

Ink Stings.

Tuesday's was truly a business men's picnic for there were no drunks nor rowdies there.

There being fifty-two thousand ways of dying it seems to us that the doctors might change the tune a little some time and tell us about something else than "heart failure."

It is not often that a farmer is a candidate for sheriff, therefore the farmers of Centre county should rally round FRED SMITH. He is a good man and deserves the support he will get.

The only sure way to get rid of the dominating, trust trucking tactics of Uncle JOE CANNON is to elect a Democratic Congress and to do that we must begin at home. Vote for WALKER.

HUGHES, LA FOLLETTE and KNOX are all to take the stump for TAFT, but they won't be enough. There will have to be more than talk to pull Big BILL through. It will take votes, and they are going the other way this time.

If you have a Democratic friend or neighbor who is sick, or away from home, or negligent in such matters, see to it that his name is upon the Registry before the list closes on Wednesday, September 2nd. This can't be attended to after that day.

The so-called BRYAN papers in Pennsylvania are so busy fighting GUFFEY that they have many, senatorial, congressional and judicial tickets that might stand a show of election if these papers would turn in for them.

Another shocking murder has occurred in New York and there is no telling where the end will be unless Justice gets busy and decides once for all whether her statutes on the books or the "unwritten" instrument is to prevail in meting out punishment.

HARRIMAN is reported to be gathering up all the water powers along his railroad lines for the purpose of ultimately running his trains by electricity. Let the good work go on so successfully that the little wizard forgets entirely to put any of the water he gets into the stock he issues.

Governor JOHNSON has been unanimously renominated for Governor of Minnesota, notwithstanding his announcement that he would not be a candidate again. Now if he can carry his State again he will remain in the very eligible list of prospective presidential candidates for 1912.

The whites are driving the blacks out of Springfield, Ill., at the muzzle of shot guns and burning the buildings they flee from and not a single one of our super-sensitive northern Republican papers have a thing to say about it. The reason is because Springfield is north of the Mason and Dixon line.

Don't fail to get registered before September 2nd. You know how mad you get if the assessor happens to miss you and your name is not on the list when the time for voting comes. The only way you can be absolutely certain of avoiding this is by seeing to it yourself that you are on the list and that your taxes are paid.

A good, capable and economic board of commissioners is something that the taxpayers of Centre county intend to hold onto and that is the reason that they will vote to re-elect WEAVER and DUNLAP. They have worked hard to pull the county out of debt and have succeeded even beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. DUNLAP and WEAVER have earned their re-election and should have it.

A good, old time Democratic vote in the county this fall is what we are looking for. There is every reason why there should be one. We have a good ticket and a demoralized foe so that everything points to Democratic success. The country is ready for a change and, on the theory that most anything would be better than the present condition of things, many Republicans are going to vote with us in the fall.

FRED SMITH, our nominee for sheriff, is a farmer and knows what hard work means. He has started his canvass and wherever he has gone he has made a most favorable impression because of his open, manly, sincere way of meeting and talking to people. Mr. SMITH's life will bear the closest investigation and he comes before the voters of Centre county a clean, straightforward man whom anyone can feel honored in supporting.

Mr. THOMAS LAWSON's new game is "National Stock," all of which the public is buying as fast as TOM can have it printed and then he is to use the money he receives from the sale of it to beat HARRIMAN, MORGAN and HILL at their own game. It looks pretty enough, but suppose he did? We would have to buy a "Second National Stock" then to help the other fellows to lick LAWSON. The public is always supposed to be in the middle, but the wise public won't get into this game at all.

Do you realize that the last Congress voted just exactly twelve dollars of your money away; much of it in needless appropriations. It voted the same amount of your wife's money and also the same amount from every child you have. In other words just twelve dollars for every man, woman and child under the jurisdiction of Uncle Sam was voted away by the last Congress and Mr. BARCLAY helped to do it. Don't you think it is time to have a change. You have a chance to make one by voting for WALKER.

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Roosevelt's Fool Movement.

Self-respecting farmers are not flattered by President ROOSEVELT's latest movement to improve their lives. He has appointed a commission to inquire into their "social, sanitary and economic condition," in order that he may recommend legislation in their interest. The plain inference is that in the President's opinion the farmers of the country have not sufficient intelligence to take care of themselves and it is, therefore, necessary that the government shall take charge of their affairs as if the States have cared for the indigent insane and helpless orphans from the foundation of the government. He pays the farmers a left handed compliment in this estimate of their capacities.

The farmers of this country need no help from the government. They have never asked for nor received special privileges or unearned bounties, and they expect none. From the earliest period of the history of the country they have been the leading wealth producers and the main source of dependence of the people. In times of peace they have produced abundant crops and from the surplus of their product have filled the bank vaults. In war times they have abandoned their homes and farms and constituted themselves the defenders of the country. In every emergency they have been equal to the requirements of the highest standard of citizenship. Such men don't need the patronage of office-holding demagogues.

Of course ROOSEVELT had no idea of improving the conditions of farm life in this absurd proposition of his. He doesn't care a snap of his fingers for the farmers, as is shown by the indifference with which he rides over their fields when it suits his crazy fancy to cross lots in his horseback rambles. But he wants to fool the farmers by absurd pretenses of concern in the hope that he may thus induce them to vote for the candidate for President whom he has chosen to succeed himself. In his inordinate conceit he imagines that this result may be achieved in this way. In his preposterous vanity he believes that all citizens are enamored of him, and anxious to obey his commands.

That he is gravely mistaken in this notion may be inferred from the comments of some farmers upon his scheme. One of them writing to an esteemed contemporary says: "Let us have a free field with no favors to the men who want to ride us, and the President will see us very smiling, very happy, very good." Another declares that if the President can in any way improve their crops they will be willing to accept such service but that they neither need nor desire politicians meddling in their affairs. Others resent his impertinence with equal emphasis and all show the keen intelligence and splendid independence of that vast portion of our population upon which, in the last analysis, our prosperity rests.

Taft Admonished His Friends.

Manifestly Judge TAFT doesn't share the sublime confidence of his less thoughtful supporters. In an address to the Ohio Republican committee, recently, he admonished them in this language: "We must know, those of us who face the facts, that we are meeting a large, strong party, headed by an able, forceful and experienced candidate, and we should be exceedingly imprudent if we belittle the forces behind him and the resources of an able leader." In other words he would have them understand that vigilance as well as energy will be required to secure victory this year. The result of the election is uncertain.

It would be better for the Democratic party, and, this year, for the entire country, if all the Republican leaders were over-confident fools. It would make the workers less zealous and the contributors to the corruption fund less liberal. The predatory trusts want TAFT elected. They would prefer even ROOSEVELT to BRYAN for ROOSEVELT splutters and fumes but accomplishes nothing while they know that Mr. BRYAN would proceed along constitutional lines to the achievement of results. But as long as they imagine that TAFT is safe they will keep their money in their pockets. Danger to their interests is the only thing that arouses them.

The fact is that the present indications all point to the election of Mr. BRYAN. The people are becoming alarmed at the predatory operation of the trusts. The recent achievements of HARRIMAN in the direction of railroad merging, the failure of the Interstate Commerce Commission to even try to enforce the law against unjustly increasing freight rates, and various other incidents which confirm the suspicion that ROOSEVELT has become a reactionary, have aroused the public mind not only in the South and West but in some portions of the East, and unless the electorate is completely debauched BRYAN's election is inevitable.

After being closed down for some time the Netherland shirt factory at Philadelphia will be started up on full time in a few days, a number of large orders having been booked within the past few weeks.

An Accurate Description.

In his admirable speech of acceptance Mr. BRYAN observes that "so long as the Republican party remains in power it is powerless to regenerate itself. It cannot attack wrong doing in high places without disgracing many of its prominent members, and it, therefore, uses opiates instead of the surgeon's knife." No more accurate description of a condition was ever given. A criticism of trusts is an arraignment of the present treasurer of the Republican National committee, who was compelled, a few years ago, to make restitution to the victims of the shipbuilding trust swindle, in order to save himself from criminal prosecution and certain conviction. An attack upon the methods of the Standard Oil company puts an aspersion on the Republican leader of the United States Senate, and so on through the list.

The Republican platform omits reference to the most vital issues of the campaign, for the same reason. It makes no promise of currency legislation for the reason that Senator ALDRICH is opposed to any reforms in that direction. It makes no pledge to reduce the tariff schedules because Senator SCOTT and others are interested in coal and iron industries. It fails to promise legislation for publicity of campaign contributions, the most prolific source of official corruption, for the reason that the "malefactors of great wealth" might refuse to contribute out of trust funds to debase elections if the truth were known. And as Mr. BRYAN adds, in the absence of such pledges they "construe each Republican victory as an endorsement of their conduct and threaten the party with defeat if they are interfered with."

Obviously the only remedy for the existing evils lies in the defeat of the Republican party. Judge TAFT, the Republican candidate, himself acknowledges the existence of the evils. In his speech of acceptance he declares that "these evils have crept in within the last ten years." He might have added that during all that time the Republican party was in complete control of every department of the government and it not only failed to stop the evils but didn't even try to achieve that result. During the last Congress every possible effort was made by the minority to enact the needed reform legislation. The President urged it constantly and such leaders in Congress as Senator LAFOLLETTE demanded it. But the Republican majority insolently refused to obey the mandate of public opinion and JAMES S. SHERMAN, now the Republican candidate for Vice President, declared on the floor of the house, that the party would assume the responsibility for its action.

Don't fail to see that your own son, or your neighbor's son, who voted on age last fall, is Registered. He cannot vote if he is not. And Wednesday, September 2nd, is the last day that this important matter can be attended to.

Democratic Leaders at Work.

The Democratic organization of this State with commendable zeal and energy is engaged in the work of preparation for the election. At the meeting of the State Executive Committee, in Harrisburg, on Tuesday the greatest enthusiasm was manifested. Members of the committee from all sections of the State spoke most encouragingly of the conditions at present and the indications point to an extraordinarily large vote. We are unlikely to lose any of the congressional districts now represented by Democrats and there is a strong probability of gaining two and probably three. We will certainly gain in both branches of the Legislature.

The most important work of the campaign demands immediate attention and it is gratifying to learn that it is not being neglected. In all portions of the State outside of the cities the registration and assessment of voters must be completed on or before the 2nd day of September. It is less than two weeks, therefore, until the closing of the assessment for this year and voters who have not paid a tax within two years will be hopelessly barred out of the privilege of voting if they are not assessed. We hope there are no Democrats in this county who will thus neglect their civic obligations.

That Mr. BRYAN will be elected is practically admitted by all who have given the subject intelligent consideration. It is not probable that Pennsylvania will contribute directly toward the result, but more surprising things have occurred in politics. Three years ago the Democratic candidate for State Treasurer was elected by nearly 80,000 majority and there was infinitely less reason for political revolt then than now. But admitting that TAFT will carry the State Democrats of Pennsylvania will achieve something if they make the Republicans remain at home and keep their money in the State. This much can easily be done and those who contributed to that result will be entitled to the favor of the successful party leaders of the country.

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A Pirates' Partnership.

The Steel trust has just closed a contract with Mr. HARRIMAN for 28,000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered in Mexico, at \$20 a ton. There is no tariff in Mexico and if the Steel trust had demanded more for the rails Mr. HARRIMAN would have gone to England or Germany for the goods and got them for that price. But if the Pennsylvania railroad, or any other American railroad had wanted that amount of rails, the price would have been \$28 a ton. The tariff tax makes up the difference and the American railroad could have done no better. It might as well, therefore, pay the added cost and keep peace in the family.

If the Steel trust would sell Mr. HARRIMAN and other American managers of American railroads located in America, steel rails at \$20 a ton there wouldn't be an idle steel mill between Maine and California. Every road would buy rails and it would tax the resources of the steel making establishments to supply the demand. But that would be bad for the Steel trust. It prefers a smaller output and greater profits, especially if that policy involves idleness and poverty among the steel workers. Poverty of workingmen is the ideal condition in the estimation of the Steel trust magnates. Hungry men have no heart to resist oppression.

But the Steel trust is not altogether to blame for this iniquity. If the railroad presidents and purchasing agents were just to those they represent steel rails would cost no more here than in Mexico. The fact is, however, that the railroad officials own more stock in the Steel trust than in the railroads and they sacrifice the interests of the railroads in order to conserve those of the Steel trust. The stockholders of the railroads are robbed by this process but the officials are made rich and after all that is what they live for. These facts make them not only grafters but criminals of other degree, though not amenable to law.

The Steel trust violates the law with impunity but it contributes liberally to the Republican campaign fund and has no difficulty in keeping out of the courts. ROOSEVELT pretends an opposition to the trust but is always ready for a "deal," square or otherwise, that helps his party. The trust magnates understand this and freely overlook his false pretenses. They are working together for partisan advantage with an implied agreement that in the event the result is achieved each will get his. ROOSEVELT will have his proxy in office and the trust will enjoy its franchise to plunder. It is a sort of pirate's agreement.

Roosevelt Wants War.

The President has determined to involve us in a war with Japan according to some esteemed contemporaries. He wants a more "positive determination of this nation's intentions in the eastern hemisphere," those papers say. That is the diplomatic way of stating that he wants war to promote the chances of his candidature for the Presidency. Such a war would involve vast expense in life and treasure, but ROOSEVELT doesn't mind that. It will restore the brain-storm hysteria which followed the Spanish war and probably cause a step in advance toward militarism. ROOSEVELT can't patiently endure the sameness of tranquility. He wants to see blood flowing freely. He believes in slaughter.

The pretense for this cruel and costly policy is that Japan has some ulterior designs on somebody. Japan is broken in spirit, destitute in resources and helpless in every respect. She has no more inclination to disturb the friendly relations with this government than the man in the moon has to pick a quarrel with the chief pigmy in Mars. But a war with Japan or anybody else would help ROOSEVELT in his political conspiracies and that is all he cares for. Justice has no place in his equation. He has no idea about right or wrong. He wants to win at any hazard and regardless of consequences. He would resort to any expedient to achieve his purpose.

Possibly ROOSEVELT will succeed in his purpose to create a war before the end of the present campaign. He would prefer an altercation with Japan because he knows that Japan is comparatively helpless while her past achievements would make conquest there a matter of consequence and there would be little risk. But he isn't altogether particular. He is willing to bully any weak and helpless power for a war will serve his purpose, just or unjust, right or wrong. He has no sense of justice, no regard for right. He is simply a buccaneer ready to scuttle a ship or out a throat if the barbarity will help his selfish interests. Altogether ROOSEVELT is the most despicable figure of present day life.

Sept. 2nd

Do you ask why we point to that date? If you are not Registered on or before that time, your vote may be lost. It is the last day that you can Register.

Boasts of Plunder.

Gradually, but surely, the voters of the United States are getting their eyes opened as to what was meant by the Republicans when they promised to revise the tariff after election. The delay was made for no other purpose than to get funds with which to carry on their campaign.

Treasurer Sheldon is raking in the coin by the thousands, and, of course, on the promise that the contributors, the tariff brokers, shall be reimbursed with higher duties on the articles they manufacture. If there has been any doubt on this point it should be removed after reading the current number of "American Industries," the official organ of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"Congressman Sereno E. Payne," says this organ, "has pressed the button. We can now expect that the vast and intricate machinery of the tariff investigation authorized by Congress at its last session will move smoothly to the desired end." Mark that carefully: "Smoothly to the desired end." Isn't it delightful?

The trust organ further says it is reasonable to hope that "statistics of rare value will soon be placed before the eminent statesmen who, by authority of Congress, will have full control of tariff revision," and ends with this affront to every self-respecting citizen:

"What will we get from an investigation supervised by statesmen of the stamp of Payne and Hopkins is easy to conjecture—that is, if based upon their present affiliations and past performances."

Of course, it is easy to conjecture what tariff revision at the hands of Sereno Payne and Albert J. Hopkins means. It means just what Candidate Taft declared in his acceptance speech, that there are "other schemes" that must be revised to a higher rate. It means that every tariff fed contributor to this year's campaign will insist that he be reimbursed. Who better equipped for this pusillanimous work than Sereno Payne and Albert J. Hopkins? And, of course, not to exclude our own Dalzell?

A Sensible Campaign.

The impression that we are to have a really sensible campaign somewhat mitigates the fear and trepidation with which we contemplate the contest that quadrennially shakes the nation from centre to circumference.

It is assumed that there will be considerably less of diverting noises and confusion, of verbal pyrotechnic and flamboyant floundering that have characterized preceding presidential canvasses.

Mr. Bryan will eschew whirlwind speech-making tours, while Mr. Taft will do all his talking at Cincinnati and contiguous points. This will relieve newspapers of the necessity of reporting day after day column of painfully tiresome repetition that adds nothing to the sum total of public information.

It is ridiculous to assume that a campaign speaker can make several addresses every day and tell something new in all of them. The phraseology may be changed, but the arguments are always the same.

The candidate who fits from place to place may afford a kind of satisfaction to the constantly changing crowds by permitting them to have a face-to-face squint at him but their comprehension of vital issues will not be materially enlarged by anything he might say.

Speech making tours are of doubtful value, at best. While Mr. Bryan was traveling from one end of the country to another, holding the attention of millions of people, Mr. McKinley held down an arm chair at his Canton home.

It is really gratifying to know that the present campaign is to be conducted along business lines. The voters are already doing a lot of hard thinking, and they will the more readily make up their minds as to the proper course to pursue by having things quiet.

The ordinary merchant, when trade falls off, reduces prices in order to attract customers. This is his way of keeping his establishment running while making the best of dull times. It is no secret that the Steel Trust is badly in need of orders for rails from the railroads, and that the effort to economize, have deliberately deferred new construction.

The reductions made recently on a few minor products were adopted by the Steel Trust only after an independent concern had begun to undersell. At all the recent conferences between members of the steel-rail pool the Steel Trust has stood for keeping up prices at any cost.

Charles M. Schwab testified before the Industrial Commission that steel rails could be manufactured at a profit for \$16. The Steel Trust is actually selling them abroad for \$20. It refuses to sell them cheaper than \$28 at home, although it would probably bring the railroads into the market by doing so, because the Dingley tariff enables it to charge the top price. The lesson should not be lost on Congress when it undertakes the revision of the tariff schedules next year.

Tell It Not.

Tell it not to Chairman Andrews; make no mention of the matter of Boss McNichol—they are already laboring under a sufficient weight of discouragement—but officials in the service of the Federal, State or county and city governments cannot be legally assessed for political purposes in this year of our Lord. Whether they shall pay or not pay anything to promote the election of Republican candidates is entirely a matter of option. They cannot be made to contribute as a matter of pressure.

Spawns from the Keystone.

The borough authorities of South Fork have advertised for a policeman at a salary of \$90 per month. They want a man who is sober, industrious and of good moral character.

A far having been declared legally dead three years ago by the Cumberland county court, Robert P. Fleming, who left his wife and three children sixteen years ago, turned up at the home of his family in Lancaster, on Saturday.

An order was received on Saturday at the Pittsburgh office of the National Tube company for 500 miles of 12-inch pipe from the Standard Oil company, for a new pipe line from Robinson, Ill., to Coalgrove in the Bradford oil district, this State.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab has offered to pay the county and township share of macadamizing the public road from a point near the Half Way house, Cresson, to Loretto, a distance of about five miles. The drive is a picturesque and very charming one.

At the Hostetter and Whitney plants of the Hostetter-Connelville Coal and Coke company, in Westmoreland county, preparations are now being completed for undertaking the \$250,000 worth of improvements authorized by the directors of the company at a meeting held in Pittsburgh last month.

A new \$12,000 power house at the Westmoreland county home, just completed, collapsed at noon on Sunday, the damage amounting to \$2,000. A seven-inch concrete floor, fourteen feet above the ground, had insufficient support and gave way. The floor was completely wrecked and the north and south walls fell in.

A dispatch from Scranton says that the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company, whose property is situated in western Pennsylvania, went into the hands of a receiver Saturday. Thomas H. Watkins, of that city, was appointed by Judge Edwards. Mr. Watkins furnished a bond for \$125,000, signed by the Title Guaranty and Surety Co., of Scranton, as surety.

The Shiloh Coal and Clay company's mines, located along the Susquehanna river, in Shiloh, Clearfield county, and eight miles from Clearfield, and three miles from the village of woodland, are about ready for operation. The company is composed entirely of Reading capitalists. The mines will employ about fifty men and their capacity will be about 250 tons daily.

Benjamin Smith, of near Salladasburg, Lycoming county, who some weeks ago was accidentally shot by his son in mistake for a burglar, was operated on at the Williamsport hospital on Thursday, his left leg being amputated about four inches below the knee. He is now getting along nicely. Every effort was made to save the leg, but amputation was finally decided upon.

Dickinson seminary, at Williamsport, will open this year with the largest enrollment of students in its history. Over 400 students will enter the institution on the hill this fall, an increase over last year's number, which at that time held a record for attendance. The school will be opened on Tuesday, September 15, and the repairs now being made are being rushed in order that there may be no delay.

The Jason Coal company, operating mines on the Steiner lands south of Philipsburg, has found it necessary to go into the hands of a receiver, the result of the stringency in the financial market during the past year. Jacob Swires, of Philipsburg, has been appointed receiver and will operate the mines and it is hoped that he will be able to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the business of the company.

The survivors of the Spanish American war in Danville have already actively entered on preparations for the reunion of the Twelfth regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Veteran association, which will take place in that city on October 28th. Between 300 and 400 members of the association from other towns will be present in Danville on that occasion. Major C. P. Gearhart has been chosen chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Approximately 3,000 patients were registered at the 67 tuberculosis dispensaries of the state health department at the close of July, according to reports just received at Harrisburg. One of these dispensaries is maintained in each county. Allegheny county had 366 patients registered, Luzerne 344, Philadelphia 317, Delaware 275, York 219, Dauphin 148 and Leckawanna 122. The demands in some counties have grown so large that the dispensaries will have to be enlarged.

Ridgway and Sykesville capitalists have formed a company for the purpose of thoroughly testing the territory in Elk and Clearfield counties, between DuBois and Caledonia for oil and gas. The corporation, which is known as the Clearfield Gas company, was organized last Saturday and a charter has been applied for. The promoters have the oil and gas rights on 36,000 acres under lease and are negotiating for 9,000 additional acres, including the Craig Blanchard tract at Winterburn.

At the first reunion of the Gamble family, held near Cedar Run, Lycoming county, on Thursday, there were present eleven grandsons of Andrew Gamble, a Pine Creek pioneer, not one of whom was less than six feet in height, and none weighed less than 175 pounds. One of the men is six feet six inches; another six feet three and a half inches. The largest of the eleven weighed 250 pounds. The Gambles went into the Pine Creek section immediately after the Revolutionary war, and the name Gamble is given to a township, a creek and a church in Lycoming county.

There will be no more state money for the scalps of noxious animals for a year at least. The last legislature appropriated \$50,000 for this purpose, authorizing the payment of \$4 for each wildcat, \$2 for each fox and \$1 for each mink or weasel. Only \$2,347 remains of the appropriation and bills for bounties were received at the auditor general's department Wednesday aggregating \$22,970. The money on hand will be distributed pro rata among these claimants, who will thus get about 10 per cent of their claims. Many hunters have made out well on the bounties. One Huntingdon county man collected \$1,500. The next legislature will be asked to double the appropriation.