

Ink Stings.

June has been doing fine thus far. Let us hope she will not forget her name and think herself October.

Bellefonte started the league baseball season most auspiciously. Here's hoping the end may be as successful.

Count ZEPPELIN must have had a ballast of steel common in his air ship judging from the way he went up and staid there.

The man who put "Floradora" on the American stage is a bankrupt. Possibly this is his punishment for having put NAX PATTERSON in the lime-light.

Mr. HARRIMAN has gone to Europe, but he left a hopeful message before he sailed. It was so nice of him to tell us we might look up instead of down.

Another circus is on the way and the small boy is singing: I'll save up my nickels and all of my cents and I'll sure get a seat in the big circus tents.

It was only a short time ago that Senator BAILEY, of Texas, was regarded as one of the coming statesmen. It seems now as though he "has come and went."

Several days have passed without report of hunter ROOSEVELT having bagged any game. Has the publicity department of the camp been swallowed up by a wild-beeste.

Mr. NICHOLAS has signed an order abolishing the use of drums in the Russian army in time of war. Recent events have made it look as though the Russians are better "beatin'" for cover than on the drums, anyway.

A Mexican bull fighter was killed by a bull at Cuihuabua on Sunday. The occurrence is so rare that we are inclined to the belief that there must have been a slip in the usual arrangements that actually gave the bull a chance for his life.

A Spanish University professor has just published an article in which he says it was a "blessing to Spain" when she got rid of the Philippines. The twenty million dollars we paid for them probably added a little to the blissfulness of the "blessing."

Council has reached the "Stop, Look and Listen" sign board on the way to that new municipal electric lighting plant. The bids for its completion range from thirty to sixty thousand dollars, outside of the twelve or more thousand to be paid for the property.

The supervisors along the Fishing creek and Buffalo Run roads have succeeded in many places in leaving moose "Thank-you-Mams" that will probably make the drivers in the coming Philadelphia to Pittsburgh endurance run say anything but "Thank-you-mam."

The Burgess has issued an edict making it unlawful to spit on the streets or any public place in Bellefonte, under penalty of one dollar fine for the first offense and more for the second. It is probable that the cops will be hit about as hard as the rest of us, for it is reported that they all chew tobacco.

The world's record long baseball game was played at Bloomington, Ill., on Monday. Decatur and that city fought on the diamond for twenty-six innings, nearly three regular length games. It must have been very exciting, but if the audience present had had to sit on board benches in a suburb that length of time we know of a preacher who would have to quit his job.

The census reports of Allahabad, India, show that thirty-five citizens described themselves as "men who rob with threats of violence." They are evidently in the class of "undesirable citizens," but in the matter of giving the truth to the census takers it will have to be admitted that they are more honest than most women in this country are when that little interrogation as to age is put up to them.

It is strange how foolish some people do become! We are starting to build a fine new school building in Bellefonte and some dear simple souls who haven't a single thing to do but pay their taxes and look pleasant actually want to know how much it is going to cost. Did you ever hear of such utterly ridiculous concerns about a trifling little matter, when by waiting until it is completed the extra taxes will tell them whether it has been thirty or sixty thousand dollars.

Whatever else may be said of Mr. PATTERSON's corner in May wheat his success was unprecedented and proves that he knew more about the crop conditions in the country than the government experts. In view of the signal ability of Mr. PATTERSON to get to the bottom of agricultural conditions he might be induced to show the Secretary of Agriculture how to conduct the statistical end of his Department so that outsiders can't make a monkey out of government officials and dupes out of those who put confidence in their reports.

The New York Life Insurance Co. is dismissing twelve hundred agents because a new law in New York State permits the writing of business only up to one hundred and fifty million dollars a year by any company incorporated under its laws. This action will be a fine exhibition of the worth of men. It may be depended on that the ones who have been giving their employers the best service will not be the ones to go. And so it is in all business lines. The man who does his best all the time is seldom compelled to look for work.

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The Philadelphia Scandal.

The well authenticated story of the financial relations between Mayor REYBURN, of Philadelphia, and contractor MCNICHOL, is a matter of more than local interest. It is a scandal which involves the entire State for the reason that Philadelphia influences practically control the State and Philadelphia influences are guided by the coterie concerned in this scandal.

Delinquent Democrats in Congress.

The Democratic Senators in Congress who have been voting for the ALDRICH schedule in the pending tariff bill are making the future of the Democratic party a difficult problem. For many years the Democratic platform have been promising tariff reform and the Democratic press and orators have been asserting that tariff reform could only be achieved through Democratic success.

An Unjust Innuendo.

In his Gettysburg memorial address President TAFT revealed the militant spirit in strong form. He was careful in the outset to draw a line of distinction between the regular and volunteer soldier.

Tariff Levy and Income Tax.

Senator Bailey proposes an income tax to relieve the need of an increase of revenue duties. Senator Aldrich, on the Republican side, objects and proposes to raise all the income needed through a tariff bill that is laid for protection, and not for revenue.

The charges against Mayor REYBURN may be briefly stated. At the time the Republican machine was searching for a candidate for Mayor who would be servile, it was discovered that Congressman JOHN E. REYBURN, reputed to be very rich, had through speculative operations involved himself almost hopelessly in debt.

That a vast majority of the people of this country favor a decrease in the tariff rates is beyond question. Last fall the Republican candidate for President averted defeat by publicly declaring that however ambiguous his platform was on the tariff question, he was personally for tariff revision downward and would exert his influence to accomplish that result immediately after his inauguration.

In praising the regular army, however, there is no necessity for disparaging the volunteer troops who fought with equal courage, discipline and intelligence, even by innuendo. This is to say there is neither justice nor reason in intimating that the regulars were more loyal to the cause in which they were enlisted for the reason that "their allegiance was purely to the nation."

Any way, it does not seem to have any business in connection with the making of a tariff bill; which should be equitably prepared; and it will be time enough to resort to other modes of raising revenue when the tariff fails to be sufficiently productive. Everyone understands that it will not be likely to do so, if the expenditures of the government are not excessive; and the appropriations committees out according to their cloth.

Bogus Government Statistics.

The utter worthlessness and absurdity of the statistics issued by the government have been revealed through two channels recently. The first of these and the one most easily understood is the success of the PATTERSON wheat corner in Chicago. During all the period in which Mr. PATTERSON has been manipulating the market the Department of Agriculture in Washington has been assuring the public that it could not possibly succeed for the reason that there is an abundance of wheat in the granaries of the farmers and that it would come out, under the influence of high prices, in time to defeat the purpose of the speculators.

The Citadel of Protection.

Senator RAYNER, of Maryland, called attention to a painful subject in a speech in the Senate on Decoration day. It is the frequency with which the "citadel of protection" has been destroyed, or attempted to be destroyed, during the pending effort to revise the tariff. No matter what schedule of the ALDRICH bill is assailed there is some one to suggest in alarm that the particular feature of the measure will inevitably destroy the "citadel of protection."

The County Primaries.

In accordance with the new uniform primaries law the primaries for the nomination of candidates for county offices, etc., will be held tomorrow at the various voting places in Centre county, from two until seven o'clock p. m. This will probably be the first time in years that there will be no contest in Centre county for a place on the Democratic ticket.

Congressmen Check.

I looks as though the leaders of congress are planning to circumvent the civil service virtue of both President Taft and former President Roosevelt. The Crumppacker bill providing for the taking of the thirtieth census is still slumbering peacefully in conference, where it got after a stormy career in house and senate.

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The "citadel of protection," is an imaginary structure created out of the cupidity of the tariff mongers. To the polygamist Senator of Utah the tariff tax on beet sugar is the citadel of protection and to the political pirate of California the tariff tax on fruits is the citadel.

Let 'em Down Easy.

Patten let the wheat speculators down easy. It is agreed that he could have skinned his competitors alive and that many a scathed bear pelt would have been included in the kill.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

Some of the quoted prices for the ordinary necessities leave no room for doubt that there are soaring higher than ever before, except perhaps in war times. And that applies not only to meat products, but to virtually everything.

Spawns from the Keystone.

Juliana College, Huntingdon, has planted 2,000 white pine and 500 pine oak trees, as a lesson in forestry.

The corner stone of Mercer county's new court house, which is to be erected at a cost of \$350,000 was laid Saturday by Judge A. W. Williams.

At a sale of imported Jersey cattle at Coopersburg on the stock farm of T. S. Cooper & Sons 120 head realized \$73,981, at an average of \$647.08.

Mrs. Laura Engvall, a dressmaker at Kittanning has fallen heir to a fortune of nearly \$800,000, through the death of her uncle, F. M. Egglewell.

The erecting plant erected by the Pennsylvania railroad company at Mt. Union will be put in operation July 1st and will at the start employ about thirty-five men.

The school board of Indiana, Pa., is in the market for teachers for the coming term. One high school teacher, two assistant principals, one teacher of vocal music and seventeen grade teachers are needed.

The White Pine sanatorium at Mt. Alto, Franklin county, is to be greatly enlarged. There are now 700 patients at the institution and it is proposed to provide for 1,000 or more as soon as the necessary cottages have been built.

Residents near the mouth of the Treck-how diggings at Hazleton, where work has been suspended for some time, are annoyed by great swarms of rats which come to the surface in search of food, since their supply underground has been cut off.

Fire at Bakerton, Cambria county, destroyed Miners' hall, the Union hotel and the residence of C. C. McCombie, entailing a loss of about \$30,000. Mrs. Sarah Shiffer sustained a fractured leg and other injuries in jumping from a second story window.

George Schreckengost, of DuBois, convicted by a jury at Clearfield on Sunday of murder in the second degree, on the charge of killing his wife, was on Wednesday sentenced by Judge Smith to sixteen years in the Western Penitentiary and ordered to pay a fine of \$500.

Mrs. Mary McEde, an aged woman, living at Kingston, near Wilkesbarre, was brutally tortured by burglars who believed that she had a large sum of money hidden in her house. She was found unconscious by neighbors and her condition is serious. A detail of assault constabulary is looking for her assailants.

Plans are being considered by the Lackawanna Railroad company for building a storage reservoir with a capacity of 25,000,000 gallons at May Ang, near Scranton, where it owns 110 acres of land. Four artesian wells of the company in operation there are gushing forth at the rate of 18,000 gallons an hour. The company expects to sink ten or twelve wells before January 1st, erect a pumping station and build a pipe line.

The Patton school board held a meeting Friday night and awarded to J. H. Hubbard, of Altoona, a contract for constructing the new school house, the consideration being \$9,300. Eleven bids were submitted. The new building will be of brick and will contain four rooms. Contractor Hubbard expects to begin work this week and to have the building ready for occupancy by September 1st.

Being born in Pennsylvania constitutes a good start for a long life. Andrew Matern, who was formerly a resident of Warriorsmark valley, Huntingdon county, and who was the oldest male citizen of Huntingdon, Ind., died there on May 3rd, having reached the age of ninety-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Hallman, survives him and is ninety-four years old. Mr. Matern left his native home in 1808 and for many years followed farming in Indiana.

From a milliner's trimmer to a fortune of \$100,000 is the sudden rise of Miss Sara Leas, a young woman at Bellwood. The money comes from her uncle, J. Silas Leas, a lumberman, at Rock Island, Ill., who died May 10th, leaving an estate estimated at \$1,500,000. Miss Leas is one of five sisters, all daughters of Mrs. Mary Leas, matron of Conway Hall, at Dickinson college, Carlisle. Each of the girls is to get \$100,000. They reside in five different cities, York, Harrisburg, Scranton, Lock Haven and Bellwood.

Thousands of people from Clinton and adjoining counties were present at Lock Haven Saturday at the dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument. One of the features was the parade of 600 school children carrying miniature American flags, taking part. Capt. Wilson Cross delivered the dedicatory address and Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart was among the speakers. The monument is an imposing one and was erected at a cost of \$8,000 through the combined efforts of the county commissioners and the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Cambria Steel company is constructing the largest reservoir in the State to provide a water supply for its works in Johnstown. The big dam is being constructed on Quemahoning Creek, in Somerset county, and the completion of the big reservoir will give assurance that the company will never again be handicapped by a shortness of the supply. It is estimated that the capacity of the dam will be such that it could supply the entire city of Johnstown without replenishing for six months, exclusive of the mills, and in case of a drought such as that of last summer, the city will hardly be in sore straits for an ample water supply with the Quemahoning and other supplies of the Manufacturing Water company to fall back upon.

An investigation Saturday by United States postoffice inspector Lucas disclosed that the postoffice at Williamsburg, Blair county, apparently has been conducted as a postal savings bank for four years. Postmaster Samuel Sparr. It is said, received deposits from hundreds of Italian and Hungarian workmen, employed in the limestone quarries, giving them receipts signed by himself as postmaster. In the bank books of the depositors was imprinted the stamp of the postoffice money order department. The forgery, it is reported, deposited their savings, believing that the postoffice was a government bank. Friday the postmaster assigned. Inspector Lucas says there is not a parallel case in the records of the postoffice department. The workmen are said to have lost about \$12,000.