

Ink Stings.

We are for the French savant who declares that early rising is dangerous to the health.

BRADSTREET'S financial publication says "living is getting cheaper." Yes, the soap houses are all open again.

So Newport is to be reformed socially. Neither HARRY LEHR nor CARRIE NATION are mentioned as organizers of the movement.

After all it would have been only fair to have fined Actor HITCHCOCK a little to get even for the great advertising he got out of that suit in New York.

PAUL MORTON now says no sensible man will defend rebates. It is more pertinent to this particular gentleman to inquire as to what kind of men give or take them.

If the founder of this paper had had just a part of the foresight that NOAH displayed experiences such as we had Wednesday night and yesterday morning would not have to be recorded.

If the report that attorney SCARLETT is to retire from the prosecution of the capitol grafters be true there is little hope that there will be any final decision in the case. SCARLETT is few in Pennsylvania.

How little the most of us would be effected if all the trade disturbances were confined to such fights as are now going on between the world's two great diamond mining corporations.

With only \$600,000 bail between ABE REUF, of San Francisco, and liberty it looks as though ABE ought to soon be filling his lungs with good ozone by the grace of those whose pocket books his rascality filled.

Dr. PARKHURST might have had better results with his effort to oust Mayor MCCLELLAN, of New York, had he waited until a few days before that gentleman's term expires. Mr. HEARST tried the game once and failed.

The question that most every one is asking himself just now is how the Presbyterians hope to build up their church with that Brotherhood alone. To the practical lay mind a matrimonial agency would bring better results.

It is rumored that President ROOSEVELT and his family are to go abroad in 1909 to spend at least six months. Now if TAFT should be elected to the presidency in the fall the question arises as to how he would get along with the boss so far away.

A public office is a powerful persuader and that's what accounts for the action of some of those districts that are gradually dropping away from favorite sons and instructing for TAFT. How about the prestigious acting of federal officers in things political, Mr. President?

The fact that there were three thousand petitions for offices filed with the State Department in Harrisburg on Saturday might be and might not be a reflex of the hard times. With nothing else to be done the average man looks to political office or the insurance business as the handiest port in the storm.

Score one for State Treasurer BERRY. All that he said about the rasals has been proven true by the verdict at Harrisburg last week. The capitol grafters were all found guilty. Now it will be up to the higher courts to prove whether they can be as fair and impartial as that Dauphin county judge and jury were.

QUAY'S prophetic remark that every one connected with the capitol building would go to the penitentiary is being recalled now that they have been convicted. Possibly the old man came to realize that virtue was not entirely dead in Pennsylvania when he was forced to plead the statute of limitations to escape the same fate he predicted for others.

DAM LI is the name of the owner of a laundry in St. Joseph, Mo. If there is anything in a name he must be the daddy of the biggest bunch of offspring the world has ever heard of. We have lots of the family right around here. In fact, we presume, that during the heat of a political campaign, some of our dear Republican friends have the temerity to put us in the friendship.

It possibly might have been better had the County Commissioners began their "reform" business in some other department of county affairs than that which has for its purpose the furnishing of information relative to what becomes of the public moneys after the collector gets separated from it. Limiting the circulation of the county statement is like buying a candle and burning it out under a bushel. You have heard of the fellow who did that—and he didn't get much credit for doing the job either.

Charley Heister's robin story printed in this paper dwindles into insignificance alongside the wild goose story told the writer by insurance agent J. S. McCargar. He said that on Monday of last week he was going west on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad and just this side of Unionville the attention of the passengers was attracted by the large number of geese in a meadow by the creek. Among others he took a look and at once recognized them as wild geese, and he declared that there were at least five hundred of them, as they completely covered fully a quarter of an acre of ground. Of course they were evidently emigrating north and this he considered a sure harbinger of spring.

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President Wilson on President Roosevelt.

Dr. WOODROW WILSON, the eminent and able president of Princeton University, has again revealed his complete mastery of the problems of government in an address at a dinner of the Commercial club of Chicago, on Saturday evening last.

Six years ago, when the Supreme court of the United States dissolved the Northern Securities company, this newspaper protested that only the partial cure of a great evil had been achieved.

Of course it never occurred to President ROOSEVELT to proceed along right lines to the extermination of the evil.

The Submarine Boat Inquiry.

The preliminary proceedings in the investigation of the charges of corruption against the Electric Boat company, builders of the Holland submarine naval boats, completely justify the prediction of the WATCHMAN, last week, that it is to be a bogus inquiry.

The charges are not that Congressmen have been bribed to vote appropriations to the Electric Boat company, but that improper methods had been adopted by the company to secure the support of Congressmen for such appropriations.

The charge involves men too close to the head of the party, however, to allow a full and thorough investigation to be made.

verred by a man who even aspires to the greater distinction, in order that manufacturing corporations, already favored by all sorts of largesses, may loot the treasury in supplying materials for the government.

Roosevelt Again Sharply Rebuked.

The disreputable and unlawful methods by which President ROOSEVELT is trying to force TAFT on his party as the candidate for the succession are constantly unfolding themselves.

VICTOR, who was an ardent FAIRBANKS boomer, aspired to the office of marshal but the President refused to gratify his ambition and appointed a relative of his own, Mr. C. A. PORTER.

The President has the reputation of being a shrewd politician and he has shown a facility for quick changes and lofty tumbling which is little less than amazing.

Conviction of the Capitol Grafters.

The conviction of the capitol grafters at Harrisburg is none the less gratifying because it was somewhat unexpected.

The surprise of the trial was the failure to include Governor PENNPACKER in the indictment, and the eulogistic tone in which he was referred to by counsel on both sides.

Mr. JAMES SCARLETT, who conducted the case for the Commonwealth, was alike sincere and capable, however, during the proceedings. Possibly he was influenced to leniency toward PENNPACKER by some considerations which moved him to refrain from an effort to trace the plunder.

The rolling mill and tool works at Howard resumed operations on Tuesday morning, after an idleness of several months.

John Dalzell's Bad Day.

The insincerity of the support of Senator KNOX by the Pennsylvania Republican machine was revealed in a speech delivered by Congressman JOHN DALZELL at an alumni banquet of Yale University, one evening last week.

The Same Old Story.

From the Danville Democrat. How can platform promises or personal pledges be expected to overcome the entrenched standstagnation?

The Press on the Verdict.

From the Baltimore American. All along there has been a fear that, owing to the peculiar conditions in Pennsylvania, the grafters on trial at Harrisburg would escape.

Roosevelt's Last Brain Storm.

President ROOSEVELT'S message to Congress asking for legislation which will permit snob of the negro troops was dismissed as a "shooting up" of the town of Brownsville, Texas.

From the Evening Bulletin.

The machinery of justice should now be set in motion promptly against the rest of the indicted in order not only that those who deserve conviction may be punished, but that all the criminal facts which are still concealed may, if possible, be brought to light.

From the Ledger.

The accused have had a fair trial. They have been vigorously and ably defended by lawyers of high rank.

From the Press.

Justice is well served by the verdict rendered in Harrisburg last night—of the most wholesome and hopeful verdicts ever rendered in this Commonwealth.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Albert Batton, of Potter county, has sent a letter to President Roosevelt asking for a medal for having reared a family of twenty-four children.

Exceptionally well made counterfeit five-cent pieces have been passed in Birdsboro, Berks county, on merchants and others the past week.

W. B. Marsh, a prominent shoe dealer of Lewisburg, while temporarily deranged, on Thursday committed suicide by jumping into the Susquehanna river.

A reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Mike Miglizzo, who was killed at State Run Saturday night, has been offered by the county commissioners of Lycoming county.

Last week Judge Shull and his associates in the Juniata county license court refused licenses to the proprietors of the Mansion house at East Waterford, and the National house, at Millintown.

The state department of agriculture advises great care in the selection of seed corn this spring, as it is estimated that not more than twenty per cent. of last year's crop in this state will germinate.

Alfred Snyder, of Bethlehem, while taking a nap on Friday, was seized with a coughing spell, during which his false teeth lodged in his throat.

T. W. Moore, of Curwensville, the veteran surveyor and civil engineer, of Clearfield county, who has almost reached his 80th birthday, still attends to business and says he feels as hearty as ever he did and can run a line as straight as he could in his younger days.

J. W. Musey, for a number of years a successful contractor at Blue Ridge Summit, Franklin county, was committed to jail in Chambersburg to await a hearing on the charge of stealing money and tickets from the Western Maryland railroad station at Blue Ridge Summit.

Thousands of pounds of maple sugar and thousands of gallons of maple syrup were manufactured during the past week in Somerset county.

John E. Hunter, of Mill Hall, and Thos. Cook, of Blanchard, claim to be the champion rat killers in this section, having killed thirty-four rats in fifteen minutes in the barn on James Hunter's estate, a few days ago.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America of Huntingdon have purchased a lot of ground 75 by 100 feet in size on which they will erect a modern opera house, with a seating capacity of 1,300 with galleries.

A site for their Old Folks home has been purchased by the German Baptists four miles west of Mt. Holly, Cumberland county. The place secured is the Ames mansion which is a fine large brick house elaborately built and convenient with modern appliances.

The quick eye and steady hand of the engineer of a Reading railway coal train saved the train from being wrecked on Saturday afternoon in Flat Rock tunnel, West Manayunk, Philadelphia, where three heavy railroad ties had been piled across the track.

Jacob Kayle, of Uniontown, recently put \$150 in a small tin box for safe keeping and hid the box in a coal hod. Later his wife emptied the contents of the hod into the stove.

A freight train on the Sinnamahoning division of the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad was on Saturday struck by an avalanche near Aticks, Potter county, caused by the thaw. The engine and train were forced off the track and tumbled some distance down the mountain side.

The endowment fund for the Williamsport Dickinson seminary has reached within less than \$150 of the handsome sum of \$40,000, due to the earnest work of the Rev. A. S. Bowman, endowment secretary of the Preschlers' Aid society.

Application has been made for the incorporation of the Gracey Confectionery company, to be located in Huntingdon. The incorporators are John G. Gilliam, Frank Westbrook, D. R. Gracey, George W. Fisher and H. M. Weaverling, the latter of Everett. It will be capitalized at \$5,000. C. C. Brewster is the solicitor.

A remarkable record is that of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Neff, of Rossmoyne, South Mahoning township, Indiana county. Mr. Neff is 94 years of age and his wife, Mary Jane, is 90.

Isaac Stage, G. N. Ellenberger, L. Shapiro, E. O. Hartshorn, J. McAllister and W. E. Ellenberger, of the Broad Top Lumber company, have just closed a deal whereby they will dispose of their entire output of lumber from their holdings in Huntingdon and Bedford counties.