

The straw hat is waiting in the hat-ter's cases for the weather man to give it a chance to be seen.

Besides the chances are that unless the Republican party is reorganized soon there won't be enough left for a decent nucleus.

Paying an income tax may be a great hardship, but its a thunderer's sight more trouble getting along without an income to pay it on.

Now if those English Suffragettes would only confine their deprecations to golf greens the public condemnation of their actions would not be so general.

If you haven't a little toddler of your own borrow one for tomorrow because it will be circus day. And circus day is the summer Christmas of the little folks.

Governor HI JOHNSON, of California, with BRYAN on the east of him and the Japs on the west, will have the time of his life getting out of the middle he has gotten into.

The Harrisburg Patriot is so busy kicking Democrats out of the Democratic party that it seems to have overlooked the necessity of coaxing in enough to make a party.

Verily it seems that none of us can be satisfied. The fellow who has to pay an income tax complains because such a tax is imposed and the fellow who don't makes equal complaint because his salary is insufficient to be taxed.

King PETER, of Serbia, is the latest of the Balkan monarchs who is anxious to give up his job. For ten years PETER has probably been seeing the murdered ALEXANDER and DRAGA speaking about the court yards and his nerve is gone.

We'd like to hear the Coleville band play in the Square. We'd like to hear some Remson's hits float in the air. We'd like to see the boys all out in those uniforms we bet.

It will be interesting to watch how our Democratic Legislators vote on the appropriations to charitable institutions not under State control. You know that the platform they stood on last fall foolishly pledged them to vote against any such appropriations.

Eighty-three year old THOMAS MORRIS, of Los Angeles, tried to spank his fifty-three year old son JAMES for disobedience, the other day. At the same time he would probably have thought his grand-son was saying something cute had he called him an old fool.

The scare that they are trying to get up because our coast defense is useless, since they are not designed to defend an attack from the rear, is all a scare. If they are any good in front an enemy would never be able to land a force that could knock in the back door.

Lewistown, Clearfield and Punxsutawney, all much newer and no more deserving hospitals than Bellefonte, get larger appropriations. Why? Because the appropriations committee just can't help playing favorites first and giving what's left to other institutions.

Statistics have figured out that a woman, between the age of six and seventy, spends two hundred and forty-two days standing before a mirror. And that isn't half as long a time as the man who has to wait for her when going to the theatre or a party will think she spends there.

All the time there has been a tariff on wool the difference in price of that commodity in Boston and London has never been more than one cent. With this fact staring him in the face it will be rather difficult for the American wool grower to figure out how the tariff has helped him.

In resorting to "team work" to accomplish the "reforms" he has in view, President WILSON will find no lack of willing "leaders," among the posing "progressives," now trying to get their noses into the feed trough. Its the "wheel horses" he may experience a difficulty in getting into harness.

Feeding chickens sand and gravel just before they are landed in the New York market looks terribly crooked when shown up under big scare heads in the city papers, but how much worse is it than feeding cattle salt and then giving them all the water they crave just before the butcher calls to buy them? And this right here in Centre county.

The Hon. JOSEPH MOULTHROP, Member from Clearfield county, and expert candidate for Senator from this district, voluntarily assured those interested in the welfare of the Bellefonte hospital that he would personally see to it that Centre county "would be more than pleased" with the award made our institution by the appropriation committee, of which he is an influential member. The assurance was very gratifying and Mr. MOULTHROP's offer was most gracious, but inasmuch as the Bellefonte hospital received no more than it has in the past Centre county will likely not be greatly pleased. And it can't help feeling that either Mr. MOULTHROP was "stringing" its representatives or he isn't as big a noise in the appropriation committee as his assurance would make believe.

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Absurd Platform Pledge.

The absurd declaration of the Democratic State platform upon charity appropriations lost the party a score or more of seats in the House of Representatives last fall. The platform declaration was substantially that no State appropriations would be made to institutions not entirely under State control.

That there have been, are now and for some time will be abuses in the distribution of State aid to charitable institutions is self-evident. But the remedy is not along the lines suggested in the Democratic State platform.

This subject has been brought to our mind at this time by the fact that within a few days hundreds of charity appropriation bills have been reported from committees of the House and placed upon the calendar. And they are no different from those similarly considered by other Legislatures.

Even the Harvester trust, the infant industry to ROOSEVELT's "angel," Mr. G. W. PERKINS, is doing fairly well under the Democratic administration. The profits thus far, this year, amount to \$16,395,597 and large gains are being made in both foreign and domestic business.

Governor Sulzer Adopts Right Course. Governor SULZER, of New York, has summoned the Legislature of that State into extraordinary session to fulfill the pledge made by the party of which he is a member and upon which he was elected to the high office he adorns.

This is the highest service which a Governor could perform for the people and requires courage as well as capability. But he knows that if the Democratic people of the State are equally courageous as he, the will of the people will not be defeated and the pledges of the party will be fulfilled.

It is not always wise or invariably safe for a Governor to interfere with the prerogatives of the Legislature. The encroachment of one branch of a government upon the functions of another is always hazardous and sometimes perilous.

Really Colonel GEORGE HARVEY is amusing under all circumstances, but when he puts himself in the position of telling President WILSON what he must do, he skins ARTEMUS WARD's kangaroo a thousand ways.

Penrose Failed of His Purpose.

Senator PENROSE's movement to delay tariff legislation soon spent its evil life. The Senator hoped to prolong the tariff graft for a few months longer but is disappointed. LAFOLLETTE, whom he denounced a short time ago in the most scathing terms, promptly came to his assistance, but unavailingly.

In three months the tariff barons could extract from the pockets of the people more than a million dollars. In less than that time uncertainty as to future conditions might have developed industrial unrest of the gravest character.

Without intention to do so, however, Senator PENROSE performed a useful service for the Democratic party and the country in his attempt to delay tariff reform legislation and prolong the graft of the tariff mongers.

Mr. D. M. PARRY, formerly president of the National Association of Manufacturers, is worried to the verge of nervous prostration with fear that the proposed measure will be class legislation.

There is something more than shadowy comfort in the rumors of war among the leaders of the Republican party in South Philadelphia. The rumors are that differences between the VARES and men who have hitherto been abject followers of the VARES have become so wide and deep, as to be irreconcilable.

It is true that the VARE control of politics in South Philadelphia is the most shameful example of corrupt bossism that has ever been revealed in this country. Ignorant, arrogant and coarse, those brothers have for years exploited every civic interest for their own personal and political aggrandizement.

In the opposition now asserting itself, however, there is at least a chance of accomplishing things. Mr. BURK, the leader of the movement may be little, if any, better than the VARES. But he represents the ROOSEVELT forces and is likely to have BILL FLINN's boodle and TEDDY's voice behind him.

Crop reports from the west are most encouraging which suggests that even nature is in a conspiracy to discredit the calamity howls of the Republicans during the recent Presidential campaign.

Mr. Bryan's Best Service.

Mr. BRYAN has never performed a better service for the people than was expressed in his address before the Washington Peace society, at a Hague anniversary, on Sunday. He denounced, in suitable invective, the "subsidized patriotism which seeks to create war because of the profits in armor plate and battle-ships."

For a third of a century the ship builders, armorplate, ordnance and powder makers have employed Senators and Congressmen to promote their interests by creating war scares and agitating jingo enterprises to frighten public sentiment into a demand for army and navy equipment.

Every new battleship is public notice of a desire to scrap. Every naval parade represents a bully on the highway with a chip on his shoulder. The recent battleship tour around the world was an invitation to somebody or anybody to tread upon our coat tails.

Mr. A. A. Dale Esq. will deliver the Memorial day address at Spring Mills on Friday of next week. Mr. Dale achieved a reputation as a Memorial day orator a few years ago when he made the address in this place and every year since he has not only been very much in demand but has added new laurels to his wreath.

Those who have been saving their magazines and papers toward the carload to be shipped by the Woman's club, as their benefit for the hospital, will please be ready for the general collection which will be made the after part of next week.

Every day boys and young men engage in grappling suckers in Spring creek and some good catches are made. The grappling business is all right so far as suckers are concerned but on Tuesday one of the grapplers undertook to hook a large trout by the tail and managed to grapple it lightly but it flopped loose and got away.

It has just been discovered that all of our coast fortifications are defective for the reason that they are open to attack from the land side. As a rule, however, coast fortifications are attacked from the other side and so long as they can prevent the enemy from landing troops there will be no danger of entrance by the back door.

There are no objections to standing pat when you are absolutely in the right and President WILSON's declaration of steadfastness on the tariff bill meets with universal popular favor.

Man and the Fly.

Every once in a while the human mind humors itself by thinking thoughts to the general effect that man is the lord of creation; that he is the all powerful living creature. Behold man, we muse. He has conquered the earth, he has conquered the air; he even reaches out his grasp toward the heavens and wrests from interstellar space its great secrets.

People are beginning to understand the menace of the fly. But fighting it all ways seems to be one of the things that can wait. The crusade against the fly is one of the big-little things that are put off from day to day.

Man is mighty. He conquers the world and yet a fly defies him; destroys his children; spreads pestilence among him and gets away with it. Man is mighty. He swallows camels and since he strains at a gnat he likewise strains at a fly.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. If there are to be more hearings on the tariff bill they ought to be public. Secrecy is neither right nor necessary.

There has been so much reiteration of the same old arguments that the public no longer heads and cannot be moved by them. It knows what high tariffs have not done; now it wants to learn what low tariffs will do.

President Wilson, defeated in his attempted interference with California's referendum as a means of overthrowing the work of the Legislature; likely to be defeated in his effort to dictate what New Jersey shall do in the matter of jury reform, he is anxious for a referendum there also.

Will be a Real Busy Izzy. From the Boston Advertiser. If Hiram Johnson has to defend the whole coast of California he will find himself busier than he was last fall after the colonel was shot.

For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The Central District Firemen's association will hold its annual convention at Jersey Shore August 23rd-22nd.

A Lock Haven merchant, recently sued a customer for \$11.17 due on account. The alderman gave him a judgment for 40 cents.

The Huntingdon Water company is to bring its books into court at the June term to show cause why its rates should not be reduced.

At Delmont, Westmoreland county, David Beaver, aged 59, was sitting on the porch at his home when struck and instantly killed by lightning.

Cross Fork, Potter county, will have its last railroad train on May 31st. It was once a thriving lumber town of 1,500 people but now has scarcely 200.

John Williamson, of Jersey Shore, spent two days in jail because he refused to pay the fine for not attending his son to school. The boy will now attend regularly.

The contract for the Williamsport High school building has been let to Samuel Larrivee. The price is \$210,360. The Keeler company will get \$23,000 for the heating plant.

The Lewistown board of trade has endorsed a proposition of the Oriole Chocolate company to place a candy factory in the town. The concern had its plant destroyed in the recent Ohio flood.

The Kiskiminetus Springs Academy will on June 4th celebrate its silver anniversary. The 1,200 alumni who have received diplomas in the past twenty-five years will be invited to a great reunion.

Charles T. Huston, of Williamsport, has just been sworn in for the nineteenth time as overseer of the poor. He is one of the oldest public officials in the State, as well as one of the most efficient.

An overdose of headache tablets caused the death of Calvin C. Henry, aged 31 years, at Lewis town, a few days ago. He is thought to have taken about twenty tablets without sufficient intervals of time.

Johnstown expects shortly to have two new industries. Machinery for the rubber reclaiming plant on its way, and a branch factory of the largest shirt manufacturing firm in the world is to be ready for business within a month.

Archibald Potts, aged 29 years, was at work in the Carnegietown shaft, near Ermer, when he was caught by a piece of timber under the descending elevator. He fell thirty-two feet to the bottom of the shaft, and was crushed to death.

Mrs. Sadie Galloup, widow of the man for whose murder Frank Calhoun was recently hanged, pleaded guilty to the charge of adultery in court at Huntingdon on Wednesday and was sent to jail for a year, besides being fined and sentenced to pay costs.

The little mining towns of the Frick Coke company in the vicinity of Latrobe are the scene of great activity in the line of garden and floriculture. The company awards prizes each year for the best gardens and the best display of flowers. Competition is lively.

The jury in the case of White & Straff vs. the Miller township school directors, in which an order of the defunct Huntingdon bank was involved, rendered a verdict in favor of the school board, holding that had the coal dealers presented the order at once it would have been cashed. They had held it four days.

There is one township in Armstrong county that does not have a public school within its borders. It is Hovey township, that narrow strip in the extreme upper end of the county, lying between the Allegheny river and the Butler county line. It is small in area, has about 25 voters and its citizens find it more economical and convenient to send their children to the Parker and Foxburg schools than to maintain a school of their own.

John Harviella, aged 25 years, in the Philadelphia hospital in a critical condition, having been accidentally shot in the left side during a Slavish wedding celebration at Morristown. Carl Boynyak had pulled his revolver from his pocket to do the "firing act" when it accidentally discharged. He was so frightened that he at once left the vicinity, but has since been taken into custody and is in the Clearfield county jail to await the result of Harviella's injuries.

Four young ladies of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Misses Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary Couch and Miss Martha Rogers, decided that the best way to stop the wagging tongue of a young man of that place was to take the matter in their own hands. They armed themselves with clubs and when the four met the offender on the streets gave him an unmerciful beating. The girls have announced that they will follow up with another beating should they be annoyed further.

Standing beside an electric light pole, planning for a ball game on the morrow, Alexander Adams, Jr., of Latrobe, captain of an amateur team, somehow received a shock that caused him to fall lifeless to the street. So quickly did the tragedy occur that no one could tell whether he had caught the ring attached to the rope or whether the pole had become charged. The young man was aged 20 years and was to have pitched in his team's first game of the season.

A negro thief, supposed to have been a discharged employee of the Hagenbeck-Wallace show, made a bold daylight haul at Huntingdon. Some time during the afternoon he entered the home of Fish Warden J. D. Sizer by forcing open a back window and rifled Mr. Sizer's desk. He took \$32, a valuable revolver, a watch and some other articles, and fled. The watch was traced to him and he was arrested. He was aged 20 years and was to have pitched in his team's first game of the season.

With a revolver clutched in his right hand and an open Bible on a table near by, Frederick Schnarrs, aged thirty-two years, of Renovo, was found dead in a room on the second floor of the New Columbus hotel, Lock Haven, at seven o'clock Friday morning. Three bullet holes in his left breast told the story of how he met his death. That he had carefully planned the suicide is indicated by the fact that the automatic revolver from which the deadly bullets were fired was purchased by him at a local hardware store at five o'clock Thursday afternoon, an hour after he arrived at the hotel.

What is believed to be the largest price ever paid for a calf in this State and possibly in the United States, has just been received by John Artman, of Fairmount farm, Middletown, who sold King Pontiac Alcatraz Pietie, a six weeks old Holstein bull calf, to Dr. B. B. Hand, of Scranton, Pa., for \$3,000. The sire of the calf is the \$10,000 bull King Segris Pontiac Alcatraz, whose dam, E. K. Alcatraz, has a record of over 20 pounds of butter in seven days and produced over 15,000 pounds of milk in a year. The dam of the calf is Fairmount Zerna Segris Pietie. She produced 35.61 pounds of butter in seven days, the junior four-year-old world's record.

A jury at Clearfield Thursday in the case of D. W. Anderson vs. the Bell Telephone company, awarded the plaintiff \$10,540 damages. According to the DuBois Courier, Anderson ran into a drooping guy wire near Bell's Landing one dark morning while riding in his automobile. He was very badly hurt about the chest and hips. The jury was convinced by the prosecution that the injuries were due to negligence on the part of the company. The defense did not fight the case very strongly, evidently admitting it was in the wrong, and concentrated its efforts toward keeping down the amount of damages. It had made an effort at settlement before the case came to a trial.