendent of the Philadelphia schools; Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of public instruction; state librarian T. L. Montgomery, and ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker. The new library building was erected at a cost of about \$30,000, of which Andrew Carnegie subscribed \$28,000.

—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Hotel Campbell, at Athens, Bradford county, between 1:30 and 3 o'clock Friday morning. Elmer J. Kendall, aged 50 years, a former employee of the American Bridge company, who lost a leg while working in the shops a few months ago, was smothered to death and there were several narrow escapes. James Cravetto and Henry June, boarders, were so seriously burned that their recovery is doubtful. Proprietor Bonney, wife and two daughters, also had a narrow escape and were painfully burned.