

Ink Stings.

Another hard freeze Tuesday morning very likely frosted the budding hopes of the apple trees.

CARUSO is making a great hit in London. He hasn't struck his monkey-house gait yet over there.

Mr. BRYAN will have hard work to satisfy himself that the friendship of JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES is genuine.

If this weather continues much longer prospective strawberry festivals will be chased back to the oyster soup stand.

Congressman DALZELL is of the opinion ROOSEVELT is hurting TAFT. The big Secretary hasn't started to sneeze yet.

The Philadelphia Inquirer asks the question: "What is a Democrat?" Ans: What DAVE HILL was when he said he was.

General KUROKI having visited Boston the question naturally arises as to whether they served him with baked beans or puffed rice.

Eliza farmace has been trying to become the Mt. Pelee of Pittsburgh again. Her latest eruption on Tuesday cost the lives of five men.

The President's tour of inspection down the Mississippi was more likely designed as a search for votes than as an opportunity to get wise on the Father of Waters.

It seems to be generally conceded now that JAKE FROM didn't kill DALE. The detectives are about "at McGARVEY'S Point" unless they are confronted by a human cook-robot.

The latest reports are to the effect that KNOX has CANNON, TAFT and FAIRBANKS all skinned in the presidential race. How he skinned FAIRBANKS is a mystery. He is so tight and cold.

ROOSEVELT Lemonade is the new Boardwalk drink at Atlantic City. It is a glass of lemonade with a stick in it. If it is "a big stick" the terrors of "dry Sundays" at the shore will all be driven off.

The New York base ball umpire has an unhappy lot. When it requires policemen with drawn pistols to get them off the grounds unharmed it is time the great national game be made less attractive for riotous rowdies.

Mayor SCHMITZ, of San Francisco, might call on his friend President ROOSEVELT to help him out of his present troubles. SCHMITZ tried to help the President a few months ago and one bad turn deserves another.

If the man in the upper part of town who is never permitted to buy a suit of clothes or a neck tie just to please himself were to make his wife wear the clothes she brow-beats him into buying for a few days he might have an end of his troubles.

The Hon. TOADY RYNDER interviewed himself in Wednesday's Daily News and shot up a few more sky scraping castles in the air. After while no one will have to be paying taxes and the State will provide for us all in the way he pipes it out for the future.

President MCCREA, of the Pennsylvania railroad, has returned from Europe to make the observation that there is entirely too much law making in this country. His observation is general, of course, but his thoughts were undoubtedly concentrated on Pennsylvania.

Senator KNOX may be the embodiment of the President's policies as the esteemed Philadelphia Press declares, but the President appears to have had a different notion when the railroad rate bill was pending in Congress. KNOX was conspicuous among those whom the President anathematized as railroad lawyers.

The wine makers in Southern France made a demonstration on Sunday because there is an over production of wine in their country. What it was meant for no one seems to know and we venture that if the one hundred and eighty thousand persons who turned out for the demonstration get busy themselves for a few days there will be an end of their trouble.

"Abe" HUMMEL, the convicted New York lawyer, is finding out that the "pen" on Blackwell's Island isn't nearly the attractive place he thought it was—judged by the nefarious methods he used to send people there when he was practicing law. The first day of prison life put "Abe" out. Strange, too, when so many New Yorkers "feared only death and ABE HUMMEL."

"A people without children would face a hopeless future," declared President ROOSEVELT in one of his latest addresses. The quarter sessions records this week exploded his theory in the minds of those who, having owned the children, have to spend the next ninety days of their future in jail. In this case it's the fellow with the kid whose immediate future is most hopeless.

Investigation having revealed the fact that the average chaffeur commands higher pay than the average college professor there is only one conclusion to draw. That is, the well established theory that the average college professor don't care a continental darn for the money. He goes on with his ologies and his earnings whether the sparker or his carburetor are working at all, and though he likes to have a little gasoline in his tank once in a while his muffler is never working.

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Mr. Graves' Absurd Statement.

Mr. JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES, of Georgia, takes nearly four columns in last Sunday's New York World to tell the public why he favors the nomination of ROOSEVELT for President by the Democratic party.

The substance of Mr. GRAVES' long drawn out explanation is that he is opposed to predatory wealth and favors ROOSEVELT, notwithstanding the traditions of the country against a third term and of his party against paternalism, because of the successful fight which ROOSEVELT has made against that evil.

Up until the present time ROOSEVELT's bombastic bullying of the corporations has had no more effect on their affairs than the bite of a house fly would have on the epidermis of an elephant.

Mr. GRAVES wants ROOSEVELT for President because neither of them is now or ever was a Democrat and GRAVES imagines that by taking such an absurd position ROOSEVELT will give him some of the patronage which he has always used to pay personal debts.

The quarrel between PENROSE and ELKIN will be a pretty fight if it develops to the proportions now indicated by signs. Besides it holds out the hope of the retirement of ELKIN from the Bench and PENROSE from the Senate and that will be a gain to the public life of the country.

Speaker McClain's Gravest Fault.

There is abundant cause for criticizing Speaker McCLAIN for his actions during the closing hours of the recent session of the Legislature, but thus far we have seen no criticism based on the right reason.

The real cause of complaint against Speaker McCLAIN is that he had legislation against which the PENROSE machine might discriminate. The Speaker has vast power over the work of the body over which he presides.

But we can see all sorts of reasons for objection to the Speaker having bills in the body and requesting members to support them, not because of merit, but for the reason that they were "the Speaker's bills."

Even if COREY does lose his job he will probably have enough money to hold the affections of his new wife for a couple of years.

Source of Oregon.

Thank heaven for BOURNE, of Oregon. BOURNE, according to Webster, is a babbling brook, and the Senator for Oregon acts the part. Ever since he reached Washington with his senatorial credentials in his inside pocket he has been bubbling over with enthusiasm for ROOSEVELT and babbling for a third term.

That BOURNE "knows his onion" is amply proved also. Other friends of the President are protesting that he is not a candidate for re-election and would not under any circumstances accept a re-nomination.

If there were any doubts of the desire of the President for another term this incident dispels them. BOURNE couldn't hold confidential relations with the White House and insist on a third term for the President if the idea were not agreeable to the man most concerned in it.

Monday brought us another spell of cool weather, in fact, quite cold, and by Tuesday morning the thermometer was down to within eight degrees of the freezing mark, and below the frost line.

Fit Reward for Credulous Fools.

The obviously systematic movement to make Senator KNOX the Pennsylvania candidate for President is the expected reward of the PENROSE machine to the friends of President ROOSEVELT who supported the ticket last fall.

Nobody except the most credulous was deceived by this false pretense of fidelity to ROOSEVELT. Every intelligent observer in the Commonwealth understood that the election of the machine ticket assured those who were professing friendship for the President would have let him "go hang."

If the machine ticket had been defeated in Pennsylvania last fall there would have been no KNOX presidential boom to worry the strenuous TEDDY now. The Republican organization of the State would now be in the hands of TEDDY's friends and a considerable number of the other fellows would be fugitives from justice.

The Bellefonte fish hatchery, at Pleasant Gap, is proving a very enticing spot and every Sunday is visited by from one to two hundred people. Last Sunday the crowd of visitors was exceptionally large and among the number was a party of eleven young people from Zion and vicinity who took luncheon with them and spent the evening there.

JONATHAN, of Oregon, is probably that bourne from which no traveler returns.

The Governor's Predicament.

The public will watch with curious interest the treatment of the appropriation bills by Governor STUART. The aggregate of the appropriations is considerably in excess of the probable revenues for the next two years.

For example, it will be valid for the Governor to veto any appropriation bill or any item in any appropriation bill "embracing distinct items."

What Governor STUART does, however, will mean something both for the present and the future. If he cuts the appropriations in the legal way some deserving institutions will suffer almost irreparable injury.

In writing to renew her subscription for another year Margaret Potter Kent, of Brooklyn, says: "We do not feel we can do without the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN in our home."

Punish the Grifters.

The grifters offer to make restitution of some of the loot, according to well authenticated rumors current in Harrisburg, if they are guaranteed immunity from criminal prosecution.

If the authorities would enter into such an agreement the State might gain three or four millions of dollars out of a total of six or eight millions that were stolen. But the moral effect of the exposure would be lost. The affair would then have no deterrent influence on grifters of the future.

Besides it is not necessary to compromise in order to secure restitution. If the evidence against the conspirators is sufficient to convict in the criminal court it will be ample to recover in the civil tribunal.

The two chinamen who operated the laundry in this place left Bellefonte on Tuesday, intending to locate either in Williamsport or Emporium. They gave as their reason for leaving town that they had trusted their patrons and now could not collect the money due them, hence concluded to go somewhere else and start in on a cash system.

The Duty on Steel Rails.

From the Philadelphia Record. Significant hints are thrown out that a movement is on foot among the railroad corporations to urge upon the next Congress repeal or substantial reduction of the exorbitant duties on steel rails.

Even if it were true that the great railroad corporations and the trust are so closely allied as to make a disagreement between them improbable, is it not high time that the people themselves should move for the repeal of the high duties on steel rails?

When the Roosevelt administration is resolved that the railroad corporations shall give the public a "square deal," equity demands that the administration and the majority in Congress shall no longer impose tariff obstructions upon the rights of these companies to obtain the best materials in the best market and on the best terms.

Initiative and Referendum.

From the Connellsville Courier. The initiative and referendum would undoubtedly be useful on occasions if it made it possible to permit the voters to express their will with binding effect on wobbly members of the lawmaking body.

Under the initiative and referendum, platform pledges could be submitted to the people for ratification, and once so declared to be the wishes of the people they would not likely be treated lightly.

From the Williamsport Sun. Thank goodness, some good is coming out of Texas. There is a bug war on the feet and the agricultural department says it is a great thing.

Bug's Great Work.

The bureau of entomology of the agricultural department has aided the work by sending hundreds of thousands of the parasites from Oklahoma and Texas into Kansas.

P. S.—It might also be added that the bug's great work has given the farmers dollar wheat and raised the price of flour sixty cents a barrel on the poor laborer.

Willie or Ben, Which?

In the contest for county chairman of the g. o. p. between Willie Swoope and Bugaboo Ben Chase both aspirants are as yet trading softly but without a big stick. Each is telling the people he simply wants the job for purposes of stepping higher and if beaten will be out again next year for anything going.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Monroe county has joined Pike county for the distinctive honor of not having a prisoner in the county jail.

Sixty thousand salmon from the state hatchery at Erie have just been placed in Penn's creek, near Selingsgrove.

Harry S. Schoeller, aged 29 years, a "steepie jack" while painting the stack of the Keystone furnace in Reading, last Friday, fell 100 feet to the ground and was instantly killed.

The commissioners of Indiana county have purchased a farm of 180 acres, situated near the county seat, on which they propose to erect a county home for the indigent poor. The land sold at \$100 an acre.

Walter C. Madera and C. O. Foust, of Pottsville, in a three days' fishing trip through the wilds of Schuylkill county, caught over 400 fine specimens of trout, measuring from eleven to eighteen inches in length.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lehman, of Mount Joy, Lancaster county, who is in her 103 year and enjoys excellent health, on Wednesday visited a life long friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Brubaker, aged 99 years, also of Mount Joy, who is ill at present.

A movement is on foot having for its object the immediate extension of the trolley line from Huntingdon to Reedsville, Millfin county. This projected line would pass through Kishacoquillas valley, one of the richest sections of that part of the state.

Ralph Cowder, while at work in a clay mine near Bigler, Clearfield county, last Friday morning, was instantly killed by a fall of clay which struck him on the back of the head and crushed his life out. He was about 35 years of age and leaves a widow and several children.

Robert K. Taylor, a druggist of Shippenburg, was on Wednesday convicted of carrying concealed deadly weapons, stealing a horse, killing a horse and arson, in the Cumberland county court. Taylor has already served fourteen years in prison for various offenses.

As a result of a heavy fall ten days ago, when she tried to keep her child from running toward the railroad track, Mrs. John Garrison, wife of Station Master Garrison, of the Pine street Reading station, Williamsport, died at her home Saturday morning. The accident caused internal injuries.

A lot of dynamite, enough to demolish a big building, was found by some boys, secreted near the Lehigh Valley railroad water tank, not far from Hazleton, on Thursday. It is believed it was stolen from some mine and placed there with the view of demolishing either the Lehigh Valley or the Pennsylvania pay train.

Robert H. Grier, an ingenious young man of Oriole near Rauchtown, has installed an electrical plant in his house that is entirely satisfactory and cheap. He reaches up from his chair and presses a button, in a flash the house is illuminated as brilliantly as a theatre. When he releases he turns a button and he is instantly in darkness.

A circular letter has been issued from the adjutant general's office, at Harrisburg, to Grand Army posts containing the information that transportation will be issued at the expense of the commonwealth, to surviving honorably discharged soldiers of the Forty-eighth regiment, Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry, to attend the dedication of a monument at Petersburg, Virginia, June 20.

Repeated reports have been received that in German valley from one end to the other, dogs have been chasing deer and that in one instance, a fawn was killed by its pursuers. In another instance when an on-looker saw a dog in close pursuit of a deer and he drove the dog away, the deer was so nearly exhausted that it at once lay down to rest. These two cases are but similar to many others.

At the point of a revolver Samuel Wallworth, mine superintendent at Eriton, near Clearfield, was compelled to get out of bed at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, arouse his entire family, and then accompany a negro burglar to the library, where the family was lined up and forced to watch the father open the safe and hand its contents to the boldest criminal ever known to have visited that part of the state. The man secured only \$1.50 for his daring and trouble.

Mrs. Edward DeWalt, of Hughesville, Lycoming county, is lying at her home in a serious condition the result of a peculiar accident which occurred last evening, while she was assisting her husband in building a fence around their yard. Mr. DeWalt was using an ax with which to drive a post and as the axe descended it broke, the blade striking Mrs. DeWalt on the head. Two deep gashes were inflicted. While the wounds are of a serious nature it is not believed they will prove fatal.

William Niswenter, an independent coal operator, announces that he has made a discovery of coal on a tract of land in the McAuley mountains, near Bloomsburg, which will yield from 600 to 800 tons of coal daily for 30 years. The veins run almost straight along the mountain, which will make it possible to mine the coal by means of slopes. Mr. Niswenter has been negotiating for over two years with the owners of the property for a lease, which he finally secured last week.

Frank Smith, who is cutting the timber purchased by him on the John McDowell farm in Graham township, Clearfield county, last week felled to the ground a giant pine tree which measured 7 feet 4 inches across the stump and was 102 feet in length. Several other great pines on this tract, measuring from 100 to 110 feet in length, but not having such a diameter, stand in the vicinity of this late lamented giant of the forest. This is probably the last bunch of real big pine trees left in Clearfield county.

A few days ago a cow belonging to William D. Kriner, of Wellsboro, gave birth to a calf with two completed heads, two tails, seven legs and eight hoofs. The freak was dead. The freak of nature was given to Mrs. Patterson, who sent it to a taxidermist at Niagara Falls to be mounted. One day last week she received an offer of \$400 for the curiosity from a manager of a museum at Niagara Falls. Arrangements have since been made to place the freak on exhibition and Mrs. Patterson will share in the receipts.