

Ink Stings.

When WALKER goes to Congress There'll be something doin' sure, They'll be speechin for the money-bags And pensions for the poor.

An illuminated key hole is one of the latest inventions recorded. It is an accessory after the fact to the illuminated nose.

It is quite certain that Col. REYNOLDS won't find it a very pleasant task playing catpaw to pull Mr. Noisy HARGOODS' chestnuts out of the fire.

Senator PLATT gave his wife \$70,000 to keep her quiet and plenty of other men would be glad to do the same to accomplish the same end if they only had the seventy.

Perhaps if we changed its name from decoration to precipitation day there might be a better chance of having one 30th of May without a rain to spoil the parade and route the exercises.

With two trains to Denver it is apparent that the Democrats of Pennsylvania intend making a fuss at the election of the next President.

Congress has adjourned and a lot of statesmen will find it very hard convincing their constituents between this and November that they did anything while in Washington to warrant their return to legislative halls.

The frequency with which dynamite is used in bombs, for wrecking street cars and houses in this country might lead Russia to imagine that all the governmental unrest in the world is not centered in the domain of the Czar.

That Waynstown, Indiana, banker who is in jail for stealing a horse might have learned from Mr. BILLY MONTGOMERY, of Pittsburg, that if you had to go to jail for stealing you had better go for stealing something worth while.

The old story of the pot and the kettle scurrying as to their color has a modern setting in the action of Col. REYNOLDS contesting LEWIS V. EMERY's seat in the Republican national convention because of his doubtful Republicanism.

It was a grand achievement for ALDRICH and FAIRBANKS to pass that outrageous currency bill with the grandeur heightened to the borders of brilliancy by their taking advantage of a blind man's inability to see in order to achieve it.

The President was thrown from his horse, while riding in Rook creek park on Wednesday, and landed in the waters of a rocky creek after a tumble of ten feet. The President is lucky and his luck was with him because he was not hurt. Now for a dime museum to get the horse that threw ROOSEVELT.

When DAVID B. HILL said at the retirement of former Vice President GEORGE B. CLINTON, at Kingston, N. Y., the other day, that "he knew enough to know that he didn't know it all," he gave expression to a thought that is probably making a great many of the Senator's enemies scratch their heads quite a little.

The stand that the Maryland Democratic convention has taken voices one principle, at least, that every true Democrat should be in sympathy with. That is, that the platform of our party for the national campaign should not be made to fit the views of the candidates, but should be a reaffirmation of honest Democratic principles with an abandonment of all fads and populist theories.

The pluck of the American boy knows no limit. On Wednesday fourteen-year-old SELBY HARRINGTON, of Georgetown, Del., swam two miles through a rough sea to procure aid for three little girls whom he had taken out sailing and were clinging to the bottom of his overturned boat. It took him one hour and a half to swim to shore, but the children held onto the boat and were rescued. It is such acts of heroism that prove the American the truest, most noble and self-sacrificing type of man.

SELBY HARRINGTON isn't on the next CARNEGIE hero list it is not because he has not won a place there.

About the most contemptible, pusillanimous, unreliable sheet to be called a metropolitan journal is the Philadelphia North American. Its continued ranting about fighting the battles of the people, defending the right and condemning the wrong, became nauseating long ago when it was discovered that the North American has ulterior motives in everything. That is to say, it is not a paper with a conviction and a courage to defend it, but a syphonant pandering to the personal ambitions of a certain coterie of men in particular and the Republican party in general.

The latest exhibit of its treachery and potherony is made in its charges that the Democrats in Congress are responsible for the passage of the ALDRICH-VEREHLAND currency outrage. Just as if the Democrats in Congress could be held responsible for anything when that body is overwhelmingly Republican. If the North American had the backbone of a Fishing Creek "punk" it would put the blame for this latest legislative abortion on the President who signed it almost before the ink was dry on its pages, but the North American and the President are of the same ilk—long on conceit and little on consistency.

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John Sharp Williams.

We Democrats of the north have every reason to express admiration for the masterful leader of the minority in the House during the session just closed, Hon. JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, of Mississippi. He made a fight for right against odds which were overwhelming, and though he didn't accomplish all his purposes, he forced the consideration and adoption of some measures of the highest value.

During the whole session of great length and unusual activity Mr. WILLIAMS made but one tactical mistake, and his record is marvelous. When the TAWNEY force bill was attached to the McCALL publicity bill, the Democrats voted against it. This was an error of judgment. The TAWNEY force bill was the spawn of a political concubine. It was an outrage upon every principle of honor and decency.

Notwithstanding this error of judgment, however, the minority of the House during the session just closed acted with great courage and wisdom and the leadership of Mr. WILLIAMS was both masterful and patriotic. At the close of the present Congress Mr. WILLIAMS will leave the popular branch in order to take a seat in the other chamber and he will adorn that lofty station in the public life of the country.

A Disreputable Subterfuge.

Secretary TAFT was less adroit than usual in his reply, last week, to Mr. BRYAN's proposition that as the leading candidates of their respective parties they unite in a request that Congress enact the publicity bill. He said that some weeks previously he had announced his friendliness for that kind of legislation and inferentially charged that Mr. BRYAN was tardy in his reform work.

Secretary TAFT had in a private letter to Senator BURROWS, of Michigan, written in favor of the passage of a publicity bill. But BURROWS, apparently with TAFT's assent, buried the letter in his inside pocket and used all his influence to prevent the passage of such legislation.

Like his trip to Panama, recently, that certain tricks might be pulled off during his absence, this letter was a fraud and false pretense.

Last Thursday evening undertaker Sam Graham, of Tyrone, was driving up Twelfth street in that borough and at the corner of Washington Avenue he attempted to cross the tracks of the Bald Eagle Valley railroad on an up-grade. Just when he got on the track his motor stopped and left him and the machine stranded right in front of a fast moving train.

LaFollette's Fight.

The time was unpropitious for Senator LAFOLLETTE's "flibuster," and the conditions were unfavorable. If there had been a constitutional limit to the session, one or even ten weeks ahead, his purpose might have been achieved.

Nevertheless, we are unable to withhold an expression of admiration for the Senator who undertook the impossible task. He was working in a righteous cause. He was fighting vicious legislation and supported in a hopeless labor by the consciousness that he was right.

The bill which was enacted into law because of LAFOLLETTE's failure is an atrocity in legislation. It isn't even a creditable makeshift. If it would prevent financial panic or industrial paralysis, it might be accepted as better than nothing.

Militarist Rampant and Spreading.

An unusually interesting Washington dispatch the other day conveyed this information: "Five hundred American marines will police the one hundred polling places in Panama during the presidential election the first week in July, if the present serious intention of the United States government is carried out."

The excuse for this outrage upon political liberty is that there is danger that the administration party in Panama will be defeated. The administration party in Panama is composed of the group of adventurers and pirates who, under the encouragement of ROOSEVELT and supported by American marines, organized a revolution against the government of Colombia and created the bogus republic of Panama.

This announcement is the forerunner of similar performances at home. When ROOSEVELT announced to the Governors in conference that in the event Congress should fail to do what he wants, he would do it in spite of Congress, the spirit of his Panama policy was expressed.

—This (Friday) evening is the time for the annual reception at the Bellefonte Academy and the weather being favorable the attendance will undoubtedly be large. Instituted four years ago the Academy reception has grown to be a feature in the routine of that institution of considerable importance and is always looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation by both old and young.

—The next big time will be the annual commencement at The Pennsylvania State College June 14th—17th.

Roosevelt and the Oregon Congressmen.

President ROOSEVELT gave a certificate of character to the Republican candidates for Congress in Oregon for the reason that he thought they needed help. To justify this guttersnipe interference in local affairs he referred to the earnestness with which the Oregon members had supported his "policies."

ROOSEVELT is the most bigoted partisan who has ever participated in the public life of the country. He will freely fraternize with any criminal if such a prostitution of the great office he occupies will help his party.

But candidates of the Republican party for Congress need not hesitate about asking ROOSEVELT's endorsement because they didn't support his policies during the recent session. He is for the election of the Republican candidate, respectable or otherwise, decent or disreputable.

The New Currency Law.

The Philadelphia bankers are unconvinced by the currency bill forced through at the closing hours of the session of Congress. It was, or is, the result of party exigency, rather than a desire to promote business interests, they say.

Other bankers take equally hopeless views of the subject. "The politicians have made it harder for us to deal with the emergency problems," is the way one of the most conspicuous bankers states it. So they have, but the Philadelphia bankers were not expected to complain about a trifle like that.

The emergency currency bill, as it is called, was simply intended to fool the people until after the election and if the bankers keep quiet, as they will be compelled to do, it will accomplish its purpose.

—Bellefonters will tomorrow have an opportunity to see what will perhaps be the best game of ball the Academy nine will play this season, when they will cross bats with the strong Juniata College team on the new athletic grounds.

—A squad of fifteen students taking the mechanical engineering course at the Pennsylvania State College, in charge of assistant professor Harold B. Shattuck, went to Altoona last Friday morning and inspected the shops and yards of the Pennsylvania railroad company both in that immediate city and at Juniata. They returned on Saturday.

Trouble for Japan.

Japan will have plenty of occupation on her own side of the Pacific Ocean for the near future without looking toward California and Oregon. There is an uprising in Korea of serious proportions. It is directed against Japanese possession. It follows closely the movement of Chinese troops toward territory held by Japan on the Korean border, but claimed as Chinese territory. Therefore it is not difficult to imagine a connection between the Korean demand for independence and Chinese diplomacy.

We do not mean that it is likely to be any active foreign intervention in this quarrel. It is possible the Anglo-Japanese treaty may drag Great Britain in as an ally, but if so it will be against the will of Britons in Asia and at home.

National Expenses.

Peace conferences may find a subject for discussion, at least, in the appropriations of the present Congress for war purposes—for the army and navy and for pensions. These foot up close to \$400,000,000, or about 40 per cent. of the total of a billion.

For civil administration, the largest item is for the postal service, to which \$224,000,000 is appropriated, but most of this comes back, of course, in the postal revenue. Enormous as are the general appropriations for the coming year, they represent only what remained after a rigorous pruning of the estimates, such important objects as the proposed forest reserves for example, being allowed little or nothing.

The great sum appropriated at this session becomes serious only in consideration of the fact that it is largely in excess of the estimated revenues. This will further complicate the question of tariff revision next winter by making it necessary for Congress to provide more revenue rather than less, since there appears no likelihood of lessened expenditures.

Wall Street Supports Taft.

There may be some doubt about how great the revolt of labor will be against Secretary Taft, but that Wall street interests will warmly support him with money and votes seems certain. That representative Wall street banker, Jacob H. Schiff, the partner of that "manufacturer of great wealth," Mr. Harriman, has accepted the vice-presidency of the Taft organization of the state of New York.

From this we may assume that Mr. Taft will receive the united support of the Wall street influence, and that bankers and railroad managers will vie with each other in filling the "dough-bags" of the Republican party.

An Enormous Deficit.

May's statement of Government receipts and expenditures continues the gloom, and together with the German tariff agreement will soon evoke a howl from the Dalszellians for raising tariff rates. The month's deficit is over \$1,000,000, though a year ago the surplus was \$3,500,000. For the 11 months the deficit is \$63,663,000, and though receipts for this period fell off \$56,000,000, the expenditures went right along to \$237,400,000 higher.

—Reports have been spread broadcast that Hecla Park had suffered severely by reason of the recent cloudburst near that point. This is incorrect. In fact Hecla Park, with its clean walks, beautiful lawns and flower beds never appeared to better advantage than at this time.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—The Hippie planing mill, of Lock Haven, has just received a large contract for furnishing office furniture and fixtures for barracks at army posts.

—The Colonial Iron company's furnaces at Riddlesburg, Bedford county, resumed operations Monday after being banked since February. These furnaces are the largest in the region and have undergone complete repairs.

—Erna Reist, of Manheim, Lancaster county, has just received from a Philadelphia drug house \$75 for a four year crop of ginseng grown on a patch of ground sixteen by twenty-four feet. At that rate an acre would yield a crop worth \$3,000, or \$2,000 per year.

—To be penniless on Monday and to refuse \$45,000 for an oil gusher and leases on thirty acres of land Saturday night was the experience of Harry N. Hoffman, of Penn township, Butler county, last week. The well he struck has a flow that will make him rich in a short time.

—While William Jones, of Mahanoy City, was cleaning a horse on Wednesday he noticed the horse was in danger of choking to death when he thrust his hand down the animal's throat and drew out a \$20 gold piece which the horse had evidently taken up while eating his feed.

—The Keystone Coal and Coke company has donated fifteen acres of ground, near New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, divided into one hundred foot patches, which has all been ploughed and harrowed, for the use of the families or children of miners, for raising vegetables and flowers.

—The stone work on the new river bridge at Jersey Shore is about completed, and by the end of the week it is expected that everything will be finished about the abutments and pier so that the builders can commence their work on the iron structure, which began arriving on Tuesday.

—An inquest Tuesday, held over the body of a man found in the creek near Sunbury Monday night, resulted in the positive identification of the corpse as that of F. M. Bloom, the bank clerk, who disappeared about three weeks ago, after a shortage in his accounts of \$6,000 had been discovered.

—Final arrangements have been made for the state encampment of the Sons of Veterans, which is to be held in Williamsport beginning tomorrow and lasting one week. A fund of \$40,000 has been contributed by the citizens for the use of the Sons of Veterans' committee in entertaining the expected visitors.

—By the will of the late Josephine M. Peck, of Williamsport, provision is made for a memorial window to be placed in the new Third Presbyterian church to the memory of her two children. The cost of the window is not to exceed \$500. Mrs. Peck also bequeathed 300 of her valuable lantern slides to Rev. Dr. Armstrong, pastor of the church.

—Three boys were out rowing in the Clarion river, at Ridgway, on Wednesday, when they discovered the body of a man in the water, which was afterwards identified as that of George Ponderleberger, who disappeared from Johnsonburg, nine miles up the river, about two weeks ago. The man's throat was cut and a large sum of money it was known he had was missing.

—The New York Central railroad company has asked for bids for the construction of a six miles branch road, to be built this summer. It will start from the company's River Line at Shawville, and will tap some coal lands on which Rembrandt Peale has for some years held leases. The new branch will open a territory hitherto undeveloped, and where there are vast deposits of valuable coal.

—Allen P. Perley, president of the Williamsport Furniture company, has been appointed postmaster of Williamsport to succeed Orange S. Brown, deceased. There were several applicants and the appointment of Mr. Perley, whose name had not been mentioned, was quite a surprise, but the appointment gives general satisfaction as Mr. Perley is prominent in business and social life.

—During a severe thunder storm which passed over Huntingdon on Tuesday afternoon a chimney of the library building at Juniata college and a chimney at Standing Stone hotel were struck by lightning, but little damage was done. The barn of B. C. Gregory, of Shaver's Creek valley, was also struck and set on fire but by the quick work of the farm hands the flames were soon extinguished.

—On Friday a number of Italians working on a state road near DuBois, got into a dispute about the men's wages, when they threw down their shovels and marched on the commissary in a body and demanded their pay. Five of them drew revolvers and threatened to shoot Tons Farraro, the man in charge and others also flourished revolvers and knives. Farraro fled and later nine of the men were arrested.

—Henry Wells, who has been employed in the Bon Ton store at Patton for several months, left that place on Tuesday, April 29th, for his home at Potsdam, N. Y., and has not been heard from since. His wife has become alarmed at his absence and fearing foul play has asked the aid of the police in locating him. He is about 45 years of age, five feet, nine inches tall, weighing about 165 pounds and wore a mustache slightly tinged with gray.

—Three foreigners went to the home of James Rice, a boarding house boss, at Chambersville, eight miles south of Pennsylvania Sunday night, and after being refused money, shot Mrs. Rice through the shoulder and secured \$450 from her. The woman's husband, hearing the shot, broke through one of the doors the intruders had locked and fired two shots at the burglars, inflicting wounds upon one of them that proved fatal. The dead man is said to have made an ante-mortem statement that implicates a Pittsburg-Black Hand society.

—Clyde C. Bathurst, of Mt. Union, a son of ex-Sheriff Bathurst, of Huntingdon county, and nephew of chief of police Wm. E. Bathurst, of Huntingdon, has won by his choice application to study, a traveling scholarship from the Academy of Fine Arts, of Philadelphia. The award received is known as the Emile Cresson Memorial scholarship. It is valued at about \$500. The young man will sail for Naples, Italy, about the second of June and expects to visit the principal cities of Europe, where the work of old masters of sculpture are to be seen.