

Ink Stings.

-R. U. an Elk?
-You should attend the HARMAN and BERRY meeting Wednesday night.
-A lot of Bellefontes who never had them before got big horns put on them Wednesday night.
-Vote for KIMFORT for Prothonotary, you want the best man you can get for the office and he is it.
-The rapidity with which Bellefonte girls have been marrying lately leaves no room to question their attractiveness.
-Senator DEWALT was a member of the capitol scandal investigation commission. He knows a thing or two about it. Go to the court house Wednesday evening and hear him.
-Let's get down to the business of rolling up a big majority for HARMAN in Centre county. It is an off year, but Centre county is for honest government and is, therefore, for HARMAN.
-The prices of stocks are certainly on the toboggan. This doesn't interest the public nearly as much as the prices of necessities, and just the public's luck, the latter are on the elevator.
-So the Southern Pacific has been rebating a little here. Well, well. If it had had PAUL MORTON for its president perhaps the finding out of its guilt would be the end of its punishment.
-Forty thousand kegs of powder blowing up at one time was enough to make a wreck of a larger town than Fontanet, Indiana, so that Fontanet is no more and thirty-five of her citizens are gone also.
-South Africa spends a million dollars a year for musical instruments. That isn't a circumstance, however, to what England has been paying for the music of the Boer guns that she heard down there a few years ago.
-The hunting season for rabbit opened on Tuesday but up to this time bre'r rabbit has shown a marked disposition to sit by his own fire side and not to venture out where dogs and guns innumerable await his coming.
-The government chemist having a side of beef that has been in cold storage for fourteen years is afraid to eat it. He should send it over to the Smithsonian institute and exhibit it under the name of FAIRBANKS.
-New York has a SAM SALTER, except that his name is MIKE. He is a ballot box stuffer and is going to be arrested which shows how foolish it is for a ballot box stuffing SALTER to live any where else than in Philadelphia.
-Your Uncle SAMUEL has become the gate keeper at the Jamestown exposition. He wants to get his money back, but the Jamestown show didn't adopt the motto of our Bellefonte merchant, who advertises, "Your money back for the asking."
-Earthquakes are visiting us again. The instruments at Washington recorded one about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, but up to this time no one has been able to find out where it was. It certainly wasn't bear falling in Louisiana under the fire of the President.
-If you really want to know how dishonest things have been in Harrisburg go to the court house Wednesday evening and hear what Mr. BERRY has to tell. He can be relied upon to give you the whole truth because it has been largely due to his efforts that the truth of the scandal is known at all.
-There are many reasons why RUNKLE should be re-elected to the office of District Attorney; the principal one being that he is the best man for the place. He is the more conservative of the two men and not nearly as likely to be involving the county in needless litigation and expense as his opponent. Mr. CHAMBERS is only out for the office for what there is in it. That is his game, so he will need watching.
-The United States has two hundred and sixty thousand school buildings, with eighteen million scholars. Notwithstanding the liberal appropriations for educational purposes every community has its quota of illiterate children; being allowed to grow up without the ability to either read or write. It is lamentable, but one of those conditions that neither the law nor public sentiment seems able to circumvent.
-So the Hon. BILLY MULDOON, ex-champion wrestler and all around fistic sport is to be called to Washington to organize a new department of health. With ROOSEVELT away on every pretext, TAIT and ROOT en route somewhere most of the time it looks to us as though work could hardly be making snob inroads on those worthies as would warrant the public in keeping up a health department for them. Now if it were for the poor department clerks it would be a horse of another color.
-The Nittany Valley-Nittany Iron Co. -P. R. R. controversy is still on and the question of the rights of each party is being more muddled with each turn of the tide. Sns. GARDNER thinks he's on top, the Nittany furnace is still making iron and the Pennsy is doing the hauling, Judge McCLEURE is standing pat and the lawyers are all in the air over the situation. The public is interested only in so far as the squabble may effect the operation of the furnace. It is to be hoped that nothing will arise to cause its suspension.

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All Crooks for Sheatz.

The Pittsburg Republican machine crooks have also decided upon an armistice, so to speak, until after the election. The prosecution of Senator ELLIOT ROGERS for issuing fraudulent tax receipts last fall and the contest of the election of District Attorney GOEHRING will be in abeyance for awhile, therefore. Former Senator WILLIAM FLINN and multi-millionaire GEORGE OLIVER have also decided to postpone hostilities in their impending fight for control of the local organization in Pittsburg until the same convenient season and curiously enough, Governor STUART has made up his mind to postpone the organization of the Railroad Commission until after the election.
Whatever differences there are among these politicians they have a 'community of interest' in the approaching election. GOEHRING accuses ROGERS of felony and ROGERS swallows his pride and postpones his resentment in the interest of SHEATZ. Again ROGERS declares that GOEHRING was elected by fraudulent votes and has no valid title to the office and GOEHRING wears the insult uncomplainingly in order to help SHEATZ FLINN who has made millions of dollars out of municipal contracts obtained by favoritism if not by fraud has "an irrepressible conflict" with OLIVER, who has acquired millions of dollars from unearned tariff bounties. But they mutually agree to postpone the settlement of their disputes until after the election for fear that present hostilities would jeopardize the election of SHEATZ.
SHEATZ, it appears, is an object of solicitude among all the crooks and corruptionists. His defeat might permanently stop the golden flow which makes prodigates of some and criminals of others in Pittsburg, and by mutual consent they "bury the hatchet" for a time. If SHEATZ is elected the quarrel can be renewed between ROGERS and GOEHRING and FLINN and OLIVER with absolute assurance that whichever wins there will be plunder to divide and spoils of war to distribute. The machine will then be restored to power, absolutely, and as one carpet bag statesman in the South said another, a few years ago, "there will be many years of good stealing in Pennsylvania yet."

Sheatz Lacked Moral Courage.

According to the testimony of the Philadelphia North American Representative SHEATZ left Philadelphia on March 16th, 1903, fully determined to vote against the Susquehanna canal bill, which passed the House finally on March 17th. The esteemed North American says: "It should be stated further that Mr. SHEATZ took special pains to vote right on the Susquehanna 'snake.' While in Philadelphia the day before the bill came up he inquired of the North American when it was to be called. Upon learning that the vote would be taken on the following day, he canceled an important business engagement, and went to Harrisburg specially to do his duty and vote against the measure."
But when he reached Harrisburg he came under the influence of Insurance Commissioner DURHAM and the other machine managers and VOTED FOR THE BILL. No doubt when he left Philadelphia he intended to vote against it. On March 11th when it was defeated he did vote against it which would indicate that he was aware of its vicious character. But the power of the machine was too great for him to resist. He hadn't the moral courage to say "get thee behind me Satan." He lacked that quality of probity which opposes wrong under all circumstances. The force of the machine overwhelmed him. He yielded and then by acquiescence in an error made the false pretense of a courage that he didn't possess.
Yet some of the bogus reformers in the State say now that if SHEATZ is elected State Treasurer he will be able to resist the machine in matters of infinitely greater consequence to the managers of that "criminal conspiracy" than the Susquehanna canal bill. They pretend to think that he would stand as Mr. BERRY has stood against graft notwithstanding the vast interests of the machine in manipulating the treasury and public contracts. Nothing could be more absurd. He would do precisely as he did in March, 1903. That is he would serve the machine in the treasury as he did in the Legislature and his election will restore the system as certain as day follows night.
-On Monday afternoon E. B. O'Reiley and Paul Brosius, of Lock Haven, but both well known by many people of this place, were driving along the river road in that city in the former's automobile when the machine swerved from the road and before the steering apparatus could be controlled had plunged down over a high embankment. O'Reiley was thrown out and escaped with a few cuts and bruises but Brosius stuck to the machine and when it finally landed it was on top of him. He sustained a broken shoulder and some bad bruises but no fatal injuries.

Humbog as well as Fraud.

Hastily considering the statement of JOHN O. SHEATZ, machine Republican candidate for State Treasurer, that he had voted against the bill to repeal the charter of the Susquehanna canal company, The WATCHMAN expressed the opinion, last week, that he, nevertheless, had supported the "watersnakes" of that session. In other words we declared that the Susquehanna canal bill was not among the most atrocious of the measures which were designed to bestow upon a lot of politicians the right to seize the streams of the State for water powers and control the watersheds of the Commonwealth for mercenary purposes. Accepting his statement with respect to his vote on that bill, therefore, we held that he was not absolved from the charge made against him.
Since that we have had time to investigate his denial with respect to the Susquehanna canal bill and find that he voted for that measure which he himself denounces as a legislative atrocity. On March 17th, 1903, the measure in question was considered on final passage and Mr. SHEATZ voted in the affirmative. The proceedings are published on page 1091 of the Legislative Record of that year and on page 1081 of the journal of the House of Representatives for that session. On a previous occasion, March 11, it was defeated on final passage and Mr. SHEATZ voted against it. But the machine wanted the bill and after securing a reconsideration of the vote by which it was defeated, procured its passage with the assistance of his vote.
Therefore he is not only guilty of voting for a bill which he himself declares vicious but stands convicted of the graver offense of lying about it afterward. The bill was strongly opposed by the reform element in the Legislature and the single vote against it attracted a good deal of favorable comment in the Philadelphia newspapers. In some way Mr. SHEATZ managed to put the reporters under the impression that it was he who had thus defied the machine managers and he was praised generously. As a matter of fact, however, that was a false pretense. The negative vote was cast by Mr. FRANCIS, of Pittsburg, who had been elected on the citizens' ticket and Mr. SHEATZ, who served the machine, usurped the honor that belonged to another.

Holding up Employees.

It appears that Mr. JOHN S. NEIL, chief clerk in the State Department of Highways, has been "holding up" employes and contractors of the department for voluntary contributions to the campaign corruption fund. The incident has created a good deal of comment in official circles, it is said, and Mr. SHEATZ has been moved to a declaration that he doesn't approve of such things. The machine does approve, however, and that being the case it doesn't matter much what SHEATZ thinks. Gamboe ANDREWS regulates those things for the gang and the rest simply acquiesce. If SHEATZ were in office at present he would probably have some of his subordinates working the employes of the Treasury.
As a matter of fact every employe on the Hill outside of those in the Treasury department have already been put under tribute to the extent of three per cent. of his salary. It is called a voluntary contribution in the other departments as well as in the Highway department, but that is a polite fiction. To quote from one of the clerks in the State department, they are obliged to pay or lose their jobs and they usually pay. In addition to the three per cent. they are also obliged to pay their expenses in going to vote and altogether it is a tolerably onerous burden on them. Besides it is a violation of the law and an infraction of the spirit of good government.
But there is nothing surprising in the revelation with respect to the Highway department. From the beginning that department has been honeycombed with corruption. Before it had been in existence a year a conspiracy had been formed among the clerks to sell information to contractors and it has been said that no contract has ever been awarded by the department until after bribe money had been paid to somebody. It is also generally understood that contractors are required to buy road rollers from a certain manufacturer who allows a take off on every purchase. All in all the Highway department is a crime against the State and ought to be reorganized and completely farnigated.

Honesty Not the Greatest Quality.

JOHN OSCAR SHEATZ was as honest the day he voted for the Kingstow water bill as he is today and that vote worked no impairment of his personal integrity, it may be said. But if the bill had been enacted into law it would have enabled a lot of political pirates and frenzied financiers to enrich themselves at the expense of public interests and at the expense of the people. It may even be said that Mr. SHEATZ didn't want to vote for that bill. He didn't want to vote for the Susquehanna canal bill, either, but he hadn't the moral strength to resist the importunities of the machine managers. He yielded because he lacked the courage which the public service requires at present.
Few people believe that Governor PENNYPACKER is personally dishonest. That indomitably vain old man wouldn't wrong an individual out of a penny, probably, if the incident would gain him a million dollars. Nobody questions the personal integrity of Dr. WILLIAM P. SNYDER, recently Auditor General of Pennsylvania. He would out off his hand rather than rob an individual of a dollar. But he is under indictment now, and with a vast volume of evidence against him, for conspiracy to loot the treasury of the State, not for his own advantage but for the benefit of others. As a matter of fact the question of personal honesty has little to do with qualifying a man for office.
A well organized political machine is stronger than any man and no man who is under obligations to such a machine for any favor can resist it if he is in office. PENNYPACKER has exemplified this fact in many ways and Dr. SNYDER has proved it dozens of times. In the Legislature JOHN O. SHEATZ demonstrated it in his vote for the Susquehanna canal bill and the victims of QUAYISM who fill suicide's graves are grim reminders of the fact. If it had been a Democratic machine WILLIAM H. BERRY, splendid as his courage and magnificence as his integrity are, could not have achieved what he did. As it was his courage was taxed to the limit, though he had no party interests to subvert or personal friends to shield. Therefore the election of JOHN G. HARMAN is necessary to the completion of the reform he begun and we say that without prejudice to his opponent.

The Scandal too Fresh.

Governor STUART is unwilling to favor former Governor PENNYPACKER with an honorary appointment "while the capitol scandal is so fresh," the public is informed through the newspapers. The position which Mr. PENNYPACKER covets is a seat on the Valley Forge Commission. Such a place would give that absurdly vain old man plenty of opportunities to indulge in the platitudes with which he is so free. Moreover it is a high honor even for an ex-Governor. The Commission is composed of gentlemen widely known for their philanthropies and distinguished for civic virtues. Membership on the board is a sort of patent of nobility.
It may easily be imagined that if the capitol scandal were not "so fresh," Governor STUART would have been delighted to name his predecessor in office to that seat. PENNYPACKER served the machine with rare fidelity when he had the opportunity. He found much satisfaction in honoring the memory of QUAY and obeying the mandates of that quack-conspirator's successor. He entered with great zeal and earnestness into all the schemes to loot the treasury for the benefit of the gang and it would only be "in the nature of things" if he should be taken care of now that he is unable to take care of himself. But "the capitol scandal is too fresh." Some deference must be paid to public opinion.
If the election were over and SHEATZ elected the freshness of the capitol scandal would make no difference. Before the recent mayoralty election in Philadelphia the machine of that city was quite circumpect, also. People were asked to support REYBURN in order to honor ROOSEVELT. McNICHOL promised to withdraw from municipal contracts and DURHAM and MARTIN and DAVE LANE resigned their membership in the Republican city committee. After the election, however, ROOSEVELT was flatly repudiated, McNICHOL reentered the contracting business and DURHAM, MARTIN and LANE returned to the city committee. PENNYPACKER shouldn't lose hope.

-On Monday a letter was received at this office enclosing one dollar which the writer said was "another year's subscription to the WATCHMAN." But the sender failed to give either his postoffice or his name, and the postmark on the envelope was very indistinct. The only thing possible to make out was "Hall," so that the letter came either from Mill Hall, Oak Hall, Linden Hall or Centre Hall, though we are inclined to think from Mill Hall; and if any subscriber down there or at any of the "Hall's" sent the letter he will please send in his name so we can give him the proper credit.

A Machine Asset.

From the Pittsburg Post.
In his speech at Punxsutawney on Saturday John G. Harman gave as one of several excellent reasons why a Democrat should be retained in the office of State Treasurer the fact that the chief clerk of the State highway department was endeavoring to secure campaign contributions for the Republican State committee from contractors doing business with that department. The money thus secured will, of course, be used for the purpose of helping the candidacy of John O. Sheatz, the machine candidate for State Treasurer. The contractors who respond to the appeal will not be permitted to lose any money. They will be taken care of by the highway department and the people of the State will have to foot the bill, including the amount of the campaign contributions in the end.
The State highway department it was publicly charged a year ago, was run in accord with the wishes of Senator Penrose. The chief of the department admitted in a letter that he was unable to appoint anybody to a position in the department without the approval of the senator. It is regarded as proved by this letter of the chief clerk of the department, appealing for funds to aid in the election of the machine's candidate for State Treasurer, John O. Sheatz.

Playing with Fire.

From Harper's Weekly.
The notion is spreading that the fleet is going to the Pacific for any but peaceful purposes, and that the statement that the trip is only for practice is a mere pretense. Some people will naturally think that the administration has inside information, and that a Japanese attack upon the Philippines is nearer than we common people know. Others will see in the movement an exhibition of the president's talents for forcing an issue. All who know Mr. Roosevelt will recall his frequent assurance, usually made in conversation with diplomats, that foreign nations realize that he is a friend of peace because he is ready to fight for it. In view of the sentiment which he represented and illustrated by the article in the Times, the proposed expedition assumes wicked proportions. It is a distinct menace to peace, the preservation of which may come to depend upon the honorable intentions of the Japanese government, which doubtless knows that the American people are not in favor of war with it or with any other power; and that most Americans who agree with or who are convinced by the writer in the Times regard the whole affair with dissatisfaction, if not with apprehension. In the mean time it would be well for the American people, if any power of indignation still remains to them, to assert themselves, and to refuse to be led into a war, or into the appearance of expecting war.

Cassie Chadwick and High Finance.

From the Johnstown Democrat.
Cassie Chadwick, former high priestess of frenzied finance and probably the most stupider woman swindler in the history of the world, died in the Columbus penitentiary the other day. Her crime, for which she was serving a long term of imprisonment, was that she borrowed vast sums of money on bogus checks and certificates and misled many of America's wisest men. Her operations caused bank failures and wrecked many business houses of repute. If Cassie Chadwick had only organized a corporation and retained 51 per cent of the stock, selling the other 49 per cent as fancy figures, and then have so manipulated the books of the corporation as practically to take huge sums of money without giving an equivalent in value, according to present day methods, she would be as wealthy a woman as she ever was and free from prison taint. The unhappy moral which many Americans are drawing from the death of Mrs. Chadwick and from the recent exposure in the field of high finance, is not that robbery is to be abhorred so much as you are not to make a mistake in the way you do your robbing. Mrs. Chadwick took no lessons in the art of robbery from our financiers. If she had, she would probably now be alive and rich.

What Will It Avail?

From the Philadelphia Record.
After the Standard Oil shall be thoroughly exposed and its dissolution as an "undesirable citizen" or a "malefactor of great wealth" decreed by a federal court, all properties now owned by that company will remain the property of the individuals who now constitute that company. What good is the dissolution going to do? What is the practical result at which the administration aims? Here is a concern that has not watered its stock. It has pursued exactly the opposite course. Its entire stock of a face value of less than a hundred millions is worth a good deal over four hundred millions, and has been worth nearly double that. The president wants the issue of securities by interstate incorporations to be regulated by the federal government; but would he compel the corporation to increase its capital, and if he did, could he prevent the shares from being owned just as the present shares are? What can his federal regulation do that state regulation cannot do?

-Don't forget that the Bellefonte Academy-Dickinson Seminary football game will take place on the glass works meadow this afternoon. There is no doubt but that it will be a great contest and worth seeing. Go out and encourage the Academy boys. The price of admission will be but twenty-five cents and be sure and take your money along. Don't sponge on the Academy team management.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Forty-nine pounds of pennies were collected on Wednesday in the different penny-in-the-slot weighing machines in Latrobe, as the monthly tribute for weighing the people of that locality.
-Joseph K. Bach has just left Reading for Europe to attempt to get the long sought for Spang fortune of \$34,000,000, for the Spang "heirs" who number about 400 in that county. This is the third time an attorney has been delegated to go on this mission.
-Sunday morning a terrible accident occurred at the farm of Clarence Kephart, in Beccaria township, near Coalport, Clearfield county, in which his youngest son aged 3 years, 6 months, was burned to a crisp, and his barn end contents totally destroyed.
-It has been discovered that six veins of coal varying from two to four and one-half feet in thickness and of good quality are on the lands owned by the Karthaus Fire Brick company. The deposit is estimated at several millions of tons, increasing the assets of the company very materially.
-The state board of grounds and buildings, at Harrisburg, Wednesday awarded to the York Bridge company at its bid of \$54,945, the contract for the construction of a bridge across the Susquehanna river at Jersey Shore, a portion of which fell into the river due to the collapse of the abutment.
-Farmers in vicinity of Bellefonte, Pa., have been robbed of their crops and cattle on a wholesale plan. Thieves in automobiles and large wagons have carried away tons of produce and of butchering cattle freely. As a result the agriculturists have organized a vigilance committee to patrol the roadways at night.
-Rev. Francis T. Eastment, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, of Philadelphia, has been appointed by Bishop Darlington, of the diocese of Harrisburg to act as diocesan secretary at the Pan-Anglican council to be held in London this coming summer. A great honor this to the preacher and the place.
-A citizens' committee, of Newberry, a suburb of Williamsport, has succeeded in securing two physicians to locate there, and practice their profession at the rates formerly charged by the resident physicians. This has been done because the resident physicians decided some time ago to advance their rates fifty per cent.
-Soon after Prof. Milton Weatherby committed suicide in Pittsburg Wednesday because of financial worry it was learned that he was eligible for a \$2,000 city job. The professor had taken an examination for secretary of the civil service commission, and was rated so high that he might have received the appointment had he lived.
-James Thompson, a young man employed by the Superior Coal & Coke company at its plant east of Latrobe, had a miraculous escape from death late Thursday afternoon, when he came in contact with an electric wire in the mine, carrying a voltage of 1,000. As it was he had his head and face badly burned and suffered acutely from the shock.
-Harry Butler, who was shot recently by Walter Rock at Tomstown, Franklin county, the latter thinking him to be a burglar, died of his injuries in the Chambersburg hospital on Thursday night. Butler was an employe at the Frick company works in Waynesboro. He was 27 years old and is survived by his wife and several small children.
-Auto scorching in Cambria county seat is rather expensive sport, as recently a Clearfield town man who made a flying spin through the town had to pay \$30 for his run, and two men from Johnstown ran a race which cost them \$17.19 each. Two other Johnstown men will also be compelled to pay a penalty for fast running but the amount has not yet been fixed.
-The members of the Clearfield council at a meeting on Monday night passed an ordinance granting a franchise to E. J. Brennan & Co., of Ridgway, for the furnishing of natural gas in that place. It is said the gas, which will be piped from wells in Elk county, will be furnished at a saving to the people of Clearfield of 1 per thousand feet compared with the price of the manufactured product now in use.
-A. H. Short, an employe of Shearer & company lumber dealers, of which firm ex-Sheriff Torrence Shearer of Lock Haven, is a member, dropped dead while at work near Trout Run, Lycoming county, on Monday. The man had labored all day and did not complain of feeling ill. He was about to quit work for the day and was on top of a pile of lumber when he suddenly fell backward from it to the ground and expired. He was aged about 57 years and is survived by his wife and three children.
-J. H. Barton and four companions set out traps in Pine creek, near Blackwell, one night last week. When they took the traps up they landed 1,800 eels, weighing from one to five pounds each. Such a haul has never been made before by those who saw the catch. It is estimated they would average two pounds each, the haul lacking only 400 pounds of being 2,000 eels. The same night it is estimated that 3,000 eels were taken from Pine creek, between Blackwells and Slate Run, a distance of eleven miles.
-Samuel Matter, a well-known trapper and hunter, recently trapped a large bear on the Sugar Valley mountain and decided to take Mr. Bruin home alive. After considerable difficulty he succeeded in securing the bear in such a manner that he thought he would be safe from attack and be able to lead the animal to the intended destination. During the trip, however, bruin managed to get into close quarters with the hunter and before the latter could get out of its reach the animal bit him on the leg, inflicting a painful wound.
-Fifty-nine dogs fell victims to the rifle of Pete Brenner, of Latrobe, on Wednesday. The dogs killed were in Unity township. Mr. Brenner having spent the day in and around Beauty station. They were of all kinds and descriptions, ranging from the valuable Shepherds to the worthless mongrels. All were killed because their owners had failed to muzzle them in compliance with the quarantine which is now in force in Mt. Pleasant township alone. Mr. Brenner and his assistants have killed 213 dogs within the past week. The majority of them belonged to foreigners, residing in the mining towns.