

Ink Sittings.

-And, the next day it snowed!
-The April primaries are the next center of political interest.

-The voice of the people is very uncertain in its tones when it speaks on election day.

-Get ahead of those westerners if you can. Out in Illinois they are baling snow as a substitute for ice for summer use.

-It is an interesting fact that most of the States that have become Prohibition are and always have been Democratic.

-TAFI is gathering in the delegations all the while the HUGHES-KNOX-CANNON boomers are building air castles.

-They must be growing tired of Gov. FORT over in New Jersey already. You know they are planning to run him for Vice President.

-The way Wall St. has been hammering the GOULD stocks looks as if BONI DE CASTELAINE were not the only one after the GOULD millions.

-The trouble with "Brother" JAMES RINE, "Aunt" CLEMENTINA DALE and "Quiet" DARIUS WAITE seems to be that they are just too blamed good for politics.

-PENNYPACKER still clings to the idea that the capitol job was a great achievement. Of course it was. The State is only trying to find out who was the greatest achiever.

-It is an ill wind that blows no one good can be applied to the present business depression. It has resulted in decreasing the rate of immigration into this country about fifty per cent.

-Any way "Uncle" JOE CANNON couldn't be any older for President than "Uncle" GASSWAY DAVIS would have been for Vice President and he might come as near getting there.

-So our "Uncle" SAMMY PENNYPACKER has admitted that he was deceived. This possibly accounts for those penny-ante excursions to see the palace of graft that he fathered so proudly.

-The convention hall in Denver is designed to seat twelve thousand five hundred people. Why worry about the seating? Most of the delegates will be on their feet all the time any way.

-With seven Democrats, one Republican and one Prohibitionist in council the tables seem completely turned on the time when the late HENRY BROCKEROFF was the only Democrat in that body.

-While the sleighing just now is splendid, as a result of Wednesday's snow, few people are much elated over the latest fall of "the beautiful." The man behind the shovel being the least demonstrative of all.

-If CAL HARPER goes after insurance like he went after that conglomeric office in the North ward there ought to be one company in the land whose business shows no decrease during the past few months of unpleasantness.

-Seven men all speaking different languages and no one of them able to understand the other, were playing cards in an Altoona hotel Monday evening. They all knew the game and, we presume, could say "that's good" and understand what it meant.

-About the limit of governmental interference is reached when the President undertakes to tell corporations that they may or may not reduce wages. BRYAN'S idea of government control of railroads doesn't begin to go as far as this chronic interfering President we have.

-The Ohio school teacher who admits tacking a pupil's tongue to a chair because he told a lie has the old punishment of washing the youngster's mouth with soft-soap faded into the class of chastisements that calls a slap on the wrist or a kick on the ankle too severe.

-San Francisco is putting her unemployed to the task of catching the rats in the city. This may sound like the silliest kind of occupation but when you stop to think what a pest the rodents can become the move appears a good one, besides furnishing employment for hundreds of men and boys.

-The Oil City Blizard observes that "Senator KNOX has a way of saying things in such a way that people can understand him." This evidently applies only to Pennsylvania people as there is no indication that the people of any other State understood the Senator when he said he would like to be nominated for President.

-The Hon. W. M. ALLISON, of Spring Mills, is the latest horse that rumor says is being groomed to beat the redoubtable BERT TAYLOR for the legislative nomination. First looked upon as a joke BERT'S candidacy has assumed such seriousness that more than one of the would-be ticket makers is sitting up nights trying to figure out how it can be stopped.

-If the President wants to do something to help the condition of the country let him turn his attention to Congress where remedial legislation could be enacted. Everyone is becoming disgusted with this policy of all wind and no work. If he were to devote half the time to Congress that he does to TAFI'S candidacy something helpful could possibly be accomplished, or if he were to actually punish some of his "malefactors of great wealth" instead of making accusations without backing them up there would not be such a ferment of uncertainty.

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Morgan Conducting Legislation.

Some of our esteemed Republican contemporaries are more or less worried over Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN'S anxiety with respect to the pending financial legislation in Congress. Mr. MORGAN wants the ALDRICH bill enacted into law in its present form and is apprehensive that his party in Congress will not have courage to gratify him. Primarily it is his own bill. Its purpose is to deliver the commercial and industrial interests of the country into the hands of Wall Street. It is not in any respect a financial reform. It represents the sentiment of the carpet bagger in the South who urged another of his kind to remain for the reason that there were "two years of good stealing" in that section yet. In other words if the bill should pass Wall Street would have its own way until the next Congress, anyway, and meantime MORGAN could get all he wants.

Influenced by this anxiety Mr. MORGAN went to Washington, last Sunday, so as to personally conduct the campaign for the passage of the measure. He occupied a seat in the gallery of the Senate when it was started on its way, and listened to Mr. ALDRICH'S speech. Subsequently he visited the White House and likely forced President ROOSEVELT into line for its support. But there are some timorous men on the floor who are not to be trusted entirely, and there are others who are to be feared. The Democrats are a unit against the measure and such Republicans as LAPOLETTE are likely to join with them in the opposition. Of course if the stalwarts are faithful to their obligations that won't make much difference. The majority is safe. But Mr. MORGAN takes no chances. He keeps his eye on the work. He wants to know who is the recreant in the event that his expectations are disappointed.

But this is precisely what makes our esteemed Republican contemporaries worry. They would be entirely content to have MORGAN run the machine if he would remain under cover. There are a good many people in the country who are not so complaisant in the matter. In fact it may be said that a considerable majority of the voters of the country would prefer legislation in the interest of the people rather than Wall Street. The presence of Mr. MORGAN operates as a sort of irritant on their minds and brings before the obscuring machine managers a disturbing fear, which is expressed in their present worriment. But they can compose their perturbed spirits. The ALDRICH bill will pass the Senate, substantially in its present form, but it will fail in the House. The party will keep faith with MORGAN in part and that will satisfy him. He is good for another contribution to the corruption fund, anyway.

Imperialism to the Limit.

President ROOSEVELT has discovered a new way of defying the constitution. He proposes to disregard that provision of the fundamental law which vests in the Senate power to "advise and consent" to the appointment of public officials. This authority is conveyed in paragraph two, section two of article two of the constitution, and paragraph three of the section and article. For present purposes it is only necessary to quote paragraph three which reads: "The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session." When such commission expires the term is ended.

But it appears that the President doesn't propose to let such little things bother him. During the recess between the First and Second sessions of the Fifty-ninth Congress, he appointed WILLIAM NORTHERUP postmaster at Pensacola, Florida. When Congress reassembled the Senate refused to confirm the appointment and under the constitution and the law he ought to have vacated. But he didn't do anything of the sort. He simply continued to discharge the duties of the office and draw his salary as if he had a legal right to the office. Since the beginning of the present session, Senator TALIAFERRO, of Florida, has been investigating the case. He asked Postmaster General MEYER about it the other day. That gentleman, who is in full sympathy with the imperialistic notions of his strenuous chief, didn't mince words in his reply. He said that "under the regulations he has the authority to continue NORTHERUP in office until his successor has been appointed." By the same line of reasoning the President may possibly say that he doesn't have to make another appointment until he "gets good and ready," and thus a mandatory provision of the constitution is subverted by a simple regulation of the Postoffice Department which can be made by the Postmaster General in the "star chamber" of the Department. This is carrying imperialism to the limit, beyond question.

There was no question about it snowing the next day this time.

The Menace of the Republic.

That the substantial and intelligent Hebrews of the country are coming to a different and better frame of mind with respect to the policies of President ROOSEVELT may be inferred from the scholarly and eloquent address of Rabbi HIRSCH, delivered at the Founder's Day celebration of Temple University, Philadelphia, last Saturday. Of course the Rev. Mr. RUSSELL H. CONWELL, president of the institution, "slopped over" in eulogizing ROOSEVELT. Like some other professed Christians who imagine that Christ were spurs and carried a sword in a glove of steel, he admires the "big stick." But Rabbi HIRSCH expressed a widely different sentiment. He admonished the public against the dangers of such sentiments.

"Practically we have followed the theory of the German philosopher, NIETZSCHE, the distinguished Hebrew orator and priest declared. "The overman in his schemes is really a law unto himself," he continued. "Feeling our abounding strength, we thought ourselves absolved from all moral restraint. Success and that which could be expressed in the tokens of the market, the mind, the mill, became the Moloch to which we pay homage. Bigness grew to be the obsession of our mind. We looked for quantity and having found it, we revelled in its glory. Expansion became the passion of our ambition. As in the life of other nations, so in ours, this predisposition to confound bigness with greatness engendered the imperialistic mood. We dreamed of world conquest. The most palpable symptom of the distemper is the demoralizing of commerce and industry."

Rabbi HIRSCH deserves additional commendation for his rebuke of that activism which demands that "America should close its ports more strictly and more cruelly than the law now provides against immigration." That is another of the heresies which have grown out of the imperialism of the "big stick." But it is a matter of secondary consideration. The other is a vital and present menace. It must be met first courageously and now. When it is disposed of the other evil can be assailed leisurely but uncompromising antagonism. The imperialism that aspires to "world conquest" is the impending evil and it must be completely and everlastingly eradicated from the public mind before safety can be assured.

The Taft Campaign.

The campaign of force and fraud in the interest of Secretary TAFI, with a residuary ROOSEVELT claim attached, is now in progress. FRANK H. HITCHCOCK, late First Assistant Postmaster General, has resigned his office to become manager of this contingent. He would have preferred a service in the interest of CORTELYOU. The Secretary of the Treasury comes nearer to his moral standard than TAFI. He is a past-master in fat frying, a high priest in the art of "dragooning." But CORTELYOU is out of it, absolutely. His clandestine effort to buy and steal the nomination has been abandoned and HITCHCOCK has gone to TAFI mainly because the TAFI legate, ROOSEVELT, has them all "skinned" in political chicanery, and there is a chance for ROOSEVELT yet.

The enlistment of HITCHCOCK in the TAFI forces is discreditable to TAFI. It implies a willingness on his part to descend to the lowest depths of political iniquity to secure the nomination for himself or ROOSEVELT. Upon any other standard of political campaigning HITCHCOCK could be of no advantage to him. He can buy or dragoon negro delegates and do nothing else. SAMUEL SALTER, of Philadelphia, was an expert ballot box stuffer, but was no use in any other line of party service. His association with a political movement was, therefore, a reproach. It implied a campaign of fraud. FRANK HITCHCOCK'S identity with a political movement has precisely the same significance.

The rumors which come from Washington and find currency in political centres everywhere indicate that the TAFI candidacy has degenerated into a conspiracy in behalf of the renomination of ROOSEVELT. The association of HITCHCOCK with it strengthens this suspicion. TAFI, with his judicial temperament and high ideas of honor, would hardly want victory at the expense of integrity. But ROOSEVELT wouldn't mind such a sacrifice. Drunk with ambition and delirious with lust for power, he would accept any service as readily as he "mailed" the corporations four years ago. It may be set down, therefore, that HITCHCOCK is not concerned for TAFI but proposes to bunco both TAFI and the public in the interests of ROOSEVELT'S greed for another election.

Have you contributed anything as yet toward helping the poor in and around Bellefonte? If you have not, don't be at all modest in making your donation, whether it be of money, of clothing or of provisions. The committee who have the matter in charge will see that everything given is rightly placed.

Defence Along Wrong Lines.

The line of defence of SANDERSON and his associate conspirators in the capitol graft case has been revealed. It will be shown that HUSTON was an "artistic fool," and that his folly and the faults of the contractors enabled SANDERSON and CASSELL to take anything they wanted and permit SNEYDER and MATHUES to acquiesce without responsibility. It has even been suggested that SANDERSON might have taken much more than he did. It is alleged that he converted himself into some sort of a philanthropist to the end that HUSTON'S passion for artistic grandeur might be promoted without absolutely bankrupting the treasury. In other words SANDERSON might have measured in any number of feet with the furniture.

Possibly there is some truth in the statement of HUSTON'S mania. In fact he must have had something the matter with his mind, for thus far there has been no proof of venality on his part. But instead of exculpating the accused conspirators, that fact strengthens the evidence against them. It shows that they conspired to take advantage of HUSTON'S incompetency, for if SNEYDER had audited the bills and MATHUES had exercised discretion in payment, the State couldn't have been robbed even if HUSTON had been "as mad as a March hare." But they not only encouraged SANDERSON and CASSELL to rob but actually took advantage of HUSTON'S weakness to open the doors for the operation.

It may be true also that the contract was so indefinite that SANDERSON and CASSELL could have multiplied the number of feet in the articles they furnished. But they wouldn't have got so much money if they had adopted that course. In other words if SANDERSON and CASSELL had charged for linear feet, surface feet and cubic feet, as they declare they might have done, the money would have run out and the exposure of the fraud would have come sooner. As it was Mr. BERRY was obliged to dig and delve for months before he could trace the evil and meantime they were looting the treasury to beat the band. As a matter of fact it looks to us if the defence is running on wrong lines.

Senator Flinn's Dream Ended.

Former State Senator WILLIAM FLINN, of Pittsburg, who rather ostentatiously projected himself in to the public but unofficial life of the Commonwealth, a few weeks ago, has taken himself out again. He had announced in megaphone volume of sound and big headlines in the newspapers, that he was about to become a state leader for reform. Arrogant in his more or less tainted wealth, he imagined that the people of the State would accept him at his own estimate. He has been rudely awakened from this beautiful pipe dream.

The people of Pennsylvania remembered Mr. FLINN'S too dubious record in the Legislature and justly accepted his proclamation of reform leadership as a misinterpretation of the public conscience or an insult to popular intelligence. They recalled the stories of brass and boodle which invariably clustered about his operations as Representative or Senator in the Legislature and inferentially, if not directly admonished him that his "place of honor is the private station." In obedience to this wholesome suggestion Senator FLINN has withdrawn from the leadership of State reform.

Heaven knows that PENROSE is bad enough and yet the brief incursion of FLINN into leadership served the good purpose of pointing out that there is worse. The PENROSE machine has sounded marvelous depths of infamy but the FLINN movement suggested that there are even lower levels in the pit of iniquity. He may, as he declares he will, continue his activities in the politics of Allegheny county for under his management it has become putrid. But his proposition to become a state leader is an outrage on public conscience.

We would commend to Senator FLINN the lament of another over ambitious and under worthy aspirant for public honors who in the anguish of his disappointment cried:

"If so soon to be done for, What was I begun for?"

Congressman Charles F. Barolay has named Thales Stewart Boyd, of Clearfield, as a candidate for the appointment as cadet from this congressional district to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, with Hugh E. Wells, of Bradford; Lee Williamson Felt, of Emporium, and John L. Douglass, of Bradford, as first, second and third alternates. The examination for the principal will be held in Williamsport on April 21st and for the alternates at Warren on the same date.

The Clearfield High school basketball team will be in Bellefonte this (Friday) evening and will play the Bellefonte Academy five in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. All lovers of sport will want to see this game as it promises to be an unusually fast one. The usual price of admission will be charged.

Points on Platform-Making.

From the Pittsburg Sun. The Republican platform-makers this summer will doubtless try to atone for the empty record to their party in Congress by full campaign declarations. Judge D. Cady Herriok, of New York, submits some excellent suggestions for the Democratic platform. The fewer the planks all positions or similarly doubtful issues, leaving them, as in the Democratic theory of the Government, to the States.

There is vast importance in his suggestion to limit platform utterances to the absolutely essential. The people have been confused with the multiplicity of detail and utter absence of proportion of the suggestions that have been projected from the White House lately. Oliver Wendell Holmes once uttered the dictum that the Nation which shortens its sword lengthens its boundaries. The same principle holds good in politics. That party which can compass its plan of action under the fewest heads and state its policies in the least number of words is going to start into the campaign with a tremendous tactical advantage.

In matters of business news and all departments of activity, save the Roosevelt school of politics, the value of time, the necessity of thoroughly, thoughtfully digesting, of condensing and concentrating every statement of party faith or public policy is recognized. Brevity is not merely a virtue but a necessity and an evidence of power and charity. The times are ripe for the reassertion in few words of the broad, unchanging principles of Democratic belief and the marking out of a concise political program that will take us back to these ancient, safe, constitutional standards.

One of the Penalties.

From the Altoona Times. The folly of the present generation and its ancestor is being emphasized by the reports of floods that are causing immense damage in various parts of the United States. This destruction of property is an annual occurrence, and people residing contiguous to large bodies of water spend the greater part of the year in dread of the inevitable danger and waste that is certain to come with the spring break-up and floods. While under any condition the danger might not be entirely eliminated, yet it is nevertheless a fact that had we not been so prodigal with our forest timber the suffering might have been greatly minimized.

The danger of deforestation is two-fold. In the first place, we are making of large sections of the country arid regions, to recover which it requires an expenditure of vast sums of money in irrigation. The second danger lies in the certainty of destructive floods with annual thaws and heavy precipitation. Timbered lands would impede the rush of water and the earth would have opportunity to absorb much that now rushes into river channels that soon overflow their banks and spread havoc.

Democratic Harmony.

From the Lock Haven Democrat. The nearest approach to harmony where it is most needed in the Democratic party has been exhibited by the untrifled Democracy of New Jersey. The leaders of all factions joined together in a banquet at the new auditorium in Newark in honor of State Chairman Robert S. Hudspeth who made the fight in the last campaign. Aside from the tribute to the chairman the object of the gathering of the 400 leaders of the party from all sections of the state was to get together for the redemption of New Jersey. Success attended these efforts for the names of Bryan, Harmon, Johnson, Gray, Culberson and Daniel were mentioned and cheered with apparent impartiality. Harmony and victory were the keynote of all the speeches.

As New Jersey, like New York, is necessary to success in the coming campaign this hopeful outlook for all Democrats uniting for the support of any ticket that may be nominated is an omen of success that will encourage Democrats everywhere. If the discordant elements can unite in New Jersey there can be no good reason for discord elsewhere.

Where the Burden Falls.

From the Sacramento Bee. The truth is every day becoming more widely recognized that the real taxpayer is the tenant, not the landlord, for the latter recovers his taxes in the form of rent. In like manner the consumer pays the taxes collected from the merchant, who recovers them in the form of prices.

It is a paradox, but nevertheless true that no class of citizens, in proportion to their income, pay so large a share of the taxes as those who are either not assessed at all or whose property is small. It is the millionaire class who are the least taxed in proportion to their income and the benefits they receive from government. The greater part of their wealth is concealed from the assessor, and they reap from the public, in one way or another, the greater portion of the taxes they pay. In New York, for instance, it is not the wealth of the Astors that bears the strain of taxation, but the earnings of their tenants, who pay real estate taxes in the guise of rent.

May be Foa Ahead.

From the Philadelphia Press. The executive committee of the new Bryan Democratic league is to have a meeting in Harrisburg this week to arrange to select a every district in the state. There will be something going on in Democratic politics.

Spawns from the Keystone.

-The first case of spotted fever in Williamsport in thirty-five years on Saturday caused the death of 14 year old Harold Stroup.

-For the month ending February 12th there were 235 pupils absent from the schools in Williamsport on account of sickness, reducing the percentage of attendance considerably.

-The postoffice at Fannoc, Clearfield county, will be discontinued after February 15th, and patrons of the office will be served by rural free delivery from Oianta. The change gives general satisfaction.

-Miss Mary Ryan, a trained nurse residing in Philadelphia went to Athens, Bradford county, on Saturday to wait on her sick mother, but just as the train approached the station she died suddenly of heart failure.

-The dwelling house on the Newton Hamilton camp ground was totally destroyed by fire on Friday night. The building was of frame, and valued probably at about \$800, on which there was a partial insurance.

-A meeting that will mean much for the good roads movement in Lycoming county will be held at the court house in Williamsport on February 29 when the County Association of Road Supervisors will be in session.

-For the second time this winter several women fainted in York on Thursday in the rush of several hundred needy ones striving to secure some provisions given out by the York Benevolent society. There were 815 loaves of bread distributed, besides other provisions.

-The people of Reedsville, Mifflin county, have become so interested in a series of meetings held in the Presbyterian church conducted by the Rev. Mr. Boston, the evangelist of Huntingdon presbytery, that the hotels and pool rooms are closed during the hours of the meetings.

-Joseph Shade, a well known hunter and trapper, who resides along Sugar run, on Wednesday last was roaming about on the mountain in the Scootac region when he noticed a large wild cat on a ledge of rocks, some distance from the path he was following. Taking steady aim he killed the beast with one shot from his rifle.

-Dairy and Food Commissioner Faust has ordered thirty four suits brought in Allegheny county for illegal sales of oleo, and has given notice that no cases be settled. This is being done so that the records of the convictions will stand on the dockets of a court. For a second conviction there is a fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and imprisonment from six months to one year.

-The annual report of inspector Josiah Evans for the sixth bituminous district of Pennsylvania, shows during 1907, 12,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Cambria county. There were employed in the district 10,361 men and there were only 26 fatal accidents. No explosions were reported. The district embraces parts of Cambria, Westmoreland, Somerset and Indiana counties.

-At the Latrobe steam laundry while an employe was engaged at ironing on Monday afternoon, a fine diamond ring was found attached to a lady's night robe with a safety pin. It had passed through the heavy wheels of the washer, the wringer and steam dryer without being at all injured. The owner was notified and was very glad to learn of the find. The ring had cost \$600.

-While Peter Nonnemacher and Jacob Theobald were in a manhole in Honesdale on Thursday, repairing a leak in a gas pipe, Nonnemacher was overcome by the escaping gas, when Theobald dragged him to the entrance and shouting for help pushed him through the opening, then fell, overcome by the gas himself. When he was taken out he was unconscious and never revived. Nonnemacher recovered.

-The big refectories of the Harbison-Walker company at Mt. Union, Huntingdon county, are making preparations for an increased business during the coming spring and the outlook in the brick market for their product is more than encouraging. They will start to increase their capacity and made improvements for a larger trade and in about two weeks they expect to run in full force employing upwards of 600 men.

-The greatest conflagration in the history of Renovo, Clinton county, occurred early on Friday morning, which started in the large furniture and undertaking establishment of Billings & Co., destroying it and five other business houses, on Erie avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Several other buildings were also damaged. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000. The fire was started by burglars who were in the furniture store.

-Robbers broke into the ticket office of the Pennsylvania railroad at Renovo early on Sunday evening and rifled the cash box of about \$200 in money. Nothing else of value is reported as missing. No further participation of the affair were obtainable as the officers were very reticent concerning it. Detectives, however, are on the lookout for two suspicious characters who were seen in the vicinity of the station early in the evening.

-The grand jury of Clearfield county in its report last week makes a recommendation that sheriff Allen be allowed more than twenty-five cents per day board for each prisoner in the institution. The jury report says that twenty-five cents is inadequate in view of the great increase in the cost of food stuffs, and that that sum is less than is allowed the sheriffs of many other counties in this section. Sheriff Allen for some months past charged the county forty cents a day per prisoner, but the county auditors would not allow the increase.

-On Tuesday of last week as John Johnson, of Lock Haven, was leading a young stallion owned by D. L. Miller, the horse became vicious and began rearing and kicking. He got Johnson's hand in his mouth and bit it severely and then tried to cut him down so that he was obliged to let go when the horse kicked him on the back of the head and knocked him down. He kept on pawing at Johnson and would no doubt have killed him had not Charles Herr, a railroad man, come to the rescue. Herr was also kicked on the forehead and a deep gash was inflicted. The horse then ran along the street until he met a baker wagon when he attacked that horse and kicked it so badly that it had to be killed. The horse was finally subdued and taken to his stable.