

Ink Stings.

This winter certainly seems crazy enough to be convicted of "dementia Americana."

If all the grafters turn State's evidence there would be no one left to punish but PENNYPACKER.

The real time for celebration will come when one of those foreign Jukes come over here and marries a poor girl.

A parcels post would suddenly make the express companies discover that they can carry goods at a much cheaper rate than they do.

The BERRY dinner in Philadelphia is to cost three dollars a plate, consequently it can't be expected that there will be any capitol trimmings.

More than six thousand women are said to be employed in the secret service in Russia. What impossible duties some people are called upon to perform.

They have a sure cure for boy thieves in New York. One of them was given a term of fifteen years the other day so that he will never be a boy thief again.

Judged from the activity at the caucus last Saturday night the staid old West ward has decided to jump into the spotlight of political turmoil for awhile.

The largest bull ring in the world is not being completed in Mexico. This is not the rehabilitation of the big ring Pennsylvania once built for "Ball" ANDREWS.

Milk is down to six cents a quart again. It looks honest when the milk men reduce the price just at the time when the barn pump is most likely to be frozen up.

Now is the time for the sportsman who enjoys fishing so much to think a little about planting some small fish to replace the ones he took from the stream last season.

An English educational society is considering cooking classes for boys. Shades of the day when men were supposed to wear the pants, save us from this final humiliation.

With our annual honey crop grown to the enormous aggregate of twenty-five million dollars there is now more room for conjecture than ever as to which is the real business end of the bee.

This VANDERBILT-SZECHENYI marriage may have been a purely love affair but we'll bet the Hungarian Count got a good sized wad of the VANDERBILT coin before he let the love lead him to the altar.

It would perhaps be just as well not to call PENNYPACKER as a witness in the graft cases. What's the use in giving him mileage and costs when he didn't know enough to see what was being done when he was in Harrisburg.

Everybody knows that it cost the THAW girl enough to get the Earl of Yarmouth but at a thousand dollars a day to the lawyer who is prosecuting her plea for divorce it is likely to cost her a pretty penny to get rid of him.

If the BERRY dinner winds up in a BRYAN boom it will certainly be because that is the wish of the diners. Since they are to pay for the food and eat it there isn't much room for questioning their right to make of it what they please.

The first evidence brought out in the capitol graft cases indicates that HUSTON will try to exculpate himself by asserting that the other fellows did it. However that may be the half-million dollar architect has not denied that he got his.

"Round the rough rock the ragged rascal ran" is one of the tests of a certain form of insanity. If you can reel that off right fast you can probably keep out of the bug-house. However, there might be times when it would prove quite as hard to say as "Sarasparilla."

What proper management does for business undertaking could not be more forcibly illustrated than by the business of the South Manchurian railway. Under Russia it required an annual appropriation of fifteen million rubles from the government to keep it going. Under Japan it is earning thirty per cent profits.

The coming presidential campaign will serve a good purpose in bringing out what ingenuity there is in our Republican leaders. The old boiler-plate stories of prosperity and full dinner pails will have to remain in the scrap pile and the G. O. P. will have to put out a fine line of hot air to keep people's minds off the soap house.

Congress may make Pennsylvania a gift of the Carlisle Indian school, provided that Pennsylvania agrees to maintain it. Congress had better be wary of Pennsylvania's agreements to maintain schools. Congress presented the Pennsylvania State College to this Commonwealth under a solemn promise that it would be properly maintained and what has been the result? State has never had anything more than the leavings.

We are with Prof. MORGAN, of Brooklyn, in his idea that it is about time to do away with rag-time music in the churches. Some of the Sunday school song books used today are utterly ridiculous, both as to music and sentiment. Selection after selection is so silly as to almost profane the worship. Every church ought to sing its church songs, the good old hymns that will last as long as religion itself and the Sunday schools are the places where the children should learn them and love them.

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Tariff Taxes and Republican Editors.

The stand patters in Congress got quite a shock, the other day, we understand, when the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing Representative JOHN G. MCHENRY's bill which provides that "all timber, lumber, bark and wood pulp, imported into this country from whatever source, shall be admitted free of customs duties or taxes."

The Pennsylvania State Editorial Association is a non partisan body. Probably a considerable majority of the members are Republicans and the President of the State League of Republican clubs is one of the secretaries. But the tax on wood pulp has enabled the paper trust to put such intolerable burdens upon the publishers of newspapers that they are literally compelled to seek relief.

We have no idea, however, that the action of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association will have any influence on the action of Congress. It may make Speaker CANNON to picture-que profanity and embarrass some of the Pennsylvania Republican Representatives in Congress who will need the support of the papers when they come before the people for re-election next fall.

Everybody is expecting some sort of a deliverance from the President within a few days which will have a paralytic effect on certain Senators. Just what it will be is beyond conjecture at present though before this issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its destination, it may be spread broadcast. All that can be said now is that it will pertain to patronage. Some appointments of the President were recently held up by the Ohio Senators on the ground that they were made in consideration of support of TAFT.

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A strange colored man arrived in Bellefonte last Thursday evening and as his actions were kind of strange the police put him in the lockup for the night. Friday morning when they went to see how he was getting along they found him raving maniac. He was taken to jail where he is now being held until the authorities can find out something about him or where he rightly belongs.

Sunday will be Groundhog day.

A Transparent Trick.

The lowest depths of toadyism are sounded in the praise of Secretary TAFT for his recent letter to HERBERT PARSONS suggesting the withdrawal of all opposition to the endorsement of Governor HUGHES for the Republican nomination for President by the Republican organization of New York.

So far from this being a sign of magnanimity on the part of Secretary TAFT it is conclusive proof that he is as much a political trickster as any of the New York politicians. He knew a month ago that a vast majority of the Republicans of New York are in favor of HUGHES for the nomination.

It was believed that ROOSEVELT with the help of PARSONS and the use of patronage would be able to control the New York delegation for TAFT and in the event that the expectation had been fulfilled the fight would be as good as over. But the present certainty that that State will be for HUGHES puts an entirely different face on the situation.

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Probably no Senator in Congress within a hundred years has failed to favor his friends, more or less, in the distribution of patronage. Other things being equal it is not unreasonable that a Senator should prefer a friend to an enemy in selecting public officials. But it is not likely that any Senator has insisted on the appointment of enemies of the President in order to get his own friends in office.

The public will await the issue of the President's statement on this subject with much interest, however. Very little in the shape of official courtesy is expected from either Senator FORAKER or his colleague, Senator DICK. They are both machine politicians who cherish the spoils system as a prerogative of power.

If any Dutchman ever had a worse honeymoon than the one that appeared in Garman's opera house on Wednesday night he is certainly deserving of as much sympathy as the persons who paid their money to see at least what was represented to be a fair show. And the only hope that the people who were taken in have is that the next time the Dutchman wants to have a honeymoon he will go some place else to have it.

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Danger in Postal Savings Banks.

The friends of the parcels post are either insincere or unwise when they attach it to a proposition of widely different character known as Postal Savings banks. These utilities are not twins, or even in the remotest measure kindred.

Postal savings banks would be capable of working the greatest injury to communities throughout the country in the event of currency famines or financial stringency. The moment suspicion was aroused concerning the ability of other banks to meet the demands of depositors, the vast majority of deposits would be withdrawn from them and put into the postal savings banks.

During the recent currency famine the Secretary of the Treasury robbed the country Peter to pay the Wall street Paul. Inquiry shows that even in the apportionment of the Panama bonds and treasury certificates the New York banks were favored. Now it goes without saying that if postal savings banks had been in operation, the money taken from local commercial banks and deposited in the local postal savings banks would have been forwarded to Washington and thence distributed among the Wall street favorites, leaving the banks in smaller cities and towns absolutely without currency to transact business.

Forget the Quay Monument.

We would like very much to agree to the proposition, favored by several esteemed contemporaries, that the QUAY monument should be set up in the cemetery in which the QUAY remains are reposing. But it is utterly and absolutely out of the question. The law authorizing the creation of the effigy provides that it be erected in the capitol grounds at Harrisburg.

Nobody will contend, however, that putting the statue in the graveyard at Beaver where QUAY was buried is a compliance with the law. The State has paid for a good many things in Beaver during the past quarter of a century, but the cemetery in that town is no part of the public grounds at Harrisburg.

The safest and best way to solve the problem, however, is to leave it where it is until somebody converts it into a more useful purpose than that for which it was intended. The erection of a monument to QUAY by the State of Pennsylvania at any time or place will be an outrage upon the morality of the people.

Following close on the heels of the warm weather of the latter part of last week, as well as Sunday came a hard down-pour of rain on Sunday night, followed by snow and freezing cold weather, so that the streets and pavements were very icy on Monday morning.

Congressman CHARLES F. BARCLAY has announced as a candidate for a renomination on the Republican ticket. Of course with the districts so hopelessly Republican the Democrats have very little show of electing their candidate and when it comes to a Republican member Mr. BARCLAY is about as harmless as any other man would be.

With The Best Intentions.

Young John D. Rockefeller is without experimental knowledge of the seamy side of human life such as men of smaller incomes possess. He has had ill health, such as many poor men have been afflicted with, but he has not suffered stoppage of income during the period of inability to labor with head or hands.

This young man was director and leader of a Bible class in the Fifth Avenue Baptist church of New York city. Ill health compelled him to relinquish leadership at the time he gave up all business activity. But he continued a member and now, in improved health, frequently addresses the class members.

There is not much reason to question that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is a young man of right intentions, who wishes to do good. His trouble is that he does not know. He has had no opportunity to learn. A graduate course in the big university of the world is needed to adjust a man's theories to things as they are.

A Forlorn Hope.

Secretary Taft directs his friends in New York to withdraw their opposition to the presentation by that state of Governor HUGHES as its presidential candidate. This, of course, was wise and even necessary under the development of the strength of the governor and the abundant demonstration that he could command its vote.

Senator KNOX, who is marked as the president's second choice, has not been interfered with in Pennsylvania with which state he will enter the convention, but there will be no particular inducement to the Republican national delegates to select a candidate from Pennsylvania, outside of probably the administration announcement he may get after its Ohio candidate is laid low.

There is a good deal of talk just now about pauperizing the poor with something for nothing. Isn't it queer that no one ever suggests that something for nothing pauperizes the rich? Why should a slice or two from a loaf of bread and a cup of coffee to wash it down with—why should these doler make a pauper of the hungry man who can't get work to do, while a gift of thousands a year from the common earnings makes a gentleman of the monopolist who doesn't want work to do?

Another Good Reason.

The National Board of Trade brings to a close its session at Washington by adopting resolutions in favor of an expeditionary revision of the tariff and reciprocity trade treaties. The Republicans in congress will cite this action as a further reason for postponing tariff revision.

Suitably Represented.

George Peabody Welmore is returned to the senate from Rhode Island. The smallest estate in the union will be suitably represented.

Spawns from the Keystone.

English sparrows are being killed and served as food by West Chester residents who have found out that they are very palatable served on toast or stuffed with an oyster and then roasted.

After a month's strike of the quarrymen in the slate quarries at Delta, York county, has been settled and the 300 strikers have returned to work, the wage reduction of 10 per cent having been declared off.

Up to this time anti-local option organizations have been formed in forty-six counties in the state, to oppose candidates for the state legislature who may favor the submission of the question of local option to a vote of the people.

Eight dwellings, a store and the United Brethren church, at Danlo, near Johnstown, were destroyed Saturday by a fire, which was checked only by tearing down the house in the pathway of the flames. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The silk mill at Katztown and the one at Fleetwood, Berks county, under the control of the York Silk Mill Manufacturing company, resumed operations on Monday after an idleness of two months. About 300 persons will receive employment.

The work of rebuilding the plant of the Standard Power company at Horrell station, which was practically wiped out by an explosion about a year ago, has been completed, and operations will be resumed next March. The rebuilt plant embraces seven buildings.

The treasurer of Cambria county has received from the state treasurer at Harrisburg a check for \$679 to reimburse the county for bounties paid for obnoxious animals killed by local hunters during the year, which were: Foxes, 193; mink, 52; weasels, 40; wild cats, 25; hawks, 37; lynx, 5.

Mountain land about Pen-Mar Park, Franklin county, is soaring in price. Last Saturday a tract was sold for \$146 and other tracts brought from \$61.50 to \$70 per acre. Although about sixty acres were sold for about \$4,000, which were purchased less than twenty-five years ago for \$600.

Several progressive families in Nippenose valley, Lycoming county, have decided to have their own telephone line and after forming a company and completing plans, have started the work of building the line. The last pole was put in place on Friday and the work of stringing the wires will begin shortly.

Mrs. Kate Myers, wife of George W. Myers, a teamster, of Lock Haven, was instantly killed Monday afternoon and her husband probably fatally injured. In endeavoring to prop up a log it slipped and rolled down the bank and the couple were caught and knocked down, the log rolling over them.

Elmer C. Albright, of Williamsport, who was made a prisoner at the city hall about 1 o'clock on Saturday morning at the instance of his wife, for drunkenness and threats, was found dead in his cell by the desk sergeant shortly after 7 o'clock. Albright had been drinking for over a week and was in bad condition when arrested.

After a fierce fight with the police, three men were arrested in a house near Messina, Sicily, Thursday of last week, for participation in robbing paymaster Charles Hays, some four years ago, near the village of Portage, in this State. They are now in prison awaiting trial, as has been a former member of the party, Francesco Bebesi, for some time.

R. R. Quay, W. P. Snyder and C. C. Seale, have all received Black Hand letters threatening death to themselves and the destruction of their palatial homes at Sewickley Heights, near Pittsburgh, if they did not send by return \$300 in an addressed envelope which the writer had enclosed. Giuseppe Murino has been arrested charged with being the author of the letter.

Believing that his illness would result fatally, John Fetter, aged 73 years, of South Bethlehem, last Thursday confessed that he murdered his daughter, Elia Fetter, aged 39 years, in November, 1894. Fetter told Justice Haus that he had placed the rope around his daughter's neck, and then told the neighbors that she hung herself. The confession was lodged with the district attorney.

In Allegheny, Mifflin county, busy housewives take an active part in preparing the materials used in weaving carpets. From January 1, 1907, to December 30, inclusive the persons at the ragery have torn 65,151 pounds of rags. The greater part of these rags are sewed by Allegheny's industrious women while the remainder are sewed at Belleville. For doing this work they have received during the year almost \$1,400.

A pitiable climax to the sad case of Mrs. Edward Dahlstrom and her eight children, who were living in destitute circumstances near Conemaugh, was reached on Saturday evening, when the mother and the oldest daughter were stricken down with typhoid fever. Up to that time the mother and the daughter were caring for the other seven children, who were all very ill, one with pneumonia and the remaining six with typhoid fever. On Sunday the entire family was removed to the Memorial hospital in Johnstown.

The state department of agriculture has arranged for the establishment of model orchards throughout the state for the purpose of thoroughly demonstrating its approved methods of painting, trimming and spraying fruit trees. One of the orchards selected thus to be used is that at the city home of the Williamsport post district, on the south side of the river, opposite the east end of the city. W. G. Winner, of Calvert, Lycoming county, who is one of the state demonstrators in the warfare against the San Jose scale and other fruit pests, will have charge of the model orchard.

A peculiar contest was argued before Register and Recorder Griffith as probate Judge at Johnstown on Friday when the authenticity of the writing on a scrap of paper, purporting to be the will of Mrs. Frances Slick, of Conemaugh township, was in dispute. An estate worth \$150,000 is involved. The woman died a few months ago, and no will could be found until lately, when the paper in dispute, devising the estate to James Warfield, of Conemaugh township, was found under a floor cloth of her home. Forty heirs under the interstate law contest Warfield's claim. No decision has been reached.