

Ink Stings.

-Is the rain holding off for the Granger picnic or the fair?
-MUSSER is the man for Recorder. He is fitted for the job and should have it.

-Recent happenings have disclosed the fact that Recorder JOHNNY ROWE is not merely a Recorder.

-The Filipinos are for TAFT this time. Eight years ago they were for BRYAN and you know what happened him.

-Republican orators are not talking so much about the bountiful crop business since the corn and potatoes have gone the wrong way.

-The straw hat may, with impunity, remain until next Tuesday. After that—well, it will depend entirely on the nerve of its wearer.

-Conversation is said to be a good form of exercise for those afflicted with heart disease. It doesn't follow that only those should indulge in it.

-The organization of a BRYAN and KERN club in Bellefonte last Friday night looks as if the Democrats intend getting busy in the right way this fall.

-The Republicans of New York are in a bad way. If they nominate HUGHES the bad men will lick them and if they don't the good men will do the trick.

-Robbers first hid his wooden leg then stole \$285 from OSCAR O'HARRA, while he was lying helpless on his bed at Colliers, W. Va. Now did you ever hear the best of that?

-BERKMAN, the anarchist, disturbed a Socialist meeting in New York on Labor day and has been put to jail. Who said that Socialist meetings could not result in any good.

-Make no mistake about the Legislature. We want the ablest representative we can get. You know there could be no comparison between BERT TAYLOR and J. C. MEYER.

-The Devil is the great theatrical attraction in New York and Philadelphia just now but all the people in those cities who are going to the devil are not doing it in that way.

-TAFT in a whirlwind trip is the latest headlines we have seen in the Metropolitan organs of "the System." Of course it will be a whirlwind trip, with the accent on wind.

-The Altoona Gazette says "A citizen of Russia ate his wife, his brother and four children." Just why the Gazette calls him a "citizen" when cannibalism is still in the dictionary we are at a loss to know.

-Two hundred and twenty-one sailors of our fleet were left behind when the departure from Melbourne was made. While the cause is not announced it is probable that they had failed to take on enough water to keep afloat.

-With the government deficit growing at the rate of \$12,000,000 a month the prudent man will scratch his head and think a great deal before he decides that a continuation of "my policies" is exactly what the country needs just at this time.

-Since the mountain wouldn't go to MOHAMMED MOHAMMED did well in going to the mountain and now the BRYAN League will vote in the same square with the regular Democrats. There never was much use of making two bites of a cherry.

-The election of FRED SMITH to the office of Sheriff will mean that that position will be filled by a man of the best character. He is honest and capable, besides of a physique that would lend dignity to the office. Vote for SMITH if you want a good, clean farmer for Sheriff of Centre county.

-JOHN D. MILLER is a farmer, a mighty pleasant, genial gentleman who wants your support for Treasurer. There is no reason why he should not have it because he is amply qualified for the official duties that would devolve on him. He is making a clean canvass, leaving the story telling to the other fellow, who, from reports, seems to be indulging in it quite freely.

-The office of Recorder needs a very intelligent man and that is the principal reason that Mr. MUSSER was nominated for it. The court records are a thing we are all interested in and are of too vital importance to entrust to uncertain hands. Mr. MUSSER is a newspaper man and represents the best type of citizenship we have in the county, consequently would make a most excellent official.

-After flying for over an hour in an aeroplane at Fort Meyer, on Wednesday, ORVILLE WRIGHT came nearer demonstrating that flying machines might become practical, than has ever been done before. Such a demonstration should arrest public attention because the evolution of the flying machine would mark a greater epoch in the world's progress than that of the telephone or the telegraph.

-In another column of this issue we publish an article on Socialism from the pen of Miss ELIZABETH BLANCHARD, of this place, who has apparently given the subject very serious and intelligent thought. While Socialism is a beautiful theory we fear that the intelligence required to keep it differentiated from anarchism will always be lacking and therein it will fail. The social and economic questions involved are the ones the masses are interested in, but unfortunately they are too deep for the masses to comprehend and those who can understand are only unconsciously sowing seeds of discontent and unrest.

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The Vermont Election.

The poverty of the Republican party in this campaign is strikingly revealed in their boasting over the result of the election in Vermont, last week. Anticipating a vast majority for the reason that the Democrats were making no campaign and the Republicans, anarchists and socialists, all equally anxious for the election of TAFT were exhausting energy and effort, the Republican leaders had carefully paved the way to make it effective. Chairman HITCHCOCK had ostentatiously declared that he didn't expect a big majority. The organs had pointed out that a majority of less than 25,000 meant danger and TAFT himself had said that he preferred a small majority, comparatively speaking, so as to avoid the danger of overconfidence subsequently.

As a matter of fact there is no danger of overconfidence on account of the Vermont majority. It is about 26,500 and the lowest that has been given since the close of the civil war with three exceptions 1876, 1884 and 1892, on each of which occasions the Democratic candidate was elected President. TILDEN was counted out in 1876 but Cleveland was inaugurated as the result of the vote in 1884, when the Republican majority in September was only 5,000 less than this year, and in 1892 when the difference in the September majority was a trifle more than 9,000. If the Democratic National committee had taken a hand in the campaign at all chances are more than equal that the majority would have been cut down to a point below the line at which they admit defeat of their party in November is inevitable.

Of course the result of the election in Vermont in September has little or nothing to do with national result in November. Vermont is Republican naturally. It adhered longer than any other State in the Union to the undemocratic policy of property qualification for voting. It is the most venal State in the Union. The buying of votes is openly advocated in the newspapers and quietly endorsed from the pulpit. The people are ignorant, servile and contemptible. Understanding that such an electorate is inherently antagonistic to Democracy the Democratic leaders make no attempt to change it. In the campaign just closed there was not a single Democratic speaker other than such as had local interests to look after in the State and under the conditions the meagre majority was a defeat.

Condition of the Treasury

The treasury deficit for the first two months of the present fiscal year was \$28,778,345.53, which is at the rate of \$172,690,073.18 for the year. Treasury officials declare, however, that the bad average will not continue through the year. Contracts were given freely since the adjournment of Congress, they add, in order to stimulate industrial activity. Possibly that is true, in part. At least it may be admitted the contracts were hurried for the reason that it was expected industrial activity would benefit the Republican party in the pending campaign. But the expectation of industrial energy has been disappointed and the probabilities are that the deficit will go on at the present rate.

In fact treasury officials admit that at the end of the year there will be a difference on the wrong side of \$150,000,000, that is within a trifle more than twenty-two millions of the aggregate at the present ratio. What's the use of quibbling about that amount while considering such aggregates. One hundred and fifty millions or \$172,690,073.18 are practically the same. They both mean national bankruptcy, shame and disgrace. They equally indicate dishonesty and incompetency in administration and if such a balance sheet were shown in any well managed corporation doing business under the laws of this State, those responsible would be sent to the penitentiary, where they would properly belong.

What business man in this town would tolerate such management of any enterprise in which he had pecuniary interest? Not one, for if there were such a paragon in business his friends would bury him in an asylum where he would have no control over his estate. Yet the Republican party asks for a vote of confidence for this maladministration. They ask us to put in the place of the man mainly responsible, another pledged to continue the same ruinous practices. What an insult to popular intelligence? How absurd in the face of what the public schools have accomplished within the last quarter of a century. No business man of intelligence and integrity could be sojeered or coerced into the condonation of such crimes.

-Why should you desire a change in the Commissioners office when you know you have good men there? If you don't know it compare the last county statement with the one that was published just at the close of the term of the last board and you will find out exactly what we mean.

Taft Does not Represent the Party.

The machine managers do not relish Judge TAFT's reform pledges. The candidate has been sedulously following Mr. BRYAN's speeches and declaring after each of them that he favors the same things that the Democratic candidate stands for. This has finally aroused the manager and in a speech the other day Senator HOPKINS remarked that such statements are only "the personal opinions" of the candidate, and he added that "the party policies are expressed in the Republican platform." The Republican platform promises no reforms and carefully avoided any pledges of improvement in administration, so that in the event of the election of TAFT we have nothing to look for except the things that we have been getting.

Of course Judge TAFT will not antagonize his party leaders. He believes in the things that ROOSEVELT has done and if left to himself would probably adhere to the policies of the present administration and make them more effective. But he is an amiable creature without backbone enough to stand out against anything or resist any opposition. What he says now is merely expressions of personal opinions and the policies which he will be compelled to pursue are those expressed in the platform. No intelligent man needs to be told what that means. It means that all the iniquities of recent years are to be perpetuated if his election renews the lease of power of the machine. It can have no other meaning.

During the last session of Congress the Republican machine antagonized every attempt to revise the tariff and every effort to improve the currency legislation, all propositions looking toward the publicity of campaign expenses, and other reforms in whatever form they were presented. Upon all these questions other than tariff revision the platform is silent and on that subject it is equivocal. It declares that in revising the DINGLEY schedules there should be ample protection to cover the difference in cost between this country and Europe with a sum for a fair profit besides. A fair profit, in the estimation of a trust magnate, is anywhere from one hundred to one thousand per cent., and that makes the idea of revision a fearful thing to contemplate.

The Regrettable Incident.

The regrettable feature of the present campaign is the exposure of the real character and qualifications of WILLIAM H. TAFT, the Republican candidate for President. He belongs to an office-holding family which is a bad indication. That is to say, it is safe to assume that a man who has been in office for many years and was never voted for by any office by the people, is temperamentally under suspicion. TAFT is that sort of a fellow but if he had remained out of this fight the matter might not have come into popular notice. His father before him had the same weakness. It appears to be a family characteristic.

If other things were different, however, we might overlook that sinister element in TAFT's life. But since the opening of the present campaign he has revealed a most surprising ignorance of the political events of his own time or a startling indifference to the moral obligations which rest upon every man whether in private or public life. For example every time he has spoken he has misrepresented the facts in relation to the subject he was discussing and this can only happen to a man who either does not know or doesn't care. A man habitually wrong on either of these points is absolutely and fundamentally unfit to be President of the United States.

We are sorry to have been forced to this estimate of WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT. Previous to his nomination he seemed a capable and amiable gentleman. On the bench he was too ready to serve capital by issuing injunctions against labor, but in the Philippines and in the war office at Washington he seemed to be both honest and courageous. Now, however, he is completely under the dominance of the evil elements of his party. He freely approved of HITCHCOCK's brutal exercise of stolen power at the Chicago convention and promoted him for his infamous work. Hence he has deliberately misrepresented the facts every time he has opened his mouth.

The Winchester Monumental association of Pennsylvania has issued invitations to attend the unveiling of the soldiers' monument at Winchester, Virginia, which was erected by this State to the memory of the heroes who fell on that historic battle ground. The event will occur on Saturday, September 19th. Comrades, their families and friends attending the dedication will travel on a special train which leaves Harrisburg, September 19th, at 7.55 a. m., returning, will leave Winchester at 5 p. m., the same day. A reunion and campfire will be held on the preceding Friday evening at the Commonwealth hotel, Harrisburg.

-There is every indication that the chestnut crop will be a good one.

The President's Plan.

We have semi-official information that in his next annual message to Congress the President will urge an increase in the army to a minimum of 100,000. The present strength of the army is 60,000 and there is no more reason for an increase than there is in putting another tail on a dog. There is no war impending and no cause of war discernible. But there is pomp in a big army and ROOSEVELT wants pomp. The paucity of armed squadrons pleases his peculiar mind and he loves to see the instruments of death in motion. His brain hankers for the flow of blood and he is only content while preparations for war are in view.

As we observed last week the treasury deficit is at present increasing at the rate of \$172,000,000 and odd a year. If the ratio is continued until the end of the fiscal year the treasury will be empty and the country bankrupt. The industrial life of the country is already in a state of paralysis. Poverty is stalking through the land and putting a blight on everything it touches. But the storm-brained President is plunging onward in a mad effort to increase expenses and hasten the inevitable disaster. He means to impoverish the country beyond the power of resistance to tyranny and outrage. He intends to force submission to all forms of usurpation.

Any increase of the army under existing conditions would be a crime against the people of this country. We have plenty of soldiers for all military purposes and for all purposes unless the intention is to employ them to do the work of the co-sacks now in commission under the name of the State constabulary. Probably the President thinks they do not kill enough or imagines that the workmen have too much liberty notwithstanding their presence and that soldiers will be more effective. But whatever he thinks he is "howling to the wind and will reap the whirlwind." The people of this country will not tolerate a military satrapy and if they are wise they will indicate the fact at the coming election.

For Bryan and Kern.

At a mass meeting of Democrats held in the Democratic club rooms in Crider's Exchange, last Friday evening, a preliminary organization was effected by electing Hon. W. C. HEINLE temporary chairman and appointing committees to perfect arrangements for a permanent organization which will be made this (Friday) evening, in the club rooms.

Let every Democrat in Bellefonte and vicinity turn out and show their interest in the campaign of the party standard-bearers, BRYAN and KERN, as well as the local candidates, by enrolling themselves as members of the club and taking an active interest in the work of the campaign. The outlook for Democratic success was never brighter than at the present time and victory can only be accomplished by hard work and a hearty co-operation of all Democrats. And there will be no better time to start the work than this evening, in the organization of a rousing Democratic club.

Addresses of Thomas H. Murray Esq.

The WATCHMAN acknowledges with great pleasure the receipt of a copy of the speeches of THOMAS H. MURRAY Esq. of Clearfield, which are published in book form, making a volume of over 300 pages. It is well printed on good paper neatly and substantially bound, and full of thoughts and expressions that will do any one good who reads them. They include Mr. MURRAY's principal addresses in court, at memorial services, at banquets, at patriotic, educational and church gatherings; each address under its proper heading, the whole making not only a most readable and interesting volume but a very valuable work for young men struggling along the same line in which Mr. MURRAY has made such a marked success. No one can read these addresses and not be the better and wiser for doing so. It is the kind of a book that enlightens and elevates, and the country would be better off if works of its kind were more generally read and treasured.

Several weeks ago the WATCHMAN mentioned the fact that five Democrats in the county had filed a petition in the prothonotary's office pre-empting the name of the BRYAN League and a number of other Democrats filing a like petition pre-empting the BRYAN Party. Since doing so, however, they have wisely concluded to take no further steps toward carrying on the campaign along such party lines, and will allow the two names to go by default; though both will stand on the record and will thus be a bar against any others trying to pre-empt the same names in Centre county. All Democrats have the success of BRYAN and KERN at heart, and success can only be attained where there is a united stand against the common enemy, and realizing this fact is why the gentlemen interested are to be commended for allowing their new parties to die a natural death.

Voices from the Keystone.

From the Buffalo Enquirer. Vermont has spoken. This September voice from Vermont reminds the country once in four years that the state remains in its place and its star still adorns the flag. Otherwise the nation would forget that Vermont is a feature of modern times. The Green Mountain state is a shy sister of the union. Ordinarily she sits in the dusk of the background, finger upon lip, like the good child of the old-fashioned conception. The rest of the union would never know she was there.

Once in four years, however, is Vermont's time to shout. Quadrennially she rises from silence and solitude and delivers a whoop which is regarded as portentous of things to come. A very loud whoop from Vermont means one thing and a modified whoop another. A betwixt and between whoop leaves a chance to bet. This year the vocalization of Vermont disputes the axiom that nobody and nothing can suit everybody. Vermont has performed the impossible. The Democrats are responsive to the trend of opinion in the smallest Republican plurality since 1892, and their party has increased its representation in the legislature. The Republicans are satisfied because they did as well as they did. They had begun to fear that even Vermont had found them out.

Why Vermont should be regarded as responsive to the trend of opinion in the union does not appear by study. She is wedged between New York and the Connecticut river. She is all up hill on one side and down hill on the other. Her chief products are marble and maple sugar. She is outside of the great currents of commerce. Her metropolis is a city of 20,000 inhabitants. Her capital is a little town of 6,500. In thirty years from 1870 to 1900, the state gained in population 13,000. Vermont occupies an eddy. She feels almost no effect from the swell of the national tides.

The most significant feature of Vermont's election is the fact that the cities and towns showed marked Democratic gains. The communities most in touch with the world revealed some response to the influences which are stirring the nation. The rabbit warrens, the backwoods, the localities where the denizens climb trees when they desire to stretch their vision, remained fixed in the habit of two generations. From the mountain fastnesses, where it is miles to the schoolhouse and the postoffice, the dispatches relate, came the old-time Republican majorities which will slide down the slopes a campaign or two after the Republican party has dissolved. They will not hear the news in those sections of Vermont until it is years old.

More significant than figures is the fact that the Vermonters closest to the national swell responded with Democratic gains.

One-Man Government.

Without mentioning Mr. Roosevelt's name in his speech at the dedication of the Fort Meigs monument, Senator Foraker sharply rebuked the president for the growing abuse of powers of the executive. There never was greater need of such a warning to the people of the United States. The sensationalism of one-man government during the last seven years has blinded many persons to its dangerous consequences. Constitutional restrictions as to the three separate, independent and co-ordinate departments have been lost sight of in the whirl and dazzle of a noisy and spectacular administration.

To use Senator Foraker's own words about the executive: "All the powers of that department are consolidated in a single individual. He is the commander in chief of the army and navy. He has in his own hand all the tremendous power of public patronage. He not only has under his control and subject to his will, so far as their tenure is concerned, thousands of office holders, but he has even more immediately under his command a constantly increasing army of more at the present time, than 3,000 special agents, inspectors and secret service men whose highest law is his bidding."

Under a bold, aggressive, unscrupulous and designing executive this power of appointment and these armies of appointees could be so exercised and directed as to destroy the independence and impair the usefulness and efficiency of both the other departments. Such an abuse of power would be a violation of the constitution, which if long acquiesced in might eventually work its overthrow. This centralization of power in the president through the systematic undermining of the courts and congress and the creation of a huge army of federal employees subject to the single will of the president has been the ruling policy of Mr. Roosevelt. Must the duty of providing an opposition to resist this dangerous tendency be left to casual Republicans like Senator Foraker?

The inertia of the Democracy alarms the staunch New York World, which wants to know if the party through its candidates, is to make no effective protest. Are the leaders of the nominal opposition so infatuated with Rooseveltism that they cannot find voice to attack the menace of centralization and one-man government in disregard of the constitution?

Bryan's Banking Proposition.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The Philadelphia "North American" doesn't take kindly to Mr. Bryan's proposition to insure the safety of bank deposits, and argues that it would add largely to the cost of government and still further centralize power at Washington. But National banks are and have always been under the control of the Federal government, and it is not a part of the Bryan proposition that the government should do the insuring but that the banks themselves should do it. The Oklahoma plan makes this a very simple matter. The States can provide for insurance of deposits by State banks and all that Congress needs to do is to enact a law to permit National banks to accept insurance under State laws. This would have the effect of decentralizing governmental powers rather than concentrating them.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-One of the largest families in Clearfield county is that of August Rouzeux, of Frenchville. It consists of nine girls and eight boys and all are living.

-Thursday was the big day for Renovo's Old Home week festivities and 20,000 people crowded the city to see the big civic parade and enjoy the various other features of interest.

-An ordinance has been passed by the borough council of Collingdale, Delaware county, imposing a fine of from \$5 to \$50 for allowing geese, ducks, or any other domestic fowls to run at large in the borough.

-The trustees of the Clarion State Normal school have just awarded a contract for the erection of a ladies' dormitory at a cost of \$75,000. It will be one of the finest and most up-to-date normal school buildings in the State.

-A horse, owned by George Coleman, a poor teamster, of Altoona, recently became lame and Coleman found a diamond stickpin in its hoof. While cleaning the dirt out of the horse's hoof a few days later a \$5 gold piece dropped out.

-Lancaster county farmers have an unusually large corn crop, but are in a quandary how to get the crop out and husked because of the scarcity of laborers. They offer three cents a shock for cutting it, and a good workman can easily cut 100 shocks per day.

-Michael F. Callihan, who died recently at Bryn Mawr, has bequeathed \$15,000 to St. Joseph's House for Homeless Boys in Philadelphia; \$5,000 to the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr; \$5,000 to the Bryn Mawr hospital, and about \$25,000 to various other charitable institutions.

-The Reading Railroad company, on Saturday posted notices in locomotive and car shops in Reading that, commencing September 14, men who have been working forty five hours per week, will work fifty-three hours, and those working thirty-six hours will work forty-five. The order affects 2,400 men.

-John Herr, of Sandy Hollow, Perry county, accidentally shot and killed himself at the home of James Baxter, a friend, Friday. The men had been pitching quoits and Herr dropped a pistol, which he picked up and in some unknown manner discharged it, the bullet striking him in the head and causing instant death.

-The Broad Top Smokeless Explosive company, of Saxton, was granted a charter by Governor Stuart on Thursday last week. The capital stock is \$20,000. The works will be located in the vicinity of Saxton and the product manufactured will be a new powder of high explosive quality, gasless and smokeless.

-J. H. Eskridge, of Philipsburg, is suffering a painful injury to one of his eyes, and which may possibly result in the loss of the sight of the same, caused by some unknown individual throwing an ear of corn through a car window near Clymer, Indiana county, on Wednesday. The most serious part of the injury was done by a piece of the window glass.

-A reduction of thirty-three and one-third per cent. in residence lighting in Williamsport is announced by the Lycoming Electric company and the Edison Electric Illuminating company, the reduction taking effect on and after September 1. The reduction applies to both primary and secondary rates and means a big saving to the users of electric light.

-Three young men of Clearfield were arrested last Thursday for trespass at the park because they jumped over the fence during the progress of a base ball game between the Snow Shoe and Orvis clubs, in order to save the payment of the admission fee. When taken before the justice they pleaded guilty, which saved them some humiliation, and paid the fine and costs, amounting to \$10.

-Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Nichols, with their son Luther, returned to their home in Lock Haven, last Thursday afternoon, an absence in Europe of three months. On returning to the rectory on West Main street, they were surprised to find that their house had been entered by thieves and a number of articles taken away. Among the articles missing are two Wilton rugs, table linen and underwear.

-Fifteen years ago Clayton Wright, of Sedro, Wash., and Miss Lottie M. Stevens, of Coalport, were playmates together at the latter place. They became sweethearts and corresponded for that length of time. On Friday last the groom reached Greensburg, Pa., where he was met by the bride and they were united in marriage by Dr. Pershing, a former pastor at Coalport, having traveled 4,000 miles to complete the contract.

-On Tuesday night robbers ransacked the store of the Greenwich Supply company, about three miles from Barnesboro, and hauled away about \$300 worth of goods. The home of R. Eagle, near by, was also ransacked and some articles were stolen. On Wednesday Mr. Eagle procured a search warrant and in the home of James Vashiner, in Barnesboro, a large amount of stolen goods was found. Mr. and Mrs. Vashiner were arrested and lodged in the county jail at Ebesburg to await a hearing.

-For the third time in four days last week death occurred in the Hughes family, of Falls Creek, Clearfield county, when Mrs. Luella Hughes, wife of John Hughes, died at her home on Thursday afternoon. The other two deaths were: Mrs. Kunselman, mother of Mr. Hughes, died Tuesday, aged 94 years, and was buried Wednesday; Mrs. Lavina Hughes, stepmother of Mr. Hughes, died Tuesday, aged 79 years, and was buried on Thursday. Mrs. Luella Hughes was aged 62 years and is survived by her husband and one son.

-On or about September 12 the engineer corps which has been employed in making surveys of the property purchased for the Pennsylvania railroad between Shamokin dam and Selingsgrove will be disbanded. This statement was made by a person who has been identified with the real estate department in its purchases and in the subsequent operations in Snyder county for the past two years. The whole property will be turned over to the real estate department of the Pennsylvania railroad, which will manage the farms until operations will be again resumed. This will probably not be for two or three years.