

Ink Stings.

Unless you get your paper paid Within the next few days, It can no longer visit you So the Boss Postmaster says. —Get right with the WATCHMAN. Your time is short. —Local option is the sugar coat that is being used on the Prohibition pill just now. —If you have the spring fever already don't complain because you are out of work. —It looks more like BRYAN every day and, on the other side, Mr. TAFT seems to have the call. —The New York to Paris automobile race is drawing near to San Francisco, but Paris is some distance off. —This is the last call for those who are more than two years in arrears, and haven't made any arrangement about settling. —The condition of Senator PENROSE was unimproved yesterday. He has been so ill that there has been some doubt of his recovery. —Mr. R. B. TAYLOR has the Republican nomination for Legislature clinched. It is all over now except hearing BERT tell how it happened and that will be delicious. —Spring is here according to the almanac, but don't get too gay with the first glints of warm sunshine. There is many a case of pneumonia lurking on the shady side of the street. —The Republican newspapers of the country are as busy trying to make believe that prosperity is coming on by leaps and bounds as we are telling about the crowds that are breaking into the soap houses. —The serious illness of Senator PENROSE is likely to take considerable of the snap out of Pennsylvania politics just at this time, when his own political preservation was almost as precarious as his health. —So Dr. DAVID JAYNE HILL is persona non grata to his royal nibbs the Kaiser. Well, well, it is too bad that such men as Dr. HILL have to put up with the snubs that any whipper-snapper of a foreign potentate may choose to inflict. —The "Night Riders" are gradually depopulating Kentucky. Is it any wonder? Would you want to live in a community where a crowd of lawless ruffians ride forth all night abasing and killing people who dare to sell their products in the best markets? —The President is to send a new message to Congress. This one will probably dilate on the sanitary condition of the soap houses and the ease with which heads of the ideal ROOSEVELTIAN families can make ends meet on ten hour's employment a week. —Get right with the WATCHMAN. We want you to have it, but the Post-office Department has ruled that we can't send it to you after this issue unless your subscription is paid up to within two years. We don't want to stop your paper, but we can't help it. —This will probably be the last visit of the WATCHMAN to a few homes it has been going into for many years. There is still time to continue it, but the time is growing short and unless they call or write before April 3rd, the date of the next issue, some names will have to be dropped. —Congressman LITTLEFIELD, of Maine, has resigned because he wants to get back to his more profitable law business. This means more than the casual reader imagines. It means that Congressman LITTLEFIELD is an honest man or that pickins are not good at Washington any more. —The Rev. J. B. MANN, who said at the Methodist conference at York on Thursday night "the daily newspapers constitute the country's greatest evil, excepting only the rum power," possibly lost sight of the monstrous harm that an arrayed in clerical robes might accomplish. —The Democrats of Centre county have two candidates for delegate to the National convention, Messrs NAGINEY and SPANGLER both of whom may be voted for. Four years ago Clearfield county had both the delegates so Centre county is entitled to both this time. Therefore remember to vote for both NAGINEY and SPANGLER at the primaries on the 11th. —The death of Senator WILLIAM J. BRYAN, of Florida, after only three months' service in the upper branch of Congress is particularly sad since he was the youngest man since HENRY CLAY to hold the high office of United States Senator. While the country had no opportunity of measuring the ability of the young man there is no doubt that he might have developed into a statesman of more than ordinary calibre. —The initiative has been taken by Harvard toward reducing the number of athletic contests the teams of that University may engage in. While it is a question that will bear much discussion on its merits the Harvard stand is most timely, if for nothing else than that it will have a deterrent effect on colleges that plan for and schedule games for basket ball, foot ball and base ball on the principle that the more games played the better the season and the more pretensions the institution represented.

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Pennsylvania Democrats in Congress.

Of the present Democratic delegation in Congress from this State five will be nominated for re-election. To the great regret of their colleagues, JOHN T. LENAHAN, of Luzerne county, and J. DAVIS BROADHEAD, of Northampton, have decided to retire at the end of their present term. It is within the limits of conservatism to say that this determination entails a positive loss to the public. Mr. LENAHAN is a lawyer of profound ability and in his brief experience Mr. BROADHEAD has developed an adaptability for legislative work which would soon have made him a most efficient Representative. But Mr. LENAHAN feels that he can't afford to neglect his profession and Mr. BROADHEAD is bound by an agreement entered into at the time of his nomination two years ago. The others Messrs. ROTHERMEL, of Berks county; NICHOLS, of Lackawanna; KIPP, of Bedford; WILSON, of Tioga; and McHENRY, of Columbia, have earned the continued confidence of the people and in consenting to return for another term are conferring a valuable favor upon their constituents. Probably if they would consult their own interests neither of them would consent to a re-election. WILSON and NICHOLS are labor leaders of splendid ability who have their hearts in their work. Both of them have been zealous and earnest supporters of legislation in the interest of labor and more for the reason that there will be better opportunity to serve the cause in Congress than anywhere else than a desire for personal aggrandizement, they are willing to continue in Congress. JOHN C. McHENRY, the capable and industrious Representative of the Sixteenth district, is a man of large business interests whose absence from the scenes of his business activities entail vast sacrifices. But he has undertaken to compass certain legislative reforms of vast importance and is willing to forego personal advantages in order to achieve them. GEORGE W. KIPP, of Towanda, is equally unselfish. He has entered upon a work in which there is promise of splendid results and though immense business interests demand his attention at home, the interests of the public will be conserved by his re-election to Congress. Each of these gentlemen ought to be returned by a unanimous vote. Of course Mr. Rothermel's re-election will be an overwhelming triumph.

Scarlet Will Not be Dropped.

It is reported that JAMES SCARLET will not participate in the future graft trials at Harrisburg. The machine leaders probably begrudge him the glory which came to him out of the successful issue of the first case. In the report of the investigating committee the name of Mr. BERRY was entirely omitted. In organizing for the trial JAMES A. STRANAHAN, who had ably assisted in the investigation, was left out and a Republican lawyer of less ability substituted. Obviously the machine covets all the honors to be acquired from the litigation. Mr. SCARLET is a Republican but not of the machine variety. His presence at the counsel table detracts from the glory of the machine. If Mr. BERRY had remained silent there would have been no investigation and no trial. After his exposure Governor PENNYPACKER and the Auditor General protested that his accusations were malignant lies. On the stump Governor STUART declared that while he didn't believe that any frauds had been perpetrated, he would nevertheless, order an investigation and all the other orators and newspapers of the party denounced BERRY as a villain of good and true men. But when the crimes were uncovered and concealment was no longer possible, the machine managers determined to make the most out of it for themselves. It is the selfish way of selfish and dishonest men. But we don't believe that Mr. SCARLET will be left out of the next trial. Without him the last trial would have been a farce. Deputy Attorney General CUNNINGHAM, who wants to be a judge, was given every opportunity to exploit himself and Attorney General TODD snatched the right of the last speech to the jury which belonged to SCARLET. But the people understand and put the credit where it belongs and TODD and CUNNINGHAM will not take the chances of failure in the next case. Mr. SCARLET may be dropped after that but he will not be dismissed now. That would involve too great a danger of failure. The machine has no alternative and it will make the most of necessity.

Majority in Congress Growing Bold.

The Republican majority in Congress is taking on courage. The timidity which caused trembling every time an investigation was hinted, during the early part of the session, has been shaken off and the leaders are now defiant. Even Senator TILLMAN's resolutions were patiently received and his speeches respectfully listened to a couple of months ago and when any obstreperous Democrat in the House expressed indignation at executive outrages, the majority sat silent in the hope that the complaint would soon be forgotten. But it is altogether different now. Those men who are valiant when there is no danger "talk back" these days and meet attack with a return thrust. For example, the other day Representative HARDWICK, of Georgia, offered a resolution calling upon the President to "supply the information on corporations gathered by the Bureau of Corporations," and stated that though \$600,000 had been expended in gathering such information "Congress has not been taken into the President's confidence." Early in the session such a statement would have spread consternation among the majority forces and the resolution would have been silently consigned to a committee for burial in a convenient pigeon hole. But instead of that course being adopted, the other day, Representative MANN, of Illinois, resented the proposition and boldly moved to lay it on the table which was done. The information acquired by the Bureau of Corporations at the vast cost indicated by Mr. HARDWICK is the most valuable present asset of the Republican machine and to expose it to public view and analysis would simply rob it of all its utility. When the campaign is on the information will be used, as it was during the contest of 1904, to compel the managers of trusts and other predatory corporations to give up what money is needed to debauch the electorate of the country and continue for "four years more" the iniquitous and inimical control of the Republican party. The insurance companies, the various trusts and the railroad managers of the HARRISMAN type will be put under tribute through this information.

A Program of Inaction.

What purports to be a program of action agreed upon between the President and some of the Congressional leaders is really a program of inaction. It is not an attempt to deal with present issues, but simply to put the Republican party into a plausible attitude for the Presidential campaign. It is not legislation, but politics, upon which the President and the men who tell Congress what to do have agreed. The first article of the agreement is a promise to revise the tariff after the election. Twelve years ago the Republican National Convention promised to re-establish and reciprocity policy, but it was never done. This Congress can no more bind the next one than a convention can bind the next Congress. It is notorious that the Republican leaders have no notion of revising the tariff, but find it necessary to do something to meet the growing demand for revision. The next Congress will do as it likes about revision whether this Congress shall adopt the proposed resolution or not. It may raise duties or it may let the Dingley law stand. The Sherman law was passed by the Republican party to placate a demand for the restraint of Trusts, both of labor and capital. The application of the law having created some discontent, the Republican leaders feel that it is important at this time to make a concession on the eve of a Presidential campaign. The proposal to limit the Courts in the issue of injunction is of course a bid for the labor vote, and it is very certain that the unions will get only a nominal concession. The Aldrich bill will not settle the currency matter at all. It is only offered as a makeshift. The policy of its author is that he and his associates think nothing more thorough could be passed, but they take good care not to try. They are afraid to do more than just pretend, as an election is coming on, to remedy a long-standing evil. The President and the Congressional leaders are merely playing for position in the national campaign.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—William Lewis, who for many years was a resident of Phillipsburg, died very suddenly on Thursday at his home at Glen Campbell, Clearfield county. —The return of the seven breweries in Northampton county for last year show the manufacture of 146,931 barrels of beer, an increase of 9,503 barrels over the product of the preceding year. —A number of wild ducks have made their appearance on streams in different parts of Clearfield county. On Moshannon creek an army of men with guns failed to kill a duck out of the many on the stream. —Scouting around on South Mountain, Fulton county, William Furman, of Mont Alto, recently discovered particles of what he thought to be copper, although a subsequent assay proved them to be fine gold. —The Eagle Copper company, which owns an extensive tract of land in Franklin county, on which it has sunk shafts, will soon erect a stamp mill, to cost \$50,000 or \$60,000. The fine copper ores taken out are said to be very satisfactory. —F. M. Ream, of Manheim, Lancaster county, on Monday entered suit in the common pleas court of that county against Barbara Wallick, of Marietta, for \$5,000 damage for breach of promise to marry after an engagement of five years' standing. —Five minutes after his wife had died and after he had remarked that he would soon follow her, John Scheidhauer, of Midfield township, Allegheny county, was stricken with heart failure, and died before physicians could arrive. Each was 44 years old almost to a day. —Shad are reported to have appeared in great numbers in the Susquehanna up to McCall's Ferry where the great power dam prevents them from going up higher. The fisheries below the dam will do a big business but up river catch, where the most savory shad are caught, will be poor. —The Standard Oil company has secured a tract of fifty-seven acres of land near Reed Station, Indiana county, with the view of erecting a pumping station, refining plant and probably other buildings. Employment will be given to a number of men and at least twenty new houses will be built at Reed Station. —The Paxinos Inn, a fine, large summer resort on Weyant mountain, near Easton, will be converted into a female college to be conducted under the auspices of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, provided the smaller bondholders of the Inn company agree to the terms proposed, which it is thought they will. —A hold robbery was committed at Orsonia, Huntingdon county, on Wednesday night when the big department store of Shapiro Brothers was broken into and robbed of about \$500 or \$600 worth of merchandise, including about thirty watches, half as many chains, revolvers, razors, clothing, silks and other miscellaneous articles. —Some time during Saturday night an unknown person broke into the stable of butcher Fred Hamberger, in the Third ward, Jersey Shore, and cut a deep gash in the throat of one of the horses. The dastardly deed was not discovered until Sunday morning. Veterinary surgeon Seelye was called and sewed up the wound in the animal's throat. 11 stitches being required. —Within the present week the Latrobe coal company, of Latrobe, will fire up forty-four coke ovens, having received an order for coke, which will necessitate the starting up of that number of ovens, in addition to the sixteen which have never been out, despite the slump in the coke trade. The firing up of 44 more ovens will make a total of sixty in operation, or nearly half of the plant's capacity. —While William H. Thompson was testifying in the Mercer county court in a suit which he has brought against the Mercer Valley Railroad company for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained, he fell from the witness stand stricken with an epileptic fit, which brought the trial to a sudden termination on Saturday. The attorneys then got together and effected a settlement, allowing him suitable damages. —Charles M. Robb, head of a well known clothing and gent's furnishing house in Lock Haven, died on Monday morning after a few days' illness with pneumonia, aged 35 years, 8 months and 14 days. Deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the order of Elks, Golden Eagles, Patriotic Order Sons of America, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Sons of Veterans, and was very popular in the city. He is survived by his wife and two sons. —George Myrtinger Brisbin, one of the Houtz heirs, and the oldest lumber and coal operator in the Clearfield region, died at his residence in Osceola Mills last Friday. Mr. Brisbin was born on Bradbrook's battle-ground, June 29th, 1836. He spent his boyhood in New Orleans, going to Osceola Mills near the close of the Civil war. He was a grandson of Captain John Brisbin and Captain Jacob Myrtinger. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Mrs. Roberts Lowrie, of Philadelphia. —Potter county will lose over \$7,000 a year in taxes by the Luckawanna Lumber company selling 38,000 acres of land located in Stewardson and Abbot townships, to the state to be added to the state reserve. Two dollars and twenty-five cents is paid per acre for the land. The land has been assessed at from \$1 to \$3 per acre, making an average of about \$2 per acre. When it becomes the property of the state the county will receive but five cents an acre on thirteen cents for school purposes and two cents for road. No poor nor county tax can be levied against it. —The Pennsylvania railroad Monday discharged 2,100 of its shomen in Altoona. It was the most sweeping reduction in the company's history, and was due to the continued depression in business. But it has its bright side, for the remaining workmen will hereafter be engaged 50 hours a week instead of 24 and 32, which have been in vogue for the past four months. At present there are 9,000 on the payroll, composed of married men and loyal men. The employees discharged were largely single men, disloyal men and persons more or less prominently identified with labor organizations. —Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Ship Subsidy in Sight.

The subsidy mangers appear to be reasonably certain of getting their steamship bounty bill through Congress in time to serve the party during the coming presidential campaign. Twelve years ago the late Senator HANNA promised this source of largesses to the ship builders and got a generous contribution fund. But he was unable to redeem his pledge. The Democratic Senators held out with substantial unanimity against such treasury looting. But the virus of Populism has been spreading since that and it looks now as if a modified subsidy bill will be passed during the present session. Some southern Democrats have yielded to the infection.

Senator La Follette's Strange Notion.

Senator LA FOLLETTE, of Wisconsin, is among those statesmen who imagine that the constitution of the United States is inadequate for the purpose it is intended to conserve. He also appears to entertain the opinion that Congress is incompetent to perform its constitutional functions. Both of these ideas are of Populist origin and tainted with federalistic fallacy. The first is the spawn of inordinate ambition. The second is the fruitage of conscious incompetence. Ambition is restive under restraint. The history and achievements of the first. The presence in the Senate of such men as LA FOLLETTE gives color to the other.

Test and His Competitors.

A combination has been effected between the forces of KNOX, FAIRBANKS and CANNON against Secretary TAFT for the Republican presidential nomination and though the TAFT managers are talking confidently, this is ominous. But in view of past events it was inevitable. The President had become so bold in his traffic with the "undesirable" elements of his party in behalf of TAFT, that self-respect forced the other aspirants into a defensive alliance. Either of them could have patiently submitted to an honorable defeat. But no man will silently yield to one that is caused by fraud or intrigue.

Our Mission of Peace in Cuba.

Our mission in Cuba 10 years ago was one of peace. Revolutionary trouble had been chronic there for three-quarters of a century and a devastating war had been in progress for three years. Spain had nearly 200,000 men in Cuba and could neither conquer the insurgents nor withdraw from the islands without creating revolution at home. The Cubans could not drive the Spaniards from Havana or their other strongholds, yet could keep up their own kind of harassing warfare for an indefinite period. It was a deadlock situation. The intervention of the United States was justified in principle and doubly justified by its meritorious results. It relieved Spain of an intolerable burden, and it gave Cuba a basis for a normal and happy future. Already the changes in Cuba is wonderful. The recent difficulty that resulted in our sending Governor Magoon to act temporarily as Chief Magistrate has only served to illustrate the statesmanlike wisdom of the plan upon which the Cuban Government was established. There is no longer an oppression of the individual in Cuba. Everybody is secure in the personal and social rights that the Cubans have always wanted, but never before possessed. So long as they can carry on the higher affairs of State in their own hands, they are content to be ruled by the United States, with its great navy and its adequate army, will intervene so promptly as to guarantee all legitimate interests against loss or danger, just as it would in any part of this country. Such an arrangement is of incalculable value to a young Republic like Cuba. To have brought about such a situation as now exists in Cuba within a decade after the retirement of Spain is a brilliant triumph.

The Work of Congress.

The first session of the Sixtieth congress is now half finished and to day there has been no single measure of public interest passed by the two houses and sent to the president for his approval. There have been some private pension bills, some joint resolutions, some matters of individual importance enacted into law, but absolutely no single public measure has passed both houses. It might be said that this is no matter to be charged against any political party. That, however, can only be said by people who do not understand the present congressional procedure. The house of representatives is absolutely dominated by Speaker Cannon and the Messrs. Dalsell, Payne and Hepburn. They can put legislation through in 48 hours or they can delay it indefinitely. What they are doing now is to fight for delay. In the senate the Republican majority is dominant and can do what it will. The rules there do provide for freedom of debate, but at the same time majority rule very properly is accepted. But neither in house nor senate has the Republican congress succeeded at the present moment in enacting one public law. It might be worth while for the newspapers of the country to demand some explanation of this singular lethargy.

Monday evening Mr. F. Potts Green, the druggist, called at the WATCHMAN office and presented us with two pound boxes of Liggett's fine candies, and thereby gave a little story. For some time past Greens have handled Liggett's "Saturday Brand," so called because every Saturday you can buy a pound box of it for twenty-nine cents. They advertised the candy and the result they have had a big sale of it. In fact their sales have been the largest the past few months of any dealer in a town the size of Bellefonte and because of this the manufacturer sent them fifty pounds of candy free. Always generous Mr. Green at once started around distributing some of the candy among his friends and quite naturally left a box at this office "just for the ladies," for which they all return sincere thanks.