

Ink Blotting.

A safe a sane Fourth of July would be about as interesting as a quilting party for mates.

The elements do not appear to favor the Central Pennsylvania base ball league as the two last scheduled games were knocked out by rain.

The Senate has begun night work on the tariff. The result can hardly be expected to be other than part of the pestilence that walketh in darkness.

Mrs. RUSSELL SAGE is giving away her fortune at the rate of twenty-five thousand dollars a day. Only a large one would stand such lavish distribution.

GEORGE ADE, the novelist and playwright, has been made a trustee of PURDUE University. Probably on the principle that his fame will aid the institution.

Mrs. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT has returned from her tour of encouragement of the Suffragettes. It remains for the Perry County Democrat to enlighten us as to whether she succeeded in getting what she men have.

It seems to us that the Senate has no business bothering about where Senator PENROSE is after Senate hours. That is Senator PENROSE's business and probably bothers him enough without others trying to butt in.

Knowing so well how to do such things it was not much of a surprise that the two Republican factions in Philadelphia indulged in ballot box stuffing and repeating against each other at the primaries on Saturday.

The Board of Public Buildings and Grounds adjourned their meeting in Harrisburg on Wednesday without even considering the QUAY statue resolution. The poor old monument is having its metamorphosis into a white elephant, sure enough.

Breathitt county, Kentucky, has another feud. The departure of the male members of the HARRIS family for realms unknown was thought to have ended the intermittent savagery of that community, but the trail has been taken up by others and the blood that is to mark it is already being spilled.

The Centre county friends of Dr. LEONARD PEARSON, state veterinarian, will hear with profound sorrow of the accident that he and his aged mother met with night before last. Both were so nearly asphyxiated by illuminating gas that Mrs. PEARSON's recovery is doubtful and the Doctor is in an extremely critical condition.

The death of Col. ALEXANDER K. McCLEURE removes the most distinguished editorial product of Pennsylvania. His activities in newspaper work covered the greatest crises in the history of the State and his superb mental equipment enabled him to be of inestimable service to the public through his able discussions of the questions appertaining. Fortunately his writings are left, because he had peculiar and most intimate acquaintance with the affairs of State in the early days and his memoirs may be regarded as a rich heritage of coming generations of Pennsylvanians.

Whether it has been fear of burghers BOWEN's dollar fine or just a proper effort on the part of the public to do better we don't know but we do know that the sidewalk in Bellefonte has looked far cleaner since those "anti-spitting" notices were put up than they did before. We do hope the burghers will see to it that the ordinance is not left to lapse into a state of inobservance desuetude as has been the case with the curfew. It is such a good, wholesome and altogether pleasing move that the burghers and his police will well take the trouble to see that it is continued.

A rather interesting argument was injected into the new school house building discussion by a gentleman, a few days ago. He stated that when the North ward building that is now being torn down, was built in the early seventies, it was regarded as being ample for Bellefonte's needs for many years to come. At that time the borough had a population of 2655 souls. Since that time the new South ward building has doubled the school facilities of the borough while the population has increased only 1561 residents or a total of 4216. Therefore he argued that the contemplated enlargement of the North ward building to nearly twice its former size is certainly not warranted by the increase in the number of school children from Bellefonte. Facts are facts and here is a thought worth considering.

The contemplated plan to have a street carnival company in Bellefonte for the week of July 4th has stirred up considerable opposition. While the good or bad effects of such an affair are largely matters of personal opinion, and no one cares particularly whether one is held or whether it is not, the situation in this case is a good bit like the old Presbyterian doctrine of being damned if you do and damned if you don't. If the carnival were to be secured the public would have to "whack" up to the promoters to help get it. So those who are opposed to it are whacking up to the promoters to keep it away. You see the promoters get all they care for out of the deal while the public get satisfaction along the line of the doctrine quoted above: They pay if the carnival comes or they pay if it don't.

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Loosing Hope.

The Washington correspondent of the esteemed Philadelphia Record is somewhat optimistic with respect to the political future. That is to say he discerns signs of disintegration in the Republican party as a result of the rather bitter fight over the question of revising the tariff and cites the language of former Senator SPOONER, of Wisconsin, in support of his opinion. "The situation of the Republican party in Congress," Mr. SPOONER declares, "is the worst I have ever known it. The feeling that has developed over tariff revision between the two wings of the party," he continued, "is more bitter than any that arose over the railroad rate and other legislation under the ROOSEVELT regime."

No doubt that is a fairly accurate statement of conditions in Washington as they appear to Senator SPOONER. The quarrel between Senator ALDRICH on one side and the progressives led by DOLLIVER, of Iowa, and BEVERIDGE, of Indiana, on the other, is irreconcilable. It may even be said that President TAFT desires a revision of the tariff on lines which would give some promise of relief to the people. But through recalcitancy among the Democrats and venality among the Republican leaders, the advantage to the Democratic party and the country is practically certain to be lost. In other words, notwithstanding the bitter quarrel among the Republicans and the obvious purpose of ALDRICH and his followers to sacrifice the people, the ALDRICH program will be carried out and the party will lose few if any votes on account of it.

The Republican leaders in Congress are simply the special agents of the predatory trust and monopolistic corporations. ALDRICH makes no concealment of his purpose to serve those enemies of the public and makes little effort to make his corrupt commerce with the recalcitrant Democrats who are assisting him in his conspiracy. But because of this Democratic recalcitancy the advantage which ought to come to the people is lost. Possibly there will be an awakening of the public conscience or an expression of that spirit of manhood which recent injustice, but we own to a feeling of doubt. There have been so many offenses overlooked and so many crimes against the people condoned that hope is almost gone.

A Fortune Well Spent.

After all RUSSELL SAGE's success in gathering together the great wealth that was his at the time of his death was not a bad thing for the country. It was secured mostly from men who tried to get rich by gambling in stocks, and who, had they succeeded would in all probability have squandered most of their winnings at European watering places or for their own personal pleasure, in place of giving it for the creditable purposes to which Mr. SAGE's wealth is going.

Mrs. SAGE, who was given the care and the distribution of the \$65,000,000 fortune left by him, has, in the three short years she has had charge of it, given over \$25,000,000 for educational purposes, religious advancement and for the amelioration of human misery. A continuation of this same blessed spirit of charity—this effort to do good—will give back in a few years into the hands of the people the entire wealth accumulated by her husband. And after it is where it will relieve suffering humanity, aid the poor, educate the people and assist in spreading the teachings of Christ, who will dare say that RUSSELL SAGE's life was a failure, or that his success was not a blessing to his countrymen and his country?

Mrs. SAGE's good work is erecting a great and lasting monument to both her own and her husband's memory.

Must Get in and Bear.

From the statements made by the press and the general results of the primaries down in Schuylkill, that county has shown its ability and willingness to prove a close second in rottenness and general rascality to poor old depraved and despised Philadelphia.

It should have been enough to us, as Pennsylvanians, to bear the disgrace of having our largest and most important city listed and pointed to as the most debauched and corrupt municipality on the face of the globe. But it seems our cup of this "hells broth" is not yet full. The virus that has eaten out the honesty, the manhood and the self respect of the citizens of that city seems to have laid hold on the people of outside counties and the good Lord alone knows how long its run may be or how wide its course may extend.

That anything can be done to stay it, we have little hope. That the people want it ended, we have little belief. It is a Republican disease and the voters of Pennsylvania seem content to have it run its course. Whether the end be an office or the penitentiary for those spreading the inoculation we can only wait and see.

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A Hopeful Sign.

There is something like a rift in the Pennsylvania political cloud in the result of the primary elections in Philadelphia last Saturday. The reform candidate for District Attorney came very near defeating the Republican machine candidate for the Republican nomination for that office and actually polled more votes than the Republican candidate received. In other words Mr. CLARENCE GIBBONEY, formerly the capable manager of the Law and Order society, who was nominated by the Democrats and the WILLIAM PENN parties, received enough votes for the Republican nomination to raise his aggregate to a figure higher than the total vote of the regular Republican candidate.

It doesn't necessarily follow that the candidate of the Democratic and WILLIAM PENN parties will receive more votes in November than the Republican machine candidate but the primary certainly justifies the hope of that result. As an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary states, the vote of the machine candidate was made up largely of the criminal classes and the office holders and there may be some of the former which failed to get to the polls for the primary election which will be on hand at the general election. But it is certain that there are thousands of decent citizens to Philadelphia who didn't vote at the primaries but may be brought out to the general election if proper energy is put into the campaign.

The election of a militant reform District Attorney in Philadelphia would have a surprising result on the politics of the State, for it would have the effect of minimizing the fraudulent vote in the city and the fraudulent vote represents a large proportion of the total. In that city the demerit of the vote and the saloons are almost unanimously electioneering headquarters of the Republican machine under the shelter of the prosecuting official. If Mr. GIBBONEY should be elected this demoralizing influence in the politics of the city would cease and the seventy or eighty thousand votes would be lost to the Republicans. In the last gubernatorial election that number lost to the party would have changed the result.

The Republican State Convention.

Information to the effect that Senator PENROSE and chairman ANDREWS of the Republican State committee have already arranged all the details of the State convention of that party which is to be held in Harrisburg next week, comes from Washington. Congressman OLMSTED, of Harrisburg, will introduce the platform, which has been prepared by PENROSE and ANDREWS. The officials of the convention have been chosen, also, but those on the inside refuse to indicate which of the obedient machine followers are to be favored with those complimentary assignments. It is known, however, that chairman ANDREWS will be re-elected.

The managers are somewhat troubled, moreover, with the matter of the nomination for Justice of the Supreme court. It had been practically determined to "cast" judge VON MOSCHIZKER, of Philadelphia, into that place, but there has been such a volume of protest that the leaders have become somewhat alarmed. VON MOSCHIZKER is one of the judges who sat in the Dauphin county court when the constitutionality of the judicial salary bill was passed upon and the more conservative party managers hesitate about naming a man for the Supreme bench who has declared the constitution unconstitutional.

It may be said this would have had no influence on the mind of PENROSE if he had been the only objections to VON MOSCHIZKER. That decision was rendered with the concurrence of the Senator and he never repudiates his own action. But it has been ascertained that VON MOSCHIZKER's sponsor has been State Senator CLARENCE WOLF who is largely responsible for the recent misfortunes of the Philadelphia Republican machine. The people of Philadelphia are in anything other than an amiable mood and it is gravely feared that with VON MOSCHIZKER as the nominee for the Supreme bench a revolution of great proportions might ensue.

The Philadelphia Record furnishes the following, which will be news to most Centre county people. The paper Mr. DORWORTH is supposed to have secured is the Republican of this place, for which it is known he has been negotiating during the past year:

CHARLES E. DORWORTH, for several years political reporter of The Philadelphia Press, will become editor of his own paper at Bellefonte this month. Mr. DORWORTH comes from Centre county, but his active newspaper career has been spent in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. He was one of the staff of the old Pittsburgh Times, one of the most famous aggregations of newspaper men ever gotten together in that city. He then entered the services of The Press.

It is understood that Mr. DORWORTH will put in an entire new printing outfit, both in the newspaper and job departments, and expects to make the Republican equal in appearance, as well as in news, to any of the papers published in this town.

Judicial Elections.

We cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction over the result of the primary vote for Judge in Luzerne county. Former chairman of the Democratic State committee, JOHN M. GARMAN, Esq., was not only nominated for that office by the Democrats by an overwhelming majority but he defeated the slated candidate of the Republicans for the Republican nomination. This makes his election absolutely certain for he will be on the regular ticket of both parties. Other candidates can be voted for of course, but the operation will involve so much trouble that it is not likely to be indulged in to any great extent.

We vote very much in favor of non-partisan judges and would like to see politics completely eliminated from judicial contests. But we find that non-partisan judges are almost exclusively Democratic judges, and that in nine cases out of ten Republican judges are partisans on or off the bench. We believe that in the event of his election, now practically certain, JOHN M. GARMAN will be a non-partisan judge. Off the bench he is an earnest Democrat. But he is first of all a lawyer and a good lawyer is invariably a just judge.

It is gratifying, moreover, to learn that in Chester county the Hon. JOSEPH HEMPHILL came within 25 votes of being placed upon the Republican ticket in addition to securing the unanimous nomination of his own party, which makes his election positively certain. Judge HEMPHILL is just completing his second term of ten years and his career on the bench has been an illustrious one. The Democrats of Berks have made the election of two Judges certain, so that we are certain to hold our own in the judicial elections of this State this year.

Duties of Supervisors.

By an act of Assembly approved by the Governor the 13th day of May, 1909, the supervisors of the highways in the various townships in the State are required within six months after the passage of the act to measure all public roads in their respective townships. Such measurement shall be made either by the use of a cyclometer or otherwise as the board may direct, and the supervisor shall report the number of miles of road in each township to the state highway commissioner.

Another law still in force but one so universally disregarded as to lead many to think it obsolete is that requiring supervisors to erect and maintain at every cross-roads a sign board pointing the direction and distance to the next town or towns. A penalty is also attached for failure to keep such signboards up and in good condition.

Another law of considerable importance to all drivers of vehicles is that requiring supervisors during the months of April, May and June, and September and October of each year, to go over the roads and rake or clean off all the loose stone thereon. This law is partially observed in only two or three townships in the county, notwithstanding that a more than nominal fine is attached for failure to obey the law.

The above are three duties devolving upon supervisors that should not be neglected and such officials in Centre county who do not know the law thereon, or knowing it, disregard it willfully, would do well to give due attention to the matter, as the better roads movement is one that is being given more attention every day and citizens of the county directly interested will sooner or later demand that every law regarding the same be strictly fulfilled.

Value of Good Roads.

Centre county has lost another opportunity to land a good thing in the rejection of the site offered on the Moses Thompson estate for the proposed three million dollar Masonic home and school, and while the committee on location gave no reason for the rejection it would not be surprising to learn that they were influenced in their decision because of the deplorable condition of the road they were compelled to travel over from several miles south of Bellefonte through Lemont to reach Centre Furnace. It is a fact that on the day the committee was taken up several of the gentlemen could not help but remark on the bad condition of the roads.

This should be a lesson to the supervisors, and more especially the land-owners, to insist on the keeping up of the roads. Another instance: A real estate man in Bellefonte has a farm in the vicinity of Lemont for sale and a month or so ago he secured a good prospective purchaser but when the man went to look at the farm and found the old pike in the condition it was he declared at once that he would never purchase a property where the roads were allowed to remain in such a wretched condition. The above are two strong arguments in favor of good roads and why the farmers and real estate owners of the county can't appreciate the value to themselves of better roads is a perplexing question.

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Mr. Bryan Speaks Out.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Mr. Bryan is at least making his attitude toward those Democrats who have betrayed their party in congress quite clear. He is leaving no doubts as to the estimate in which he holds their action nor does he leave anything to doubt as to what these traitors deserve at the hands of their outraged constituents.

In the current issue of the Commoner he devotes considerable space to the tariff and to the disgraceful spectacle presented by those senators and representatives calling themselves Democrats who have voted with the Republicans in maintaining or advancing protective duties. "Democratic voters," he says, "cannot begin too soon to select candidates for congress. . . . Let those Democrats who believe in pure and undefiled Democracy get together in each district and pick out a Democrat who cannot be bought or frightened. The trusts have stealthily secured control of some of the congressmen who were elected as Democrats and they will have the influence of the trusts in securing a re-nomination. The trusts can very well afford to put up the campaign funds if they can control the congressman after the election. The Steel Trust, for instance, could put a million dollars into the congressional campaign without missing it (and it is only one of many trusts); and a million dollars would supply a hundred candidates with \$10,000 apiece or two hundred candidates with \$5,000 apiece. When you see that a congressional candidate has money to spend, find out where he is getting it. Take it for granted that he cannot get money from a predatory corporation without a promise, expressed or implied, and that he will pay the corporation back out of the pockets of the people."

These are very plain words, but they are not too plain nor are they prematurely uttered. If they lack anything it is that they are not aimed directly at the perfidious Democrats in house and senate who have been harboring with the painted harlot of protection. With perfect justice Mr. Bryan might name these traitors. He might with entire propriety single them out and hold them up to the scorn and reprobation of their betrayed co-partisans. But Mr. Bryan chooses to be considerate of the feelings of the traitors. He chooses to make his indictment general instead of specific and he leaves to Democratic consciences themselves the task of fitting the shoe to the proper feet.

The People Are Unheard.

Mark Sullivan in Collier's. Upward march the tariff rates. Washington is crowded with the people and those who have taken the shilling of the powerful. Senator Aldrich tells the nation that he says that ninety-nine out of a hundred of those who appear before the finance committee ask for higher rates. (The consumer is at home busy with the plow.) Senators and representatives are immersed in a high protection atmosphere. Every listening moment he is the centre of the feelings of the traitors. "Raise the rates." "You vote for high rates on my steel, and I'll vote for high rates on your lumber" and so two rates are raised. Every day of delay means greater and greater heights. Every day of speech making on the senate floor is a day of buttonholing in the capital corridors. Senator Keyburn, of Idaho, said the other day that he does not consider the Republican party pledged to revision downward, merely to readjustment—and "readjustment" is an euphemism for revision upward. That is the present spirit of the Republican senate organization. The bill that comes to President Taft for signature will in all probability be higher than the Dingley bill. In the recollection of his campaign promises, the President will face the first real test of his moral courage.

A Tax On Tea.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Since Aldrich and his cohorts are ever ready to hearken to the wail of the protectioneer, there is danger that the tea lobby in Washington may succeed. The proposition is, of course, ridiculous, and, like many another that has been disclosed during the present session of Congress, would not get a hearing if presented to the intelligence of the voter.

Climate and conditions in this country are wholly unfavorable to tea-raising. At the present time the bulk of the tea raised in this country is produced in South Carolina and averages a little more than 10,000 pounds yearly, these results having been reached after a history of 25 years in the business.

But the consumption of tea in the United States amounts to about 100,000,000 pounds annually. Isn't it absurd to think of taxing 90,000,000 of people to benefit an industry that never can amount to anything in this country? What have the few holders of tea-growing lands in South Carolina done that they should demand this tribute from the American people, and against the protests to Congress not only of individual consumers, but also of wholesale, jobbing and retail associations in all parts of the country?

The proposed duty would amount to a tax of virtually 10 cents a pound on a product for which the poor consumer now pays 25 or 30 cents a pound. Is it reasonable?

Labor Injunction Expanding.

From the Chicago Public. The American courts in the Philippines have let out another reef in labor injunctions. A strike of street car employees being in progress in Manila, the strikers called a series of mass meetings to assemble on the 30th. But the mass meetings were prohibited by a labor injunction. Note the progress of labor injunctions. First we had injunctions against violence in strikes; these destroyed the American right of jury trial for crime in connection with the labor movement. Then we had injunctions against boycott publications; these invaded the American principle of a free press in connection with the labor movement. And now we have an injunction against mass meetings which assails the American principle of free speech.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—It is reported that the Carnegie Steel company will expend over \$2,000,000 in the erection of a new blast furnace and four open-hearth furnaces at Sharon.

—Counterfeit half dollars are in circulation in Sunbury. This fact became known Friday morning, when several were detected at the First National Bank by Teller Daniel Bloom.

—Wesley played havoc in the henery of Jacob Millner, a farmer residing on the outskirts of Coatesville. The best killed 190 fine young fowls before he could get to the barn.

—Miss Eleanor Stewart, who was secretary-treasurer of the Mercer hospital, has been in jail at Mercer since May 26 because she refused to obey the decree of the court to produce the books of the hospital.

—With the safe containing \$500 open, burglars who effected an entrance into the store of E. Swayne, of Berwick, in attempting to open the iron receptacle, locked the combination and failed to get the money.

—The Keystone furnace at Reading, which has gone out of blast, will build an entire new stack. This will be ready by October 1. During the fifteen months the furnace was in operation it produced 98,000 tons of pig iron.

—It is very evident that a gang of horse thieves is operating in Butler, Clarion, Venango and Armstrong counties. Within four months six horses have been stolen from Joseph Schall, of Crooked Creek, Armstrong county.

—Six hundred residents of Delaware county are recovering from measles, which in the past three weeks have been raging in Haverford township, where the majority of the cases broke out, it usually considered the most healthy locality in Delaware county.

—Seaman Brothers, of Uniontown, have closed a deal for the purchase of 500 acres of coal land in Jackson township, Greene county, under option agreements made several months ago. The purchase price was about \$75,000. Adjacent acreage is under option.

—Robert Perry Blackburn, of Williamsport, has been appointed division commander of Knights Templar by Grand Eminent Commander Abram Hess, of Pennsylvania. This division comprises Baldwin II commandery of Williamsport and the Lock Haven, Bellefonte and Phillipsburg commanderies. The appointment of Blackburn is an honor of considerable importance among the Knights Templar.

—Thomas W. Johns, convicted of murdering his wife and the latter's aunt, Mrs. Charles Cobough, was sentenced to death by Judge F. J. O'Connor at Ebensburg on Wednesday. The prisoner exhibited no emotion and when asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced he replied in the negative. The murder was committed in Conemaugh September 21, 1908. Johns and his wife had been separated.

—A motor car employed in the department of maintenance of way on the Buffalo and Susquehanna road, was blown up by an explosion of gasoline at Dents Run Monday night and the crew of five men which it carried were all terribly injured. One of the men was not expected to survive until the help of a physician could reach them, two others were thought to be fatally hurt and the remaining two sustained very serious injuries.

—Residents of Sunbury are excited through the circulation of a rumor that the Pennsylvania Railroad company plans to move its shops from the Erie & Baltimore terminal of their divisions and concentrating its working force at Sunbury. Such a chance would mean the employment of thousands of men in Sunbury shops. The fact that the Pennsylvania company some years ago purchased a large tract of land near Sunbury leads the people of that city to believe that the project is now about to be realized.

—In the discrimination suit brought by the Chestnut Hill Coal company, whose operations are on the Amesville branch, back of Madera, against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, on trial at Clearfield last week, the jury on Saturday rendered a verdict of \$12,000 damages in favor of the plaintiff company, constituted of William and John Minda. This is the second trial of the same suit, the plaintiffs in the first having been awarded \$14,700 damages, and on motion of the defendants a new trial was granted.

—Next week Phillipsburg will be the centre of interest for the Christian Endeavorers of Allegheny conference, U. B. church. Their twentieth annual convention will be held in the First U. B. church, June 15-17, and a very interesting and profitable time is looked for. There will be present about 150 ministers and delegates from different parts of the State, and the U. B.'s are now busy arranging for their entertainment. The young people's societies of other churches, together with the general public, are invited to attend and get the good of the convention.

—Assessors and constables in Pennsylvania will receive increased fees under an act of assembly passed at the recent session. Constables will receive \$2.50 instead of \$1.50 for attendance at court and making returns thereto, and fifteen cents each for serving notices of election upon election officers. They had been receiving ten cents. The county assessors, by reason of the signing by Gov. Stuart of a bill passed by the Legislature, will hereafter receive \$2.50 per day instead of \$2, the former pay. By the new law the assessors come under state jurisdiction instead of that of the counties.

—Jesse Laubach, of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, has received a post card from F. Essie Allison, of Nebraska, Forest county, Pa., with his photograph on it. He will be remembered by the older people as Doc Allison. Although Mr. Allison is 82 years old, by his picture he bids fair to live an additional number of years, and has the honor of being president of the Allison family reunion association. He is the last and only living son of a Revolutionary soldier in Pennsylvania. His brother, Samuel L. Allison, the father of Mrs. Laubach, was in the war of 1812. These men are brothers of Mrs. Mary Ann Bichel, of Clintonville. The late Senator William B. Allison, of Iowa, was a nephew. The Allison family has many connections in Centre county.