Ink Slings.

-Boston is to have a hall of fame to hold the statues of one bundred of its most famous men. Few of the living celebrities will be dying to get in it.

-The Penn party in Philadelphia started off its campaign with cheers on Tuesday night. While cheers help let us hope that it winds it up with votes on November 2nd

-If you have not paid a state or county tax within two years you cannot vote this fall. Saturday, October 2nd, will be the KER was an assistant district attorney, in last day on which you can pay your taxes Philadelphia at the time that SAMUEL and get a vote.

-Mr. HARRY WHITNEY no doubt knows a lot that he could tell about the COOK-PEARY polar controversy but, being a gentleman, we presume he feels that the came a fugitive from justice. The evi-

New York fulfilled all expectations for man to offer his services to SALTER as an splendor and probably the most splendid part of the achievement is the fact that they have enough money to pay the bills.

county tax within two years is entitled to box two hundred fraudulent ballots and vote. If you are in this class tomorrow the detective election officer exposed the will be the last chance you will have to pay your taxes and eave your right to a

-Beware of the proposed amendment No. 7 to the constitution when you go to the polls in November. Don't vote for it tants. because it will take away from you the chance to vote for your own election offi-

-Commander PEARY ought to be sent right off to find the South pole. That other expedition didn't prove strenuous enough to use up all his gas and the pubmore of it.

-An air ship flew at the rate of seventy four miles an bour in the speed trials near Berlin on Tuesday. That is going some, but the average traveler would prefer a litmight be kept the more easily in sight.

-The Pennsylvania is in the market for rails with a vengeance and as most every other railroad corporation in the country is after large quantities of the same product the stock of the United States Steel Co., gets warmer and warmer in its game of blind man's buff with par.

-What the Athletics are getting in the record breaking admissions to their games in Philadelphia must certainly make the Pirates eager for the days when FORBES field will be filled with the same sized growd of ebullient rooters cheeri to victory in the world's series.

-Mr. collector of customs, LORB, of New York, has found a woman who was suppose he has the proof, because that is a serious charge for him to make. But as he is not from Missouri the public would be interested in knowing how he got wise to the lady's game to beat the custom house.

-FRANCESCO CREATORE, the gymnastic Italian band master whose autics have amused as much as his band has pleased throngs at the well known resorts of this country, fell in love with a girl in his audience and married her within the week. A very impulsive proceeding, to be sure, but only what might have been expected from CREATORE.

-The Riverside National, as the western penitentiary has been facetiously designated, since so many bankers have worked their way into it, lost two of its leading financiers on Sunday. The famous "BIL-LY" MONTGOMERY and HERBERT W. applications for the positions they vacated.

-A. E. SISSON, of Erie, candidate for Auditor General on the Republican ticket, and J. A. STOBER, of Lancaster, candidate for State Treasurer, arrived in Bellefonte on the 8.16 train last evening and were given a reception at the Bush house immediately afterwards by their Republican followers. It was noticeable, however, that there was not a general outpouring of the g. o. p., and it is very certain that the weather alone cannot be blamed for the chilliness of the gathering.

-A Washington, Pa., mau and wife other day, Senator PENROSE made settled their marital incompatibilities by swearing before a justice. The former ever been lost through the default or veswore to refrain from beer and his wife nality of Republican officials. Senator swore to refrain from cross words. It PENROSE must have ashort memory or a sounds rather ridioulous but there is a lot hard cheek. It is not very long since the in this proposition. Beer and cross words can be cause to effect either way you read it. And while it is quite true that many capitol revealed a loss to the State of uphomes would be free of cross words if it were not for liquor, yet it is equally true to believe that the loss was far greater than that cross words at home are often the that. cause of liquor away from it.

-If you want the thugs and political crooks who run things in our State Legislature to appoint the election officers you have always been in the habit of helping to select for yourself vote for No. 7 of the proposed amendments to the constitution. You will find it advertised in this paper. Read it over and see for yourself that it That the State sustained no loss is because will take away your chance to vote for the party associates, driven by fear of exposure, men who shall hold your elections for you. reimbursed the treasury. Millions of dol-Surely you know more about whom they lars would have been lost but for the fact should be than the political gangsters in the Legislature. Therefor you should vote otherwise. against this scheme to take away your right to express your choice.

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A Recreant Public Official.

It appears that ROBERT VON MOSCHZIS-SALTER was tried and acquitted for stuffing ballot boxes in Philadelphia. SALTER had previously confessed his guilt and be--The Hudson-Fulton celebration in Philadelphia newspaper had employed a annually now. election officer and SALTER had engaged him. Subsequently in his presence SAL--No one who has not paid a state or TER had caused to be put into the ballot orime. SALTER went to Mexico and remained until after JOHN WEAVER had been elected District Attorney and Von MOSCHZISKER appointed one of his assis-

During an accrimonious dispute between JOHN WEAVER and the leaders of the Philadelphia Republican machine, after WEAVER had abandoned the machine and gone in for reform, the machine leaders charged that the jury had been fixed, with lie is about weary of having to take any the knowledge and consent of the District Attorney's office, to acquit SALTER. This accusation, which has never been denied, is supported by a strong chain of circumstantial evidence. JOHN WEAVER was soon tle slower speed so that a soft place to light after promoted to the office of Mayor and was said to have been slated to succeed PENNYPACKER in the office of Governor of the State. One of the assistant district attorneys, NORBIS S. BARRETT, was pro of the city and at the next vacancy on the bench, the other assistant, ROBERT VON MOSCHZISKER, was similarly honored

turpitude than that of a lawyer betraying adelphia machine induced, by any means, the public prosecutors of Philadelphia to wearing six pairs of silk stockings. We permit a miscarriage of justice in the SAL-TER case by allowing the jury to be packed for the purpose of acquitting him, the acm of official recreancy was reached. The manifest mistrail of the SALTER case, the ac onittal of that self-confessed ballot box stuffer, and the subsequent honors bestowed upon the then District Attorney and his assistants, combine to form group of facts sufficient to convine the most incredulous.

Are the people of Pennsylvania ready to further compensate a recreant official for his turpitude? The Republican machine has nominated ROBERT VON MOSCHZISKER. the faithless Assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia, for a seat on the hench of the highest court of the State. His decision TIERS were transferred that day to the fed- affirming the constitutionality of the judieral prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. It is cial salary bill of 1903 is ample proof of not probable that there will be a flood of his professional unfitness for the place and his recreancy in the office of district attorney proves his moral deliquency. For these reasons he ought to be defeated by an overwhelming majority and we have faith enough in the intelligence and integrity of the people to believe that such will be the result of the vote at the coming election in November.

Penrose Forgetful or Cheeky.

In his speech at the convention of Republican clubs, held at Altoona, the boast that not a dollar of State funds bad exposure of the grafting operations in the construction and furnishing of the State ward of \$9,000,000, and there are reasons

Besides the immunity from loss which the State has enjoyed is not ascribable to the honesty of Republican officials. Twice QUAY abstracted money from the treasury while he was one of the commissioners of the sinking fund and sundry other times he influenced other Treasury officials to allow him to misuse the public funds. that the laws would have been enforced

In other words it is not for the reason that the Republican fiscal officers of the

State were honest that there was no loss of funds but for the reason that the Democrats in the Legislature compelled the passage of such restraining legislation as to make loss practically impossible. But there was a vast loss to the State, nevertheless. It was years before the Democrats were able to compel the passage of a law providing for interest on the public funds, and because of that millions were lost to dence against him was overwhelming. A the State and thousands are being lost

The People to Blame.

What is justly called the better element of the citizenship of this country is largely, if not entirely, responsible for the political corruption that prevails. Mr. LINCOLN STEFFINS has shown that the bribery of is equally certain that the grafting and thieving among the lower strata of officials or eased.' is the logical and inevitable fruit of the grafting and thieving among those higher up, and those higher up are encouraged in their illegal operations by the clergy, the men of wealth and the social and professional life.

Take the case of President TAFT, for example. He is now making an extensive tour of the country, at public expense, when there is no authority of law for such dishursement. The constitution of the United States provides for the compensation of the President for his services and forbids any other emolument. The compensation of the President is fixed by law the President, or to any one else on his account, by the government, is a violation of the constitution which the Congressmen and President are alike sworn to "preserve, protect and defend." Yet the President wantonly violating the law and his oath of office is acclaimed as a model of ful. American citizenship wherever be goes.

Four of the capitol construction grafters at Harrisbury have been convicted of looting the treasury of the State though there rations as there is for the drain on the electioneering tour. Yet the burglars, is lionized though equally guilty with

When the public conscience is trained so does against a crime committed by a tramp, it was possible. there will be reason to hope for an improvement in the public morals of the country. Justice is blind and the turpitude of an offense is not measured by the out of the clothes of the perpetrator or the position in life of the oriminal. The average man reasons that if the President can get railroad transportation and traveling expenses in violation of the law, he has a right to get what he needs in the same way, even though it involves the violation of an equally sacred law. And in this

reasoning he is right. We will get an improved moral atmos phere when the people determine that the violation of the law is wrong and must be condemned whether the violator is the President or a hobo. Any appropriation made by Congress which is in violation of the constitution is invalid and without eftect. Money drawn in pursuance of such an appropriation is stolen and no man in this broad land knows this better than President TAFT. Yet be is making his electioneering tour on funds so appropriated and is being received and applauded by men who must know of his recreancy but condone it because he is President. Of course their delinquency doesn't justify his immorality but it makes it possible.

For example, if the people who live it the communities visited by TAFT in his unlawfully financed electioneering tour should denounce instead of applaud him, no future President would follow so bad an example. No President previous to ROOSEVELT ever did so violate the ethics and ROOSEVELT was hardly responsible for anything he did. It is absolutely safe to say that no future President will ever do bated for it. But if the clergy, the press his violation of the law, his successors in office will feel that they have a right to follow his example. But it is the people who are to blame in that event.

-Remember that tomorrow, Oct. 2nd will be the last chance you will have to pay your taxes, if you haven't already done

-Are you going to the Fair next

The Bench and the Machine.

During the discussion of the judicial From the Pittsburg Post. salary section of the constitution of Pennsylvania the very able gentlemen who
composed the convention of 1873 expressed

It is with no small measure of satisfaction that we find Judge Taft reversing himself in the matter of Pinchot vs. Ballinger
and finding now in favor of the plaintiff. their opinions of the judges of the State with considerable freedom. One gentleman said "I have seen as much log-rolling in the Legislature in regard to increasing the salaries of judges as I have seen with re-Therefore, we think it would be well to gard to the increase of the compensation of any other officer." Another delegate in the convention declared that "a judge is United States. subject to the infirmities of human nature just as much as any other officer, and I would hold him to the same accountability is well. Judging by his opinion in the and give him no more privileges." Still first case, there was reason to doubt this, another delegate, even more caudid than although any other position would have been suicidal. It is now discovered that STEFFINS has shown that the bribery of municipal councilmen is ascribable to the officials and agents of corporations seeking favors from the municipal governments. It wealth. They hardly ever get on the bench is corpolar and that they do not want their salaries inhis colleagues, added : "They are the most that they do not want their salaries in-

In these expressions of experienced legislators there is concealed the reason for one of the most corrupting agencies in the political life of the Commonwealth. This constant importunity for the increase of judicial salaries has more than any other one thing in the affairs of the State, debauched politics. The late Senator QUAY's mind was alers enough to discern the advantage of the friendliness of the bench and his successors in the leadership of his party bave profited by his practice. The result is that there has been more strenuous and frequent effort to increase the salaries of judges than those of any other office. The at \$75,000 a year and any money paid to judges, on the other hand, soon learned to appreciate the liberality of the machine managers to themselves and in a reciprocal spirit prostituted the bench to serve the machine. These beggars may be importunate, as the delegate in the constitutional convention said, but they are not ungrate-

During the administration of Governor BEAVER a bill was passed through both branches of the Legislature increasing the salaries of judges which was vetoed on the ground that it was in conflict with that provision of the constitution which forbids and if the accusation be true that the Phil- TAFT's trip for the purpose of electioneer- officer during the period of his tenure in prison for taking money and property to ed by Governor PENNYPACKER and dewhich they have just as much right as the clared constitutional by Judge Von Mosch-President has to the money which goes out ZISKER. Three or four attempts to retire of the treasury to pay the expenses of his judges on full pay at a certain age have been made within the past twenty years, bank robbers and highwaymen are execrat- which, of course, is another method of ined in the public mind while the President oreasing judicial salaries and at every session of the Legislature during a dozen years or more, efforts have been made to increase the number of judges, and the judges have that it will protest as vehemently against a shown their appreciation of the favore by prime committed by the President as it belping the Republican machine whenever

Death of Governor Johns

The death of Governor Johnson, Minnesota, involves a loss to the public life of the country of more than ordinary magnitude. Governors may be of value in the community in which they live and even throughout the State in which they serve the people. But beyond that they are libtle known and unlikely to exert influence. Governor JOHNSON, of Minnesota, might never have attained to higher office than that which he adorned at his death. But both by precept and example he was already exercising a considerable power in the public affairs of the country. His name challenged attention wherever it was nttered.

Governor Johnson owed nothing to ancestry and little to environment. His parents were poor and he acquired education under difficulties. His virtues were inherent, therefore, and his success the fruit of his own endeavors. But he revealed, early in life, those qualities which command respect and challenge admiration. Both his talents and his energies were given freely to the public and that he benefitted himself while serving his neighbors is a vindication of the maxim that "virtue is its own reward." JOHN JOHNSON had less consideration for his own interests than for those of the people but in serving one faithfully be conserved the other.

There is a widespread popular impression that Governor JOHNSON would have succeeded to the Presidency if he had lived. That President TAFT shared that expectation may be inferred from the language of his Boston speech. Of course that so, if the present President is justly repro- is a matter of conjecture but it is certain that if such hopes of his friends had been and the social life of the country applaud fulfilled the country would have lost nothing from the fact. Governor JOHNSON was a good busband, an excellent citizen and an admirable Governor. If he had undertaken to administer the greater office of President he would have done it well for he was a man of principle rather than a creature of expediency.

> -Jersey Shore's Tag netted \$113.59, while the opening day celebrated at Lock Haven brought in \$684.42, or a total of \$797.92 for the new Lock Haven hospital.
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> That Mr. Talt possesses a sense of humor is proved by his assertion that the Republican party is not a free trade party.

Ballinger Should Go.

It is with no small measure of satisfac submit the case to a higher court, to a jury indeed, composed of the people of the

In his latest decision, Judge Taft de clares himself unreservedly in favor of the ney for persons interested in Alaskan coal lands, which his predecessor in office pro-duced evidence to show were obtained by fraudulent methods, to have been maligned. He exonerated of all blame Secretary Ballinger, who is known to have represented these claimants, although a statu would seem to have operated to bar him

sympathy with conservation policies, the action of himself and of his administration "must be within the law." That is all very well, perhaps; but no evidence has been produced to show that Chief Forester Pinchot has violated any laws. Why, then, read him a lecture, while at the same time giving him an encouraging pat on the shoulder? If Judge Taft is to be so keen a stickler for the law, if he is to insist upon its observance to the letter, why not make a more direct application of it to his Secretary of the Interior?

There will be gratification unqualified over the fact that Mr. Pinchot is to remain

in the office he has conducted, as he correctly avers, "for the benefit of the plain people." There will not be the same gratipeople." There will not be the same grati-fication if Mr. Ballinger is permitted to remain. Both men cannot be right. The persumption of innocence lies with Mr. Pinchot, for he has not been accused. Per contra, the persumption of guilt lies with Mr. Bailinger, for he has been arraigned, and discharged only on what appears to be a technicality. Morever, if both men continue in the positions they e of the salary of any hold between which harn TAFT's trip for the purpose of electioneering for another term. Burglars, bank robbers and highwaymen are serving terms in
prison for taking money and property to
ed by Governor PENNYPACKER and deceed without Mr. Ballinger.

Lindsey on Politics.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. Judge Lindsey, of Denver, who is publishing his autobiography in "Everybody's Magazine," is exposing the political "Beast in the Jungle." That is the object and in the Jungle." That is the object and purpose of the publication. His exposure of political rottenness in the first instalment is so startling that it would seem that nothing that follows could equal it. When it was announced that the autobiography was to be published certain persons tack on the Judge's public and private character. The charges against him were investigated closely and with the meroiless exhaustiveness of the purely business spirit, and every one of them was found to be untrue. That we can readily believe. No jury of unbribed American citizens would have convicted him on any one of the counts, but to make sure that there was not a scintilla of truthful evidence to support the charges the investigation was made. "The system" had fired its last shot at perhaps the only man it could not down, and it missed.

It is a moving story of political corrup-tion and debauchery that he tells and withal it is not new. Everything that he charges against the Legislature of Colorado —the smothering of good bills, the enact-ment of bad bills the log-rolling, the disap-pearance of bills—has been done again and again in and by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. Moreover, in the Legislature of this State millions of dollars are appropriated biennially in plain violation of the Constitution. In this State not one of the ordinary appropriation bills is passed law-fully, and some of them are under the ban the Constitution is neither sacred nor repeoted. It is not obeyed by corporations, by the donors of State appropriations, by the salary raisers, nor by those gentlemen who decide that the Constitution is not constitutional.

Judge Lindsey's recital cannot reveal anything worse than the conditions that obtain in Pennsylvania.

From Collier's Weekly.

Pennsylvania completed its new State capitol five years ago. The Legislature had appropriated \$4,000,000 for the building, and the work was kept exactly within that sum. Nothing was said about the cost of furnishing the interior. Four years ago a and discovered that the "trimmings" for the new Harrisburg structure had cost a tidy \$9,000,000. A subsequent legal in-vestigation proved that the actual value, plus a good profit, of all the furnishings was \$3,000,000. Somebody got \$6,000,000 of the people's money. The names of all the contractors and sub-contractors who workand discovered that the "trimmings" for ed on this \$13,000,000 job are known. ed on this \$13,000,000 job are known. As yet not a man has served one hour in jail or the theft of any part of that \$6,000,000. Perhaps when the sum is so large the per-formers are immune.

Humor in High Places.

From the Providence Tribune.

Spawls from the Keystone

-In Berks county the magistrates are acused of returning too many cases to court. Of the 173 cases returned for the September court forty-nine were dismissed and fortythree were ignored by the grand jury

-Hellwood, Indiana county, is right in the wave of prosperity. The monthly pay roll at the new mining town has reached \$90,000. Jack London, the new building superintendent, will erect a large store and

-Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles M. Buck are the parents of the smallest child ever born in the region of Renovo, Clinton county. The child is a boy and weighs one and one-half pounds. It is perfectly formed and aprears to be healthy.

-Huntingdon county tax payers have been unusually prompt in paying up this year. The receipts on September 15, the last day on which the discount of 5 per cent. was given, were a little over \$10,000. On the 14th they netted \$8,200.

-At the Spangler hospital there are so many patients suffering from typhoid fever that the authorities are beginning to worry, there not being enough money back of the institution to treat so many people. Some of the cases came from points miles away.

-Thrown from a burning express car iato the river above Harrisburg last spring, a package containing a \$250 diamond pin was found by a small boy who was bathing near Baltimore. The lad took the valuable to his mother and the owner was traced.

-The saw mill of W. G. Shaffer, of Mill Hall, located near Marsh Creek, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning at 5 o'clock, along with 1,000 feet of lumber. The loss is \$1,500, with no insurance. Mr. Shaffer was engaged in sawing lumber for Harter & McCormick, of Lock Haven.

-Thomas White, who is putting in Harleigh Coal Co's new slope near Munsou, informs us that they are down to a depth of 140 feet, and expect shortly to reach the coal, and by November 1st be ready to ship the products of the mine to market. Tom has worked hard on this proposition, but now rejoices at the bright prospects ahead.

-The annual report of the state department of mines shows a decreased production of bituminous coal during the last calendar. During 1908, 114,837,375 tons of bituminous coal were delved from the twenty eight counties of the state containing such mines, as against 149,559,047 tons in 1907, a reduction of 34,621,669 tons; all these figures are not.

-Miners in the Maple Hill colliery at Mahanoy City discovered the petrified head of a man. The stone was found under a huge rock over which water had been flowing for years. The local scientists believe it to be the head of a prehistoric man. Every feature is perfectly formed, even the hair standing out boldly. The specimen will be sent to Philadelphia.

-John Hebley, of Flemington, Clinton ounty, was severely injured by being run ver by a couple of mine cars. He was working in clay mines at Hayes Run and was riding on the front of cars. He was joited ony of action off and several of the cars passed over his the cars was still on his body and he suffered much pain until it was lifted off.

-Miss Lizzie F. Martz, of Bloomsburg, who is now a worker in the mills, has been offered wealth as much as she wants if she will become the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colbaugh, of New York city, and change her name. The girl has been raised by her grandmother and is now the old woman's sole support. She will not accept the terms of the Colbaughs unless they

romise to take care of Mrs. Martz. -Frank Strause, lawyer, of Mt. Carmel, s the one man in Northumberland county who has the distinction of owning a church. At a sheriff's sale held in the court house at Sunbury by Auctioneer Joseph W. Morgan, Wednesday morning, he ought the Kulpmont Methodist church for 250. The edifice was recently erected by the church congregation in the growing suburb of Shamokin, but they were unable to meet their bills and the sale followed.

-Thirteen of the order for fifteen engines for the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad placed with the Brooks Locomotive works, at Dunkirk, have been received. The new engines are among the largest on the road. Five of the locomotives will run through DuBois, where several of them have been received recently. Another evidence of prosperity on the road is the order for two new all steel coaches. These coaches will be combination passenger and baggage cars and will be run on the fliers.

-Ice cream with salt in it will kill a bog. At any rate that has been the experience o Mrs. Grace Bender, a widow, of McConnellsburg. Joe Thomas, a colored man of-allwork had made some ice cream for his employer into which he got some salt, and thinking it would be a waste to throw it it away gave it to Mrs. Bender for a nice hog he was fattening. Without thinking of any bad results some of the salty cream was fed to the hog in the evening. The next day it was sick and a day or two later died.

-Reports just compiled by the Pennsyl. vania railroad show that of the 46,907 passenger trains operated by it in the month of August, 42,676, or 90.9 per per cent., made schedule time. Of the twenty-five divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburgh and Erie, fifteen had records of more than 90 per cent. of trains making schedule time. The Cresson division had a percentage of 99, the Conemaugh division 98.9, and the Baltimore, Pittsburg and Shamokin divisions over 97 per cent.

-Indiana county is excited over three new gas wells owned by the Philadelphia company. The first opening is on the land of Edward Wells, in East Mahoning township. and is as good a producer as the company has had for several years. The owner of the farm considers himself very fortunate as a good royalty is paid him by the company. The other two new wells are on the Lowry farm near the Wells property. Landowners in the vicinity of the strikes are expecting a golden harvest as a result of them. Three hundred dollars a year and free gas in their homes is the annual royalty paid for each producing well.