

Ink Stings.

Reformed and Methodist, alike, Can get spiritually sick...

The way the South likes TAYT is about the way Pennsylvania likes BRYAN.

Of course the Director gown is only affected by the girls who don't have to rely on sawdust to fill up their stockings or pads to shape their hips.

In Abyssinia there can be no such thing as a man stretching his feet under his own mahogany because the wife always owns the house and everything in it.

Now Secretary CORTELYOU would like to play tail to the TAYT kite; a very dangerous position; especially if there should not be enough wind to keep the kite in the air.

The Mayor of Philadelphia is in the position of defending the accusation that he is a drunkard. Think of it, the Mayor of Philadelphia! What a great city has come to.

This is the season of the year when the colleges are turning out large numbers of graduates but it is up to themselves to see that they have been turned out true men and women.

Living expenses in New York have increased eleven per cent. in one year, but Mayor McCLELLAND probably doesn't notice it. He is not living. He is merely in a state of suspense.

As much as Mr. HOBSON has mercifully postponed our war with Japan until 1900 we presume he will have had time to get his oculatory organs in training by that date to be sent over to kiss and make up.

It now appears that JIM McNICHOL, of Philadelphia, has been talking too much to suit his lawyers. Leave the "I" out of talking and you will have the thing he has been doing too much of to please the people.

Manayunk has a real fool-killer. While out boating a man started to rocking the boat in which BESSIE ROSTUM was seated whereupon she promptly picked up an oar and knocked him overboard. She did her part, but he did not drown.

The QUAY statue continues to be a white elephant on the hands of the commission. The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings met on Tuesday and again laid the request to have it placed in the rotunda of the capitol on the table.

Mr. ROOSEVELT is to hold his convention in Chicago next week. His policies are to be endorsed, his platform adopted and his stool-pigeon put at the head of the ticket. Thus the fake trust buster reveals his real grip on the Republican organization just at a time when he was supposed to be down and out.

The death of GEORGE F. PAYNE, head of the contracting firm that built the palace of graft, makes the third man connected with that scandal to pass to a world free of the cares of this life. Can it be possible that another chain of deaths is to follow the great capitol robbery case as marked the notorious treasury scandal of QUAY's some years ago.

The action of the national association of railroad ticket sellers at Atlantic City on Tuesday was one that the public will heartily approve of. It is certain that a "grouchy" ticket seller can do more to prejudice public sentiment against the corporation that he is working for than the rates of the corporation. A traveler usually seeks information only when he needs it, and that with more or less hesitancy. When his inquiries are met at the ticket window with a short, crusty answer that really tells him to get away, rather than helps him, he cannot but nurse a feeling of resentment against the corporation that retains such an official.

The seating of LEWIS EMERY Jr., as a delegate from Pennsylvania in the Republican national convention, was not an unexpected outcome of the contest made upon his right to represent this district. The unfortunate feature of the episode was that Col. REYNOLDS should have lent himself to the attack on EMERY, which was a malicious action on the part of a few of his personal enemies. But the Colonel never was a politician and probably has no desire to become one, though this incident should prove an admonition to him that in any future ambitions that it is always well to ponder well over advice that is volunteered by would-be political leaders.

The panic of 1837 forced the establishment of a federal treasury. The panic of 1857 eliminated wild cat banks. The panic of 1873 resulted in the green-back redemption bill. The panic of 1893 stopped the further purchase of silver and put the country on a sound (?) money basis absolutely; that is, it left gold supreme as the standard of value and marked the end (?) of further financial furies. The panic of 1907, though judged from what financiers had told us before had no right to appear, has resulted in the passage of the ALBRIGHT VRELAND currency bill, as dangerous in its possibilities as either silver, green-backs or state banks. Can it be that, after all, the turning point has been reached and we are about to retrace all the steps we have taken since 1837?

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The Republican Platform.

Concerning the Republican platform that is to be adopted at Chicago next week we have the information that there are a few unimportant details yet to be arranged...

This is the condition of servitude to which the Republican party has been reduced. One man and he more a Populist than a Republican completely dominates the organization.

A party so conducted is unfit to direct the destinies of a free people. Men so fettered are incapable of self government. It has been said that the Democratic party is governed by one man and it is true that a private citizen without patronage or official power exercises vast influence among the Democratic masses.

Rottenness in Philadelphia.

There is nothing new in the developments of fraud in Philadelphia. Senator McNICHOL acknowledges that the jury was "fixed" in the SALTER case and that JOHN WEAVER, then district attorney and subsequently compensated by promotion to the office of mayor, was cognizant of and contributory to the conspiracy.

But the developments of the last couple of weeks in relation to the frauds in Philadelphia are important, nevertheless. They indicate that the machine has so accurately measured the civic immorality of the people of Philadelphia that its leaders no longer think it necessary to conceal its iniquities.

We are inclined to share in the opinion of Mr. McNICHOL. In 1906 the people of Philadelphia knew that in voting to restore the Republican party to power they were voting for the resumption of the looting operations. Yes by enormous majority they declared in favor of the restoration, and subsequently, in the election of Mayor REYBURN, testified to their satisfaction with the result.

Rev. J. M. Rankle, an old Centre countyman, has resigned as pastor of St. John's Reformed church, of Williamsport, to accept the pastorate of the Church of the Incarnation at Newport, Pa.

A Most Mendacious Fraud.

The Philadelphia North American and other conscienceless Republican organs are making a strenuous and mendacious effort to re-elect Congressman LAFEAN, of the York-Adams district.

The measure was defeated in the House on Tuesday, May 26, and the discussion spread in the Congressional Record beginning with page 7,325 and ending with the vote on page 7,356.

The malignant and mendacious North American wants to re-elect LAFEAN and his Washington correspondent deliberately fabricated this absurd story of his activity in a just and successful fight against a fat job.

The Second Trial of Grafters.

The testimony in the second of the capital graft trials in Harrisburg was completed before the adjournment of court on Saturday last and the result of the trial may be reached by this paper is received by its readers.

In this second trial of the grafters the crafty counsel of the defendants relied almost entirely on the change in public sentiment which has occurred since the previous trial. There were only four months between the ending of one and the beginning of the other but within that brief period the control of the State Treasury had been restored to the machine and the people had been brought to an understanding that graft is no longer under the ban.

Nothing could be more discouraging than this condition of public opinion. It may safely be said that popular indifference to corruption is the most prolific source of venality. So long as men are not shocked at crime but are outraged at the carelessness which reveals it, there can be no actual improvement in political morals.

R. Dean Rynder, son of T. P. Rynder, of Milesburg, a student in the law school of the National University at Washington, D. C., was last week awarded the McArthur gold medal for the most satisfactory senior class examination.

The Republican Presidential Candidate.

The allies have given up the fight against TAYT, we are informed by the newspaper correspondents in Chicago who are watching the progress of the preliminaries at close range. By that is meant that the friends of FAIRBANKS, HUGHES, KNOX, CANNON and others "who also ran," have finally come to the conclusion that there is no hope for them.

As a matter of fact there has never been the shadow of a doubt of this result since the moment, three or four months ago, that ROOSEVELT made his reluctant declaration that he was not a candidate for the succession himself.

For some reason a pretense that there were other candidates had still been maintained up until last Saturday when it was announced that "the allies have given up the fight against TAYT."

Roosevelt's Idea of a "Square Deal."

The President was delighted with the work of the committee on contested seats of the Republican National committee, the public has been assured by the press correspondents in Washington. The committee had been packed in the interest of TAYT, Mr. HITCHCOCK, of Massachusetts, with the proxy of the member for New Mexico, being manager of the machine, and it moved "rough-shod" over the opposition.

This is THEODORE ROOSEVELT's idea of "a square deal." It is the same interpretation that a pirate would put on the same phrase. It is the burglar's notion of the equities of a midnight robbery.

And this is characteristic of ROOSEVELT. The impulse which influenced him to shoot an unarmed and retreating Spaniard at San Juan Hill, and kill him in cold blood was natural. The Spaniard was on the other side and that was sufficient.

The theaterium has inaugurated a change, which will be appreciated by its patrons, and now gives you two nights' pictures every evening, while the price remains the same, 5 cents.

Summer Styles in Sermons.

There is a well known anecdote of a clergyman who, remarking to a parishioner that there is a sermon in every blade of grass, received the reply: "Yes, and grass is out very short at this season of the year."

Despite the sympathetic intimations which numerous pastors receive from their congregations, about this time every year, to the effect that they are working too hard and should not give such good measure from the pulpit, there is no indication that the movement for shorter sermons in the summer is making progress.

Eye-Opener for Majority-Makers.

The disclosures that have come out of the breach between members of the Philadelphia machine will open the eyes of speak-easy owners, keepers of baginoo, gambling house proprietors, crooks, and plug sales generally.

The next time the gang starts in to round up the scum and riff-raff of Philadelphia, they may find it a much more difficult matter to defray the expenses of raids on the illegal resorts which abound in Philadelphia under the protection of the political gang of which McNICHOL and "D" Durham are acknowledged leaders.

Machine-Made.

Controlling the national committee by a large majority, the administration is seating only TAYT delegates from the Southern constituency, where the delegates are habitually made to order, since there is no popular vote to which respect need be paid.

It is certainly to be deduced from this situation that the Republican ticket is not to be favored with an enthusiastic following. Tickets so made do not inherit enthusiasm. Machine made, they must be machine elected, and machine running is sure in these days to be halting as automobile racing in Northern wilds.

The State-W. U. P. ball game will be the attraction at State College tomorrow afternoon.

Spawns from the Keystone.

G. W. Harringer, of Penfield, Clearfield county, has owned 1,300 horses and met with his first loss recently when one he was taking to swap dropped dead in the road.

Droves of rats are greatly troubling the people of Great Bend, Susquehanna county, killing all the chickens and devouring everything they can get.

John Forcey, a farmer residing near Woodland fire brick works, Clearfield county, committed suicide on Friday morning by hanging himself.

The county commissioners of Clinton county last Thursday awarded a contract for a reinforced concrete arch bridge, 86 feet long, across Fishing creek, near Mackeyville, to the Ferrer-Concrete company of Harrisburg, for \$3,245.

On Sunday evening two tons of powder and \$1,300 worth of fireworks mysteriously exploded at the fireworks plant of Jacob Conti, in New Castle, shaking the town as if there had been an earthquake.

The corner stone of the old Presbyterian church at Philipsburg, laid in August, 1878, was removed on Friday afternoon and the contents found to be almost entirely destroyed by water.

The Corona Coal and Coke Co., of Madera, having just recently, through its general superintendent, H. B. Swope, absorbed the White Oak Coal Co.'s three operations, also located near Madera, started these mines on full time the early part of the week.

The largest application ever made for construction of a road under the State Good Roads law was filed at the state highway department from Coleraine township, Bedford county, Wednesday. It calls for ten miles and will be an extension of a road already built.

An attempt was made on Tuesday night to blow up the Fairview dairy building near Houtzdale, Clearfield county, occupied at the time by two men and a boy. A piece of dynamite concealed in a tin can, fused and lighted was hurled through the cellar window, the glass, very fortunately, cut the fuse in such a way as to render it useless.

On last Tuesday evening a butcher named Fleming, of Lyleville, Indiana county, who had been out making collections, was attacked by two men as he was passing through a covered bridge.

The other night, for the fourth time within a year, the post office at Ramey, Clearfield county, was forcibly entered by thieves who blew open the safe and carried off \$150 worth of postage stamps.

Newton Hamilton camp meeting grounds are being put in shape for the summer. The patrons will find that a number of important improvements have been made.

While Edista Loughner was paring potatoes a few days ago at the home of her grandfather, Jared Loughner, at Bradensville, Westmoreland county, she found a potato in which was imbedded a small bottle containing a two cent postage stamp and a note dated Sand Lake, Kent county, Mich., April 16, 1908, which said: "To the lady finding this note please answer and tell me the price of potatoes in your community. Yours truly, George W. Stearns." Mr. Stearns' curiosity will be gratified.

With only a pick handle with which to defend himself, Elmer Welshons, 40 years old, of Latrobe, engineer at the Pennsylvania pumping plant about a mile east of Latrobe, fought for his life Saturday morning against the murderous assault of three Italians armed with stiletos, who managed notwithstanding the defense of Welshons to inflict three gashes over his heart and a long cut on his left leg.

The Goodyear Lumber company has begun a march upon the last large tract of timber in Clearfield county and is establishing nine camps of 75 men each on its 20,000 acre tract on Medix run. It is estimated that there is 90,000,000 feet of hemlock and 20,000,000 feet of hard wood on it. The combined force of woodsmen engaged on the job will be about 700 and these will average a wage of \$2.50 per day and "found." Already there are applicants for every job. The Goodyears have contracted with the Jobbers to cut 20,000,000 feet this year and 50,000,000 next year. This is the hemlock and pine, and the hard wood has been sold to a New England paper manufacturing company. This tract has been owned by the Goodyears for the past fifteen years but they were operating in Potter county and the Clearfield field was left untouched. If the present prices are maintained it is estimated that the profit on this tract will reach \$1,000,000.