

Ink Blots.

The sun shines nowadays almost as if he were ashamed to show his face.
Up to this time the Queen of the May hasn't had a chance to wear anything but a bathing suit.

How about those flannels? You must be sticking to them because they certainly haven't stuck to you yet.

That no one has a drag with the stork was demonstrated in Holland where they were all praying that he would bring a boy for the Queen, but he brought a girl.

Unless there comes a very marked change soon all this talk of a corner in ice during the summer won't freeze the public fast to much of that American Ice Securities stock.

Stranger than the anti-vivisectionists have never gotten onto the fact that it takes the skins of one hundred thousand animals to cover the Oxford bibles that are published every year.

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The Sugar Trust Restitution.

The Sugar trust has made restitution to the government in some measure. That is to say it has paid into the treasury a sum of \$3,000,000, being the amount of which it defrauded the government in undervaluation of goods imported.

After the exposure had been made complete, when the evidence had clearly shown that so much property had been smuggled in to the country by underweight, the officers of the Sugar trust offered to reimburse the government for the exact amount.

The text of the School code were the only thing to consider there could be no doubt as to the duty of the Governor to approve it. The measure is faulty beyond question and as it was introduced without discussion, it would have taken all control of the schools out of the hands of the local authorities and lodged it in a machine at Harrisburg as infamous as it would have been insatiate.

But even if the measure were perfect it ought not to receive the sanction of the Governor. No measure ever ought to be allowed to go into the statutes of the State with such a record as the School code has acquired. In the zeal of the machine to pass it every vital principle expressed in the organic law of the State was violated.

The continued efforts of our very amiable President to attach a portion of the Solid South to the Republican hand wagon wouldn't be quite so exasperating to us Democrats who have to look to the "Solid South" as about the only real comfort we know, if he would only devote some of his blandishments to Senator ALDRICH and charm that gentleman into thinking that the Chicago platform really meant it when it pledged a revision of the tariff downward.

In one hundred letters written to Dr. VAUGHN, pastor of the Institutional church, Chicago, by bachelors of his congregation, every one of them said they preferred "an old fashioned girl" for a wife; "not a College graduate, nor a club woman nor a reformer." While this may be regarded as a straw showing which way the wind blows it can hardly be deemed ground for prophesying that there will be a falling off in the enrollment at women's colleges next September.

There was a time when the Koreans skinned the Japs and used their hides for drum heads; then they probably beat the Japs out of them. The Japs who escaped amused themselves by cutting off Korean ears and carrying them home to be buried beside their shrines. They were horrible times to be sure, but how much worse were they than that practice of the deposed Sultan of Turkey who put boiling hot eggs in the arm pits of those he wished to torture and kept them there until the victim lost his reason.

Senator Stober for State Treasurer.

Upon reasonably authentic information a statement has been published that Senator PENROSE has slated former State Senator J. A. STOBER, of Lancaster, for the office of State Treasurer. This seems to us incredible. It is not characteristic of PENROSE. Since the late Senator QUAY turned down Justice ELKIN, who aspired to be the Republican candidate for Governor, for the reason that no majority is big enough to carry such a record through a campaign, it has been the policy of the Republican machine managers to nominate candidates who could make some claim to political morality and personal qualifications.

The nomination of J. A. STOBER would simply be casting censure on the dogs and inviting an irrepressible conflict with every element of decency. STOBER is the personification of political servility. He served two terms in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg and two in the State Senate and during all that time he showed no sign of independent action or giving a thought to the interests of the people.

The Supreme court decision, handed down on Monday, affirming the constitutionality of the "Commodity Clause" of the HEPBURN law and declaring its inadequacy for the purpose for which it was enacted, is simply a rebuke from the highest authority to the hysteria of ROOSEVELT administration. ROOSEVELT pretended to aim at a regulation of the trusts but was playing to the galleries as other demagogues do, while he was studiously promoting the interests of the Republican machine.

No public office has ever been maladministered as ROOSEVELT betrayed the office of President of the United States, within the history of the country. Selfish, absurd and opinionated, he undertook to subvert the constitution and pervert the high office which he attained through the act of an assassin. Appealing to passion rather than reason he forced legislation that was ill conceived, ill considered and mischievous. Under the false pretense of fighting the trusts he conserved the interests of the trusts by compelling Congress to enact laws which were invalid. In this, as in everything else with which he had to do, he was insincere and hypocritical.

ROOSEVELT made abundant work for the courts but achieved nothing that was of advantage to the people. The opinion of the Supreme court in the case in point is the final settlement, adversely of his claim to personal and official integrity. If he had kept his meddling fingers out of the affair legislation would have been enacted that might have checked the abuses of corporations. Senator BAILEY and Senator TILLMAN had practically compelled such legislation. But ROOSEVELT intervened and by commerce, corrupt or otherwise, with the men he was denouncing as criminals, he secured the passage of the imbecile and invalid HEPBURN law and saved the trusts all trouble.

Notwithstanding the hard times stocks continue to soar higher and higher with apparently no top. Wheat, also, has taken another jump since its decline of ten days ago and is almost up to its high mark. What influence is behind the market's unusual strength is a mystery to the average dealer, and a bugbear to the "shorts."

Trout fishermen have not been much in evidence the past week on account of the high and muddy water which rendered angling for the speckled beauties more of a farce than an enjoyable sport. But all fishermen are simply waiting for better weather and clearer water when they will again be out in full force.

Automobilists to Organize.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the automobilists of Bellefonte, in the arbitration room in the court house tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing an automobile association in this place.

While to the average automobilist the object of such organization may appear insignificant, it is, in fact, one of great importance, especially at this time. While primarily the purpose is for protection in their rights as automobile owners and drivers and in using their influence in pushing along the good roads cause, there is infinitely more than that in it at the present time, if the proper energy is put forth, and this should be a reason for every man who owns a machine to take an active part in the organization.

The last Legislature passed the Philadelphia to Pittsburgh state highway bill and appropriated five million dollars to cover the expenses of work upon it during the next two years. As this was the pet measure of Governor Stuart there is no doubt but that he will sign the bill, if he has not already done so. The bill provides that the road must run through Harrisburg and its western route from the State capital to Pittsburgh is still undetermined and will very likely depend largely on the influence that can be brought to bear upon the commission appointed to have charge of the building of the road by local organizations along the most plausible routes.

From Harrisburg the most natural route would be up the Juniata valley as far as Lewisport and from there the road could be diverted three different ways, the shortest of which would be across the Seven mountains into Centre county and, if not to Bellefonte, by way of State College and through the Barrens and Warriorsmark valley to Tyrone and thence to Altoona and on west. This would place Bellefonte within practical close proximity, an advantage that can readily be appreciated.

But to get the road this way will require considerable hard work as well as strong influence and it is here where a good automobile association can do a tremendous amount of good if they go about it in the right way. But there must be no halfheartedness in the matter, and that is the big reason why all the automobilists in Centre county should join the organization and push the work along.

Stuart's Veto Message.

Governor STUART is using the veto with a good deal of freedom and a considerable measure of intelligence. Since the adjournment of the Legislature he has vetoed several bills that were passed during the closing hours of the session without reason or consideration. Possibly there was an agreement to dispose of them in that way for STUART has more courage than discretion. In any event it is well that they are vetoed for most of them are vicious. It is gratifying, moreover, that good reasons are given for the action. The Governor's messages are well written, forceful and satisfying.

For example in stating his objections to the act "to protect forestry preserves," the Governor says, "by this act it is attempted to deprive a defendant of his constitutional right to appeal upon cause shown." That indicates a deference to the fundamental law of the State which has been absent in recent years. Governor PENNYPACKER paid no attention to the constitution. His absurd caprices were the fundamental laws in his administration. It is refreshing, therefore, and encouraging to find a Governor seriously referring to the constitution. It indicates a return to legitimate methods in administration.

His other vetoes are equally well supported. But they relate to bills involving legal problems and the hand of the Attorney General is plainly seen in them. Of course the political machine has little, if any, interests in such legislation and General TODD is more a lawyer than politician. Still if the Governor gets into the veto habit he may enlarge the scope of his activities in that direction and kill some of the vicious political bills. At least we shall hope that it is true until the contrary is shown if it is revealed at all. The machine is confident, however.

The storm of last week must have had the effect of driving birds out of their favorite haunts. Last Friday and Saturday quite a number of wild ducks were seen in certain portions of Centre county and a few settled down on Spring creek right within the borough limits of Bellefonte. Down at the fair grounds a large loon was captured on Friday and on Saturday a big bald eagle was shot near Spring Mills. On Tuesday "Squire H. Laird" caught a bird down near Curtin and up to this time there has not been a single person who saw it ornithologist enough to tell what it is. At present it is on exhibition in a cage in Kniesly's cigar store.

The continued wet weather of the past week has had a dampening and retarding effect on all farm work.

An Unfulfilled Threat.

The isthmian canal commission has just awarded contracts for supplies aggregating \$1,000,000. These supplies include articles of steel, iron, brass, bronze and copper. Apparently the old threat of buying these in the open market was not renewed. It will be remembered that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft two or three years ago were in open rebellion against trust extortion and it was given out that unless American producers modified their hold-up Uncle Sam would buy canal supplies wherever they could get them the cheapest. This in itself was a dead give-away of our blessed tariff system and it gave a distinct shock to the standpatters. But in some way they fixed it up with President Roosevelt and his war secretary. Little of any material was purchased except in the Dingley cornered American market. Yet the government authorities had declared in an official statement that purchases could be made abroad at prices ranging from 20 to 40 per cent. lower than those demanded by the home producers.

Millions are being poured into the Panama canal project. Enormous expenditures are required for supplies and all of these could be bought abroad on far better terms than are offered in this closed market. Of course it may be that the government has reached some understanding with the American manufacturers. It is possible that they have agreed to sell to Uncle Sam in Panama on the same basis they would sell to John Bull or Don Quixote or Johnny Creppand. But if this is the case it is a secret between Uncle Sam and the manufacturers. Neither party to the deal has taken the people into its confidence. As far as generally known Uncle Sam is paying full trust prices for all he buys, notwithstanding his threat to save from a quarter to half on his requirements by purchasing in a free market.

Poor Independents!

If it were not for the fact that the Senate Finance committee has heretofore taken seriously such demands, the plea of Pennsylvania tobacco producers for a tariff on the Philippine product would be cause only for derision. The absurdity of seeking such concessions and supporting the appeal with statistics proving the unassailable position of the tobacco and cigar industry in this State borders on the ludicrous.

The Payne bill proposed to admit free of duty from the Philippines 3,000,000 pounds of filler tobacco, 300,000 pounds of wrapper tobacco and 150,000,000 cigars annually. Senator Aldrich obligingly cut the first named figure in half. And now come the entrenched tobaccoists placidly, but sorrowfully, asserting that such competition would ruin their business, and bolstering theirlachrymose pleadings with the statement that in Lancaster county, this State, alone, 300,000,000 cigars were manufactured in 1906, and that 2,000,000,000 are made every year within the limits of the Keystone State. Could anything be more insane?

"We must be protected from the trust," these unfortunates exclaim. "Save us; preserve us!" From what? Why, importations that would not be a flea-bite on the total tobacco production of a single State. It is the same old cry. Independent oil producers must be saved from the trust which would import a comparatively few gallons of oil from Mexico. Independent steel manufacturers will fall if you diminish the duties even by a small fraction. It is the same old down the line. And it is very, very sad.

A Critical Week for the Aldrich Bill.

This week's debate and voting in the Senate may easily be critical. The game of the high-tariff intriguers is to secure enough votes to pass their bill very much as it is, on the plea that the measure will be altered for the better in conference between the two Houses. It is even said that the President has been urged to say nothing at present about the bad features of the Senate bill, in the hope that the conference will insist upon a really honest revision of the tariff. But we hope that neither he nor any tariff-reform Senator is credulous enough to be taken in by this. If Aldrich can get his bill through, on whatever pretenses, without serious opposition, he will lead the Senate conferees to an unyielding battle with those from the House. The time to attack and check him is before the bill gets out of the Senate. Hence we welcome the statement that a dozen or so of revisionist Republican Senators from the West are to take the floor to expose and denounce the kind of tricky revision which Aldrich has devised. Only by meeting him openly and resolutely, and by refusing to vote for those exorbitant duties which he would lay in defiance of party pledges and of all decency, can the hands of the Ways and Means Committee of the House be held up, and the way made ready for the emerging from conference of a tariff bill such as the country was promised, and strongly desires.

Stober or Berry.

The quoted declaration of ex-Speaker McClain that ex-Senator John A. Stober will have the united support of Lancaster county Republicans for the Republican nomination for State Treasurer means, of course, that Mr. Stober will have the support of the well oiled and powerful Lancaster machine, but what else does it mean? It should mean an immediate, hearty, whole-souled demand from all good citizens for the re-election of ex-State Treasurer Berry.

It is explained that Mr. Stober is now to be thrust forward to placate Lancaster county, but the better part of Lancaster county should decline to be pleased in just that way. A man who has just "gone along" with the machine will hardly appeal to the local pride of even the average Lancaster county Republican. As for the Democrats, they could hardly select an opponent who would offer better prospects, particularly if Mr. Berry can be persuaded to run against him.

Spawls from the Keystone.

With liabilities of nearly \$300,000 and assets of probably half that amount, the Breen Lumber company, of Williamsport, has been thrown into bankruptcy and John Coleman appointed receiver. Mr. Coleman will at once assume charge.

At least a hundred homeopathic physicians, including some of the most prominent medical men in the country, are expected to attend the annual convention of the International Hahnemannian society, which will be held in Pittsburg June 16, 17 and 18.

The Bellevue Methodist Episcopal church, Pittsburg, celebrated the centennial of its organization last Sunday by raising \$600 a minute for thirty minutes, or \$18,000 at the morning service, to pay its debt. An additional \$2,000 was raised in the evening.

Representative McClain, of Lancaster, has asked Governor Stuart to appoint Dr. Emma Parrall, of Lancaster, to membership in the State Osteopathic Examining Board on the ground that a majority of the practicing osteopaths of the State are women.

Abandoning the dairy feature of his farm, Adam Snale, living near Potstow, last fall purchased twenty-six steers, averaging 481 pounds, and by good feeding he has brought them up to an average of 1,500 pounds and will dispose of them at a good profit.

The labor unions of Pennsylvania are after the official seal of John C. Delaney, chief factory inspector. They are flooding Governor Stuart with letters requesting him to appoint some one closer to the working people of Pennsylvania than the present incumbent.

The State police have been called from Pannsutawney to Centreville, Elk county, to enforce the quarantine against scarlet fever and measles, which are epidemic among the pupils of the public schools. Over 100 cases have been reported to the State health department.

The Williams Grove Fire Brick Co., practically owned by David Atherton and Joseph Barnes, of Philipsburg, has been awarded the contract for furnishing one half of the brick to be used this summer in paving streets at Conemaugh. Their share will probably be about 450,000 brick.

The three Italians who were arrested and placed in the Clearfield jail in connection with the stabbing of Conductor Orin Maguire during a disturbance on a C. & C. Street Railway car at Hawk Run on the night of April 12th have been liberated by Judge Smith on \$300 bail each on a habeas corpus hearing.

Perry Myers, a clerk in the Lebanon postoffice, has been arrested by the postal authorities on the charge of purloining mail. Myers is reported to have formed the habit of stealing the lunch of a fellow employe. A close watch was put on him and he was detected taking a package of second class mail containing several pairs of stockings.

John G. S. Walker, of Alexandria, Huntingdon county, was on Monday presented with a Carnegie bronze hero medal and \$1,000, the money to be used in restoring his health. Walker saved the life of Miss Claire McCauley, of Philadelphia, who had fallen into the forebay containing three turbines at the Nilson electric plant, at Alexandria, on September 27th, 1908.

At a meeting of the Altoona Methodist Episcopal ministers held Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of the Eighth Avenue church, July 29th was selected as the date for the next reunion to be held at Lakemont Park. The committee on program, composed of District Superintendent B. C. Conner and the officers of the meeting, was given plenary powers in the selection of speakers and the other features of the exercises.

The dairy and food division collected \$3,943.92 in fines and license fees during April. The new law prohibiting the watering of milk contributed \$261.34, eleven dealers having been caught serving diluted milk to their customers. One milk dealer was convicted of using preservatives in milk and was fined \$50. Oleo licenses contributed \$568.71, four cases of adulterated vinegar \$200 and twenty-one oleo fines \$2,165.87.

Two hundred miners were thrown into a panic, seven of them being seriously injured, by a blinding flash and a deafening roar, following an explosion of powder, 2,000 feet under ground, in the Arona mine of the Keystone Coal Co., at Arona, Westmoreland county, Tuesday morning. Two hours later the injured were in the Westmoreland hospital at Greensburg. Black powder it is said, was being smuggled into the mine to be used instead of fulminate, and it is believed the explosion was caused by an electric spark from the trolley falling into the can of powder.

Great excitement was caused at Pannsutawney on Sunday by the announcement that drillers who are sinking a well on the Brown Brothers' farm, about a quarter of a mile northeast of Big Run, had struck a 100-barrel oil well. That there is something big in the report is something big in the report is evident from the number and calibre of practical oil men who drifted into Big Run Monday forenoon and from the further fact that notices have been posted up all about the derrick warning people to keep off the premises. The land is leased by a company of Big Run and New Bethlehem men, including G. E. Davis, I. Davis and D. L. Smyers, of Big Run, and Knight & Co., of New Bethlehem. The company has leased about 8,000 acres.

The mine fire which broke out in the lowest level at North Mahanoy colliery four weeks ago was declared Sunday by the officials to be under control. Robbed of air and flooded with millions of gallons of water, the fire is dying out. Sunday, for the first time, workmen were able to penetrate breast No. 18 from adjoining chambers. The damage wrought by the flames is terrific. Solid pillars of coal, 30 feet thick, were easy prey and are crumbling together with much of the top. These workings are now under water, which has risen to a height of 110 feet, and will be continued until it reaches 200 feet. A former official of the Reading, familiar with mine fires, said Monday that the blaze will cost the company \$150,000. The colliery will not work for a month, but adjoining operations will resume in a few days.