

Ink Blings.

Incidentally, the sun has been making a sizzle that sounds like hot weather.

The weather man has done the right thing for the circus in Bellefonte thus far this season.

While we have much faith in the optimistic gingering up of our ball players they are not making a noise like pennant winners just now.

The Boston couple who took their honeymoon trip in a balloon evidently thought it the right thing to get up in the air right away.

Chancellor VON BRULOW, of Germany, might be disappointed if the Reichstag should regard his threat of resignation as a bluff and call it.

There was good order, of course, but that didn't keep the thousands who went to the circus on Wednesday afternoon from having a hot time.

President TAFT sends a tariff message to Congress and stocks depreciate seventy-five million dollars in consequence.

BILLY DOLL's new ice plant can't be likened unto DEWITT's early riser, any way. They are reputed to work while you sleep.

The Congressman who imagines that he can secure the support of any honest newspaper by voting to put paper on the free list and then voting to keep a high tariff on shoes, clothing, etc., will find out what the honest newspaper is here for when he comes up for re-election.

The approach of the Glorious Fourth recalls so vividly the spectacular ascent of the rocket and the petered out descent of the rocket that we can't help thinking of that great hunting expedition to Africa that drew columns when it started and is now rarely good for a single inch in the daily papers.

Romania is the most illiterate country of Europe. Two-thirds of the population can neither read nor write, yet its Queen has written thirty volumes.

Prize fighting in Bellefonte got what it deserved on Monday night. A good solar plexus in the enthusiasm of the fellows who have been putting up for the game.

We are in the newspaper business and always have been opposed to high tariffs, but Congress has no more business to put wood pulp and white paper on the free list than it has to put hides, lumber, wool or any other raw material that enters into the necessities of life on the free list.

Of course it is only street gossip, but as there is something in such things, sometimes, it is amusing, to say the least, the way some of the older members of council have played rings around some of the newer ones in the new hydro-electric lighting proposition.

The sad death of ELSIE SIGEL, a granddaughter of Gen. FRANZ SIGEL, in a Chinese chop suey house, in New York, a few days ago, is another warning against the danger of young American girls becoming too friendly with the semi-civilized men of foreign nationalities.

This body of men—almost one-half million strong—and representing every trade, profession, interest and business in the State, certainly ought to be considered of sufficient importance, when working together for a common purpose, to be considered and recognized as a pretty formidable party, or at least a nucleus for the perfecting of one.

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Senator Lodge Forced to Reform.

Senator LODGE, of Massachusetts, was severely chided by his protectionist friends in the Senate, the other day, because he indicated a disposition to favor free hides.

The beef trust enjoys a practical monopoly of the supply of hides under existing conditions. That is to say that colossal corporations kill a large proportion of the cattle slaughtered in this country and with a prohibitive tariff on hides produced in other countries, it can fix the prices of leather, absolutely.

Of course in this tariff tax on hides as in the tariff tax on all other commodities, the consumer has the greatest interest and it happens the consumer is vastly the greater in number.

That Rip-van-Winkle of Philadelphia newspaper—the Ledger—awakened sufficiently on Monday last to give evidence of how long and how soundly it has been sleeping, by asserting that since 1906 there "has been no Democratic party in Pennsylvania."

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Concerning Wood Pulp and Print Paper.

The esteemed New York Evening Post has adopted the view expressed in these columns some time ago to the effect that the protectionist newspapers which demand free pulp and free white paper are alike inconsistent and undeserving of consideration.

We are quite as much in favor of free wood pulp and white paper as any of our esteemed protectionist contemporaries. The tariff tax on these commodities puts a considerable burden upon every newspaper and printing establishment, for unlike other victims of the tariff schedules, our burden can't be shifted on to the consumer.

It wouldn't hurt the State nor lessen justice a bit, to have two Democratic judges on the Supreme court bench. There would still be a Republican majority of five in that body and if that party needed any special decision it could be had.

It wouldn't make Pennsylvania Democratic to place a Democrat in charge of the Auditor General's office for a term or two, but it would lessen the power and control of the bosses and rings to an amazing extent, and thereby give more importance and influence to that class of citizens who pride themselves on their independence.

It wouldn't injure the credit or good name of the State a particle to place an honest Democrat in the Treasurer's office again, but it might frighten the manipulators of Republican conventions into picking cleaner and better men for that place in the future than the creature they have put up for the reputable voters to support this fall.

Mr. TAFT may be President, but outside of the tariff deception that is being practiced upon the people, there don't seem to be much going on in his party other than its attempt to get onto the Democratic platform.

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Sudden Changes of Mind.

During the Presidential campaign last fall President TAFT not only declared the present power of Congress to enact an income tax law but added that in the event the condition of the revenues required it he would favor the exercise of that power.

It is not easy to conjecture why the millionaires of the country are so much opposed to an income tax. It would take a considerable part of their surplus money no doubt and possibly the power to give away books and make large contributions to colleges or other institutions.

The attention of the WATCHMAN editor has been called to the large amount of Canada thistle allowed to thrive in various places in Centre county, especially through Bald Eagle valley.

It has become very apparent that the Republican Senate and House don't propose giving any relief to the country through Tariff revision.

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A Platform Activity.

Many causes have been advanced as reasons for the business depression which was entered in a couple of years back, but it remained for the framers of the Republican platform at last week's state convention, to make them absolutely ridiculous by ascribing it to a fear of Democratic success in capturing the presidency.

The many workmen who read the platform declaration will not be able to reconcile its pretensions with actual conditions that exist today.

The selfishness of it. We do not often agree with Senator Tillman, but confess to a certain sympathy with his blunt characterization, yesterday, of a high-tariff press now demanding free wood pulp and printing paper.

Many Republicans are coming to believe President Taft a political trimmer and time server, and some Republican Senators are openly saying so.

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Spawns from the Keystone.

Thirty-three cattle, on the farm of John DuBois, at DuBois, have been killed by state authorities, on account of being infected with tuberculosis.

The officials of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal corporation say that the machinery being installed at Clymer, will enable the operations to keep abreast with the most successful in Western Pennsylvania.

The campaign for \$20,000 which has been waged by the Young Men's Christian Association at Williamsport for some time past closed at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, when the subscriptions amounted to \$21,414.67.

At Barnesboro, every dog appearing on the street unmuzzled is shot. Some dog owners are very indignant over this state of affairs, but the drastic measures are considered necessary on account of the spread of hydrophobia.

The farmers who peddle their produce in the streets of Pittsburg, are very indignant over the new license fees they must pay. Some of the sons of the soil are taxed as high as \$75 per annum for privilege of selling to Pittsburgers.

Rather than run down a number of women and children, Harry Naylor, a fireman of Harrisburg, drove his horse and apparatus through a plate glass window.

Dr. D. L. Buffington, of Johnstown, was found guilty of embezzlement, by the county court, at Ebensburg, of \$735 of the funds of the Patriotic Order of Americans.

So weak from typhoid fever that he could not rise, J. Clayton Gable, of Felton, near York, when he saw a fox which had stolen forty of his chickens in his yard, had his wife prop him up in bed with pillows and succeeded in shooting Reynard.

The auto line from Mill Hall to Lock Haven, run on the same plan as a trolley line, may be extended to Avis, to connect with the Jersey Shore and Antis Fort electric railway.

The contract was let for the buildings, machinery and sidings for a milk condenser to be erected at Mill Hall, not far from Lock Haven. The new industry will give employment to a number of people, and the Mill Hallers are enthusiastic over the prospect.

A gas well with a pressure of 11,000,000 feet was lately drilled on the lease of G. C. Deemer, near Punxsutawney. The pressure was at first not believed to be near as great as it is.

The company taking over the leases of J. W. Hooton and Dr. H. H. Thompson, in connection with the 900 acres of valuable coal land belonging to the Schooner estate, near Munson, will proceed at once to put in a slope and begin the development of the property on a large scale.

At Montgomery, near Williamsport, last Thursday, Elmer Hull was on the dam in a launch, fishing. Near the breast of the dam the boat became unmanageable, and Hull, becoming frightened, jumped into the water.

John Krell's big gypsy outfit was camping lately at Irwin when one of the band who was kicked by a horse and had developed blood poisoning, died.

At Williamsport, Mrs. Albert S. Munro, a bride of a week, ate a hearty meal and then took a warm bath. This caused diphtheritic heart trouble, and resulted in the woman's death.

A novel wedding occurred at Williamsport last Thursday, when A. S. Speece, aged 65, of Speeceville, Dauphin county, wedded Anna E. Reich aged 63, of Lewisport, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives from the two counties.

It is not altogether probable the Coder run viaduct, a steel-girder bridge of over 800 feet in length on the Jamestown, Franklin & Clearfield railroad, will be completed by the first of July.

The coming annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Educational association at Bethlehem, Pa., June 29-30, and July 1, promises to be the greatest held for many years.

The farmers are now busy making hay and the hum of the mow is heard on all sides as one travels through the country.