

Ink Blings.

He weigh three hundred—then some more
Does Tarr, our Pres—dent
So when he drop'd in Trorr's chair

—The fittings have started.
—Have you made your onion bed yet.
—About three weeks more of peace for the trout.

—There is nothing worth while at Oyster Bay now but the oyster and the bay.

—TEDDY sailed on Tuesday and nothing in the nature of a phenomena occurred.

—Look out for LINCOLN CARTER's thrilling dramatization of the abduction of WILLIE WHITLA.

—The nice thing about being a WHITLA boy must be having a dad who has ten thousand dollars to get you back when some one steals you away.

—TEDDY will need to keep his gun oiled and primed all the while in Africa, for there will be no towers over there to catch any C. Q. D. signals.

—A machine for detecting liars has been invented, says the Pittsburgh Times.

—Ex-president CASTRO, of Venezuela, is surely in a bad way.

—When Senator GEORGE T. OLIVER was sworn into office noon last Friday he was literally covered with flowers.

—JOHN FOSTER once wrote "every pleasure is acquired at the cost of suffering," which leads us to think that JOHN may have received inspiration for this clever thought immediately after having had a tooth pulled.

—The State Legislature is getting down to business; that is, if you call passing bills at the crack of the whip and not paying serious heed to what they mean, business.

—Last fall it required votes for TAFT to revive business. Now wage reductions are said to be the necessary panacea.

—"Trimmer" SANDERSON is reported as being very ill at his home in New York, in fact so ill that he does not want to appear for trial in Harrisburg on April 5th.

—Lieutenant SHACKLETON, of the English navy, is a hero just now. He succeeded in approaching within one hundred and eleven miles of the south pole.

—A friend told us once, after the arrival of his first child "I would not take ten thousand dollars for this one, but I wouldn't give ten cents for another."

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No Use in Restating the Inevitable.

The debate on the PAYNE tariff bill was opened by Mr. PAYNE on Monday but we fail to see where he enlightened the country on the subject.

But there is not much use in the Democrats in Congress making a prolonged fight against the enactment of the PAYNE bill.

The remedy for these evils is in the congressional election next year. The Republican majority in the present Congress was maintained by the promise of Mr. TAFT that in the event of his election the tariff would be revised downward.

But TAFT won because his promise was accepted and now that it has been betrayed and apparently with his consent, or at least with his acquiescence, the people will demand a reckoning at the next congressional election.

Didn't Begin at Right Place.

Attorney General WICKERSHAM has already ordered the dismissal of a lot of suits instituted by his imbecile predecessor in office, BONAPARTE, but he hasn't as yet struck at the crowning folly of that assinine individual.

But most of these cases were the result of ignorance rather than malice. BONAPARTE imagined that he was fooling the people in every instance and he was going into the courts as ROOSEVELT goes hunting with a brass band and a kodak.

Attorney General WICKERSHAM ought to have put the seal of his reprobation upon these suits first. They are absolutely without reason and their presence on the court calendar is a menace against the country and a reflection upon the administration.

madcap. But that course is unworthy of his reputation as a lawyer. He ought to act promptly.

Roosevelt's Hunt for Office.

Former President ROOSEVELT sailed on Tuesday to begin his hunt for another election to the Presidency. His enterprise is scheduled an expedition in search of big game in Africa and he himself states that he is the head of an enterprise of the Smithsonian Institute to explore Africa for scientific purposes.

The greatest disappointment of ROOSEVELT's life was his failure to get the Republican nomination for President last year. He had been scheming for it for three years and like NAPOLEON had been during all that period weeding out of the army all men who couldn't be relied on to respond to his call for any sinister service and filling their places with his sycophants and time servers.

His trip to Africa is for the purpose of keeping himself in the limelight for the next opportunity. With an army of guides and hunters he will keep the country in a fever until he returns. Nobody will be permitted to tell of the exploits of the expedition except himself and he will be the hero of every event.

The Duty of the Governor.

Announcement was made yesterday that the appropriations committee of the House had practically decided on the amount of appropriation it would recommend for The Pennsylvania State College.

The relation of the Pennsylvania State College to this Commonwealth is peculiar. In fact it is parallel with that of a guardian and a child. By an act of Congress a certain amount of public lands was set aside for the endowment of Colleges of agriculture and the mechanic arts in every State in the Union.

There Are Limits.

Mr. Roosevelt will have two rooms, a stenographer and a private telephone in the office of the Outlook. It is probable that he will also have a rug on his floor. Nevertheless, he will find it necessary to be exceedingly respectful to the foreman of the composing room.

The Payne Tariff Bill.

The PAYNE tariff bill has been reported and read in the House of Representatives in Washington. It is a voluminous measure, four hours having been consumed in reading it by the clerk.

There are some meritorious provisions in the bill. It puts hides and some kinds of ores on the free list and cuts the duty on steel fifty per cent.

The bill will be passed, however, with all its iniquities, but it will not settle the question in settled finally until it is settled right. President VAN CREEVE, of the American Manufacturers' association, stated that the excessive schedules of the DINGLEY law robbed the wage earners of the country of a million dollars every day.

Taft's False Advice.

President TAFT has made Senator ALDRICH his "friend, philosopher and guide" on the tariff question. ALDRICH is not now and never has been in favor of tariff reform.

George Bailey's Invitation.

We invite every shivering saint and sinner of the northern press, every congealed and chattering clabberhead, every frosted and frapped flimflammer, every glaciated and gale-gizzed galoot, every blizzard-buffed and boreasted booster, every sleet-swatted and snow snifted snoozer, to turn to the first page of this paper and read in the weather report about yesterday's temperature in Houston.

The Soldiers' Pension Bill.

The pension bill for Pennsylvania soldiers will be reported out of committee, within a day or so, in such shape as will probably meet with the approval of the House and Senate.

The important changes made in the bill as it was originally read are: Pensions will be paid only to those whose annual income from other sources does not exceed five hundred dollars.

Working Another Game.

The Republican members of the ways and means committee have labored for four and a half months and have brought forth the Payne tariff bill.

At first blush, when considering a list of some eighteen or twenty articles upon which a reduction of duty is made, the bill may appear to be a revision downward, but a closer examination of the various schedules discloses, even to the tariff layman, that such is not the case.

At the same time the framers of the measure are anxious to have the impression made that the bill is a "revision downward," and to this end they have seen fit to emphasize the reductions which have been made upon certain articles.

Proposes More Than it Favors.

The reduction in the steel and iron duties, the removal of the duty on hides, the halving of the duty on lumber, and the change in the wool schedules go further in the way of "revision downward" than reductions hoped or staudpatters feared.

The Jingoism of Taft.

The most censurable thing Mr. Taft has done in his repetition is his inaugural address of Mr. Roosevelt's persistent militarism. Although he used the word "economical" only once in relation to public expenditures, he talked at length about "a proper navy," "suitable fortification," "our coast defenses," "a direct attack," "a modern navy," "a strong navy" and all the rest of the jargon of jingoism.

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The base ball season in Bellefonte will be opened on Saturday, April 3rd when the Bellefonte Academy nine will play a picked team from State College.

Enraged because they did not find money in the home of Mrs. Lavina Swinehart, at Trevorton, two burglars beat her into insensibility and then placed her on a bed, tumbled a lighted kerosene lamp on it and fled.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—One hundred and twenty-eight destitute families are receiving relief from Costerville's charitable organization.

—The Pennsylvania highway department has issued 4,000 more automobile licenses thus far than were applied for during the same period of 1908.

—The effort to largely increase the endowment fund of Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, has been very successful and it is expected that the entire sum asked for will be secured within a short time.

—Charles Kenyon, a contractor and builder residing in Clearfield, has just taken out a patent on a new device for a paving block which he is confident will inaugurate a new era in the history of road building.

—Judge Fuller, of Luzerne county, has declined to issue an order requiring all hotels and saloons to close their bars at 11 o'clock p. m. He says there is no law to that effect and he doesn't believe in judge made law.

—Mercer county has a productive district in the Cool spring township oil field. Since it was opened thirty-eight wells have been completed, of which twenty-eight are good producing oil wells, eight gas wells and two dry holes.

—Brook trout from the Bellefonte hatchery are now being distributed in the streams in Central Pennsylvania. Some 51,000 trout have already been sent out and placed in the streams found between Hollidaysburg and Newton Hamilton along the Juniata river.

—A special telephone has been installed on the pulpit of the Lutheran church in Indiana and also one in the hospital department of the county home, by means of which the inmates of the latter institution may have the pleasure of listening to the religious services on Sunday.

—Luman C. Mann, the son of a wealthy resident of Chicago, who was arrested in Philadelphia last June on the charge of murdering Mrs. Francis Gilmore Thompson in a boarding house in that city, was acquitted last week by a Chicago jury, the defense proving an alibi.

—Some time Saturday night burglars effected an entrance to the Farmers' National bank at Exchange, Montour county, shattering the vault and getting away with an unknown amount of money. The bank is one of a chain established under the direction of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

—The ministers of Huntingdon want Judge Woods to issue either a command or a request to the hotels of the city to close their bars during Old Home Week.

—The commissioners of Cumberland county, alarmed by the rapid growth in bills of costs, have issued a notice to magistrates in the county in which they declare that hereafter they will pay no costs for any hearing except when they have been convinced that said hearing was held in pursuance of the criminal code.

—In the Westmoreland county court last Monday morning Judges Doty and McConnell heard 227 applications for licenses in one hour and twenty-five minutes. Only the new applicants and some of those against whom remonstrances were filed were called up and questioned. The list will be handed down on Saturday.

—Warren H. and Chester A. Reed, coal operators in the Clearfield district, have entered suit in the United States circuit court to recover \$50,000 damages from the Pennsylvania railroad company, charging said corporation with rebating and discrimination in favor of the Berwind-White and the Keystone Coal and Coke companies.

—Eighteen cars laden with allens passed through Harrisburg on the Pennsylvania railroad Monday. There were two special sections of Pacific Express, arriving there at 2:30 o'clock, and there were four extra cars attached to train No. 33. The trains carried more than 1,000 of the foreigners and almost every European nationality was represented.

—Latrobe's health officer on a recent tour of inspection found a calf, a dog, three women, three children and one man living in one room of a house in that town. The calf was found tied to the bedpost. When asked for an explanation the women said it was too cold for the calf to be in the stable and it had been brought into the bed room that it might live and grow in comfort.

—Forty-six coons were slaughtered during the past season by E. W. Kelly, woods superintendent for J. E. DuBois on the Hicks Run lumber operation. Mr. Kelly killed five bears since last fall and had three of the skins made into fine rugs. In his opinion trout will be very scarce in this section the coming spring and the sport will be trying on the nerves of the anglers.

—An unusual state of affairs for these days of business depression is reported from Wilkesbarre. There has been a congestion of freight in the yards of the Delaware and Hudson railroad in that city and in order to break it and get things in good running order again the Pennsylvania railroad company has agreed to loan twenty-five of its big freight engines. They were sent from Harrisburg and Sunbury.

—Meadville school directors have taken advantage of an act of assembly and have provided half pay for teachers who have taught for 30 years, 20 years of which service must have been for the city. Under the plan adopted each teacher is to be taxed two per cent. of her salary till she has taught for ten years, and then she is to be taxed three per cent. Teachers receiving less than \$45 per month are exempt.

—Enraged because they did not find money in the home of Mrs. Lavina Swinehart, at Trevorton, two burglars beat her into insensibility and then placed her on a bed, tumbled a lighted kerosene lamp on it and fled. The lamp exploded and the bed was set on fire. Neighbors who had heard the woman scream when she was first assailed hurried to the house and with considerable difficulty extinguished the flames, but not before she had been severely burned. Mrs. Swinehart is 60 years of age and lived alone.