

Ink Stings.

-If you are for PENROSE vote for TAYLOR.
-JOHN D. MILLER should be elected Treasurer.
-WEAVER would make a splendid Register. Vote for him.
-JOHN D. MILLER is the right man for County Treasurer. Vote for him.
-Booze, boodle, blather and bums seem to be the principal things back of TAYLOR's candidacy.
-If we had to go to Blair county to get a Sheriff for Centre we might select a better man than HURLEY.
-SMITH is a clean man, he has been a life-long resident of Centre county and would make a capable Sheriff. Vote for SMITH.
-Sheriff SMITH would sound very nice indeed. Let Mr. HURLEY live in the county long enough to get naturalized before he wants to get into one of its best offices.
-TAYLOR-HURLEY-BROWN is the combination. Everyone else must look out for himself and HURLEY and BROWN also for TAYLOR will drop like a hot cake when he has profited all he can by their help.
-FRED SMITH is a real native Centre politician. He has been a farmer all his life and is an active member of the Episcopal church. Vote for him because he is a good man and would make a good Sheriff.
-The friends of the Hon. JAMES KEER, of Clearfield, will be very sorry to know that he is very dangerously ill in a private hospital in New York City and his condition is regarded as being exceedingly grave.
-Last October the business troubles were all laid at ROOSEVELT's door. Those who were loudest in berating him then are strangely silent now. Will they have the courage of their convictions and vote for a change?
-Remember that it is the men who are running for office you should size up. Not their families, nor their friends. Look well to their character, fitness and disposition for these are the requisites of good officials.
-The Gazette's attempt to belittle candidate SMITH because his farm is small will work no injury to Mr. SMITH, who would rather be a good big man on a little farm than a miserable little man in a big newspaper.
-Dr. FISHER has the flag flung to the breeze on the roof of his home at Zion and he won't have any occasion for dropping it to half-mast the morning after the election for the Doctor is going to be re-elected to the office of County Coroner.
-New York, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Maryland, Nebraska, Colorado, Wisconsin and Connecticut are the doubtful States in the campaign. Both sides admit that. BRYAN does not need them but he seems almost certain to get enough of them to insure his election.
-If you know of any one who is indifferent about going to the election you should see that he gets there. The contest is too important, especially for Centre county, to leave one man away from the polls in this great fight against the gang of incompetents that is trying to get into office.
-All through the campaign certain sections of Centre county have been flooded with liquor and invariably the boys and young men who get drunk on it say "It is on TAYLOR and HURLEY." If Centre county voters approve of this then they are not the character of people we have always supposed them to be.
-When one of Centre county's native sons, and a farmer at that, is running for the high office of Sheriff it would look as though her voters had no appreciation of the men who have worked and paid their taxes here always if they were to vote for HURLEY who has been in the county only seven years and does not own an inch of property here.
-According to the best Republican information we can secure New York and Indiana are both conceded to BRYAN and Ohio holds the balance of power. The Public Ledger, of Philadelphia, says this editorially and at the same time claims Ohio for TAYLOR by only 25,000. In all moderation such concessions are encouraging to the BRYAN cause.
-When HURLEY and BROWN tied up to TAYLOR they showed what kind of persons they are. Men are known by the company they keep and, politically speaking, this alliance isn't going to help either, one of them. The people of Centre county know what TAYLOR is, they know what he is in politics for and in two weeks they are going to put their stamp of disapproval on him and the others who are trying to boost themselves by playing for strength before they give them.
-JOSEPH G. CANNON, speaker of Congress, impudently insulted the ministers of the land when a body of them called on him in Washington to consult about needed legislation. He is a candidate for re-election to the same powerful office. Mr. BARCLAY, who is one of the nominees for Congress in this district, will vote for CANNON, if they are both re-elected. Mr. WALKER, who is our other nominee for Congress, will not. As a Christian man, then, you ought to vote for WALKER.

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As to Mr. Brown.

WILLIAM H. BROWN, more popularly known as "BILL" BROWN, the Republican nominee for Recorder of Centre county, is, so far as we know, a perfectly respectable young man. He has been a plumber in the employ of the SCHAD establishment in this place for a number of years and has the reputation of being a very competent workman. It is generally supposed that R. B. TAYLOR, the Republican nominee for the Legislature, forced his nomination on the Republican party because the same interests that were for TAYLOR were for BROWN and where the one developed strength the other developed it also. In fact at the time of the primaries Mr. TAYLOR made no secret of his desire to have BROWN in the field, the only object of which could have been to try to force LAIRD HOLMES, of State College, who was also an aspirant for the Recordship to induce W. L. FOSTER, of the same place, to withdraw from the race for the Legislature. Mr. FOSTER was TAYLOR's most serious opposition and by making BROWN a menace to HOLMES for the Recordship TAYLOR evidently expected HOLMES to persuade FOSTER to get out of his way.
Both FOSTER and HOLMES were encouraged to remain by the better element of their party and they were defeated because their friends did not turn out to the primaries while the crowd that was backing the other fellows left not a single vote at home.
All of this is to explain the possible turn of the political fortune wheel that gave Mr. BROWN the nomination. It is hardly probable that under any other circumstances he would have secured it; for Republicans know as well as Democrats that it takes more than respectability and good character to make a Recorder. They know that Mr. BROWN has not had even a good common school education consequently is entirely unfitted for such a responsible position as Recorder of Deeds.
Why he has not that education has nothing to do with the question. Either he did not secure it because of indifference to his needs or because his surroundings were such as to make the matter of his earning his own livelihood a necessity when he might have been at school. In either case he was unfortunate. The fact still remains, however, that the people of Centre county are not called upon to take the chance of having a man so utterly unqualified in charge of their deeds and mortgages. The slightest flaw in a title might mean the loss of a home to most any one, it certainly would mean expensive litigation to have the error corrected, and knowing this the sensible man will think well before casting his vote for Mr. BROWN.
Is Barclay for Cannon.
Congressman CHARLES F. BARCLAY was in Bellefonte last Friday while touring the county on an electioneering trip. While here he approached a representative Republican and of course asked for his support. The gentleman in turn asked Mr. BARCLAY whether, if elected, he would support JOSEPH G. CANNON for speaker of the House of Representatives and BARCLAY declined to answer the question. This, in itself, is pretty good evidence that should be again be returned to Congress he will be the willing servitor for anything Mr. CANNON may desire.
It is a well known fact that BARCLAY during the past two years has been nothing more than a stoopid pigeon for PENROSE. Every recommendation for postoffice appointments in the district was made according to the dictation of the Philadelphia boss, and every postmaster appointed was a man who could be depended upon to support him and do his bidding. This should be reason enough why every self-respecting voter should not support BARCLAY for re-election.
And now when by his refusal to declare himself he makes it plain that he will support CANNON for re-election as speaker there is still greater reason why he should not be returned to Congress. Mr. CANNON's record is such that he ought not to be in Congress at all, let alone in the speaker's chair, and no intelligent man can afford to vote for any candidate for Congress who will not openly declare against him. For this reason, if no other, the voters of this district should elect W. HARRISON WALKER as their Representative in Congress.
-Don't let sympathy warp your judgment on election day. It is not a personal matter you are called upon to vote for. It is a matter of the most competent men. You want the best there is available to fill the local offices and therefore we urge you to compare the character and fitness of SMITH and HURLEY, MILLER and FINK, MEYER and TAYLOR and MUSSEY and BROWN particularly. We feel certain that your sober, honest judgment will tell you that it is your duty to vote for the first named of the candidates for their respective offices.
-Election day is less than two weeks away and the candidates are doing some tail hustling.

The Great Labor-Leader's Advice to Workingmen

Workingmen who have faith in the honesty of purpose as well as in the judgment of the great leader and friend of the laboring men of the United States—JOHN MITCHELL—will cast their ballots without hesitation for WM. J. BRYAN. Following is his reply to a telegram from the Buffalo Republic, asking him for his honest opinion as to which party merited the support of the workingman and the honest interests of the country in this campaign.

SPRING VALLEY, ILL., Sept. 15, '08.

To the Buffalo Republic, Buffalo, N. Y.

"Answering your telegram of today I have this to say: I sincerely believe that all honest interests in this country, including those of the workingman, would be greatly benefited by the election of BRYAN. Legitimate business and honest wealth would have nothing to fear in such an event.

"The platform on which Mr. BRYAN stands fully recognizes the rights of organized labor and gives specific assurances of legislation that will protect the rights and liberty of organized labor. The platform on which Mr. TAFT stands gives no such recognition and no such assurances. The issue, therefore, is clearly drawn and that is the reason Mr. GOMPERS and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor advised trade unionists to vote for BRYAN.

"The predatory rich who are so zealous in their advocacy of Mr. TAFT clearly indicate where the rest of the people should stand in the fight.

JOHN MITCHELL,
Second Vice President, A. F. of L.

Gigantic Criminal Conspiracy.

An investigation instituted by the New York World has revealed the fact that the records showing who received the \$40,000,000 paid to the French company for the Panama canal have been destroyed. There have been doubts in the public mind on this subject for some time. WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL, Mr. HARRIMAN's personal counsel, sold the French franchise and property to the ROOSEVELT administration. The transaction was denounced at the time as a grafting operation. GEORGE R. SHELDON, treasurer of the Republican National committee is believed to have been a member of the syndicate which received the money. Mr. CROMWELL had Mr. SHELDON appointed treasurer of the Republican National committee. Mr. CROMWELL is himself a member of the executive committee of the Republican National committee.
The suspicion that the government had been robbed in the transaction which resulted in the transfer of the property and franchise of the French Panama canal has prevailed for some time. The ablest of the engineers who were concerned in the matter recommended the Nicaragua route but the Panama property was acquired clandestinely and that enterprise fastened upon the country. Subsequently the government of Colombia refused to convey the franchise and the ROOSEVELT administration organized a bogus rebellion and established the Republic of Panama under the protection of American marines. It was the greatest outrage of modern civilization but because ROOSEVELT was behind it, it was allowed to be consummated. Subsequently the building operations were begun under the direction of WILLIAM H. TAFT.

When CROMWELL was appointed a member of the executive committee of the Republican party and he procured the selection of GEORGE R. SHELDON as treasurer of the committee, the suspicious which had lain dormant for some years were re-awakened and with characteristic energy the New York World concluded to discover the facts. But its investigation stopped short when the archives of the government were reached. The records had been abstracted or destroyed and the culpability thus concealed forever. If ROOSEVELT had not consented to this criminal suppression of records, it could never have been accomplished. The plain inference is, therefore, that ROOSEVELT, CROMWELL and SHELDON have robbed the treasury with the knowledge and acquiescence of TAFT and that they are now striving to elect TAFT in order to conceal their crime against the government.

The WATCHMAN has always maintained that one term is too much for a pair of competent ones so we ask you now if DUNLAP and WEAVER are not entitled to a second term in the Commissioner's office. They have money in the treasury to pay every debt the county has the moment it falls due.

Along with the other good men on the Democratic ticket, you should not forget to vote for BECK and COLE for auditors. They are both splendid men and you will make no mistake in supporting them.

Dr. R. G. H. Hayes has practically closed negotiations for the lease of the Orvis residence on east Linn street where he expects to move his family in the near future and make it their residence for this winter, at least.

Taft's Moral Delinquency.

In his speech at Danville, Virginia, last Saturday, Judge TAFT revealed the bond which binds himself and ROOSEVELT together. Having asked whether persons in his audience favored the proposition to guarantee bank deposits and received an affirmative reply he declared: "You are in favor of any man opening a bank with \$10,000 and then going to his neighbors and saying 'give me \$100,000 deposits that I may speculate with it because ROBINSON who has a bank up here has \$500,000 deposits and he is responsible for every dollar of my deposits.'"
If Judge TAFT doesn't know better than that he is not fit to be a justice of the peace. The proposition contained in the Democratic platform to guarantee bank deposits provides for a nominal tax on banks which accept the conditions to create a fund from which depositors will be paid in the event of the failure of the bank in which they have deposits. But it requires banks to be solvent before they can get in and compels them to submit to examinations which will prevent the misuse of the funds and provides that, if through unavoidable loss, the dishonesty or delinquency of bank officials or for any other reason the solvency of the bank is brought under suspicion, the bank shall pass out of the control of the dishonest or incompetent bank officers and into the hands of expert and honest bankers who shall operate it for the benefit of creditors and stockholders if it is not irretrievably lost. If it is so completely swamped the depositors will be paid, not out of ROBINSON's bank but out of the insurance fund created for that purpose.
Now if Judge TAFT knows the truth with respect to the guarantee of deposits his perversion of the facts in his Danville speech, on Saturday, was a measure of demagoguery which would have been disgraceful to any scrupulous politician. But it is probable that such recklessness of speech which has commended him to the fellowship of THEODORE ROOSEVELT, the only President of the United States who has been accused and convicted of falsification, betrayed him into this absurd blunder. "Birds of a feather flock together," and while ROOSEVELT might have selected any other man to succeed him he chose TAFT because of temperamental sympathy.

The Duty of the Prohibitionists in the County.

While the Prohibitionist vote in Centre county has never been one of very great numbers, yet it has frequently occurred that swinging as a unit to one or the other of the two dominant parties it would have represented the balance of power. It might be the same controlling factor in the election of November 3rd. This probability prompts us to call the attention of the Prohibitionists to the facility of voting for their own party nominees for county office. They can serve the county better by helping to choose good and competent officers for the local positions than by practically throwing away their votes on men who have no chance of winning.

The Prohibitionists have a plain duty to perform. The emergency in Centre county is too great to permit of their shirking it. They might have the responsibility of competent or incompetent officials resting upon them, therefore it behooves them to study the candidates of the two great parties and vote for the ones who are best equipped for the offices they seek.

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The Hard Times.

Like a bolt from the blue, must have seemed to our comfortable classes the report of last week that thousands of children in the Chicago public schools are suffering from hunger. No doubt the newspapers that support Mr. Taft, who talks about prosperity as if everybody had it since his intimates have, would gladly have minimized this disclosure; but it was too well authenticated and too awful. So all of them "played it up strong," as the newspaper slang goes. Every Republican newspaper in Chicago published the facts in prominent position and under "screaming" headlines. Yet nothing could be more significant of the continuance of the times which began 18 months ago, and came upon us with a crash about a year ago. The fact that these papers published this report so prominently indicates that they could not escape it, for the Republican newspapers of Chicago are not averse to publish disagreeable information just because it happens to be important to their readers. The conditions exist, they are demonstrated, and they are dreadful. And no doubt these conditions among school children in Chicago exist everywhere. No doubt they exist among others also than school children. Beyond further questions, we are in the midst of hard times.

This condition is likely to tell heavily against Mr. Taft's candidacy at the coming election. And so it ought. His party has demagogically claimed credit for the periods of good times, charged to its adversary responsibility for the periods of bad times which this country has experienced in the past forty years. Not only has his party persistently and deceitfully done this, but he himself only a few days ago in Kansas quoted cooked statistics to prove that Republicans make good times and Democrats hard times. It would be only political justice, therefore, were Mr. Taft to go down in a popular avalanche of condemnation because he and his party have been caught with a virulent case of hard times on their hands. The political party that has been living by a lie should die by one.

An Inexhaustible Letter-File.

Apparently the letter-files of the White House are inexhaustible.
No sooner had the World printed Mr. Harriman's letter to Sidney Webster asking "Where do I stand?" than Mr. Roosevelt received from the archives a letter written to My Dear Sherman in 1906 repudiating Mr. Harriman as an undesirable citizen, Harriman having declined to contribute again to a Republican campaign fund.
Mr. Hearst exposes Senator Foraker as a paid attorney of the Standard Oil company, Mr. Roosevelt promptly publishes a letter written by Mr. Taft declining to make any trace with the senator which would involve Foraker's return to the senate.
The fact leaks out that the Standard Oil company had contributed \$100,000 to the New comes another magazine with confidential letters exchanged between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft in the spring of 1906. A great administrator is hesitating between the presidency and the supreme bench on the ground of duty. A most eminent and exalted person is showing him the field of greatest usefulness to the people. It is needless to say that the correspondence reflects great credit upon Mr. Taft and is by no means uncomplimentary to Mr. Roosevelt.
The presidential letter-file is adequate to all occasions. It can prove anything Mr. Roosevelt wishes to prove and disprove anything he wishes to disprove. There has been nothing like it since the Arabian Nights.

Figures as a Dodge.

Wherefore this sudden deluge of estimates in Republican organs all naturally predicting Mr. Taft's election? No careful reader of the views of the correspondents in the several doubtful States fails to know that these organs welcome such an inundation of figures now, not because the prophesied result is accepted as probable, but the estimates are hoped to furnish a new diversion, another indispensable distraction. No discussion of a platform can be undertaken which seeks to have the Government guarantee a reasonable profit as an addition to the tariff bounties of manufacturers. Figures are tossed in to fill the void.

Silently the trust magnates contribute to maintain their grip upon the schedules, and no "drastic" New York law stops such individual giving. Hereafter the corporations may repay the personal donation from some large haul made by tariff exactions from the consumers. Campaign publicity unnerves the managers and arouses the people. Throw in more figures.
Guaranty to bank deposits looks not so alarming when inserted in the Fowler bill and indured by the always amenable Mr. Taft, for the people see it is less revolutionary than guaranty of industrial profits. Hurl in more figures. Mr. Taft says he is a Roosevelt imitator, signs himself simply "ditto" wherever he stops, but the Eastern Republicans call him a falsifier and declare he hates his sponsor. Shovel in more figures.

Republicans Claim Everything.

The game of the managers of the Taft campaign is to claim all of the debatable States and even some that are absolutely certain to be in the Bryan column. The Taft newspapers have been given the tip to claim, claim, claim until election day. The fact is that the Taft managers are terribly frightened and, like the boy passing the graveyard, are whistling to keep up their courage.

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Sprawls from the Keystone.

-The Altoona Merchants' association and Chamber of Commerce are planning an extension of the trolley lines radiating from that city into Blair and adjoining counties. The estimated cost of forty five miles, completed, is \$1,500,000.
-Fire of incendiary origin on Saturday night destroyed the fine large barn on the property of the Lehigh Portland Cement company, at West Coplay, the largest barn in Lehigh county, entailing a loss of fully \$12,000. Six fine Percheron horses were burned to death.
-John Eilmore, the Altoona man who discovered the compound by means of which ashes are made to burn, is manufacturing and selling it. A few days ago he shipped 6,000 lbs. of his compound to Pittsburg and vicinity and has a large number of orders on hand to be filled.
-On October 14th, the East Broad Top railroad transported a train load of hunters, and their dogs. The bulk of these hunters were men who had been raised in the southern end of Huntington county, and came home to visit and to hunt. In many cases the wives and children accompanied them.
-The forest fires which prevailed around Johnstown last week drove two hungry bears out of their forest haunts on Thursday night and at the country place of Dr. W. E. Matthews, Oak Hill farm, along the Cramer pike, they yanked three fine shots out of a pen of twelve and then leisurely ate them in a field nearby.
-The public schools of Muncy, Lycoming county, which have been closed for the past ten days on account of an epidemic of diphtheria, were reopened on Monday morning. There have been over 200 cases of the disease among the children of the borough since the epidemic first broke out and the schools were ordered closed by the board of health.
-Meyersdale's magnificent new High school building was formally dedicated last Friday, almost the entire population of the town turning out to participate in the exercises and to manifest the deep interest they take in educational work. The building is by long odds the most imposing and best equipped school structure in Somerset county.
-Farmers in some sections of Lycoming county are complaining of the deprivations by bears in their corn fields. Jacob Kieffer and John Lovett, whose farms border on the woods near Switzdale, report that many of their shocks have been torn apart and much of the corn consumed, and in order to prevent further loss they are hurrying the work of hanking the crop.
-Domestic troubles landed Clarence Wolfe and his wife, of Tyrone, in the Altoona hospital. Wolfe, it is alleged, shot his wife in the left arm and later went to a vacant lot, where he tried to blow out his brains with a shot from a revolver. The bullet which he intended to wind up affairs struck Wolfe on the temple and instead of penetrating the brain the leaden missile was scattered.
-Biddled with small fragments of stone so that his body presents the appearance of having been on the firing line in a battle. John Snook, aged 30 years, of Milroy, lies in the Lewistown hospital in a precarious condition. A blast at the Nagney quarries "faked" and Snook went to the mouth of the hole to ascertain the cause. As he stooped the powder exploded, scattering sprays into his body. Fellow workmen picked him up and he was hurried to Lewistown.
-Judge James W. Shull, who presided in the case of Sheriff Charles D. Gillis vs. the county commissioners of Franklin county, in a rule granted to show cause why an increased compensation should not be allowed for the boarding of prisoners, has handed down his opinion to the effect that the allowance of twenty-five cents per day for prisoners and convicts is to remain unchanged but the allowance of twelve cents per day for tramps and vagrants shall be increased to fifteen cents.
-A mortgage for \$1,000,000 on the property of the Pennsylvania & Maryland street railway company and in favor of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, of New York, has been placed on record at the court house in Somerset. The company has extended its line from Meyersdale to Garrett and will shortly be operating its cars between Garrett and Salisbury, a distance of nearly eighteen miles. It is expected that this line will ultimately be extended to Johnstown and will connect that city with Cumberland.
-Although an electric current of over 2,000 volts held him rigid several minutes, John Hancharik, a miner at the Forest Hill mines of the Ellsworth coal company, is expected to recover. Just as Hancharik jumped upon a trip of cars his neck caught on the trolley wire. There was a flash of blue flame and the trip stopped almost immediately. The man stuck to the wire while the flames ate into the flesh of his throat and face. Other miners uncoupled the cars and pushed them back and the burning man dropped to the rails. All thought him dead but he soon showed signs of life and doctors say he will probably recover.
-Friends of Lenus Sanker, a well known farmer living about three miles from Cresson, are extending to him their deepest sympathy in view of the terrible property loss he suffered by fire Thursday morning. The fire was communicated to the Sanker barn from the burning woods nearby. The barn being practically destroyed before Mr. Sanker or any of his family were aroused. In the barn were consumed all of Mr. Sanker's crops, cattle and some machinery. The flames next attacked the Sanker home and outbuildings, and these, too, were licked up in very short order. Mr. Sanker's loss is partly protected by insurance but his loss is nevertheless very heavy.
-As a temporary expedient to defer a crisis in the water situation, the board of water commissioners, of Altoona, has completed negotiations with the Allegheny Water company for the purchase of 30,000,000 gallons for its supply. The Allegheny Water company has probably 50,000,000 gallons stored in its reservoir at the head of Mill Run which is sufficient with a flow of its streams to meet the demands of its consumers and leave some over for Altoona. The arrangement is that Altoona is to take a half a million gallons a day, quite a substantial addition to what the city is receiving but not enough to warrant relaxation of the precautionary measures that have been taken to conserve the supply.