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Ink Stings.

With my feet tucked in the oven Of the good old kitchen stove...

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Mr. Welsh's Notion.

In a speech at a political meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday evening last Mr. HERBERT WELSH, the distinguished reformer and philanthropist of that city, declared that every Judge who attended the DURHAM dinner put himself under obligations to that party boss and condoned the notorious crimes which he has committed in the interest of the party machine.

In this list there were Judges of the Supreme court, of the Superior court and of the court of Common Pleas. Every one of these gentlemen knew that Mr. DURHAM was the head of a corrupt political organization and that his presence there was for the purpose of glossing over the crimes of the machine.

What hope is there for substantial reform in the affairs of the Commonwealth while the Judges of the courts thus put themselves under the direction of the main boss? DURHAM may not come before them himself for the reason that he operates differently. But every Judge who paid the tribute of his confidence and affection to DURHAM practically obligated himself to be lenient to such of DURHAM's friends as happen to come before them as accused ballot stuffers or ballot criminals of any kind.

That naturally stops prosecutions for political offences and the Judges who attended the dinner are responsible, both morally and legally, for that unfortunate result.

In view of these facts there is no hope for reform within the Republican party. In other words no improvement can be expected from an organization which thus reveals prostitution from top to bottom. Not only the Judges but the Governor and the Secretary of the Commonwealth attended the dinner and testified to their sympathies with the methods or purposes of DURHAM and pledged themselves, as Mr. WELSH says, to immunity both for himself and his satellites for their political and electoral crimes. The way to stop this thing is to vote out the party which they represent and having achieved that result to keep them out until they at least show signs of repentance.

United States Senators have curious wants, according to the annual report of the Secretary of that body just made public. In other words we learn that during the year just closed the Secretary of the United States Senate purchased for the use of the members of that body every conceivable thing from saw dust to a grand piano. Mineral waters, quinine pills, moth balls, toilet sets, sewing sets, horse shoes, mustang liniment and baled hay. There were also silver inkstands at \$90 a piece and silk curtains at \$33 a pair. All these things came under the head of stationery and were paid for out of the contingent fund.

We can understand the nearly \$4,000 worth of mineral waters and the hundreds of boxes of lemons for the pepsin tablets and quinine pills indicated indigestion which comes only by using such luxuries "on the side." But there is no possible way of explaining the playing cards, domino sets, corkshoes and such things for no Senator would think of charging such things up to the public treasury and the GIBSON calendar can't be distinguished as stationery by any form of deception. The silk curtains were used in Senator LODGES' committee room and of course must be allowed for so close a friend of the President can't get along with other than expensive curtains.

Taking the report throughout it can be interpreted in no other light than as a steal and very much of the sort that has been condemned by Governor PENNYPACKER in his message declaring that no more property of the State must be given away to retiring public officials. The mineral waters, lemons, quinine pills and similar articles indicate that a custom has grown up by which Senators satisfy all their private wants at public expense. But the inclusion of horse shoes, mustang liniment and baled hay would justify the belief that some of the Senators keep lively stables and charge the expense to the government.

The heirs to the much talked of "Spang" fortune in Europe are again worked up to an exalted pitch over the story that certain interests or authorities have offered to pay them seventeen million dollars for their claims. The family of George Goldman, of Philadelphia, is included in the list of heirs to this estate and Mr. David Atherton, who is married to one of the Goldman girls, is now in Philadelphia looking this last report up.

The blizzard struck Bellefonte the day before the election and froze everything up as tight as wax, then covered it up with about six inches of fine sandy snow that blew over the roads and railroad tracks until traffic was almost at a stand-still on Tuesday.

Representative J. Will Kepler has presented The Pennsylvania State College bill to the Legislature. It carries an appropriation of \$270,000.

The Result of the Election in the County.

Tuesday was an eventful one in the politics of Centre county. Not that the results were so astonishing, but because the contest was waged on an entirely different basis than has characterized elections in this county in recent years. No votes were supposed to be purchased, none were supposed to have been improperly coerced and whiskey was entirely eliminated as a factor. If such conditions obtained the result may be looked upon as a fair expression of the wish of the people.

The most notable results of the contest were the election of every Democratic nominee for the borough offices in Bellefonte but one and the carrying of councils by the Democrats for the first time within the memory of men. In Phillipsburg the Democratic candidate for burgess was elected.

None of these cases can be looked upon as political victories. Party lines were completely broken down and the contest, throughout was made personal. Everybody knows that there are not enough Democrats in Bellefonte to elect a candidate for any office and Tuesday's result is in no sense a purely party victory.

RESULT IN BELLEFONTE BORO. N. W. S. W. W. W.

Table with 4 columns: Office, Name, Republican, Democrat. Lists results for Burgess, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Auditor, etc.

Office Republican Democrat. Bellefonte, N. W. Judge—S. B. Miller, 219. Thad Hamilton, 147.

Belleville, S. W. Judge—Thomas Donahy, 114. Harry Walker, 107. Insp.—Henry Brown, 101. Homer Barnes, 180.

Belleville, N. W. Judge—Jas. H. Rine, 72. Michael Hess, 73. Insp.—A. G. Derr, 66. Jonathan Miller, 77.

Centre Hill Boro. Judge—John T. Lee, 60. Insp.—Samuel Shoop, 18. Wm. Rooper, 72.

Howard Boro. Judge—William Hopkins, 71. W. J. Wilson, 56. Insp.—E. J. Schneck, 85. W. B. Henderson, 42.

Millsburg, 1st W. Judge—Ed Baird, 65. F. L. Noll, 108. Insp.—Harry Austin, 48. W. F. Hall, 21.

Millsburg, 2nd W. Judge—Chas. Handcock, 91. Thos. Deakin, 141. Insp.—H. C. Warfel, 107. H. M. Paul, 121.

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South Phillipsburg. Judge—Wm. Farrell, 69. Wm. Farrell, 69. Insp.—Harry Sullar, 27. Charley Frank, 28.

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