

-And this is the time of year when every little onion has an odor of its own.

Indications are that an early crop of dandelion will temporarily contribute to the reduction of the high cost of living.

Besides becoming a business proposition not to be sneezed at the old Academy is planning to make itself a beauty spot on the face of Bellefonte.

Congressman PATTON has been heard from in Washington. The mail carriers are staggering under the loads of "free seeds" he is sending out.

If the owner of a night prowling cat could be a mouse in the corner of his neighbor's bed room he would hear many things that he never knew before.

It's a sure sign that he has gotten out of quarantine for spring fever when you see a man in his back yard beating the winter's dust out of his carpets.

The average boy will soon be able to justify his failure to wash his neck and ears through efforts at economy in using the high priced water that we are to have.

A farmer near Wilkes-Barre has a hen that lays square eggs. They are so square that they won't roll off a table and can be packed like blocks, but not square enough to poach when they are a little over-ripe.

It is figured out at Washington that one out of every forty-seven voters who voted for WILSON is out for a job.

If they send the Hon. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE to Mexico, or Russia or some other foreign clime as Ambassador, what are we going to do for a State chairman?

Mr. JAMES PARKS and family have closed their country place south of town and taken a house at State College. They will be missed, of course, but the children have to be educated and probably the Misses IDE and SADE will take post-graduate work in the new domestic science course at State.

It is intimated that Pittsburgh and Greene county bankers, who served time there, are responsible for the demand for an investigation of the management and finances of the Western Penitentiary.

Brother BAILEY, editor of the Johnstown Democrat and Congressman by the aid of many voters who probably conscientiously supported Hon. WEBSTER GRIMM for Governor in 1910, slurs the latter gentleman's ambition to receive a federal appointment.

Such frightful storms and floods as have devastated the middle western States within the past week are almost unprecedented. Their visitations of death and desolation are quite beyond the ken of human mind but certainly within the plan of Him who works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

All cigar and other places that usually are open for business were closed tight last Sunday as a result of a recently promulgated edict of burgess Bower against Sunday selling.

The latest word from Washington is to the effect that the Administration is conversant with the situation in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania and proposes to make it a compact organization, rather than drive the wedge of division further in.

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The "Big Four" Fixed.

Of those who took an active part in the reorganization of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER was an avowed candidate for Attorney General in the cabinet of the President.

The packed committee (which usurped authority to elect a chairman of the Democratic State committee was composed of seven members.

Meantime the President doesn't need to worry about Mr. Geo. W. GUTHRIE. That distinguished gentleman wants an Ambassadorial berth and whether it be in Mexico or St. Petersburg makes no difference.

Marshall Reveals Carnegie.

Vice President MARSHALL told a trite truth to a big audience in Springfield, Massachusetts, last Sunday, in referring to CARNEGIE'S libraries.

That is the entire story. Mr. CARNEGIE pays for the libraries he disburses out of the unearned profits obtained from special privileges and he hedges his libraries with conditions which make them a means of impoverishing the communities upon which he bestows them.

Mr. CARNEGIE is conspicuous in this form of distributing evil. He publicly declares that there is no necessity for tariff on steel but contributes generously to the corruption fund used for the purpose of keeping the tariff-mongers in power.

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False Leadership in Harrisburg.

The primary election bill which passed the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, the other day has little to commend it to popular favor.

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Still it is not altogether wise to canonize men while living and those of our esteemed contemporaries who are going into ecstasies over the goodness of Mr. JOHN WANAMAKER

The Dayton Disaster.

The flood disaster at Dayton, Ohio, is so overwhelming as to challenge instant and material assistance to the sufferers.

The Legislature is in session and has taken immediate action in the interest of humanity. Of course it is impossible at this writing to even conjecture the extent of the calamity or measure of suffering certain to follow.

The Legislature can't take cognizance of every affliction which comes upon communities and though there may be suffering in Omaha and other places where the storm has done destructive work, the disaster at Dayton is so overwhelming that it takes a classification of its own and should be treated accordingly.

Some folks may be surprised but we feel able to announce with some measure of confidence that the State Department at Washington has hardly missed Mr. HUNTINGDON WILSON.

The Harrisburg Investigations.

There is a good deal of fun being made of the investigations now in process by the House of Representatives in Harrisburg and some of the inquiries do seem puerile.

Of course the officers of the present House are not responsible for the conditions that exist. They hold offices previously created and draw salaries provided by laws enacted before their time.

It is not always wise to fritter away valuable and expensive time by investigations of a trivial character but so far as we are able to judge at this distance from the seat of the evils justly complained of, the investigations thus far, during the present session, have been worth while.

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Thursday afternoon, took the couple in charge and brought them to Bellefonte on the Bellefonte Central train.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held on Monday evening, March 31st, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public sale season in Centre county is about over and it has been one of the best in years. Notwithstanding the high cost of living farm stock and machinery brought almost fabulous prices.

It will be rather difficult for people here in Centre county to figure out what an investigation of the new penitentiary is necessary for.

Probably some genius will develop a flying machine capable of covering the distance between London and New York in forty hours but what's the use in being in such a hurry.

It is safe to say that Colonel ROOSEVELT will be ready at Armagedden in 1916 if PERKINS and MUNSEY are prepared with a supply train.

About the Antis.

Those who favor equal suffrage find it hard to catch the point of view of the women who are fighting the movement so strenuously.

And, as a matter of fact, the nation is engaged in a war. It is fighting disease, poverty, corruption and contaminated industrialism. It needs every fighter possible upon the firing line.

The new Secretary of Commerce, William C. Redfield, evidently intends to do his share of work towards the reduction of the cost of living.

Everybody eats potatoes every day. No protective tariff is needed to foster their cultivation or assure fair value for the home product in this land where it originated.

Democracy Head Ballot in This State. From the Lock Haven Democrat.

For the next four years the candidates of the Democratic party will lead the ballot in all elections in this State, unless the law is changed in the meantime to do away entirely with party designations.

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It is easy to answer this plea. When a manufacturer sells his products to anybody they pass out of his possession and therefore out of his control.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Schools at North Bend are closed because of an epidemic of measles "of the good, old-fashioned kind."

It took three days for an expert to open the vault of the Millin County National bank, whose time lock refused to work.

Despite the fact that the "last raft" has several times come down the Susquehanna, there is prospect of several more this spring.

Mrs. Joseph Keffler died at the Williamsport hospital Tuesday afternoon of this week, as the result of fatal burns sustained on Monday afternoon.

An overheated gas stove at the home of John Bath, Indiana, caused a fire that cost \$1,000. Near the same place, about the same time William Harmon's smoke house burned, with twenty-one pieces of meat.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Huntingdon has filed claims aggregating \$11,000 against the C. H. Glazier estate.

Despondent from ill-health, Mrs. Mary B. Treaster, of Milroy, 22 years old, took a revolver from under her husband's pillow while he slept at her side Monday morning and fired a bullet into her right eye, causing instant death.

Flacards have been printed and distributed in large quantities offering \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons who mutilated nine monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg early this month.

Exercising censorship upon an extreme of spring styles, Mayor Lafean, of York, on Monday ruled off the streets a pretty girl whose most conspicuous attire was a pair of red silk bloomers. She was a member of a theatrical company.

Five cases of illness at Selinsgrove of what was thought to be chickenpox were pronounced smallpox Saturday by State Health Inspector Simmons, of Shamokin. The disease is said to have been transmitted in leather shipped to a shoe factory from Philadelphia.

What is thought to have been an attempt to ruin the Greenwich Coal & Coke company's plant at Sixman was discovered when a quantity of dynamite stolen from the store house and in place where it let go, foot prints were found in the mud. The explosion did comparatively little damage.

Joe Zillitti, a Mt. Union resident who attempted to board a moving freight train at Huntingdon and narrowly escaped being ground to pieces, when congratulated on his good fortune remarked that there were lots of men in this country and the loss of one would not have made any difference.

Two men had just left the railroad station at Drockton, a mile east of Renovo, when the recent storm broke in that region. The building was entirely demolished, going down over an eight foot embankment. A foot bridge over the tracks at Renovo was also blown down, blocking all the tracks for some time.

It is announced authoritatively that beginning April 1, the Harbison-Walker Refractories company with large clay mines and brick plants in this and nearby counties will advance the wages of all employees, both at the works and the mines. This will be gratifying news to the many persons employed by that company.

Grace Stidlove, shot by John Erdel at WIL, Hamsport last November, died a few days ago after a heroic fight for life, in which several times it seemed as though her constitution would triumph, but the bullet in her lung was too much. A formal charge of murder has been lodged against Erdel, who had been in jail awaiting the result of her injuries.

Hamscapped by having lost one leg six years ago, Earl Wazelle, of Elk Run, fell under the wheels of a freight train he was trying to board and lost the other one, dying a few hours later. He was nine years old when he lost the first one in a gun accident and 15 now. A week previous to the other accident a little sister was born at his home and only last week a new brother arrived.

Guests at an Indiana hotel had considerable excitement a few mornings ago when a demented foreigner thinking he was being pursued by the Black Hand, jumped from a fourth story window to a store roof and thence to the street. Police caught him after three hours chase and locked him up. He was clad only in night clothes and escaped injury. Institution life will be his portion now.

The Biederwolf evangelistic campaign opened in the immense tabernacle built especially for the purpose, at Williamsport, on Sunday afternoon with nearly 4,000 people in attendance. The pastors of 22 co-operating churches were present at the opening service and Mayor Stabler welcomed Dr. Biederwolf and the members of the party. There is a chorus of 350 voices as a musical feature of the meetings.

An interesting legal complication in Somerset county is being watched with interest. Mrs. Anna Younk has sued out a writ of habeas corpus to obtain possession of her daughter Irene, who a few days ago was married in Cumberland to Charles Wiltout. The girl is 16 and was married of her own free will. Her husband is able to give her a good home and support her well. The case is to be argued this week.

Ex-Congressman Benjamin K. Focht, of Lewisburg, Union county, editor and promoter, is not long out of a paying job. Governor Tener this morning appointed Mr. Focht to be a member of the State Water Supply Commission for four years, at a salary of \$3,000 a year, to succeed Fred W. Feitz, of Scranton, who recently resigned to attend to his legal affairs. Focht was defeated last fall after serving three terms as a Congressman from the Shoenberger district.

Harry Roundley, of Lock Haven, is reminded in an unpleasant way of an experience of four years ago. He was robbed of his watch and \$55 while on his way to work. The robbers left town on the very train on which Mr. Roundley was engineer and his brakeman locked them in a box car on suspicion and turned them over to the police. They are still in the penitentiary and a man recently released brought to Mr. Roundley a letter from them saying that when they got out they would "get him." The letter was turned over to Judge Hall.

The Northumberland county court on Tuesday set a new value on a boy's arm when it placed damages for its loss at \$1,000. Five years ago Ralph W. Cook, of Ralph township, fell through a hole in a barn floor and into a threshing machine while at work on the farm of Mrs. K. C. Williams, of Shamokin. His right arm was torn off. George W. Cook, his father, sued, alleging negligence. After many delays, it went to trial last May, and he won a \$3,000 verdict. The defendant appealed, and the court Tuesday, filed an opinion, written by Judge Cummings, saying the verdict must be cut down two-thirds or a new trial awarded.

Four hundred acres of valuable coal and clay land, owned by Absalom Farwell, of Lock Haven, situated near Sandy Run, on the north side mountains, containing half a tract of a little less than 1,000 acres, was sold on Monday, through the agency of T. F. Farwell, of Farwell, and John B. Foley, of Renovo, to the Gleasonton Fire Brick company, of Gleasonton. Surveyors are now at work on the ground, and a railroad will be built and mining operations will be commenced at once. The tract is located about six or seven miles up Paddy's Run, and the railroad will follow the route from Sandy Run to the P. R. R. tracks. The deposit of hard and soft clay is fine, the vein being a seven-foot one. The vein of soft coal is three feet thick. The land sold for \$10,000.