

Ink Stings.

The fair is about over. Next, the election.

Don't let any one talk you out of a conscientious determination to vote for BRYAN.

A vote for SMITH for Sheriff is a vote to put a plain, honest reputable farmer in that office.

Pittsburg lost the National league base-ball championship by a nose and not a very Roman one at that.

WEAVER and DUNLAP have made good Commissioners. When men have made good they should be encouraged. Vote for WEAVER and DUNLAP.

GEORGE WEAVER is a poor school teacher with only one arm. He is just as fit for the office of Register as Mr. TUTEN and needs it worse. Help WEAVER.

FRED SMITH is a man about whom no one says anything but good. He is a sturdy farmer of the clearest kind and would make an excellent Sheriff. Won't you support him.

The human heart weighs from eight to twelve ounces, but there are lots of them that seem bigger, but none of the local Republican leg-pullers count Congressman BARCLAY'S in that class.

Don't make any deals. Let that all for the TAYLOR, BROWN, HURLEY combination. They are trying to deal all the rest out and themselves in and the other fellows are beginning to get wise.

Now it is said that we might all live to be as old as METHUSALEH, if we take the proper care of ourselves. What's the use. It seems that long, anyway, to the fellow who failed to find his affinity.

Vote for MESSER for Recorder and be sure that the office to be filled by a capable man. Take no chances on incompetency, the court records are too precious for that, besides some of your own business might suffer.

They actually tell us that FINK doesn't know that he is looked for Treasurer. Why, bless your soul, GEORGE, JOHNNY MILLER had that office cinched a month ago. The people decided that long ago, and you're too late.

Founders week is the State's greatest eastern city. Sequi-centennial in the State's greatest western city and the Fair in the State's greatest central town looks as though Pennsylvania ought to have enough to amuse her this week.

You needn't take anybody's word for it if you don't want to. Just send to the commissioner's office and get a copy of the statement published three years ago and the one published last March and compare them. That will tell you why you should re-elect DUNLAP and WEAVER.

It is not a personal matter, nor one of friendship. Every honest voter should be for MEYER for the Legislature, whether you regard him as a friend or otherwise. You are not voting for MEYER personally, you are voting to have an intelligent, able man represent you in a place where brains and ability count.

The election is not a month off now and everyone wants to get busy, especially those who are interested in sending a man to Harrisburg who can properly represent us in the Legislature. We want MEYER, but it will take work to help him win over the influences that are back of TAYLOR, so we urge all his friends to get busy.

Dr. FREAK, of the Pennsylvania State College, recently discussed eighty-three kinds of breakfast foods he tested for the government and said: "Most of them were very good." If the Doctor really sampled them all State might be having in her corps of scientists just now a Sunny BILL who might rival the breakfast food king "Sunny JIM."

Look around you and see who the people are who are knocking on DUNLAP and WEAVER and we will show you a sore head. No one can take exception to their conduct of the Commissioner's office consequently the few fellows who are again them either wanted something they were not entitled to or are mad because some one else than their particular favorite got an appointment to a county job.

No doubt you have passed over lightly the WATCHMAN'S declaration, made a number of times within the past year, that ROOSEVELT is trying to make a close corporation of our government, if not an absolute monarchy. We have seen that ambition in his every move for the past four years and frequently called attention to the dangers of his repeated usurpation of power. Possibly you didn't think there was much in it. If you didn't we would like to ask you what you think of the announcement of the Hon. NICHOLAS LONGWORTH, member of Congress, and President ROOSEVELT'S son-in-law, made at Rock Island, Ill., on Friday? In the course of a political speech there he said the plan is to have TAFT for President the next eight years and then put ROOSEVELT in for eight years more. The impudence of the declaration is only exceeded by the daring of the men who have conceived the plan. It would practically mean sixteen years of ROOSEVELT in the presidential chair, for ROOSEVELT is TAFT'S master, and after sixteen years he would have the country beaten into such servility that it would be easy for him to continue in power as will. You don't need to take our word for it now. You have the word of one of the President's own family.

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Roosevelt's Unpatriotic Ambition.

The President's son-in-law, Congressman "DICK LONGWORTH," revealed the reasons for ROOSEVELT'S frenzy of anxiety for the election of TAFT, in a speech delivered at Rock Island, Illinois, a few days ago. LONGWORTH who is old enough to be trusted with family secrets and prominent enough to be a member of the committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, told his audience that the present plans of the family contemplate two terms in the Presidency for TAFT and at the expiration of that time, the re-election of ROOSEVELT. If they can't Mexicanize the government within that period of time under such circumstances, they have lost their cunning beyond question.

Mr. LONGWORTH'S announcement created a good deal of consternation in official circles at Washington and a day or two after the event, he denied it. "The purpose is to re-elect TAFT and at the expiration of his second term the country will look to some other State for a President, probably New York," he declares is what he said. He adds that the audience and not he suggested ROOSEVELT. But the reporters of the metropolitan newspapers who were present agreed in their report. They are among the brightest of the newspaper correspondents of the country and the chances are that the perpetration of so stupid a blunder as misquoting the President's son-in-law on such a subject would cost them their jobs.

It may be assumed, therefore, that Congressman LONGWORTH revealed a state as well as a family secret when he told of the plans, or it might better be characterized as the conspiracy, of the President to Mexicanize the government. Everybody who reasons at all knows what the effect of restoring ROOSEVELT to the White House would be. Everybody who thinks at all knows how reluctantly he surrenders the power even to the proxy he has chosen to keep the seat comfortable. It will be recalled that more than six months ago when opposition to TAFT threatened to defeat his plan, he declared that he would yield to no other and that "if they didn't take TAFT they would have to take him," ROOSEVELT.

ROOSEVELT meant that if he ever meant anything in his life. He doesn't want to relinquish the power of the Presidency and he doesn't intend to do so permanently. He covets power as a savage animal covets flesh and he intends to hold it as long as he can. TAFT has consented to serve as his proxy for a time and when by excessive taxation the people are sufficiently impoverished and by the exercise of favoritism the army and navy have been made sufficiently tractable, he will claim control, not for a term or two, but for life, and he will transmit the power to his sons whom he is training to the truculency that is necessary to carry out his nefarious schemes. ROOSEVELT is not a patriot as many well meaning people think. He is ambitious for empire and will yield his hopes only when he has to.

Centre vs. Blair.

If Centre county people want a Blair county man to act as Sheriff for them they will elect W. E. HURLEY. He has lived and voted in this county but seven years, and we presume that if horse trading about Philipsburg should prove unprofitable he would pull up stakes any day and go back to Blair county, where his real interests are.

On the other hand Mr. FRED F. SMITH is a native of the county. He has made his living by honest and hard work on his farm in Rush township, since he was a boy. He has been a tax-payer in this county for over twenty-five years, and if farmers in this county are to be considered as deserving as horse jockeys and speculators, Mr. SMITH should certainly receive the support of every voter who thinks so. Personally Mr. HURLEY may be all right but he would have a much stronger claim for the support of Centre county voters if he had ever done anything to deserve that support or had lived in the county long enough to be classed as one of its people.

The tax-payer in Centre county who has his own and the county's interest at heart is just as certain to cast his vote for DUNLAP and WEAVER as he is to go to the polls on November 3rd. These two officials have paid off almost the entire debt that a Republican board of Commissioners had fastened upon the county; have paid up the balance due on the soldiers monument; have reduced the actual running expenses of the county over ten thousand dollars per year, and have stopped all the extravagance, profligacy and grafting that characterized the management of that office under Republican control. They have been model officials and the tax-payer who votes to put new and untried men in that office, and fails to recognize the good work that the present board has accomplished, is neither just to himself nor fair to people of the county.

Bogus Statistical Reports.

The government statisticians, State and National, are busy these days, juggling figures to prove an amazing measure of prosperity throughout the country, notwithstanding the evidences to the contrary. These gentlemen are well paid public officials whose business it is to perform public duties. But they are working at public expense creating political capital for the Republican party and perverting official information to deceive the people. In most cases their cooked statistics are conveyed to the public at the expense of the Associated Press and other news agencies. In every instance they prostitute the public service besides misrepresenting the facts concerning which they write.

For example the government at Washington recently issued a bulletin which purports to give valuable statistics in relation to savings banks throughout the country. It was prepared by government clerks in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency and after a comprehensive summary had been sent out by the press association the entire bulletin was distributed through the mails under the frank of the treasury department. The purpose of the bulletin is to show that the loss in savings bank deposits on account of the panic is, comparatively speaking, trifling. To accomplish that result these bogus statisticians have been compelled to resort to deception but they have not hesitated to do so.

Almost simultaneously the Bureau of Labor statistics of the Department of Internal Affairs at Harrisburg issued a bulletin covering the manufacturing interests of the State in which the highest measure of prosperity is claimed. Both are dishonest, of course, and that emanating from Harrisburg is the worst of the two. It compares the record of 1907 with that of 1906 and as the panic came toward the end of 1907, in the midst of unexampled prosperity, the comparison is more than favorable, it is flattering. The Washington bulletin runs into 1908 only as far as May and covers the prosperous period of 1907. It shows only a trifling loss in deposits from the savings banks because they had not been hit as much up to that time.

The campaign managers who are steering these bogus statisticians in their operations must imagine that the average voter is an imbecile if they believe that he can be fooled by such rubbish as these bulletins contain. The panic of last fall was hardly perceptible until about the holidays, though it began with the failure of the Knickerbocker Trust company in New York, in October, and though industry was paralyzed by the first of May, the savings bank deposits had scarcely been touched up until that time. Men who have savings bank accounts withstand a considerable period of illness before they draw on their reserves. Since May, however, deposits have been reduced vastly and the manufacturing industries have suffered immensely since the first times of 1907.

Dr. KOCH, the German scientist who discovered the tubercle bacillus, declares that the tuberculosis of cows and the tuberculosis of human kind are not the same, hence the deduction that it can not be contracted by drinking the milk or eating the flesh of affected cattle. All the other scientists of the world seem to be arrayed against KOCH'S theory, but he was on the job first and his opinion ought to be worth something at all events.

Vote for the Man Who Deserves It.

If Mr. EARL TUTEN, either before his election or since, has ever done a thing for his party or for any individual, other than to look pleasant and mysterious, it is unknown to us. As a nonentity, either in politics or business, or anything that entitles a man to be of some importance in something, he would draw the prize. Why then should any one vote for him in preference to the one armed, hard working, honest citizen, G. F. WEAVER.

At home Mr. WEAVER, crippled as he is, has earned for himself a position among its foremost citizens, while Mr. TUTEN, with all his opportunities and advantages, amounts to no more in the public life of Bellefonte than if he had never been born. Mr. TUTEN has certainly had all that a Democratic county should give him.

Dr. P. S. FISHER, for Coroner, should have an easy time being elected this fall. His term of two years has been one of the most economic of any coroner in the county, while he has been very efficient in rendering good service. The voters of the county, irrespective of politics, should see that he is re-elected.

There is nothing to fear in supporting BRYAN this year. If he wanted to be couldn't make times much worse and we have a sort of suspicion that his election would make them much better.

Thomas Howley last week purchased the stock and fixtures of the Marion Supply company, on Bishop street, and is now running a grocery of his own.

Republican Prosperity in Chicago.

Fifteen thousand school children starving in Chicago is the startling announcement made in the daily newspapers of Chicago and which has brought gloom and consternation to the managers of the Republican national committee in that city. They have been preaching prosperity and the "full dinner pail" through the continuance of the Republican party in power and the maintenance of a high tariff. The Republican newspapers of Chicago without exception have given this Republican claim the lie direct. In publishing with big headlines the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the conditions in public schools, they show that thousands of children are suffering from hunger and actually dying from starvation in that great industrial and commercial city.

Here are the headlines running across three columns of the Chicago Inter-Ocean a Republican paper of the rabid kind: "Hunger Menaces 20,000 Pupils in City Schools; Many Beg Refuge to East." "Startling Conditions in Chicago Shown by Report of Investigating Committee, Who Find Starvation Has Many Victims." "5,000 Have No Meal in Morning." "Body Asks Food for Children, Some of Whom Have Forgotten Taste of Butter, Living on Dry Crusts Earned by Heroism of Mothers, Who Go to Bed Fastening."

The Tribune, another leading Republican journal of that city, heads its article: "Hunger Stalking in City Schools." "Five Thousand Pupils Don't Know What a Full Meal Means and Ten Thousand Others are Underfed."

The Inter-Ocean begins the horrible story telling of the starving of the little ones in the midst of "Republican Prosperity" with the following: "Five thousand children often go to school breakfastless. Fully fifteen thousand school children of Chicago are underfed and habitually hungry. Mothers go to bed in order that their children may have food in the morning. Half clad and crying children have been found on the streets begging dead fowls and rotten fruit to eat."

These are some of the statements in the report on indigent children filed with the school management committee of the board of education. Summarizing the causes which produce the conditions of hunger the Tribune cites, "lack of employment," and the "constant increase in the cost of living without a corresponding increase in wages" as the chief reasons for the horrors.

Among numerous instances of suffering it gives the following:

"In Armour school district—Father out of work, mother sick; not a scrap of food in the house; five children, three half naked and one garbed only in undershirt, crying for bread. For three days they had lived on tea, no bread, milk, or sugar."

In Jenner school district—One mother supports a family of four children on \$1.50 a week sewing pawns.

In Drummond school district—Family of seven. No food in the house. Father out of work. Went to lake to commit suicide, but changed his mind and committed misdemeanor in order to be locked up and get prison meal."

In Southwestern district—Family of six found hungry, almost crazed by lack of food. Had lived five days on bread and water, and last loaf has been eaten for breakfast.

And these are only a few of the many thousands of similar cases reported. And Chicago is only one of the scores of larger cities in the country that are feeling the effects of the Republican panic and Republican rule.

It is to that party that this condition, with its distress and suffering, and helplessness is chargeable. It has now and has had for years control of every department of the government, and while the good Lord has blessed the country with a fullness of everything that man needs, it has by legislation so controlled the distribution of that which should be within the reach of every one, that only the few have plenty, while the many are without the commonest comforts or necessities of life.

And yet there are those who have the effrontery to ask the continuation in power of the party that has brought the country to the condition that the starving thousands of our people show it to be in. Honest voter do you not think it time to make a change?

EMANUEL KLEPPER, of Philadelphia, was in town this week and a more rampant BRYAN man you never heard. A BRYAN man from Philadelphia is a novelty, but EMANUEL is quite a successful contractor down there and must know what he is talking about when he says they are going to carry the 41st ward of that city for the Great Commoner. He has made a number of canvasses, personally, and says he can scarcely believe himself the wonderful change of sentiment to Democracy. All of which we hope will be justified by the results in November, but however that may be EMANUEL'S Centre county friends have the assurance that this year Philadelphians are awake and working for the great cause that we are all so much interested in.

Taft, The Traitor.

From the Pittsburg Post.

During the intermittent appearances in these latter days Mr. Taft is permitted by his master to make, the traits of subservience and vaingloriousness are exhibited in even more distinct detail. Before Congress adjourned Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Taft's co-operation to induce that body to enact a campaign fund publicity law. Republican organs chuckled because a Taft letter to ex-Senator Chandler was disclosed wherein the candidate ostensibly endorsed the idea. By a 9 to 1 majority the steam roller convention crushed the notion. In his notification speech Mr. Taft asserted again his personal favor toward publicity before election. Now he is suddenly converted, the scales fall from his eyes on his way, not to Damascus but to Kansas, and he accepts meekly the twisting argument of Mr. Roosevelt, so generally denounced by the press. Does this give the world assurance of a man, a man who has that Horatian quality: "tenacity of purpose"? He is like clay in the potter's hands.

At Bath, Me., he made a speech breathing the very essence of reduction of tariff duties, though his chief had kept a tomblike silence for seven years, except when he advised Mr. Watson, of Indiana, in 1906 to stand pat. Now that Senator Crane is trust agent at headquarters and "Sunny Jim" Sherman controls the dominant Cannon wing of the campaign, Mr. Taft spasmodically becomes an ardent stand-patter and endorses even that socialist fantasy of a government guarantee of reasonable profits. Always the opportunist of the man bred to desk routine, to humble bowing, without pride of positive opinion or steadfastness in its maintenance. The acceptance of the nomination achieved as it was, the vaingloriousness shown on the stump, the pitiable ignorance of political facts, so sharply rebuked by even his own partisans, reveal a Taft that none can dub statesman.

Unloading Cannon.

From the Altoona Times.

Reprobation by three Republican aspirants for congress in Iowa of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon is indicative of the increasing hostility to his re-election to a position which he has used to stifle the will of the people. "Uncle Joe" is a load that has become almost too heavy for his party to shoulder, and it need not be surprising if sufficient opposition develops to curb his tyrannical and misdirected power. A bitter struggle is being waged against Speaker Cannon in his Illinois district, but he is so firmly entrenched that his opposition despair of accomplishing his overthrow. The next best thing, therefore, is for the people of the country to elect an un-equivalent pledge that they, if elected, will not vote for his re-election as speaker, should the calamity of his return to congress again be visited upon the nation.

No Republican who is in accord with President Roosevelt can hold admiration for "Uncle Joe." He consistently and determinedly opposed measures advocated by the chief executive, and stood firm against every relief demanded by the people. He is the representative of special interests, a practical scheming politician, the antithesis of the ideal public servant. Every voter ought to make plain to suppliers for his suffrage his estimate of Speaker Cannon and urge that he not be re-elected to the speakership. As long as he occupies this position there is little reason to expect that congress will be responsive to the popular will. A little more of his pleasure paramount to every other consideration, and regarding the people as mere dumb driven cattle, "Uncle Joe" is sufficiently powerful and sufficiently unscrupulous to block the most righteous and most urgently needed measures relieving the oppressions from which the masses are suffering.

Taft's Burchard.

From the Washington (Pa.) Record.

Blaine had his Burchard and Taft has his Longworth. As a sequel to the manner in which President Roosevelt used the power of his office for the nomination of Taft for president and has since the nomination descended from the high position of the exalted office which he holds to the level of a politician, dragging his dignity in political filth, comes Mickey Longworth, the husband of Alice, and predicts that they will keep Taft in the presidential chair for eight years and then the Taft influence as president will be used to reseat Teddy. Thus the Teddy dynasty will be preserved for 24 years. In the light of this revelation the peculiar conduct of the president becomes significant.

Happy Over the Prospect.

From the Houston Texas Post.

In this beautiful unskinned, dew spangled, zephyr-swept Sabbath morning, when the good Lord and all his radiant angels are with us in Heavenly Houston—the city of Athens—it is a sweetly solemn thought that, after wandering in the wilderness for years, the serene and saintly Democrats may now trudge up the purple slopes of Piggah and view the Promised Land where ripening pastures, juicy collectivities, sebaceous consensuities and other glorious fruits await the coming invasion.

The Small Boy in Fighting Trusts.

From the Indianapolis News.

Attorney General Bonaparte admits that he is "the small boy" in the fight against the Trusts. The country would never have called him that. But now that he himself puts it that way, we suppose it can be taken by consent. At any rate we do not recall any Trust that has really been busted. And certainly no truster of them all has ever been put behind the bars. It is so hard, so impossible, as Mr. Bonaparte says, to get evidence!

Now be honest! Did you ever see a nicer, cleaner more interesting little fair in all your life than we are having right here in Bellefonte this year?

Spawls from the Keystone.

In the small mining town of White Station, Indiana county, there are fifteen cases of typhoid fever; in Homer City there are seven cases of scarlet fever, and in Saltsburg there are a number of cases of diphtheria.

Miss Deborah Bellas, aged 80 years, living alone near Harmony, Butler county, was dragged by two men who entered her home on Saturday night, as she slept. They took \$400 in money, besides nearly all her clothing.

The Altoona Construction and Supply company began the erection of the new Lock Haven hospital at Lock Haven on Monday. General Manager Frank Brandt is in charge of the work, and hopes to have the structure under roof by December 1st.

Early Monday morning the residence of the Rev. T. S. Wilcox, district superintendent of the Williamsport district of the Methodist Episcopal church in Williamsport, was entered for the second time within a few weeks by burglars, but they were heard by members of the family and fled without taking anything.

A fierce fire raged at Ebensburg early Monday morning. The Central Hotel, the two-story general building owned by Mr. Shields, the two-story mercantile structure owned by Biggs Hason and the three story residence of C. F. Roberts were destroyed. The firemen had a very weak stream of water owing to the low condition of the water supply. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The twenty-fifth annual reunion of the survivors of the One Hundred and Tenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, will be held in Tyrone, Friday, October 16th. Any information desired in connection with the same can be had by writing to the secretary, G. W. Buck, Altoona, who will furnish any that may be desired. Preparations are under way to make the reunion one of the best yet held.

The fears of the people of Burnham, Lewistown and vicinity, that the steel works at Burnham would be removed, are quieted by a letter from the office of the firm in Philadelphia, which says that "There is no truth whatever in the reports that we have any intention of moving the works, selling out or otherwise changing the present administration of the Standard Steel works company of Burnham."

When Douglas J. Hyer, proprietor of the Greensburg Fish and Poultry market on Pennsylvania avenue, in Greensburg, pried open a clam on Thursday an immense white pearl popped out and fell at his feet. The stone is almost three-fourths of an inch long and fully a half inch wide, weighing forty grains. It is worth at a low estimate about \$200. Local jewelers say it is the most perfectly formed gem of the kind they have ever seen.

Murphy & Maloney, a law firm of Sydney, Australia, are asking for information concerning the whereabouts of Michael Crowley, a man said to have been employed by the Western Union Telegraph company between Altoona and Harrisburg several years ago. Crowley formerly resided in Australia and is wanted by the law firm in order that the estate of a deceased sister may be settled, Crowley being entitled to an interest in it.

Fishermen are having great sport at the chute of the river dam at Williamsport these nights giggering for eels. Monday night one man secured eighty-four, another one seventy-two, and still others sixty-two, forty-seven and thirty. Bushels of them are carried away every night. The chute is dry in its lower course and the eels come over the brink of the dam and are left high and dry as the water gets away through the cracks in the planking.

It is said that one of the largest brick plants in Central Pennsylvania is to be established at Greenville, just west of Tyrone, by the Pennsylvania Pressed Brick Co., that company having purchased a large tract of land at that place and intending to begin operations just as soon as the necessary buildings and furnaces can be built. The operations will cover an area of two acres and will be devoted to the manufacture of a fine quality of shale paving brick.

Constable W. L. Joyce, of Penfield, Clearfield county, presented a bill for \$1,179 to the county commissioners last Thursday morning for services of men whom he had employed fighting forest fires in Huston township during the past month. The commissioners have already paid out about \$1,500 and when the bills are all in it is thought the total cost for fire fighting this fall will amount to nearly \$3,000. The state will reimburse the county two-thirds of the amount expended.

Last Tuesday evening an attempt was made to destroy the barn on the Kratzer farm, at Keweenaw, Clearfield county; the mules and cows were turned out of the stable and the torch applied in three places in the stable, which soon caught the hay overhead. William Price, who lives in the farm house, heard the mules out in the yard, went out to investigate and was not a minute too soon, for the fire was beginning to get headway. An alarm was sounded and by prompt assistance the fire was soon extinguished.

A contract for extensive repairs and improvements to the High Street Methodist Episcopal church in Williamsport was awarded on Thursday night and work will be started this week. The contract involves the remodeling of the building, painting inside and out, papering, new pews installed, new carpets for both the auditorium and basement, and the erection of a tower, the building of an alcove for the pulpit on the south side of the building and the removal of a partition and gallery on the north side.

The most important financial merger in the history of Westmoreland county has just been consummated in Greensburg in the consolidation of the Barclay Trust company and the Westmoreland Savings and Trust company, which went into effect on Thursday, October 1st. Thus the oldest and one of the strongest banking houses in Westmoreland county and one of the youngest and biggest becomes merged into the Barclay-Westmoreland Trust company. The consolidated company will be conducted in the present quarters of the Barclay Trust company. The Barclay-Westmoreland Trust company leaps into the front ranks of financial institutions, with a capital of \$400,000, surplus of \$300,000 and total resources of \$2,500,000.