

Ink Stings.

The Republican State Convention stood in Harrisburg and heard the orders from Boss PENROSE read.

The Hon. BOISE PENROSE met in Harrisburg. The function was once known as a Republican State convention.

The Philadelphia to Pittsburgh endurance runners probably prayed for air ships while they were passing over some of the roads in Centre county.

Dayton, Ohio, has temporarily lost sight of its pride in being the home of the National cash register in the deluge of glory the WRIGHT boys have won.

Commencement is over at the colleges. It is now real commencement for the graduates and it will not be all flowers and music and glittering generalities, either.

Well, we are not to have the carnival, after all. It is evident that the people who wanted it did not want it enough to overcome the opposition of those who did not want it.

The advent of another good live Republican paper in Bellefonte will probably not strike as much terror to the Democrats as it will to the one good live one already here.

We hope to have a safe Fourth of July. Of course it can't be expected to be safe, because everyone will be expected to be crazy full of enthusiasm if there is nothing better to be had.

One of the largest lobsters taken in Maine waters in years was caught recently near Biddford Pool. We hadn't heard that the bathing season for the fashionables down east had opened yet.

Testimony in their divorce case brought out that in eight years HOWARD GOULD paid his wife \$775,990.00 for her personal assistant. Not much evidence has been developed to show that she was worth it.

If any of the graduating class at State this week have heads big enough to fill the hats worn by some of the girls who attended commencement some wonderful achievements may be looked for from the class of 1909.

If Congress doesn't hurry up business will be revived before that new tariff bill is passed. It really doesn't matter much, however, for CANNON and ALDRICH will lay such a duty on the glory that no one can afford to take any of it but themselves.

With a forty thousand dollar water plant, seventy thousand dollar school house and a sixty thousand dollar addition to the court house all going at the same time ought to be something doing hereabouts before fall. The wages this fall; the taxes next.

Those Seattle burglars who sent back fifteen thousand dollars to the party from whom they had stolen it for the reason that they "didn't need the money" must have been burgling just for fun. Suppose they were! It wouldn't have been so funny had they been caught.

Mrs. HOWARD GOULD swore she required three costumes every day in order to maintain her standing as a lady. Strange as it may seem while she was spending so much money to keep up her standing she was drinking enough liquor to knock it out from under her.

Women prisoners have been put to work on the public rock pile at Fort Worth, Texas. It is a little tough to think of a woman breaking stones, but we are afraid to express any particular indignation for fear some of our friends will think we are furnishing women's rights.

The agreement to impose a two per cent. tax on the capital stock of corporations has probably eliminated the inheritance tax as a feature of the forthcoming tariff bill. As a revenue producer it might prove of advantage if the tax should be collected, but there is the rub; the collection.

The Nebraska man who had so much faith in an air ship he had built that he carried it three thousand feet high with a balloon and then out loose didn't have much time to discover why it wouldn't fly because it fell to the earth at once, but as he wasn't killed by the fall he still has another chance to have his neck broken.

While the JOHN ROBINSON circus is in town next Wednesday remember they are not going to sell you an elephant or the steam piano wrapped up in a five dollar bill, all for a quarter. It is a fine show, worth seeing, but remember that it is the show and not the shell games—if there should be any—that you are there to see.

A judge in a Kansas City court discharged a prisoner the other day with the statement: "Your red hair is your salvation." The judge believed the fellow's story because he said he invariably found red-headed persons to be truthful. Although most of ours is gone we are in a position to add an Amen! to this verdict of the bench.

The Republican State convention succeeded in doing just what it had been ordered to do and just what boss PENROSE ordered it to do, so everybody is correspondingly happy. Of course those Republicans who happen to be independent enough to think that they should have an opinion of their own concerning party affairs are probably not happy, but they don't amount to anything to PENROSE except on election day, when he gets their votes for his candidates just the same.

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Some Difference at Least.

There are people who argue that the difference between the Republican and the Democratic parties is not sufficient to cause them to care which one wins.

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Such was the feeling against this outrage on the constitution that those having the matter in charge found that VON MOSCHIZSKER'S opinion was not of sufficient weight to rest their case upon and they appealed the matter to the Supreme court.

He has since lived in deserved disgrace and enforced political retirement.

On the other hand VON MOSCHIZSKER was on Wednesday last unanimously made the candidate of the Republican party for the highest judicial position in the State.

MORAL—Do wrong as a Democrat while a public official and the party will denounce and repudiate you.

The Republican State convention has shown the courage of its iniquities. It has nominated the worst ticket ever presented for the suffrages of the people by any party.

The candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, ROBERT VON MOSCHIZSKER first won the favor of ISRAEL W. DURHAM by sinister service in local politics.

Senator SISON, the nominee for Auditor General, may lay some claim to respectability. His private life has been clean but he has always been a servile slave to the machine.

Monday was flag day but it was not very generally observed in Bellefonte.

Schuylkill County's Shame.

A Republican lawyer of Pottsville declared, the other day, that he "intends to ask the court to investigate fraud at the primaries on June 5 and if possible secure an indictment against the County Commissioners for misdemeanor in office."

Within a few weeks litigation which had been pending in the criminal courts of Schuylkill county for several months, in relation to frauds in the interest of the Republican candidates at the general election last fall, was terminated by some sort of a compromise which approached perilously close to compounding a felony.

In the case in point, however, it is to be hoped that Lawyer WILLIAM WILHELM will pursue his purpose to the end and if he is a reputable lawyer this expectation is likely to be fulfilled.

He is in sympathy with such processes but unless something is done to prove the contrary the suspicion will be justified.

An Obvious Subterfuge.

The obvious purpose of the Republican managers in Washington to adopt a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution authorizing Congress to levy a tax on income, is delay.

But there is grave danger in this last scheme. The late Mr. BANIM said the people like to be fooled and he was right.

As announced in the WATCHMAN last week Charles E. Dorworth will today end his career as political writer on the Philadelphia Press.

The remodeling of the present Centre county court house and the building of an addition thereto, is now an assured thing and just as soon as a few minor alterations, as suggested by the county commissioners, can be made in the plans as prepared by Newman & Harris, a letting of the contract for the work will be made and it is expected that work will be started by about the middle of July.

Incapable of Governing.

Congress has been in session for more than three months tinkering the tariff and the result is still problematical.

The lesson to be drawn from these facts is that the Republican party is utterly and absolutely incapable of governing the country.

The people suffer from the delinquencies of a party and it is their duty both to themselves, their children and posterity to turn out a party which has proved incompetent.

Tax on Corporate Dividends.

That the Republicans in Congress intend to put a considerable tax on dividends of corporations is now obvious.

As we have frequently pointed out, an income tax would be the least burdensome levy that could be devised, for the reason, mainly, that it is a tax on wealth rather than one on poverty.

In every community there are small manufacturing corporations which are essential to the social and industrial life of the people.

Partisanship Assailed by its Friends.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, did the country a notable service yesterday in submitting a resolution couched in the very words of the Republican platform which his standpat reactionary colleagues callously repudiated.

It has long been demonstrated in city and state affairs that there is little difference between the "practical" men of the two parties when they once get into office.

These are questions which the tariff debates provoke. These are issues which machine rule in States and cities has precipitated.

What the Aldrich Tariff Bill Does.

In its general average the Payne house tariff bill was higher than the existing law.

There is no visible prospect of any material reduction in the tariff on the things we buy, either for men, women or children, with the single exception of shoes.

The conference of the two houses will have jurisdiction only of the things in dispute between the two legislative branches.

Another Flank Movement.

Senator Aldrich's appropriation of the Democratic income tax amendment plank is not the first of such strategy by Republicans at bay in their service to privilege.

The proposed Democratic income tax amendment to the constitution is only an alternative in case the supreme court adheres to its remarkable wabbling four by five decision on the question the last time it considered the matter.

If the Aldrich scheme is not a play for delay, it is made in good faith, a thing hard to believe considering its source, then let Congress propose an income tax amendment and in the mean time put the best income tax law it is capable of framing squarely up to the Supreme court.

Ten Farming in Tillman's State.

The proposed protective tariff on tea becomes laughable when it is considered that there is only one tea farm within Senator Tillman's jurisdiction, and this is kept going only through the aid of the agricultural department, which operates an experimental station in connection with it, and so lessens the expense of conducting it.

Spawls from the Keystone.

The Lock Haven lodge of Elks has decided to buy the homestead residence of the late Simon Scott, and convert it into a palatial club house.

The Geiser shops, of Waynesboro, went on eleven hours a day yesterday. Last month more than 100 traction engines, with a large quantity of other machinery, was sold by this concern.

Mrs. Frank David laid a pocketbook containing \$400 down in Uniontown on a watering trough and walked away without it. When she returned for it it was gone. Detectives are tracing it.

Henry Clay Frick is preparing to present to the city of Pittsburgh a new park embracing 100 acres. It is known as the Gunn Hill tract and is located in the eastern part of the Twenty-Second ward.

The H. C. Frick Coke company is about to fire 2,000 additional coke ovens in the Klondyke and Connellsville regions, and it is expected by July 1 every oven owned by the company will be in blast.

Captain Alexander McMichael, of Port Perry, Allegheny county, was beaten to death and robbed near his home last Saturday night. He had gone out for a short walk and was evidently attacked soon after.

Lewis C. Corbin, of Juniata township, Huntingdon county, has bought back the farm for \$3,000, which two years ago he sold to the Juniata Hydro-Electric company for \$5,500. The company retains the water right.

Maynard Hostrander, an insane inmate of the county jail at Williamsport, set fire to his cell on Monday and was nearly suffocated. Charles Seitzer, the son of Sheriff Seitzer, dragged the man into a corridor and saved his life.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar association will be held at Bedford Springs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 29th and 30th and July 1st. A number of attorneys from Bellefonte will attend its sessions.

The work on the C. and M. division of the B. E. and P. railroad, near DuBois, is progressing very rapidly, and is being rushed with a double force of workmen. This work, when completed, will take a mile kink out of the track.

D. Ross Gregory, of Petersburg, Saturday shipped a car load of wheat to Bellefonte, at the high price of \$1.50 a bushel. He tells of about fifteen years ago selling a load at \$1.40 a bushel, but Saturday's shipment price was a top-notch.

After listening to an affecting address by the Rev. W. D. Lomison over a score of inmates of the Schuylkill county jail, at Pottsville, agreed to plead guilty at the approaching term of court, thus saving the county the expense of trying them.

The case of Carrie E. Potts, who murdered Lizzie Jones, at Williamsport, on May 13, will be tried in September. The Potts woman made a statement that she had no money to employ counsel to defend herself, and the court appointed N. M. Edwards to take the case.

While climbing a telegraph pole along the Lewes road, John McGregor, a lineman, of State College, found himself face to face with a six foot black snake. He was so startled that he fell to the ground and while not seriously injured, is pretty badly bruised. The snake was shot.

At a recent meeting of the Business Men's association at Jersey Shore, it was decided to observe the early closing hour in their stores, beginning this week. Every night excepting Saturday nights and the three nights following each pay day, the stores will close at 6 o'clock.

The Clearfield Water company has planned to spend thousands of dollars in the construction of two new reservoirs. The larger one will have a capacity of 16,000,000 gallons and will be built within 800 feet of the dam on Moose Creek. The other reservoir will have a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church within the bounds of the Central Pennsylvania conference has been holding its convention at Berwick. It was reported that there was given for missionary work during the last year \$5,670 and that 867 new members have been added.

A moose mushroom was found on an Allegheny county farm by the farm's owner, Dr. Allen F. Wille. It measured 22 by 32 inches and is 9 inches thick. It weighed over 33 pounds. Dr. W. J. Holland says it is of an established species known as the polyporous, of an edible species and palatable in its raw state.

Chief Factory Inspector Delaney has just made public his annual report. He says the new child labor act, which will go into effect January 1, 1910, is a great improvement over previous statutes. The statistical section shows that last year 611,391 males and 300,070 females were listed in the industrial and mercantile establishments of the state, of whom 32,043 were minors.

Her hair catching in the shaft of a power driven washing machine at her home near Portersville, Butler county, on Monday, Mrs. John L. Marshall was literally scalped. Her clothes were torn from her body and she received severe bruises and cuts. Crawling to a porch she swooned and was found by her father. Physicians were called and the scalp, found in the cellar, was replaced. The woman's condition is considered serious.

The Huntingdon Old Home Week association is bending its energies to making the week of September 5-11, one of the notable ones in the history of the mother county. That week has been named Old Home Week and six days of pleasure are being mapped out by the different committees. There will be parades, addresses, music, fireworks, sports, contests of various kinds and in fact a program will be presented which will be interesting from start to finish.

The entire stock of the Mifflin County Gas and Electric company has been purchased by a firm under the name of the Utilities Corporation of Philadelphia, composed of practically the same capitalists who, one month ago, purchased the stock of the Lewistown and Reedsville Electric company, the deal was consummated in the Philadelphia office of Dodge & Day, engineers who are agents of the Weighman estate in the Hydro Electric company, of Warrior Ridge.