

Ink Stings.

-Japan has tried the benevolent assimilation game on Korea. Perhaps we will be next.

-The "biggest" trout still has about one more week of fun in getting away from the eager fisherman.

-It is beginning to look as though the Ohio Senators have taken Mr. Secretary TAFT over in a boat.

-Our Methodist friends must be in favor again. They had a picnic on Wednesday and it didn't rain.

-A KNOX marching club is said to be in process of formation in Philadelphia. It will come in good to accompany the remnants home after the Republican National convention.

-Obviously ROOSEVELT hopes to accomplish by clandestine methods what the Socialists are advocating openly. That is to say, the President proposes to put corporations into the hands of receivers and that will have precisely the same effect, so far as operating them goes, as government ownership.

-A cow owned by an Italian over at Allentown ate up some shirt-waists and skirts owned by an Italian woman and the latter has sued the owner to recover. If they were the peek-a-boo shirt-waists so much worn that old critter will certainly be the belle cow in the Allentown barn yard.

-Do you want to buy a pig in a poke cheap. It might be worth some money and it might not. We are of the not opinion, but the fact that you can make your own price recommends it. If interested see the advertising columns of this paper for a \$123.46 proposition that looks like fifty cents in stage money.

-At the rate it maintained during Elk week in Philadelphia the North American will have the "N. A. building" so full of hot air that by the time the next convention is held in that city they will need no air ship to fly about the city hall tower. The "N. A. building" will do it; provided they ever get a rudder on it to make it dirigible.

-There seem to be a few things that the Governor of North Carolina won't stand for and one of them is the attempt of the federal authorities to set aside the state laws and run it to suit Washington. We are with Governor GLENN in his stand and hope he will be able to give the middle-some statesmen about the White House the rebuke they need.

-Rabbi HIRSCHBERG, of Milwaukee, needs a talking to. He says ROOSEVELT is like MOSES, the great Jewish lawgiver. Just what similarity he finds in the two characters is hard to conjecture, unless it is that ROOSEVELT has been trying to lead the American people into colonial acquisitions that are anything but "promised lands" flowing with milk and honey.

-Thanks to Judge PRITCHARD. His anxiety to march at the head of the President Imperial followers has brought the whole force up against a snag that is likely to stop the entire procession for an indefinite time. Explanations and denials from ROOSEVELT will now be in order, and the country can look for an executive wind storm that will out-do a western cyclone.

-The Japs, ever cunning, have decided to get into politics in California in order to protect their interests. As they represent a very large factor in the voting strength of that State they will surely be able to find some party to deal with them. It won't take them long to find out how much more efficient are ballots than bullets when corrupt political organizations are ready to trade in them.

-Dr. MORITZ, of the University of Washington, believes that Mars is peopled by a class more advanced in civilization than we are. Professor DOOLITTLE, of the University of Pennsylvania, says it is "sensational astronomy" and there is nothing to it. Meanwhile the public goes on about its business, occasionally wondering whether, if Mars is peopled, there are any as great as HUSTON and SANDESON up there.

-The psychological clinic of the University of Pennsylvania has been effecting remarkable cures of stupidity in children. What has been worked so successfully on the youthful brain might have partial success on an older one and we recommend that the late Governor of this Commonwealth be taken on as a patient who might be benefited. Every little bit helps and PENNY proved his stupidity so certainly that he ought to be operated.

-"Thou Shalt Not Steal," is the slogan of the Democratic party in this State this fall. How peculiarly appropriate it is for a battle cry in Pennsylvania where for years the public pocket book has been as much the prey of gang plunderers as is that of the unwary spectator in a circus crowd for the light-fingered gentry. The crime is just the same, but the results differ. In Pennsylvania the public has known for years that its pocket has been picked systematically and not until detective BERRY was assigned to the case were any of the enlprits found out. He has caught a number with the goods on them, but there seems to be no one to enforce proper punishment. A professional pickpocket, once discovered, would be hustled off to jail in a jiffy. Why not these fellows? Support HARMAN and they will be. Support SHEATZ and it will all be hushed up.

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Report on the Investigation.

It is intimated that Senator ARTHUR C. DEWALT may regard it necessary to file a minority report on the findings of the commission which has been investigating the charges of graft in the construction and furnishing of the new capitol. Senator DEWALT is one of the two Democratic members of the commission. He has taken an active part in the work of the commission and much of the incriminating evidence was brought out by his keen cross-examination of the witnesses. It is neither an aspersion upon his character nor a reflection upon his integrity to say that he was chosen for the service because it was hoped that he would be passive rather than active in accusation. Able and broad-minded it was expected that he would be liberal in construing facts and circumstances. He was rather mild as a member of the commission which investigated the Insurance Department during the extra session of the Legislature in 1906.

There are no reasons to imagine that the estimate of the temperament of the Lehigh county Democratic Senator was inaccurate. He is the big-hearted, broad-minded, capable lawyer which it implies and in the absence of substantial incriminating evidence it is more than likely that he would have concurred in any report which his colleagues had determined upon, however exculpating it might have been. But Senator DEWALT is first of all a man of probity and a lover of justice. The evidence reveals the grossest kind of iniquity and fraud and it may be accepted as a fact that he will agree to no report which fails to condemn the crimes against the public which have been perpetrated and lay a foundation for the trial and conviction of those who participated in or were responsible for them. He would be recreant both to himself and his party if he failed to demand this full measure of justice or to file a minority report in the event that is not allowed.

No fair minded man will question the thoroughness of the inquiry or the earnestness of those who have been conducting it thus far. But the days which have marked the recent operations of the commission almost necessarily incite suspicion. Nearly a month has elapsed since the last meeting of the commission for the purpose of taking testimony and even then the symptoms or "enotation," were too perceptible. Since the lawyers have been spending much time on the examination of the testimony, and presumably the commission will require a good deal of time to analyze the work of the lawyers. These delays suggest the suspicion that there is a purpose to postpone criminal proceedings until within a short time of the election when the skillful use of legal pyrotechnics might enable the machine to convert the whole business into an agency for promoting the renewal of its power.

"Thou Shalt Not Steal," will make an interesting text and with from six to twenty thousand throats uttering the admonition at the same time it is likely to be heard and heeded all over the State.

Let the Candidates Speak.

It has been suggested that the impending campaign for the election of a State Treasurer be made a joint affair. In other words it has been proposed that inasmuch as there is only one question to be settled by the election the candidates should appear together wherever they appear at all and each sustain the proposition which his candidacy implies in arguments before the public.

It is universally agreed that the only question involved in the campaign is the importance of maintaining minority representation in the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, the Board of Revenue Commissioners and the other boards which control the revenues and expenditures of the State, and to this extent at least safeguard the people against a repetition of the recent capitol scandal. The election of the Democratic nominee, JOHN G. HARMAN, will confirm the affirmative of this proposition and the election of JOHN O. SHEATZ will result in the negative.

If WILLIAM H. BERRY had not been elected State Treasurer two years ago the people would never have known of the graft in the construction and furnishing of the capitol. The formality of transferring the property from the Building Commission to the people had been gone through and the statement officially made that the work had been finished within the appropriation of \$4,000,000. It had cost more than three times that sum and nearly two-thirds of the whole were stolen.

The election of SHEATZ will make all the governing boards unanimously Republican and inevitably restore the evil methods which cause such iniquity. The election of HARMAN will continue a watchman in the government who will perfect what Mr. BERRY has begun. Let these two candidates appear together before the public, therefore, and argue the proposition. No better way could be found to inform the people.

A Prostitution of Power.

There is nothing surprising in the outcome of the filtration litigation in Philadelphia. The issue between contractor McNICHOL and the people was not determined by the report of referee THOMPSON. That curious pronouncement was confirmatory not declaratory. When former mayor WEAVER turned back to the machine vomit during the municipal campaign last February, he wrote the verdict giving judgment for the full amount, and costs, to McNICHOL. The election of JOHN E. REYBURN to succeed WEAVER as the chief magistrate of the city, ratified and confirmed the judgment. SAMUEL GUSTINE THOMPSON, in this case as on the occasion when the Supreme court stultified itself with the decision that the law increasing the salaries of judges was valid, was simply the polluted sewer through which the poisonous sentiment was conveyed to the people.

Referee THOMPSON has made a specious plea in confession and avoidance in behalf of the political pirates who have probably generously recompensed him for his labor. He says in the case in point, the fault lies in the language of the Bullitt charter, just as in the other case he protested that the defect was in the delinquency of the constitution. The truth is that in both cases SAMUEL GUSTINE THOMPSON prostituted his power as the referee in order to violate the law, subvert justice and put money into the pockets of others, and incidentally add to his own resources at the expense of the public. In both decisions he has justified the confidence reposed in him by the atrocious Republican machine. He has proved that he can be depended upon for any service that the exigencies of machine politics require.

Contractor McNICHOL gets the full amount of his claim against the city and referee THOMPSON has written himself down as a dogberry without conscience or character. If he had been employed by McNICHOL as he probably was, indirectly, he could hardly have made a more adroit defense of the iniquities of the machine which have made the chief city of the Commonwealth and the State of Pennsylvania subjects of reproach to the sisterhood of States. Referee THOMPSON knows, if he knows anything at all, that the filtration operations were simply a conspiracy to loot the city, and his report affirming the legality of the corrupt transaction is a disgrace to the legal profession. Unfortunately there is no recourse for under an agreement made by mayor WEAVER, after he had gone back to the machine, THOMPSON'S report is final.

HARMAN and HARMONY will be the slogan which will carry the Democracy of Pennsylvania to victory this year.

The Vital Campaign Question.

Reports from Pittsburgh are to the effect that leading Democrats out there are preparing to hold meetings in the near future in two thousand towns or more, simultaneously, all of them to be addressed by several speakers on the text "thou shalt not steal." During the recent meeting of the Democratic State committee in Harrisburg Mr. W. J. BRENNAN, of Pittsburgh, made the suggestion and it met with universal favor. The new chairman of the committee, Senator GEORGE M. DIMELING, of Clearfield, cordially approved the proposition and it may be presumed that the movement referred to in the news dispatches on the subject, the other day, had his official sanction and support.

The only question to be determined by the votes of the people in November is whether or not the conditions which prevailed in the administration of the government at Harrisburg previous to the election of WILLIAM H. BERRY are to be restored. Mr. BERRY, who more than any or all other influences is responsible for the improvement, expresses the opinion that no man of the political faith of the majority party, however honest and determined, could have had the courage and determination necessary to make the exposures and compass the reforms. The experiences of PENNYPACKER in Pennsylvania and Mayor REYBURN in Philadelphia, completely corroborate this view. They both enjoyed the reputation of being honest and capable yet both became servile tools of the machine.

If the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, Mr. JOHN O. SHEATZ, were as honest and courageous as his most partial friends represent him to be, therefore, he would not be able to resist the pressure of the machine to agree to the iniquities of the past. His election will make the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds and all the other governing boards as partisan as they had been before the election of BERRY and that achieved the rest will follow inevitably. Clearly the safety of the public interests demand minority representation on those boards and that result will be defeated by the election of SHEATZ. It is not a partisan question but an economic one.

One Scheme Shattered.

The attempt to conduct a campaign of false pretense in behalf of Mr. SHEATZ, the Republican candidate for State Treasurer, and the ambitions of the editor of the Philadelphia North American, have practically been abandoned. The legislative record of Mr. SHEATZ and the reputation of the editor were alike in the way. Mr. SHEATZ acted with the machine all the time during two of his three sessions in the Legislature and most of the time during his other session. Intelligent men can't be fooled under such circumstances and the ambition of the editor of the North American has been "sat on," so to speak, and completely disposed of.

In other words, chairman ANDREWS, who is also private secretary of Senator PENROSE, had a "heart-to-heart talk" with candidate SHEATZ, the other day. Chairman ANDREWS has a reasonably good memory, but even an infirm mentality would hardly have forgotten the efforts of the editor of the Philadelphia North American, last year, to subjugate the machine to his own purposes through the instrumentality of ROBERT K. YOUNG, then the nominee of the party for Auditor General. Mr. VAN VALKENBURG succeeded in inducing Mr. YOUNG to absent himself from the notification meeting and hurl defiance at chairman ANDREWS and the machine for a time. But the success of the conspiracy was only temporary, and as we predicted at the time, Mr. YOUNG subsequently came into line, swallowed the necessary crow, and accepted the orders of chairman ANDREWS.

This year the crafty ANDREWS didn't wait until the activity of Mr. VAN VALKENBURG had developed into a public scandal. The moment the esteemed North American, inferentially announced its proprietorship of candidate SHEATZ and opened up its campaign of false pretense in his behalf, chairman ANDREWS "sat up and took notice," and we are informed that Mr. SHEATZ was summoned to "the captain's office" a few days ago. What transpired there can only be conjectured, of course, for guesswork ANDREWS is not in the habit of taking the public into his confidence. But it may be confidently assumed that candidate SHEATZ was told precisely "what is trump" in the campaign and admonished that the present purpose of the machine is not to make VAN VALKENBURG political boss of Pennsylvania.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the mendacity as well as the enthusiasm of our esteemed contemporary has been somewhat modified.

The President is packing the courts and there are guileless folk who imagine that he is influenced to that expedient by purely patriotic motives. As a matter of fact he is proceeding in pursuance of his dreams of empire and if he is not stopped soon it will be too late to stop him at all.

Grave Danger Impending.

The President's absurd and inordinate lust for power threatens to develop a new danger for the Republic. Recently the State of North Carolina enacted a law to regulate the passenger rates on railroads within that State. In order to prove the President's contention that state legislation for the regulation of such corporations is inadequate Judge PRITCHARD, of the United States court for that district, issued an injunction forbidding the enforcement of the law. PRITCHARD, who was a Populist Senator in Congress a few years ago, sold himself and betrayed his party for the seat on the bench which he is now polluting.

Happily this extraordinary and revolutionary process was issued before the time fixed by the law for becoming effective. The State court, of course, entirely ignored the order and directed its regular officers to enforce the law at the proper time. Meantime the President or some one else in his behalf will have an opportunity to call the servile and sycophantic PRITCHARD's attention to his obligations under the constitution, but should that be neglected there is likely to be the gravest trouble. ANDREW JACKSON settled forever adversely the question of the right of a State to nullify a law. But precedents which are stronger than any man has settled with equal definiteness the fact that the courts can't make laws or declare the whims of a corrupt judge to be law.

Such a decision would have been impossible under any other President than ROOSEVELT and would never have been dreamed of by any judge other than one appointed by ROOSEVELT. Possibly PRITCHARD doesn't know any better. In the Senate he was more a clown than a legislator and he was catapulted on to the bench because he was both ignorant and servile. It is said that ROOSEVELT hopes to control the judges in all the federal courts in the same way and if he succeeds it will be a sad thing for the country.

Bad Presidents, Governors and Legislators are great evils but bad courts are intolerable.

The Juggos at Work.

The Juggos in the United States and Japan are doing their best to stir up a war sentiment. When a loud-mouthed Japanese booster issues a challenge it is taken up by some swaggering American and threats are tossed back and forth across the ocean. What occasion is there for war or war talk? If any Japanese has suffered violence our courts are open to him; no foreigner will be denied redress for any injury he may suffer. Japan has no complaint against us and we have no complaint against her.

Why this massing of our fleet on the Pacific? It is just to show Japan what we can do? If so it is a bombastic display unworthy of us; if it has no connection with the Japanese question it is unpatriotic for sensational papers to represent it as an evidence of either hostility or fear. In both countries the advocates of a large navy will seize upon the incident as an excuse for demanding more war ships, but to just and peace-loving citizens the situation ought to be a warning against the military spirit which a large navy develops. It is popular just now to urge shooting galleries, rifle ranges and big battleships as peace promoters, but it is as absurd to expect these things to bring peace as it would be to expect personal encounters to be decreased by the teaching of prize fighting in the public schools.

Man is not yet sufficiently advanced to have power without yielding to the temptation to use it. It has been wisely remarked that only the burglar needs burglar tools. If our nation intends to respect the rights of other nations it does not need "the biggest navy in the world." Our resources are well known; if we are ever unjustly attacked we can prove our power of resistance, but the chances of attack are very remote and nothing is more apt to provoke an attack than the parading of our preparedness.

The Real Issue.

From the Ebensburg Freeman.

At the meeting of the Democratic State committee at Harrisburg Wednesday Senator George M. Dimeling, of Clearfield county, was elected chairman, succeeding in that position Charles P. Donnelly of Philadelphia. The meeting was largely attended, every county but two being represented, and the action taken was unanimous.

Mr. Dimeling is well known in Cambria county, he having at one time engaged in the lumber business in that county in the vicinity of Ebensburg and Vintondale, and his election as State chairman of the Democratic party is a guarantee to the people of Cambria county that political chicanery will not be tolerated.

It was suggested that the chairman should fix a day in August for meetings to be held in every county in the State at which the theme of the speakers should be, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." The revelations of the gross robbery of the State in the matter of capitol furnishings afford sufficient warrant for taking such action. The people of the State should be thoroughly aroused upon this subject. There is undoubtedly an intention on the part of the grafters and their friends to postpone definite legal proceedings until after the election.

If the Republican candidate for State Treasurer should win then, as we have before stated, the fact will undoubtedly be accepted by the grafters as strong indication that the people have condoned their offenses and care nothing about their punishment. It should therefore be the duty of the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer and his supporters in all parties to make the issue really at stake clear to the people in the coming campaign.

Roosevelt and the Alton Deal.

From the Johnstown Daily Democrat.

The immunity bath given him by the interstate commerce commission is not the only thing that Mr. Harriman can laugh about. It now transpires that President Roosevelt, who was so enraged by Harriman's unbecoming "Alton deal," is the same Theodore Roosevelt who as governor of the state of New York did his part to make that same unbecoming transaction possible. President Roosevelt can put individuals into the Annapolis club with impunity, but he can hardly go behind the record. In February, 1900, a special act, known as the McEwan bill passed the assembly and two weeks later the state senate. It was signed by Governor Roosevelt on February 26. Both in the assembly and in the senate the bill was attacked as a gross piece of favoritism, as it made the three per cent bonds of the Chicago & Alton Railroad company a legal investment for savings banks in New York state. These are the bonds which in 1899 were sold to those who control the stock of this road (Mr. Harriman and a few others) at sixty-five cents on the dollar, and later, after Governor Roosevelt signed the act legalizing these bonds as a savings bank investment, they were sold out at a large profit. Thus did Governor Roosevelt play a conspicuous part in what is politely termed the "Alton Reorganization" and should also have changed.

Consistency, thou art after all a jewel.

W. H. Noll, the man who gave Whitbrook to Pleasant Gap and established there the biggest industry the place ever had, was in town yesterday and says the way they are tearing out stone out there is a caution.

License to set baskets for eels and snipers, that formerly cost \$6 for the season, was reduced to \$1 by recent act of Assembly. Licenses can be procured from the county treasurer.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The Methodists of DuBois and vicinity held a basket picnic last Wednesday which was attended by fully 1,500.

-There are 10,976 school children in the county of Franklin. Chambersburg has the largest number, being credited with a total of 1,718.

-George W. Clay, while working for John M. Gant, in Centre township, Perry county, killed a blacksnake that measured eight feet and five inches.

-Butter in pound prints is selling at 16 cents per pound in Port Royal, while butter in the roll sells at 14 cents. Eggs bring 16 cents per dozen.

-On one street in Danville there reside twenty-three widows, which is giving the superstitious folks of the town cause for considerable talk and worriment.

-To Eys township, Perry county, belongs the honor of having the first woman school director in that county. She is Mrs. Hugh Bell and she was elected a few days ago to fill a vacancy.

-Thieves broke into a large poultry house on the farm of Isaac S. Long, near Myers-town, Lebanon county, and stole 500 fine young chickens. A similar theft was committed about a year ago.

-John Wood, a farmer aged 78 years, was found dead in a corn field about a mile from Sabula, Clinton county, last Friday afternoon. He had eaten his dinner and had gone into the field to hoe corn. Death resulted from heart disease.

-Perry E. Benson, assistant boss roller at the Edgar Thompson Steel works, Pittsburg, was caught by a red hot rail that curled up and before the rolls could be stopped his body was dragged through the rolls, inflicting a quick but horrible death.

-Following five days and nights of prayer for liberal offerings \$50,000 for work in the foreign mission field was raised Sunday at the closing session of the annual convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Rocky Springs park, near Lancaster.

-John Woods, of Catawissa, who is with-in a few months of being 80 years of age, is believed to be the oldest civil war veteran who has never drawn a pension. When discharged he was examined and found to be correct, and having been well since, he never made application for a pension.

-Mrs. George Gensinger is dead at her home in Wilmerding, the result of bleeding herself too much. She was suffering from bright's disease and believed bleeding would give her relief. Her physician would not bleed her and after he left she opened the artery of her right arm at the elbow with a razor and bled to death in ten minutes.

-Last Saturday evening some unknown person entered the residence of A. B. Kelly, of Derry, and took a cash box containing \$352 and a number of receipts and valuable papers. Of the money taken \$300 belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which Mr. Kelly is secretary. The family was absent from the house when the robbery took place.

-Fifty deaths resulting from the heat and thirty-five serious prostrations, some of which may yet prove fatal, is the record of Pittsburgh and its suburbs for the week ending with Saturday night. The maximum temperature was 85 to 87 degrees and it has often in previous years been hotter, but the humidity was unusually great, which wrought such sad results.

-Clay Ingram, aged 19 years, met death at Lewistown on Saturday by coming in contact with a heavily charged electric wire. He was removing a wire and had just cut the loop and was in the act of coming down the pole when he came in contact with the live wire which was charged with 2,300 volts. He fell from the pole to the ground, a distance of thirty feet and was picked up dead.

-Farmers of Lycoming county lost heavily recently by reason of the destruction caused by a hail storm. Great fields of corn were totally destroyed and the oats crop was ruined. The storm lasted twenty minutes and hailstones as large as hickory nuts covered the ground so thickly in places that they could be scooped up by the bucketful. So says the Williamsport Sun.

-David Weaverling, of Everett, Bedford county, had a startling experience the other day. He was seated in his Morris chair when he felt something move about his shoulders and face. Looking up he saw a big snake. He quickly vacated his chair and threw the reptile on the floor. Then he called his wife and together they killed his snakeship which was of the house variety and was three feet long.

-They are killing rattlesnakes of various colors in Clinton county according to the Lock Haven Democrat. That paper tells of Philip Schroot killing what is known as a black rattlesnake in the waters of Bald Eagle creek while he was in bathing, the reptile measuring four feet and sporting nine rattles. Daniel Lovett, residing in Caldwell, killed a three foot long yellow rattlesnake, which was crossing his path while he was out walking. It had eleven rattles.

-Two wagon loads of meat intended for the use of the soldiers at Tipton were confiscated at Tyrone Saturday and carted out and thrown upon a dump. The meat, it was said, was unfit for the human stomach. Pure food agents are inspecting all food products intended for consumption at Camp Lindsay. A Tyrone butcher had a contract to supply fresh meat and the pure food officials, in their rounds, found that it was deleterious and disposed of it summarily.

-An ordinary appearing trunk lay on the pavement in front of the store of the National Medicine company, Lock Haven, for several hours Monday afternoon and although it contained a fortune in jewelry and precious stones it was unguarded and no one paid any more attention to it then if it had been filled with cheap collar buttons. The trunk in question was the property of a wholesale jewelry house and after the salesman had shown his samples he left it there to be later delivered to his room at a leading hotel. As a matter of fact but few knew of its contents, but there was within its various apartments jewelry of great value and also over \$30,000 worth of diamonds and other precious stones. It remained there unmolested until a baggage man moved it to its destination.