

Ink Stings.

Boston is to have a hall of fame to hold the statue of one hundred of its most famous men.

The Penn party in Philadelphia started off its campaign with cheers on Tuesday night.

If you have not paid a state or county tax within two years you cannot vote this fall.

Mr. HARRY WHITNEY no doubt knows a lot that he could tell about the COOK-PEARY polar controversy.

The Hodson-Fulton celebration in New York fulfilled all expectations for splendor and probably the most splendid part of the achievement is the fact that they have enough money to pay the bills.

No one who has not paid a state or county tax within two years is entitled to vote. If you are in this class tomorrow will be the last chance you will have to pay your taxes and save your right to a vote.

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

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 public is about weary of having to take any more of it.

An air ship flew at the rate of seventy-four miles an hour in the speed trials near Berlin on Tuesday. That is going some, but the average traveler would prefer a little slower speed so that a soft place to light might 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 crowd of ebullient rosters cheering them on to victory in the world's series.

Mr. collector of customs, LOEB, of New York, has found a woman who was wearing six pairs of silk stockings. We suppose he has the proof, because that is a serious charge for him to make.

FRANCESCO CREATORE, the gymnastic Italian band master whose antics 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.

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 "BILLY" MONTGOMERY and HERBERT W. TRENS were transferred that day to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

A. E. SISSON, of Erie, candidate for Auditor General on the Republican ticket, and J. A. STORER, 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.

A Washington, Pa., man and wife settled their marital incompatibilities by swearing before a justice. The former swore to refrain from beer and his wife swore to refrain from cross words.

If you want the things 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.

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A Recrunt Public Official.

It appears that ROBERT VON MOSCHZISKER was an assistant district attorney, in Philadelphia at the time that SAMUEL SALTER was tried and acquitted for stuffing ballot boxes in Philadelphia.

During an acrimonious 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 the knowledge and consent of the District Attorney's office, to acquit SALTER.

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 bench of the highest court of the State.

In his speech at the convention of the Republican clubs, held at Altoona, the other day, Senator PENROSE made the boast that not a dollar of State funds had ever been lost through the default or venality of Republican officials.

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 mislead the public funds.

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.

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.

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 dishonour.

Four of the capital construction grafters at Harrisburg have been convicted of looting the treasury of the State though there was as much warrant in law for their operations as there is for the drain on the treasury of the United States for President TAFT's trip for the purpose of electioneering for another term.

When the public conscience is trained so that it will protest as vehemently against a crime committed by the President as it does against a crime committed by a tramp, there will be reason to hope for an improvement in the public morals of the country.

We will get an improved moral atmosphere when the people determine that the violation of the law is wrong and must be condemned whether the violator is the President or a bobo.

For example, if the people who live in 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.

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

Are you going to the Fair next week?

The Bench and the Machine.

During the discussion of the judicial salary section of the constitution of Pennsylvania the very able gentlemen who composed the convention of 1873 expressed their opinions of the judges of the State with considerable freedom.

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.

During the administration of Governor BRAVER 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 the increase or decrease of the salary of any officer during the period of his tenure in office.

Death of Governor Johnson.

The death of Governor JOHNSON, of Minnesota, involves a loss to the public life of the country more than ordinary magnitude.

Governor JOHNSON owed nothing to ancestry and little to environment. His parents were poor and he acquired education under difficulties.

There is a widespread popular impression that Governor JOHNSON would have succeeded to the Presidency if he had lived.

Jersey Shore's Tax netted \$113.50, while the opening day celebrated at Lock Haven brought in \$684.42, or a total of \$797.92 for the new Lock Haven hospital.

Bullinger Should Go.

It is with no small measure of satisfaction that we find Judge Taft reversing himself in the matter of Pinchot vs. Bullinger and finding, now in favor of the plaintiff.

In his latest decision, Judge Taft declares himself unreservedly in favor of the conservation of our native resources.

Linsley on Politics.

Judge Linsley, of Denver, who is publishing his autobiography in "Everybody's Magazine," is exposing the political "Beast in the Jungle."

It is a moving story of political corruption and dishonesty that he tells and which is not new.

Size.

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.

Humor in High Places.

That Mr. Taft possesses a sense of humor is proved by his assertion that the Republican party is not a free trade party.

Spawls from the Keystone.

In Berks county the magistrates are accused of returning too many cases to court. Of the 173 cases returned for the September court forty-nine were dismissed and forty-three 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Raggles M. Buck are the parents of the smallest child ever born in the region of Renovo, Clinton county.

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.

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.

Thrown from a burning express car into 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 saw mill of W. G. Shaffer, of Mill Hill, located near Marsh Creek, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning at 5 o'clock, along with 1,000 feet of lumber.

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 derived from the twenty eight counties of the state.

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.

John Hebley, of Flemington, Clinton county, was severely injured by being run over by a couple of mine cars.

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.

Frank Strause, lawyer, of Mt. Carmel, is the one man in Northumberland county who has the distinction of owing a church. At a sheriff's sale held in the court house at Sunbury by Auctioneer Joseph W. Morgan, Wednesday morning, he bought the Kilpinston Methodist church for \$250.

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.

Ice cream with salt in it will kill a hog. At any rate that has been the experience of Mrs. Grace Bender, widow, of McConnellsburg. Joe Thomas, a colored man of all-work had made some ice cream for his employer into which he got some salt, and thinking it would be a waste to throw it away gave it to Mrs. Bender for a nice hog who was fattening.

Reports just compiled by the Pennsylvania railroad show that of the 46,907 passenger trains operated by it in the month of August, 42,676, or 90.9 per cent, made schedule time.

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.

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.