

Ink Blotting.

—Vote for SMITH for Sheriff. He will make a good one.

—The man who votes for BERT TAYLOR for the Legislature can care nothing for the honor of Centre county.

—If you are out of work a change couldn't hurt you. It might be for the better. Vote for BRYAN and KERN.

—In the administration of the Commissioner's office there has been economy and common sense. Vote for DUNLAP and WEAVER.

—If Centre county wants to go on record as having voted to return BERT TAYLOR to the United States Senate let it send BERT TAYLOR to the Legislature.

—We have not seen the words "full dinner pail" once in the Gazette this fall. Four years ago that paper didn't have type large enough to sing the praises of the "full dinner pail" blow guns.

—Some months ago BERT TAYLOR said he was the third richest man in Bellefonte. No wonder, as the Gazette says, "he gives employment to more men than any man in his means in the county." But he doesn't.

—If the factories of the land are not now on full time with a Republican administration in power can any reasonable man be made believe that there is reason for thinking they can be put on full time by the election of TAFT.

—The fellows who howled dissatisfaction so loud when Bellefonte's present postmaster was appointed now have the first chance to make their sets square with their words, but will they have the courage to do it? We fear not.

—It is reported that PENROSE has ordered all postmasters and would-be postmasters in the county to get busy for BARCLAY and TAYLOR. He needs BARCLAY in Washington for he does as he pleases with the incapable Congressman. He needs TAYLOR in Harrisburg because TAYLOR will vote for him for the United States Senate.

—The big county debt is paid. Next year the taxes will be reduced. Give DUNLAP and WEAVER the credit. When they took hold they found that MILLER and BAILEY had run the county in debt to the extent of \$40,000.00 or more. It has all been paid off now and once more the county is on good footing. DUNLAP and WEAVER put it there. Re-elect them so it can be kept there.

—Potatoes are a dollar a bushel, butter thirty-five cents a pound, eggs twenty-eight cents a dozen, but all of this doesn't worry the average workman. He doesn't have work or money to buy anyhow. Surely his lot is a miserable one and he won't help it any by voting to keep in power the same party that has taken away his employment and at the same time put the price of necessities beyond his reach.

—Scratch a TAYLOR man and you find a man who is also for HURLEY and BROWN. The deal is on and TAYLOR-HURLEY BROWN is the combination the boys are to work for. TUTEN and FINK are regarded as having no strength and they are to be left to take care of themselves, while all of the huddle and promises are to be spent to elect TAYLOR first, BROWN second and HURLEY third. After that the gang cares for nothing.

—Realizing that DUNLAP and WEAVER are sure to be elected ZIMMERMAN and WOODRING's friends are working for their particular favorites. In one part of the county we know a lot of Republicans who are going to vote for ZIMMERMAN alone and the same is true of WOODRING in another part. It is a case of the survival of the fittest and whichever one of those two who can get the most of his friends to the other fellow off his ticket will be elected.

—The victory of JOHN D. MILLER for county Treasurer is already assured. On all sides people have accepted the verdict that he is a winner and why? Because he is a good, clean candidate, who has made a hard canvass, being fair at all times, and everywhere he has gone the voters have been pleased with him. Being a farmer he appeals especially to the farmers, though the business man recognizes in him traits that appeal to him also. MILLER's election will be no mistake.

—BRYAN's reply to the proprietor of the SHARPLESS cream separator manufactory was so clever as to give itself a place among the permanent jokes of the country. Mr. SHARPLESS is quoted as having said in the event of BRYAN's election he would have to close his large plant at West Chester. Upon hearing the statement Mr. BRYAN remarked that he had heard of most every other calamity that is to befall the country when he is elected, but that he hadn't thought that the misfortune would be so great as to make the cows go dry.

—The time has come when the people of Centre county must decide whether BERT TAYLOR and a few of his bosses are to run this county or whether they are to run it themselves. There can be no other motive than an ulterior one that prompts TAYLOR to try to go to Harrisburg, because he is not fitted for the place and nothing in his life indicates that the work of a Legislator would be congenial to him. Then the only reason for his wanting to go must be to serve some personal end, either for himself or his bosses. Will you as an honest voter endorse a candidate who has no platform, no qualifications and no courage or inclination to vote against PENROSE and the gang that plundered the State in the capitol street?

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Bert Taylor's Platform.

It is amusing, to say the least, to see the Gazette struggling to find some ground upon which to stand in its support of BERT TAYLOR for the Legislature. Last week it advanced the following brilliantly conceived, admirably presented, ridiculous array of reasons. In speaking of TAYLOR it said:

"A man who has been his own way through life."

"A man * * * who has given employment to more men in Centre county than any other man of his means."

"A man who does things instead of saying them."

"A man who is with the Republican state organization."

"A man who is a Republican and who does not ride under false colors by pretending to be what he is not."

"A man, who with all his faults, is better than his opponent."

At any other time than in the heat of a political campaign we honestly believe that the editor of the Gazette would laugh, himself, at such silly buncombe. What has the fact that he has "hewn his own way through life" got to do with his fitness for the Legislature. Thousands of people in Centre county have done that who wouldn't think of having the nerve to aspire to an office they are unfitted for. And, as for Mr. MEYER, the people of Bellefonte are not too old to remember that he came here and supported himself by teaching school while he read law and prepared himself to attain the high position at our bar that he has reached.

Then to talk about TAYLOR giving employment to more men in Centre county than any other man of his means. That doesn't mean anything. TAYLOR is not employing men for his health. He employs them only when he has work for them to do and he can make a percentage on their wages. That is business. He runs a coal yard and ice business in Bellefonte, but neither are for sweet charity's sake. And it is quite probable that if TAYLOR were not running them somebody else would, so the men would be employed all the same. Now if BERT had ever invented anything or originated a business that anyone with very ordinary intelligence could not run then there might be something in the Gazette's second reason, but he could get out of the coal and ice business tomorrow and there would be just as much of both consumed in Bellefonte as ever, consequently as many men employed to handle it. As for his state contracts on the high-ways; they are exactly the same. TAYLOR doesn't get the roads for the county. He merely underbids someone else to get the building of them and any other contractor would employ the men on the ground because the work is usually of too short duration to warrant transporting them from a distance and putting up shanties for them.

The Gazette's third plank in the TAYLOR platform is certainly a gem. The idea of BERT being "a man who does things instead of saying them," when everyone knows, who knows BERT at all, that even his unsurpassed vocabulary of profanity has often been taxed to the utmost when he has been blowing about doing things that he never could do. Why it is a joke. Around here BERT is a nick-name that is given to people who get to swearing too much.

We are glad to know that BERT is "with the Republican state organization," as the Gazette sets forth in his fourth plank, because this is surely the first time anyone has ever dared assume to know where he is. Of course his being with the state organization means that he is pledged to vote for PENROSE for United States Senator and consequently the Gazette has thus answered the very question we asked last week on this point, because the voters of Centre county, Republicans as well as Democrats, are not for PENROSE. Since BERT is for the machine and the Gazette makes so bold as to acknowledge it, we are no longer in doubt as to why BERT wants to go to Harrisburg.

The fifth plank in the platform sounds as if the editorial head of the Gazette is a cantaloupe full of ice cream. "A man who is a Republican" etc. It is to laugh! Why BERT TAYLOR is the daddy of political chameleons. He calls himself the slickest in politics in Bellefonte and he always included both parties. Republican, forsooth! It was only about two years ago that a real Republican in the editor of the Gazette's own ward and one of the few machine Republicans we know of who isn't in politics for what there is in it, challenged this same BERT TAYLOR when he went to vote at the Republican primaries. He challenged him because he knew that BERT is nothing in particular and anything that is necessary when he has some personal motive to serve.

As for the last plank in the platform it is unworthy the Gazette and its editor. Mr. HARTER knows this and he knows his readers know it. The facts in the case are unchanged. Mr. TAYLOR is neither qualified for the duties of an Assemblyman, nor a fit person to represent any constituency in the legislative halls of this State.

An Idle but Foolish Threat.

P. M. SHARPLESS, of West Chester, is trying to frighten the employees of a factory which he owns or manages into voting for TAFT by threatening to close down for an extended period in the event that Mr. BRYAN is elected President. Mr. SHARPLESS manufactures "separators," a device for separating cream and milk. For some months there has been little demand for the product of his factory, owing, probably, to the present Republican panic, and he has a large stock on hand. Unless a demand develops he will probably have to shut down no matter who is elected President and the demand having failed during a Republican administration it is less likely to revive in the event of the election of TAFT than if BRYAN is successful.

But the importance of the statement of Mr. SHARPLESS lies in his obvious purpose to control by force or fraud the votes of his employees. The law forbids the coercion of employees into voting for any candidate or party and the violation of the law by Mr. SHARPLESS marks him as a criminal. If he had changed the form of his declaration he would probably have been hauled before a justice of the peace at once. If he had said that in the event of the election of Mr. BRYAN he would discharge his employees the letter of the law would have been violated. Declaring that the factory will be closed is only a violation of the spirit of the law. But the moral 'guilt' is the same in either case. The bulldozing is obvious and the blackguard stands revealed.

Of course Mr. SHARPLESS will not close his factory in the event of Mr. BRYAN's election if there is any money to be made by keeping it open. Factories are not created or conducted as instruments for political operations. There are contemptible cars in control of factories who will try to use the power their position affords to brow-beat and frighten men into obedience to unjust demands, but they never carry out their threats. As a matter of fact it rarely happens that such men have power to either open or close factories. Men who know more but are less assertive generally intervene to prevent the sacrifice of property and the chances are about ten to one that if SHARPLESS would undertake to do the foolish thing he threatens he would lose his job.

Off His Trolley.

An old time friend of the WATCHMAN, who is a Democrat of the kind who never out his ticket, says that his objection to third term candidates is so strong that he fears he will have to scratch the name of Mr. JOHN W. BECK, the Democratic candidate for Auditor at the coming election.

Evidently our good Democratic friend has gotten Mr. JOHN W. BECK, the present Democratic nominee, and Mr. JOHN H. BECK, the outgoing Democratic Auditor mixed. Mr. JOHN H. BECK, of Walker township, who has efficiently and satisfactorily filled that office for the last two terms, is not a candidate for re-election. The Mr. JOHN W. BECK, is a resident of Marion township and a young man of promise, usefulness, excellent attainments, and one of the coming men of the county. He has never before been nominated for any office, and is now a candidate for the first time. He is particularly well qualified for the duties of the office, and our scrupulous friend need have no hesitancy in casting his vote for him because of the objection he imagined he had found to doing so.

Captain CHARLES FAIRPLAY BARCLAY is trying to catch the voters of this congressional district by distributing gratuitously a book entitled "The Life of TAFT"; it being a biographical sketch of the Republican candidate for President. It is a cheap form of electioneering and one that will not capture a single vote as everybody of any intelligence is so well acquainted with TAFT's public career that he would not even take a look inside the book. Now if BARCLAY wants to give the voters of this district something real interesting to read why don't he dole out a "Life of PENROSE," telling how he rules his party with an iron hand and turns down old soldiers to dictate postoffice appointments so that his own power and that of the Republican machine may be strengthened. That would be interesting, indeed!

Having just recovered from an illness of months' duration, emaciated and weak as he is, GEORGE WEAVER is trying his best to get over the county to see the voters. He is a candidate for Register of the county and would like very much to have the office because having been very poor from birth he met with a mishap that cost him an arm consequently there have been very few opportunities at which he could work. He has been a school teacher and a very good one, so that he is amply qualified for the position of Register. His opponent, Mr. TUTEN, is a very agreeable young man, but he has two strong arms and two big newspaper enterprises of his own and it would seem that you should do all you can to help Mr. WEAVER this time.

BRYAN'S AT THE BAT.

BY W. T. SPEER.

The federalistic spirit shows Quite early in the game Prince Nick, well, he turned on the light From Georgia up to Maine.

And while the Prince was at the bat He struck a falling star And then a sticky silence fell Upon the patrons of the Czar.

So upon his stricken henchmen Grim melancholy sat For in their gloom they saw Bill Bryan Advancing to the bat.

And from ten million workmen Arose such mighty yells They thundered through the mountains And echoed through the dells.

They rumbled in the valleys And crossed the western plain The Cannonier is at the bat We'll surely win the game.

So the outlook is brilliant For Democrats today The solid South has already scored, Other States are on the way.

Then ten million eyes will watch him A cleaning out the dirt From the days of Taft and Roosevelt Back to the bloody-shirt.

A Faithful Labor Leader.

Mr. SAMUEL GOMPERS president of the American Federation of Labor, never served the cause in which he is enlisted to better purpose than he is doing now by urging his associates to support WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN for President. Mr. GOMPERS has been at the head of that organization for many years and he has labored faithfully and assiduously to promote the interests of workingmen. But he has accomplished less than he deserved for the reason that there are recreants in every work who are watching opportunities to betray their cause in consideration of some personal preference or political favor. Fellows like Powderly are always ready to sell out to any interest that can pay the price.

Mr. GOMPERS could have had any office he desired any time within seven years if he had instigated a willingness to sacrifice labor interests. JOHN MITCHELL, recently president of the United Mine Workers, could have gone into the cabinet of the President if he had shown an inclination to use his influence with workingmen in the interest of the Republican party. But those two labor leaders have proved themselves superior to the traffic in politics and it was never more clearly proved than it has been during the present campaign. SAMUEL GOMPERS has refused to be bribed, coaxed or coerced into the support of a party that has always been inimical to the interests of labor.

When the Chicago convention that nominated Judge TAFT was in session Mr. GOMPERS urged the adoption of an expression which would hold out the hope of justice to workingmen but he was flatly refused. He went to the Denver convention that nominated Mr. BRYAN and presented the same request with the result that to quote his own language he "got all he asked for." Under such circumstances how could he support the candidates of the party that spurned his just request and oppose those of the party which complied with his demand. No labor leader would ever be trusted again under such circumstances and a labor man, whether leader or follower, has something the matter with him if he doesn't think with Mr. GOMPERS on that point.

The WATCHMAN has not a word to say against Congressman CHARLES F. BARCLAY personally. The utter failure he has made as a Representative in Congress from this district is reason enough why he should not be returned and W. HARRISON WALKER elected as his successor. During the two years Mr. BARCLAY has been in Congress he never made a speech of any kind, so far as known; and his voice was never loud enough in the actions of any committee to be heard outside the walls of the committee room. In fact he was so inconspicuous in every way that hundreds of the voters in this district even forgot who the Representative was. Even in the matter of the appointment of postmasters he failed to assert himself but allowed BERT PENROSE to name the man he wanted. Therefore, will the voters of this district again submit to be represented at Washington by such a nonentity? We have every assurance to believe that they will not. Elect W. HARRISON WALKER and you will have a Representative in Congress who will personally look after your interests and who will not permit of any dictation from PENROSE or any other man.

The voters of Centre county know that FRED SMITH is a good man; a plain, unassuming, hard working farmer, with brains and grit enough to make an excellent Sheriff. Knowing this they will feel no hesitancy in voting for him.

FRED SMITH is a Granger. It remains to be seen whether the Grangers want one of their own men for Sheriff.

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President as Fund Collector.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The president causes it to be announced that he will not take the stump for Taft, for the reason that it is not necessary. It would have been more truthful to say that Taft's cause would not be promoted by it; for the general opinion we believe to be that it needs all the help it can get, and the president is very much interested in getting it for him. He is taking a very active part in supervising the Republican campaign, and is now reputed to be intent upon promoting the financial end of it. The presidential influence of his direction is very great, and we may rely upon its being used vigorously in this campaign, as it was in the last.

The current is setting so strongly toward Bryan that all the people see it and we may be sure that the president does. He will be wise if he relinquishes his purpose to traverse the country in behalf of Taft through the persuasion that has been brought to him that this would do his candidate far more harm than good. He does all that he can do for him in showing his followers that he earnestly desires his election. There is no doubt that they are all persuaded of this, and that all who can be influenced by his opinion will vote for Taft. And there are, without doubt, very many. There are a vast number of people who believe that he is a great and wise man, and that his counsel is good to follow. There are people who do not know, doubtless, as much as they think they do, or they would not have so exalted an opinion of Roosevelt's political integrity and wisdom. He would not be likely to increase his power over them by personally going about among them proclaiming his opinion.

There is no reason to question the fact that the Republican candidate will have the corporate influence that the Republican party has all along commanded. It will have it because of the force of habit, if for no other reason. It will have it, also, because the men who have given it heretofore and found their reward in it, will give it again for the same reason. This is the effective assistance which the president can give and which we are assured that he will give under the necessity which requires it. These interests will not feel safe in deserting their old alliances, having nowhere else to go. They will certainly respond to the demand upon them for their support, however coy they will pretend to be; and it may be that the need for his attention to this part of the Republican campaign work has much to do with the president's conclusion to stay in Washington.

Taxing the Farmers.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Because the farmers pay no direct taxes for the support of the federal government they fancy they go untaxed except for state and local purposes. But they are robbed at every turn in the purchase of their clothing, their implements, their lumber, their fuel, their medicines, their insurance, their transportation, their fencing and their living so far as they do not themselves dig it out of the ground, without recourse and without equity or mercy. They are victims of an iniquitous system. They are bludgeoned by partisanship and imagine themselves free agents.

On account of the tariff, for every dollar of value in a pair of shoes he pays \$1.25. For every dollar of value in a pair of trousers he pays \$1.60 and in addition he pays 3 cents for each pound; so for a two-pound pair of trousers worth \$2 he pays \$3.85. For a shirt worth 75 cents he must pay \$1.25. The Dingley tariff duty on his hat is 44 cents a pound and 60 per cent; so if his hat weighs a quarter of a pound and is worth \$1, he must pay \$1.75 for it.

When the farmer and his wife and children dress to go to town, or to church, they are covered with taxes as Job was covered with boils. But Job knew what hurt him.

Errors of the Financial Monkey.

From the Pittsburg Post. Deceived by lying comment that former Secretary Shaw, the financial monkey of the nation, had made a speech on the tariff in Boston that would become immortal if it was read. Its first paragraph is a falsehood, woven about a weaver from the whole cloth. His denouncing England a free-trade country is a falsity betraying his not unknown ignorance. When he asserted that an Italian silk weaver gets but 28 cents a day for what "at the same standard of efficiency and the same amount of work is paid \$1.50" in the United States he was as uncouth a pro-valuator as when hearing Pittsburg's leading citizens on the great bunco of a post-office site and its someday warehouse structure. What folderol it is to resurrect Shaw, whom all parties thought had been a merited retreat into some burrow of concealment.

The Business Bribe.

From the Chicago Public. The promise of plutocratic manufacturers to raise the wages of their employees, if Taft carried the election, is both pitiful and mean. It is as clearly a bribe as was ever a two-dollar bill at the polls. It is besides as certainly a fraud as was ever a three card monte game at a county fair. If manufacturers can be sure of raising wages after election they can raise wages now. If they cannot raise wages now, they cannot be certain of raising them after election. What they are at is trying to influence hard working and poorly paid voters to vote against labor interests by offering them bribes that are never to be paid.

Walker for Congress.

From the Clearfield Republican. W. Harrison Walker, Democratic candidate for Congress was in Clearfield the first of this week meeting and greeting the voters. Mr. Walker is very confident of success, having the warmest kind of assurance from leading Republicans all over the district. The Democrats are solid for him in all four counties and the Republicans are greatly divided on Barclay.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—Since the first of January 301 oleomargarine licenses have been issued by the dairy and food division at Harrisburg, bringing in a total revenue of \$32,888.51.

—The enrollment of students at the Indiana State Normal school is now 700, the largest in the history of the institution. Last spring the enrollment was 664, which number had never been reached before.

—Percy G. Laidigh, a prominent druggist of Harrisburg, was on Monday sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs and undergo five months' imprisonment for selling cocaine to a negro who peddled it about to others.

—The ninth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Congress of Mothers will be held in Oil City November 5th, 6th and 7th. An interesting program has been arranged and prominent speakers will address the meetings.

—A. W. Cowder, a farmer of Shiloh, Clearfield county, this year raised 248 bushels of buckwheat on 6 1/2 acres of land, almost forty bushels to the acre. Clearfield is a great county for buckwheat, but we doubt if Mr. Cowder's record can be beaten.

—John Q. Packard, fireman at the Steunpale brick works, in Williamsport, was made happy on Thursday evening by the news that he had been bequeathed \$10,000 by his uncle, John Quackenbush Packard, who died recently in California leaving a large estate.

—On Saturday there were sixty houses quarantined in Chambersburg, because of measles, which are of a very malignant type. Citizens have disregarded the quarantine regulations and the police have been ordered to arrest any children from quarantined houses who may be found on the streets.

—A suit to recover \$2,700 from the Vinton Lumber company, has been brought by Jacob McDowell, of Blacklick township, Cambria county, who avers that property of his to that amount was destroyed by fire in May, 1903, because the Vinton company had failed to equip its locomotives with proper spark arresters.

—Merchant Samuel Schiegel and Joseph Long, of East Salem, took from a fish basket in the Juniata river, near Thompsonstown, Juniata county, in forty-eight hours last week, over 2,000 eels. The largest one weighed four pounds and ten ounces and they had many more that weighed more than two pounds.

—Henry Horning, of Sunbury, while on his way to a furniture store on Tuesday night, to pay for some furniture that he had bought, was attacked by two men, badly beaten and robbed of \$214, the savings of many months. Horning is to be married in a few days and was sitting up his home to go to housekeeping at once.

—Thousands of small fish, because of the low water in the reservoirs of the Pottsville Water company, have been sucked into the mains at that place. They get into the service pipes, and plumbers are kept busy removing them from spigots, which they blocked to such an extent as to cut off the water from many residences. It is now feared the fish will die and pollute the water in the mains.

—With the exercise of the most rigid economy, Altoona's water supply will last hardly twenty days. Never in the history of Altoona have its people been so close to actual want of the precious fluid as they are at the present time. Warnings have been issued by officials of the water department, and unless they are scrupulously heeded the evil day will be hastened. Saturday night's rain was a little help.

—The State automobile tags for 1909 will be white with black letters. Each year the color of the tags is changed in order that no cars may be operated under licenses that have expired. The new tags will be ready by December 15, and the applications for licenses will be filed in the order received. So far this year 24,000 automobile licenses have been issued and the number next year will undoubtedly be still greater.

—David Hendricks, a workman at the Eagle brick works, near Mill Hill, Clinton county, was digging under an immense bed of clay on Saturday morning when the bank caved in upon him, covering him completely. Other workmen hastily set to work to uncover him but when he was reached he was in an unconscious condition and died in a short time. Deceased was aged 65 years and is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

—Last Thursday while the Munson local was pushing some empty cars up the track at Winburne, Clearfield county, Conductor C. W. Wagner, of Clearfield, who was riding on the brake beam of the car, was surprised to see a little child walking ahead of the train and making no effort to get off the track. He tried to signal the engineer, who did not get the signal. Mr. Wagner braced himself with one hand and with the other caught the little fellow by the coat collar just as the car was about to knock him down and run over him, and thus saved him from being crushed under the cars.

—Samuel Gardner, one of Phillipsburg's very best citizens, who has for some time been employed by Lawrence Miller, south of town, helping with the farm work, etc., was driving the latter's team of horses down a hill Monday morning when the horses started to run and threw Mr. Gardner on a stone heap, causing injuries of a most serious character. Practically the whole left side of his face was torn off. The upper jaw bone was fractured and had to be removed, his nose was also fractured and his left eye badly injured. He was removed to the Cottage hospital, where his injuries received attention.

—Five Altoona aldermen have died during the year, the most recent being B. B. Irvin, who dropped dead Saturday night. Only last week Governor Stuart appointed I. B. Eaky to an aldermanic vacancy. Alderman Irvin was a unique character in that section. He was born without hands or feet. In spite of this handicap, at the age of 33, he had attained prominence in many ways. He became an expert penman, although he held the pen with two stubs of arms. The day before his death he returned from a successful hunting trip, his skill with a gun being remarkable. Alderman Irvin had been the Democratic candidate for county treasurer. He was nominated for city treasurer before he was old enough to hold office. He was elected alderman twice without opposition.