

Talk Hints.

—Did you catch a fish?
—Don't worry, perhaps you will have better luck next time.

—Didn't BERT skin the people on Saturday. Now for the skinning of BERT.

—There were more suckers out on the banks of the streams than trout in them.

—The primaries passed off pleasantly enough in Centre county—that is, for the fellows who won out.

—Philadelphia is getting very much wrought up over the King's business, but what do you suppose the King must think of Philadelphia's business.

—About one more week is all the time that will be given to those who have as yet made no overtures about paying their arrearages to this paper. After that—the lawyers.

—After Wednesday's experience the writer has come to the conclusion that catching escaped hatchery trout is about as satisfactory to a true sportsman as shooting a rabbit in its "squat."

—There are two hundred and seventy-five reasons given in the convicted grafters application for a new trial. Quite a formidable legal presentation, no doubt, but there must surely be a million reasons why they should not have one.

—Strange! LEWIS V. EMERY was considered to be a good enough Republican to be elected Governor of Pennsylvania, yet he is good enough to represent his district at the Republican National convention, where the party platform must be built.

—The New York delegation to the Democratic national convention will be unrepresented, as it should be. New York has no favorite son to boost and will be in position to throw the weight of unprejudiced judgment into the contest to secure a candidate who can be elected.

—The date for the adjournment of JOE CANNON et al has been postponed until May 16th. Six days longer will be a matter of little consequence for following the plan that JOE has adopted there is little probability of more being done in the extra six days and nothing added to nothing makes nothing.

—Congressman RICHARD PEARSON HOBSON will have to conjure up a better boggy than the Philippines if he wants to scare the American people into building a large navy. To our way of thinking there would be no great regret on any side were some foreign power to steal that Asiatic sink hole away from us.

—Neither the question of local option nor the re-election of PENROSE need figure in the campaign for Legislature in Centre county this fall. Local option has been beaten and PENROSE assured of re-election by the cities and larger counties of the State so that the vote of the Member from Centre will not be needed.

—At the primaries in Centre county the Republicans polled 2433 votes while only 2119 Democrats turned out. This result simply confirms the early belief that the country districts, which are largely Democratic, would not turn out, while the centres of population largely Republican, would make a better showing.

—The New York woman whose house was blown up by dynamite she had concealed in her stockings has no explanation to make as to why she had it there. We have heard of women carrying money and, in some cases, cotton or sawdust in their stockings but this is the first time that we have ever heard that dynamite is a part of their treasure.

—If you have not paid your arrearages to this paper or if you have not written with a view to making some settlement of them we advise you to do so at once. The publisher has been as considerate as possible with everyone who has made the effort. He will be so with you, but the effort must be made and made soon. You know the time always comes when patience ceases to be a virtue.

—Col. JOHN A. DALEY was 286 votes behind WOODRING the lowest man of the two Republican Commissioners nominated. WEAVER defeated PLETCHER for Register by 82 votes. MUSKER had 441 votes over HOWLEY for Recorder and BROWN had 299 over HOLMES. For Treasurer MILLER had 215 over CARLIN and FINK had 102 over CONLEY. TAYLOR defeated FOSTER for the Legislature by 311 and MEYER had 627 over ROBT FOSTER.

—Talking about hard luck AL DALE certainly looked like the short end of the wish-bone Wednesday morning when, after fishing in rain for hours, he finally got a bite and pulled out to find two beautiful trout dangling at the end of his line. That is, it felt and looked as though they were on his line until the boy on the other side of the stream discovered that AL's line had become entangled with his and that he was the owner of the trout.

—Why should it be necessary for President ROOSEVELT to announce that after his term of office expires he expects to spend a year in travel abroad? It is done, of course, to help TAFT; that is, with ROOSEVELT away from the scene the public is presumed to infer that TAFT would be left to run the presidential office, himself, should he be nominated and elected. It seems to us that this very announcement stamps TAFT as an incompetent. With a man big enough to be President of these United States there should be no question of his being big enough to be his own boss.

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The Minority Doing Well.

The so-called "filibuster" in the House of Representatives in Washington has already resulted in the passage of an employers' liability bill, which is something.

We hope, therefore, that leader WILLIAMS and his intrepid associates on the Democratic side of the House will continue the "filibuster" until the full purpose for which it was organized has been fulfilled.

As a matter of fact the action of the minority is in no sense a filibuster. It is a movement to advance rather than to retard legislation, moreover, and to compel the majority to allow legislation to proceed in an orderly way.

An Absent Proposition.

The Washington correspondent of an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary writes that "the Democrats generally are not favorable to the President's big naval programme, but they may for tactical reasons vote for four battleships in order to increase the embarrassment of the House leaders."

RICHARD PEARSON HOBSON, a crank, wants four battleships for the reason that he imagines Japan is preparing for a war with the United States.

The United States are in no danger of a war with anybody at this time and unless they provoke war by criminal jingoism cannot possibly have such trouble within a quarter of a century, by which time, unless lunatics get into control of the civilization of the world, war will be a thing of the past.

Let the Work Begin at Once.

The Democrats of Centre county have polled as high as 4,500 votes at times when the organization was perfect and the vote all gotten to the polls.

honest and sincere effort the more certain we are of the victory. The chairman, members of the committee, candidates and Democratic voters generally, should remember that the party cannot afford a falling off in the Democratic vote in November next, such as has been experienced during the past three years—and the preliminary work to arouse and interest our people and to insure a good result should be begun at once.

Labor Conditions in Philadelphia.

The 200,000 idle workmen in Philadelphia have been offered employment by the municipal authorities at a dollar a day and they are uncertain whether to accept it or not.

"It's time enough to cross a bridge when you come to it," and it seems to us that the labor leaders are borrowing trouble for future use.

The 200,000 idle workmen in Philadelphia who are offered charity work sufficient to stave off starvation are expected, of course, to vote for the continuance of the policies which have brought them to the starvation rates of wages and they will probably do it.

The Capitol Grafters.

There is a constantly growing impression in the public mind to the effect that the convicted capitol grafters will never be forgotten.

We own to considerable surprise at the conviction of the grafters. It was never intended by the party managers that they should be convicted.

BURD CASSELL, whose trial is scheduled for next month, is a member of Congress but through the session is over, he has not qualified as yet.

The WATCHMAN is in receipt of the Easter number of the New York Herald, issue of Sunday, April 12th, sent us by our old-time friend, John D. Powers.

Penrose Endorsed at the Primaries.

The Republican primaries indicate the renomination of Senator BOIS PENROSE by the practically unanimous vote of the caucus of his party.

We can hardly say that this result of the Republican primaries is surprising, however disappointing it may have been.

That a stream can be no purer than its source is axiomatic and the success of Senator PENROSE in the party leadership of the Republican party is ascribable to the fact that his morals and methods are the morals and methods of the rank and file of his party.

Crazy Talk from Hobson.

In his utterly absurd speech in support of the President's proposition to authorize four battleships this year, Representative HOBSON, of Alabama, said the other day that "if we would simply hold our present, relative position, we will have to authorize six great battleships this year and four more each subsequent year until further developments."

The complement of men for a battleship of the Dreadnaught type is estimated at 1,000. Therefore in addition to a construction expenditure of nearly five billions of dollars within the next ten years Mr. HOBSON would create a maintenance account, in addition to that of the present amounting to the enormous total of about \$48,000,000 a year.

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—Last Thursday a small robin sat on a stone near the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad tracks fishing for suckers.

The fifty-second annual session of the West Schuylkill Association of the Reformed church will be held in St. Andrew's church, Coburn, May 6th to 10th, inclusive.

Light Wanted.

Every little while, as it strikes a memory into other things, somebody emerges from the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives with a cry of graft. In 1903 the scream of Congressman Lesler was more shrill than that of Congressman Lilly now.

Truth About the Filibuster.

While there is much talk of the Democratic filibuster, the real fact of the matter is that the systematic filibuster has been conducted by the Republican majority in the house of representatives and aided by Speaker Cannon.

Want Tariff Revision Now.

The more Vice President Fairbanks' letter to the Indiana Republican is studied the clearer it becomes that the country's business man is fully persuaded in his own mind that if the Republicans of the present congress do not revise the tariff they will not have a chance to revise it at all.

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Newspapers as Business Ventures.

Considered as a manufacturing business, newspaper making is enormously hazardous and absurdly unremunerative.

Spawns from the Keystone.

—Ground has been broken for a large open air theatre in Latrobe with a seating capacity of about 1,700 persons.

—Phillipsburg reports the finding of a fine deposit of fire clay near that town which is promised to surpass the Morgan Run deposit in quality and quantity.

—The Central Pennsylvania Light and Power Co., of Clearfield, on Wednesday filed an increase of stock to \$100,000 at the State Department. The total increase was \$70,000.

—The Huntingdon Grange Trust company closed the first year of its organization on Wednesday with over \$100,000 on deposit. The company has, however, only been doing business since January 2nd.

—Announcement was made Monday that several departments of the Cambria Steel company will resume operation this week, following a three months suspension, affording employment to 1,500 men.

—The county commissioners of Lycoming county will soon begin the erection of nine bridges throughout the county.

—Big fires are devastating miles of woodland on the mountains near Wilkesbarre and are now threatening Oliver's powder mills, at Laurel run, and the summer cottages of a number of Wilkesbarres on top of Wilkesbarre mountain.

—The elders and trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Jeannette on Sunday asked the congregation for \$3,750 to pay for a lot for a new church and in twenty minutes \$4,300 was subscribed. The plan is to erect a church next year to cost \$30,000.

—Saxton furnace No. 2, of which Joseph E. Tropp Jr., is general manager, has resumed operations. The big furnace was banked on January 23rd and at 11 o'clock on Friday night the blast was again put on. The Earleton furnace is still out of blast.

—In the craw of an old chicken which Mrs. Robert Sprankle, of Hanover, York county, was cleaning on Monday, she found a silver dime worn quite smooth, no doubt by the part it had played for a long time with a few pebbles in aiding the fowl to grind its food.

—The gentlemen who own and operate the Juniata Extract works at Mount Union are about to begin the erection of an immense modern tannery in connection with their extract works. It is intended to employ 200 hides a day and will employ 100 to 125 men when built.

—The Bilger brothers, at Arctic Springs, will put in a portable mill this spring and saw the balance of the timber standing on the lands of the estate, embracing about 400,000 feet. The lumber business is not a new thing to the Bilger boys, who will be able to cut, saw and market this timber to the very best advantage.

—A mass meeting of all the labor unions of Harrisburg is to be held in that city on the evening of April 29th at which the Hepburn amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law will be discussed. Prominent labor leaders will make addresses. It is said similar meetings will be held in different parts of the State on the same day.

—Jacob R. Ritter, a well-known cabinet maker, of Reading, who about a year ago completed his coffin and exhibited it at the Berks county fair, has now completed all arrangements for his demise. He received his shroud, a white one, Monday. It was made by a friend of Mr. Ritter's, and is of white silk and of the best material.

—The heavy wind storm which passed over the State Saturday evening did much damage. In Schuylkill county many barns and small buildings were blown down. At St. Clairsville a house in course of construction went to bits. In the vicinity of Norris-town thousands of dollars worth of damage was done, including the unroofing of houses and churches.

—Gettysburg has been selected as the site of the next division encampment of the National Guard by a committee of the High Officers of the guard who spent a day at the battlefield. The site will be on the scene of the third day's battle on the historic field, the infantry occupying the same sites as in 1904. The date will be selected later, but it is certain that the encampment will be held the latter part of July.

—The miners who have recently been employed in the Schuylkill region and who dig clay for the Lock Haven brick works, have lately been idle resumed operation Monday morning and a full force went to work. This, like several other mines and industries in that section that have within a fortnight commenced operations, will give employment to about all the men who have temporarily been out of work.

—It is now stated that the Lake Shore will actually proceed this year with the construction of the Franklin & Clearfield road. The line intended to effect a short cut between the Lake Shore and other New York Central lines and the attractive territory of the Reading. In case traffic arrangements are made with other roads between Brookville and Clearfield, it will be only necessary to build a line from Du Bois to Clearfield.

—The State army board Monday evening opened bids for construction of buildings in Williamsport and Pine Grove. Bennett & Woodnut, Williamsport, were low bidder on the Williamsport building, which will be a drill hall, at \$25,675. Samuel Larrievé, of Williamsport, was next at \$26,704.26. David Buffamoyer & Son, Lebanon, was low bidder on Pine Grove, at \$12,210. The members took the bids under consideration and will make awards later.

—At the meeting of the ex-members of the Fifth regiment of Spanish-American War veterans, held in the Altoona company's market house Monday night, the different committees reported that the affairs were progressing favorably. The committee that is looking for a hall where the meeting is to be held during the reunion, reported that it had several in view and called upon the owners Monday to see what arrangements could be made. Replies are being received daily from the different members of the regiment, saying that they will be present at the reunion on April 27th.