

Ink Slings.

The dust is nearly seven feet thick
There's no water in the run
The corn and taters are dry'n up
And the fruit is on the bum ;
The grass is brown, the wells are low,
We ain't had rain for weeks
Most every one is prayin now
For Heaven to spring some leaks.
We thought, of course, we'd have it
When the Grangers' picnic came
But even they've got things to learn
When it comes to makin' rain.

—Farmer FRED SMITH for Sheriff. That's the ticket for me.

—Maine's endorsement of "my policies" was decidedly a negative kind.

—The first umbrella was used in 1772. There is no use for it now, however.

—The scramble for the BRYAN band wagon is becoming greater every day.

—The candidates have no trouble in throwing dust in the public eye just now.

—Notwithstanding the past the Grangers will have to throw up the sponge. They are no longer the boss rain makers.

—It looks very much as though the next Congressman from this district will be WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON WALKER.

—A vote for the present board of Commissioners is a vote to insure three years more of economic government of the county.

—If TEDDY was really in earnest about wanting to do something for the farmers now is his chance to do it. Let him send them rain.

—Maine Republican by less than eight thousand, the lowest majority in twenty-five years. Watch TEDDY and BILL throw a fit now.

—There are lots of men who have made up their minds that BRYAN is the only candidate a conscientious voter can cast his ballot for this fall.

—Everyone is saying now that mud would be pleasanter than the dust, but that is probably because it is dust and not mud that is the nuisance.

—TAYLOR, HULLY and BROWN is the combination that orders are out to work for. All the other Republican candidates are to be left to look out for themselves.

—The principal reason that DUNLAP and WEAVER should be re-elected is because they have reduced the county debt and taken good care of the county properties.

—Now be honest. Look BERT TAYLOR over, talk to him a while and look into what he stands for then ask yourself the question. Is he legislative timber?

—BECK and COLE are our candidates for Auditor. Both good men. Remember to say a good word for them and get all the support you can for their candidacy.

—The manner in which the East is extending the glad hand to BRYAN looks as though he will get some of the States east of the Alleghenies, whether he needs them or not.

—Dr. PHIL S. FISHER is running for Coroner again and Dr. PHIL is going to be elected again. He has a habit of getting there so you might as well fall in line and make it unanimous.

—The Pennsylvania State College and the Bellefonte Academy having opened there are a few mothers in Bellefonte who need expect no further assistance in their household duties from their daughters.

—The re-nomination of Governor HUGHES in New York is recognition of the service of a courageous and conscientious official. He should prove a very strong candidate and one worthy the best type the Democracy can present.

—You ask us why BERT TAYLOR is not fit to represent this county in the Legislature and we answer : Because he is not qualified for the duties. He has never had any experience in public life and it is a question what his motives are in wanting to go to Harrisburg.

—JOHN MILLER'S candidacy has become so popular that the race for Treasurer seems to be all over already but the shouting. It is gratifying to note that the public feels this way about it. Mr. MILLER is such an eminently fit man for the office, however, that the turning of the tide his way in such an overwhelming manner is but simple recognition of the fact that a good man is needed for county treasurer and the particular good man this time is JOHN D. MILLER.

—It is to laugh! Two weeks ago when Vermont showed only a slightly reduced majority for the Republicans their papers throughout the land were pointing to it as a sure indication of the election of TAYLOR. On Monday Maine went Republican by only eight thousand, the smallest majority in twenty-five years, and now the same journals are buying themselves to the point of ridiculousness to make their readers believe that it has no bearing on the fall election whatever.

—In F. PIERCE MUSSEY, of Millheim, we have an aspirant for Recorder who should receive the cordial support of everyone. He is equipped for the duties of the office which are among the most important in the court house. In fact the Recorder is practically the keeper of the county archives, consequently should be a man of high mental attainments and probity. As a scholar Mr. MUSSEY should not hesitate to invite comparison with his opponent for he should certainly shine by it and for this reason, in particular, he should be elected to the office of Recorder.

Roosevelt's Last Card.

President ROOSEVELT has at last projected himself into the campaign. He couldn't permit the result to go against him by default. He is not afraid of reaction in the event of the election of Mr. BRYAN. On the contrary he knows that in so far as his policies have merit they are infinitely safer in the hands of BRYAN than in those of TAYLOR. But ROOSEVELT doesn't care half as much for policies as he pretends. His ambitions run higher. It is dynasties that his heart is set on. He felt some months ago that because of the panic it would be impossible for him to succeed himself. So he concluded to put Mr. TAYLOR in for a time and then succeed TAYLOR. But he is beginning to apprehend a miscarriage of his plans and he is determined to avert that if possible. Hence his hysterical appeal to the voters in behalf of TAYLOR.

Like all vain men President ROOSEVELT misconstrues existing conditions. He really believes on one hand, that he is fooling the people and on the other that because of his candor he is stronger than his party. Laboring under this delusion he imagined that his assertion of a preference would turn the tide of public sentiment in favor of the man of his choice. The people were beginning to understand the facts. The anxiety of the predatory trust managers and "malefactors of great wealth" to elect TAYLOR was beginning to excite suspicion. So ROOSEVELT has come to the front in behalf of the candidate of the Trusts and "undesirable citizens." He assures the people that TAYLOR is his choice and wants them to adopt him also. And he really believes that he has turned the trick. He is convinced that he is the RODERICK DREW of the present day and generation.

As a matter of fact, however, the people have come to understand ROOSEVELT. His intrigues with unprincipled men, his trading on religious prejudices, his absolute disregard of all moral obligations have finally awakened the conscience of the country to the fact that he is unworthy of public confidence and really a dangerous man. The consequence is that his effort in behalf of TAYLOR will impair rather than promote the interests of his candidate. The very men whom he hopes to deceive will have less confidence in the purposes of his candidate because of his strange concern for him. As a result nobody will be deceived by his declarations. HARRIMAN, MORGAN and RODGERS will not increase their contributions on account of this frenzied appeal and the people will not be fooled either. In fact ROOSEVELT'S last card will prove a boomerang.

Do Not be Deceived.

Mr. SAMUEL GOMPERS, the capable, consistent and conscientious president of the American Federation of Labor, never served the cause of wage earners to better purpose than he is doing now in supporting the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President and urging his associates in that labor organization to follow his example. The reason that labor unionism has made little progress in recent years is that labor interests have been betrayed by venal labor leaders who have been enticed by money or office to influence the labor votes in the interest of the Republican party. The leaders of that party who have always been opposed to labor interests are on the other side.

If the Republican party should happen to succeed at the next election the enemies of union labor will be enthroned in all the avenues of legislation. Speaker CANNON will be re-elected to the House of Representatives and JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN will become president of the Senate. During the past six years every measure of legislation in the interest of labor was smothered in committee by those two persons. SHERMAN and DALZELL, of PITTSBURG, made the repressive rules of the House and CANNON enforced them. With SHERMAN transferred to the commanding position of president of the Senate the power of these enemies of organized labor will be multiplied and they will exercise it to the limit.

Mr. GOMPERS understands these facts as well as any living man. He has no selfish purposes to subserve. He is a candidate for no office. He has dedicated his life to the service of workingmen and is fulfilling his obligations in supporting Mr. BRYAN, who is equally the friend of labor and the champion of justice. The labor leaders who are assailing GOMPERS for the course he has chosen to adopt are the paid emissaries of predatory wealth. They have been hired by the Republican machine to betray the cause of labor by prejudicing the minds of workingmen against the truest and best friend they ever had, SAMUEL GOMPERS, president of the American Federation of Labor. Workingmen do not be deceived.

—The bears got into Wall street on Wednesday and put the bulls to such flight that they kept them on the run yesterday and the man who was then long on the market with a K. G. trade is now short in his pocketbook.

Danger Signals in View.

The editor of the Chicago Tribune has informed the Republican National committee that TAYLOR is in great danger in the western and middle western states. "A great deal of work will have to be done all along the line," he declares, to make TAYLOR safe in that important section. President ROOSEVELT has also declared that he doesn't "like the reports" he is getting. "Things don't seem to be going the way they should," he added. The anarchists, the socialists and the trust magnates are being urged to extraordinary activity in behalf of the President's "proxy." Malefactors of great wealth and little conscience are getting busy in all directions. The hand writing is on the wall, the overwhelming defeat of the Republican party is plainly indicated by the signs of the times.

The people of this country have been patient with the Republican party. For years the leaders of that organization have been plundering the public in order to bestow unearned bounties on themselves. Through special privileges and undeserved favors hundreds of millions of dollars have been taken from the earnings of labor and used to pander to the vices of rich manufacturers. The natural and logical result is industrial paralysis and commercial stagnation. The people have grown tired of this state of affairs and the signs which alarm the President and the editor of the Chicago Tribune are the expressions of their purpose to endure the outrages no longer. They will vote this year to change the conditions and improve public affairs.

Of course "things don't seem to be going the way they should," to ROOSEVELT. He would like the people to submit to the outrages as long as they have a dollar or are able to earn one. He wants the profligacy to continue indefinitely and to enjoy for all time the privilege of grafting from the earnings of the people the cost of his personal living expenses. He wants battle-ships for use as yachts, automobiles for pleasure trips and campaign work performed by public officials, all paid for out of the public treasury. He is the greatest of all the grafters which a vicious public sentiment has created. But the time will come when he will be thoroughly understood and universally execrated and the indications of which he complains are the signs of its approach.

Did He Lie or Was He Rattled?

When Gen. JAMES A. BEAVER introduced the distinguished "Tightwad" BARCLAY, who represents this district in Congress, to the veterans at their picnic on the fair grounds here on Saturday afternoon something was expected. Mr. W. HARRISON WALKER had spoken brilliantly just before and it was the opinion of most of those present that the Congressman from Sinnamoning would do or say something equally creditable, at least. But he didn't.

He got to his feet and, while shaking like the proverbial aspen leaf, told his hearers that he had not expected to be called upon to make a speech consequently was not prepared. Every one was expecting him to sit down then, for he was certainly scared enough, but imagine the surprise when he pulled a typewritten manuscript from his pocket and began droning off what he was pleased to call an "impromptu speech."

It was a sorry spectacle for a Congressman, indeed, when old vets, lawyers, educators, printers and preachers had been talking and continued to do so with an ease and oratorical brilliance that made his "impromptu speech" sound like the first "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" of the eight-year-old school boy.

Congressman BARCLAY has been in wrong with the Republicans of Centre county for some time and Saturday's effort was not calculated to set him right.

Most of them are wondering now why he told the people that he had not expected to be called upon when he had that long speech in his pocket all the time.

—As an evidence of the reputation the Bellefonte Academy has gained as a first class preparatory school is the fact that this year the institution will be filled to its utmost capacity. In fact when all the students are here who have already entered there will not be room for even another one. This in itself speaks volumes not only for the high standard of the Academy as an educational institution but for the executive ability displayed by James K. Hughes, principal, to whom great credit is due for working up the Academy to the high plane on which it now stands. It is to be hoped that some means may be devised in the near future whereby new dormitories and more room can be had in which to accommodate a large body of students, as this is sure to be the result as the natural growth of the Academy in the years to come.

—Mrs. John Armstrong registered as a student nurse in the Bellefonte hospital yesterday and started in to learn the profession.

An Obsolete Superstition.

Senator PENROSE appears to cling to the obsolete notion that "a hair of the dog is a remedy for his bite." Medical science has long since left that absurdity in the rear but to those "who learn nothing and forget less," it is still a superstition. Influenced by it, no doubt, Senator PENROSE, in his Allentown speech the other day, gravely declared that because "the people from one end of the land to the other demand a cessation of the temporary interruption to our prosperity," the voters ought to support the candidates of the party responsible for the interruption. Republican policies destroyed prosperity, he inferentially asserts, and, therefore, Republican policies ought to be continued as a panacea.

It would be difficult to imagine anything more absurd. The people have been taxed by Republican legislation until they are exhausted and the only remedy which occurs to Senator PENROSE is to tax them more. Republican profligacy has brought the country to the verge of bankruptcy and PENROSE prescribes more profligacy as a cure. If a man's barn would burn down the Senator would probably suggest that the only way to recover the loss would be to burn down his house. That sort of treatment is not likely to be acceptable to an intelligent public, however. The beneficiaries of our splendid educational system are not likely to be deceived with such sophistry. They want remedies more reasonable.

It is admitted by the beneficiaries of the tariff that it robs the industrial life of the country of \$365,000,000 a year and that the proceeds of the robbery doesn't go to the government. It is certain that taking that amount of money out of the earnings of the industrious weakens them in spirit and resources. But Senator PENROSE would have us believe that if the enervating process is continued it will work a reversal of consequences and that the people will be enriched rather than impoverished as a result. Nobody but a fool could be deceived by such assertions. We are very much afraid that it follows that nobody but a knave or an ass would attempt to deceive with them.

The Big Centre County Fair.

The monthly Centre County Fair of 1908 will be the most splendid exhibition of farm, garden and household articles that Centre county has ever seen. This will be the ninth year of the fair and as each year has witnessed a step forward in its interest something really worth while may be expected.

One would scarcely know that the grounds had been so badly damaged by the floods of last spring, for the fences are all rebuilt, the track in first-class condition and new buildings replacing those that were washed away. A corps of artists with the white-wash brush are at work now and within two weeks there will be that beautiful green and white effect everywhere that has been so pleasing to the eye in the few years past.

While it is a little early to talk about the racing features enough has been learned already to assure you that there will be a plenty of good horses to make contests of the most exciting nature. Later in the month we will be able to give you more detailed accounts of the horses that will be at the fair.

Provision is being made for a larger and more comprehensive display of fruit and garden products than ever before. This department of the fair has always been wonderful so that this year something extraordinary may be expected. The poultry and stock exhibits will be larger also. Enough entries are recorded now to insure an exhibit surpassing the fine one of last year.

In the amusement way there will be at least half a dozen shows, a merry-go-round, a circling wave, something entirely new and novel, two fine bands, a balloon ascension and parachute drop each day and a strong show before the grand stand. These are what are known of now and more may be added, so you see this feature will be great, great indeed, greater than ever.

The Fair is the only gathering of the year in which the interest is general and the movement toward the edification of all classes. It costs only 25c to see it all and the time to plan to go is now, for thousands of your friends will be there and expecting to meet you.

—The WATCHMAN is in receipt of a large poster printed in red announcing the Bryan meeting to be held at Dayton, Ohio, Thursday, September 24th. The poster came to us with the compliments of Mr. F. K. MULLEN, but we suspect that our old friend, Col. C. G. McMILLEN had a hand in the matter from a note accompanying it in which he said: "We are going to fill the empty dinner pail this fall. We are making a determined fight here in Ohio and expect to elect national and state ticket. Have your biggest and fattest rooster ready to head the news from Ohio, as 'coons are going to roost.'"

An Aroused Champion in Trouble.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

The opening of the campaign of Speaker Cannon for election to the House of Representatives enravens the national political struggle to a degree that serves to make us aware of the exceeding tranquility and one-sidedness of that conflict. It has been a comparatively quiet presidential campaign thus far, and we have been content to leave it so, as Mr. Bryan's admirable speeches have had time to irrigate the fertile soil of a misgoverned and awakened people; but we have not fully appreciated the one-sidedness and tameness of the conflict until Mr. Cannon bumptiously began his personal fight for re-election to the House. "Uncle Joe" has more ginger in his little finger than the massive candidate of our gingersy president has in all his vast anatomy, and he makes it plain that he is both alarmed and angry.

Goaded by the cutting truths that have been hurling his way this long time past, Mr. Cannon strikes back, violently, but with a surprising lack of both skill and discretion. The charge that he has been master of the House, and has ruled legislation with an iron hand in opposition to the best of the boasted Roosevelt policies, and in the interest of machine politics and the protected trusts; the charge that his rule has reduced the work of the House to a hollow formality, he prudently passes by; but throws profusion to the winds in the defiance of Mr. Gompers and the labor unions, and in his personal attack upon Mr. Bryan. We think our readers will agree that Mr. Bryan gives him back a good deal more than he received from him, and stands entirely unscathed by the attack. Both the abilities and the unselfish integrity of Mr. Bryan shine the brighter for this assault upon them, but there is nothing dazzling or pleasing about the figure that Mr. Cannon cuts under the staggering rebound of his own vicious assault.

As for Mr. Gompers and the labor unions, bitterly criticized by Cannon for what he is pleased to consider their dictation of the labor planks of the Democratic platform, they can take care of themselves; and it must add greatly to their serenity to discover that this redoubtable champion of the opposition to those planks can find nothing better to say against them than what has already been said and answered—namely, that the demand for a jury trial in cases of indirect contempt is an attack upon the courts, and that the demand for amendment of the anti-trust law so that a labor union might not be considered a trust is a demand for unjust discrimination.

That Mr. Cannon should work himself into a frenzy over these matters is interesting, but not alarming. It betrays an eagerness to project into the campaign issues of class and calling not hitherto engaged. He is plainly anxious to set labor and capital hotly at enmity, and the obvious conclusion is that he either despairs of or does not care for the support of the former, and is most eager to win the more generous support of the latter. The Republican campaign fund must be running low.

Bryan's Popularity.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The Bryan campaign is marching on, and that it is steadily winning new elements of strength is conceded now by some very distinguished critics who, before and immediately after the nomination, made all manner of sport. No one will deny that Mr. Bryan is making a vastly more favorable impression upon the country than the Republicans dreamed he would. He was no sooner nominated than the Republican managers were astonished to discover that he was immensely popular in Wisconsin and Iowa and Illinois and Indiana. He has just been having an ovation in Ohio, and substantial business men, railroad men, lawyers and bankers in the east have avowed their earnest hope for his election. The Republicans were praying for months that Mr. Bryan might be nominated. They have formed a habit of beating him and if he were the candidate they would simply have to say "ditto" to 1908 and 1909. Now they find he has the entire Democratic party united with him and the business elements are as friendly to him as they were to Mr. Cleveland.

An Honor to the Party.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Even if the Colorado Democrats do not accomplish much this year, they have, in the nomination of John F. Shafroth for Governor, paid a tribute to an honorable and able man. Mr. Shafroth resigned from Congress a few years ago because he found that some of his followers, fearful that he might lose the election, had resorted to methods which he could not lend approval. While the fraud that came to light was not sufficient to have turned the tide in his favor, that there had been fraud was undeniable. This Mr. Shafroth would not condone. He declined to retain a seat the title to which bore any color of taint and resigned to go back into his business of the law. Since then, until the present time, Shafroth had kept out of politics. There was a demand for him, and, despite the habitual split in Colorado's Democracy with ex-Senator Patterson on the hither side of the rift, the nomination gives strength and dignity to the ticket and is an honor to those who recognized an honorable man's self-renunciation.

Blame it on the Speakeasy.

From the Pittsburg Post.

Yes, we will hear all about how it happened to happen as it did in Maine. Still no Republican wears an expansive smile. State issues and prohibition, and all that, but yet the result disheartens him. The standard of comparison was kindly changed from 1906 to 1904, but even that was a blunder. The Democrats gained tremendously. The sneak speakeasy against open law control won by a beggarly plurality. Can't we use it as a criterion of a slump, Mr. Taff? Please.

—Blair Rice, the young son of Harry Rice, was taken to the Bellefonte hospital on Sunday, suffering with typhoid pneumonia.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Last week the Lewistown hospital was benefited by the sum of over \$500, cleared by the sale of red tans.

—Farmers around Greensburg have asked for a patrol of the State Constabulary to protect their property from gunners.

—Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer has fixed Saturday, October 23rd, as the date for Arbor day this year.

—There were twenty typhoid fever cases in the Williamsport hospital on Saturday and four more were expected that evening.

—A sunflower stalk nearly 16 feet tall, with a flower 44 inches in circumference, is a wonder in M. K. Miller's yard, at Pottstown.

—William Schubert, near Hereford, Berks county, has four acres of his farm planted in cabbage and expects to have 40,000 heads for sale.

—The big paper mills of the Peters Paper company at Kingston, Westmoreland county, were obliged to shut down last Friday as the water supply in its reservoir and also in the dam was exhausted.

—At the Lehigh Valley station in Hazleton 1,000 pennies are used daily in making change since the new rate law has been in effect. The agent in charge says that they get them by the quart.

—The Shamokin Young Men's Christian association building, erected in 1901 at a cost of over \$45,000, has been sold to the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for \$21,250. It will be converted into a Masonic temple.

—Hard times do not seem to affect Lewistown, as more than 1,000 persons attended the soldiers' monument dedication at Middleburg on Thursday, while 411 excursion tickets were sold to Port Royal on account of the Juniata county fair.

—W. H. Berry, a former tax collector of Sunbury, now conducting a restaurant in Shamokin, was arrested on Saturday on a charge of embezzlement brought by several of his bondsmen. He is accused of having appropriated \$3,508.67 to his own use of the taxes collected.

—Ralph Deeter, of Muncy Dam, isn't afraid of snakes. Several days ago he saw a copperhead entangled in the grass on his farm and, reaching down, grabbed the reptile back of the head and carried it alive to Muncy, where it is now on exhibition in Painter's drug store. The snake was thirty-seven inches in length.

—David Wineland, a patriarch of ninety-one years, who resides at Fredericksburg, Blair county, merits the distinction of being the champion tomahawk and hatchet manufacturer of the county. He recently delivered a consignment of implements at McKillip's store, Hollidaysburg, which reflect highly upon his skill as an artisan.

—Throwing a burning newspaper down an old well to see how deep it was, a number of South Williamsport boys last Friday night discovered the body of a man lying at the bottom. It proved to be that of William Booth, who had been missing for a week. He had evidently fallen into the well, and, helplessly injured, perished from hunger.

—William I. Dreisbach, 50 years old, clerk to the city assessors, was found dead on a street a square from his home in Williamsport early on Sunday morning. He had left the home of a friend at 10:30 to walk home, three squares away, and is presumed to have been stricken with heart disease. He was once city clerk and served a long time in the city councils.

—After the lapse of more than forty years, old Camp Curtin, one of the historic military camps of the Civil war, is to have a memorial. Up to the present time no arch, monument or other memorial marks the place where thousands of Pennsylvania's volunteer soldiers received their first lessons in the art of warfare. The memorial is to be in the nature of a splendid church, costing \$100,000.

—Lewistown capitalists have applied for a charter for the Union Water company and will erect a dam on Chillisqueque creek, Northumberland county. The company proposes to generate electricity to the extent of 500 horse power, and as the power house will be located within two miles of Lewistown, it is surmised that the Union county seat is to furnish the market for the power generated.

—The contracting firm of Quinn, Ryan & Campbell, of Greensburg, has been awarded the contract for the construction of a trolley line from Irwin to Hermiton, Westmoreland county, a distance of about five miles. The job is one of the largest to be awarded in the county, this year, the low bid running in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The job will be a difficult one, there being several heavy cuts to be made.

—Richmond school, in Grant Twp., Westmoreland Co., opened last week with eighty-four scholars for one teacher and the patrons are moving to have the school board provide another room and an additional teacher. At Dixonville, in Green township, the situation is still worse as there were 100 scholars present on the opening day for the one room, of which Mr. Burkett is teacher. The citizens have brought suit against the directors to compel them to build a new school house.

—News has been received at Altoona that Frederick L. Cox, until recently managing editor of the Altoona Mirror, with two companions, had been drowned on Monday of this week in the Big Muddy river, in Kentucky. The party was fording the stream, which had been swollen by heavy rains, and the conveyance was carried down stream and over the Caecopin falls. The bodies have not been recovered. Cox; who was 42 years of age, was an attorney, and located in Altoona for the benefit of his health. He was editor of the Mirror for five years.

—Florence Shoff, a 9 year old daughter of B. F. Shoff, of the Burnside hotel, Clearfield, while at the home of a neighbor, Mrs. Kernduff, last Thursday evening, was unexpectedly attacked by a bull dog, which sunk his teeth into her left cheek between the ear and eye and lower down and held on viciously and could not be pounded loose until he had torn a large chunk of flesh from her face and dropped it upon the cellar floor where the attack was made. Mrs. Kernduff with great presence of mind picked Florence up and although it required great strength held her up that the bull dog could not reach her as the vicious animal was bound to tear her to pieces. After the child was taken home the father seized a gun and first running for a physician he next went to the Kernduff home and killed the dog.