

Ink Blot.

Talking about the skin of your teeth...

Taft is to be made a Mason in Cincinnati today.

As the idea of March approach the face of the ice man...

There are eight thousand actors and eight thousand lawyers in New York...

The proposed new Code for the public schools of the State has a few snakes in it...

The election is over. Forget it. If anyone said unkind things to you...

After their experience yesterday morning the state constabulary doubtless know the difference between going up against a horde of foreign coal miners...

Vice-president FAIRBANKS is going to take a trip around the world.

Seven boroughs in Allegheny county voted "dry" on Tuesday.

The film of a soap bubble is estimated as being about two millionths of an inch in thickness.

The Grand Duke VALDIEV of Russia, died suddenly on Wednesday.

The President says a look canal is better than a sea level one for the Panama proposition.

The Legislators having saved the State from disaster on Tuesday are now resting up preparatory to resuming their arduous task next week...

Congress is being urged to appropriate fifty thousand dollars for war balloons.

Representative CROW, of Kansas, has introduced a bill in the Legislature...

Peter Kech celebrated the hundredth anniversary of his birth by voting "the straight Republican ticket" in Bloomsburg on Tuesday.

Poor old GERONIMO, the famous war chief of the Apaches, has gone to the happy hunting ground.

The election in Bellefonte on Tuesday was comparatively clean.

They floated here, they floated there. They floated all around. No small nor sign of booze or coin was even to be found.

To say the least the election in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, had a very peculiar outcome; being mixed up about as badly in its results as any we have knowledge of.

How long until its diplomas would be on a level in public estimation, and in a business way, with those of the Normal and ordinary High school?

The Gigantic Fraud in the Public Lands Department

Secretary GARFIELD, of the Interior Department, seems to be having a busy time trying to recover public lands stolen, by corporations, companies and individual land thieves, during the past eight years.

How many attorneys, how many years of litigation, what an array of detectives or how great the cost will be, to secure to the people this vast amount of stolen property, no one can tell, nor is it possible to make even an approximate estimate.

When it is remembered that the interior department has its land, its timber and its mineral agents and supervisors in every section of the country in which public lands can be found; when it is known that of the twenty-three millions of dollars yearly expended for secret service agents, a goodly portion of it was to pay men for patrolling and watching the more valuable sections of the public domain, and in addition that millions upon millions have gone as attorney fees to protect and preserve these same lands, the wonder as to how or why they were lost to us, will be all the greater.

To think of the army of timber watchers, land agents, mineral protectors we have paid to watch this public property; of the amount we have expended on detectives to watch these public officials, and the fees that have been given lawyers for professional service in keeping detectives and watchers straight, and then to wake up to the fact that all public land, that is of value or worth taking care of, has been stolen and is now the property of others, only as we can wrest it from them through costly litigation, leaves but one conclusion—and that is, that the negligence, carelessness or recalcitancy of those in charge of this government property has been such as should bring about the removal and punishment of every mother's son of them at once.

There is no use of trying to excuse, exonerate or explain in this matter. The government has paid an ample force to oversee and protect its interest in its public lands. The men who are responsible for the thieving and wrongs perpetrated, and which it is now proposed shall be righted through costly and endless litigation, are the Republican officials—who have failed to attend to the duties for which they were appointed.

And the party primarily responsible for all is the Republican party. It appointed men to places who were unworthy of trust. It paid an army of office holders for work that was not done. It squandered millions on detectives who detected nothing. It hired lawyers to give advice and help protect its interests whose only work was to draw excessive fees and shut their eyes to the robbery that was going on.

What would the honest citizen do with a representative who had permitted him to be fleeced, as has the Republican party allowed the American people to be, in this public land business?

Most of the weather of the past two weeks has been very spring-like, in fact more like April weather than February, and various Bellefonters are predicting that winter is about over because they have seen angle worms and snails crawling on the ground and there are some who declare they have heard blue birds singing; and the final sign was told us on Monday morning by Mike Hazel who said a neighbor of his the latter part of last week caught an eel thirty-two inches in length just above his home in Spring creek. This is a very unusual thing as eels do not run in winter time and when they come out it is given as a sure sign of warm weather.

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What Does It Mean?

In the proposed new School code, with which the Legislature is now wrestling, we find the following provisions which, without further light on the subject, looks amazingly like an effort to cripple, by a change in the management, possibly in its purpose and probably in its usefulness, the great college now so successfully conducted in this county.

Section 901 of this new measure provides for the appointment, by the Governor, of a "State Board of Education to consist of six members, three of whom shall be successful educators of high standing connected with the public school system of the Commonwealth," in addition to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who shall be ex-officio a member of said board and preside thereof.

Section 902. There shall be established and maintained by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania two Colleges of Education to be respectively located at and made a part of the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh, for the purpose of liberally educating and technically training persons to be high school and normal school teachers, principals and superintendents of schools, supervisors of the various school grades, teachers and supervisors of special branches, and experts for service in such additional higher positions in the public school system of this Commonwealth as may be created from time to time.

Section 903. The control of the financial and ALL OTHER AFFAIRS OF EACH OF THE SAID COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, shall be permanently vested in a Board of Managers, to consist of the trustees of the University of which the college is a part, together with the State Board of Education.

Section 904. There shall be established and maintained in each of the said colleges, courses of study in the theory practice and development of educational thought, including adequate provision for observing and practicing the art of teaching, together with such additional courses as the Board of Managers may from time to time prescribe. Provided, however, that these courses of study shall be of a higher order than those prescribed for the State Normal Schools of this Commonwealth.

It will be seen that in the case of the two institutions, which it is proposed recognizing as the State's "Colleges of Education," the supervision of the financial, educational, and all other affairs of these colleges shall be "permanently vested in a board of managers to consist of the trustees of these institutions," along with the Board of Education. Inasmuch as the boards of trustees of each of the institutions named far outnumber the "Board of Education" it can readily be understood how their management and supervision will still remain under their own control, notwithstanding the fact that they are partly or wholly supported by the State.

And to cap the climax of this attempted public favoritism, section 9005 provides that the "institution of any student regularly admitted to either of said colleges of education, who is a regular graduate of a Pennsylvania State Normal shall be paid by the State." Thus in addition to the vast appropriations made to these colleges the State would be compelled to pay tuition for every Normal student upon their rolls.

The unfairness of this to the one great institution the State now owns and controls, is in the fact that it is required to give free instruction in every branch taught to all students entering, for any course, while these favored private institutions would be receiving full pay from the Commonwealth for all students qualified to enter them.

But even this proposed financial favoritism does not equal the wrong it would perpetrate upon the State College by the proposition to place the supervision of its educational work in the hands of those more particularly interested in the work of the Normal and public schools of the State. For that is what the provision of section 901 means if it means anything. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the three successful educators connected with the public school system, would comprise a majority of the Board of Education, and would dictate the courses, direct the work and manage all the educational matters connected with the college.

How long under such circumstances would the high standard now prevailing and maintained by this great institution, continue?

Sound Without Significance.

At the dinner of the Illinois Society in New York, the other day, Judge GARY, chairman of the board of the Steel trust, reminded those about him of the duties of men such as they to the communities in which they live.

This is the same gentleman who, in company with HENRY C. FRICK, visited the White House in Oct. 1907, and influenced President ROOSEVELT to promise that the violation of the law by the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the Steel trust would not be interfered with by the government.

Of course ROOSEVELT consented to this violation of the law not for the purpose of saving an important trust company from impending failure, as he alleged in a letter to Attorney General BONAPARTE, but to put the Steel trust magnates under obligations to him so that he could hold them up for campaign subscriptions a year later.

Stuart Will Not Intervene.

The esteemed Harrisburg Patriot is earnestly urging Governor STUART to intervene with the purpose of compelling the publisher of the Legislative Record to disgorge the graft he has been enjoying during the last couple of years.

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Whichever Way You Like.

The attention that is paid the Constitution of the country by Republican officials is shown in the sorry sight that President-KNOX TAFT and United States Senator KNOX have made of themselves in trying to make a cabinet for the new administration.

It is but fair to these men to say that they didn't know the requirements of the constitution, for to think otherwise would be to consider them wilful violators of the instrument that both have sworn to obey and defend.

And if they didn't know, what a commentary their ignorance is on the consideration given the fundamental law by those chosen to see that its requirements are carried out and its provisions enforced.

Fix it up as you may, however, this exhibition of a want of knowledge of constitutional demands, or this willingness to violate them is neither reassuring to the people nor does it give promise of a conservative, faithful, and constitutional administration of the affairs of this government.

The Constitution and the Knox Case

There is not such an excess of devotion to the Constitution that we care to animadvert sharply on members of the House, Democrats and Republicans, who opposed the enactment of the bill reducing the salary of the Secretary of State so that Senator Knox could accept the office.

The constitutional inhibition was aimed at an entirely possible form of Congressional graft. It was not wildly improbable that Senators or Representatives might procure the increase of salaries of offices to which they aspired, and, having made the positions thoroughly acceptable to themselves, should then use their influence with the President to obtain the appointments.

It is said that the bill introduced by Senator Hale is a device for getting around the Constitution. So it is, but the vice which the inhibition was aimed at does not exist. If Congress thought it did it could let the bars up; it did not think so and it let the bars down.

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Spawls from the Keystone.

A seventeen foot vein of coal has been discovered twelve miles south of Bradford, at Crawford Junction. A test of the vein is now being made.

Michael Howarth, of Mahanoy Place, Schuylkill county, was on Monday struck by a coal car and the sudden blow caused him to bite off three inches of his tongue.

It is charged that a number of justices of the peace of Northumberland county settle criminal cases that should be returned to court, and a rigid investigation is to be made.

James H. Hamer of Millintown, has just sold the balance of his apple crop for 1908. The entire crop amounted to about 1,500 bushels, probably the largest in Juniata county.

The boroughs of Highspire, Dauphin county, and Athens, Bradford county, have been placed under quarantine for rabies, by State Veterinarian Pearson, who has ordered all dogs to be muzzled or penned up.

A recent reduction of ten per cent in the wages of the employes at the Kittanning, Plate Glass company's plant, in Kittanning, caused 100 policemen, grinders and others to strike on Saturday. The works are closed.

John M. Brady, a fireman employed by the American Union Telephone company, in Williamsport, fell thirty feet from a telephone pole at a street corner on Monday, sustaining severe injuries, but it is not thought that they will be serious.

Members of Scalp Level and Paint Borough Fire company have a stranger for a celebrant of Washington's birthday anniversary, by the raising of a new 800-pound bell into a tower that is to be constructed at once. A literary and musical programme and big supper will follow.

The pocketbook with \$300 in it, which Dairyman J. C. Stewart, of near Latrobe, lost last Friday morning was found by Thomas A. Bridgman of Latrobe, the same morning and as soon as he learned whose it was, returned it to the owner. He was well rewarded for his honesty.

One of the largest castings ever poured at the plant of the American Steel Foundries, in Chester, was turned out Thursday for the stem of the battleship Florida, now under construction at the Brooklyn navy yard. The casting is thirty feet long, eighteen feet wide and weighs over 60,000 pounds.

The employes of the Taylor & McCoy Coke company at Gallitzin went on a strike last Thursday, because of the company's refusal to grant the coke drawers an increase from 77 cents to \$1 per oven for drawing extra charged ovens, which the company says it must do because of the dullness of the market.

Excitement in drilling for oil is running at a high pitch at present in and about Delmont, Westmoreland county. From the town southwardly about a mile on the McClellan farm there are twenty-two wells drilling, or rigs in course of construction, and on adjoining farms there are also quite a large number.

In a suit for \$2,500 damages brought by Mrs. William Fairman against the borough of Punxsutawney because of a change of grade in front of her property, the jury at Brookville last week gave a verdict of \$1,291. The grade of the street was lowered in 1907, when a piece of highway was made under the new state law.

Frank Achenbach, of Mill Hill, Clinton county, engineer at the plant of the Watson town, tick and Tite company, while in the performance of his duties last Friday, had his hand caught in the machinery and so badly crushed that the thumb had to be amputated, and the amputation of three of the fingers may also be necessary.

In the absence of the family of G. G. Burkhardt, of Williamsport, on Sunday evening the house was entered and a watch, revolver, some cartridges and fourteen cents were stolen. When Mr. Burkhardt returned and discovered the theft he at once suspected who the thief was, informed the police and in a short time the man was found with the articles in his possession.

The investigation into the charges made last week before the Clearfield county court, that the grand jury had been corruptly influenced in ignoring a number of riot indictments from Carwensville, was made as directed by court, with the result that all bills fairly and in a conscientious manner and there was no evidence of any misconduct on the part of any of the jurors.

The last trestle along the main line of the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad has now been done away with and with the completion and putting into service of a big ninety-foot steel bridge, the company has finished a work that has been in progress for several years—thus riding the road of the antiquated and dangerous timber trestles. The new bridge that went into service on Sunday is on the north side of the river near Saxton.

Chief of the fire department Edward W. Frontz said fifty-eight members of the Goodwill Hose company, of Lock Haven, who had been accused by Mayor Stevenson of having maintained a "pig's ear" in the basement of the hose company's building, were Thursday evening expelled from the service of the city by action of council. This action caused the greatest excitement and inaugurated in connection with the municipal campaign the warmest kind of a fight.

J. T. Clark, of Chambersburg, worked a slick game upon George C. Gilbert, the clothier, on Saturday night that secured for him for a time, three suits of clothes, a dress suit case and a hat, valued at \$69. He had given the order by telephone, representing himself to be C. W. Davidson, a reputable citizen, and then went to the store saying that he was Mr. Davidson's nephew for whom the outfit ordered by Mr. Davidson by phone was intended. The boy was captured on Sunday.

Mrs. Susanna P. Swoope, widow of the late H. Bacher Swoope, of Carwensville, Clearfield county, died on Monday, of paralysis, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. P. VanValkenburg, in Milwaukee, Wis., aged 74 years. Mrs. Swoope was a highly cultured woman, and contributed a number of poems and other articles to the Century, St. Nicholas and other magazines. Besides her daughter she is survived by two sons, Roland D. of Carwensville, and William F. of Clearfield. The body was taken to Clearfield for interment.

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