

Ink Stings.

-Vote early. -If you are for PENROSE vote for TAYLOR. -If you want a good, sensible christian Sheriff vote for SMITH. -If you stand for having TAYLOR crammed down your neck vote for him. -Nothing should keep you from the polls next Tuesday. Every voter has a duty to perform. -Don't take a chance on an incompetent Recorder. The office is too important. Vote for MUSSEY. -Mr. TAFT does not believe in the divinity of Christ. This is a christian nation. You are a christian. You should know what to do. -Wipe out your personal feelings in the matter and vote for MEYER for the Legislature. You know he would represent you better than TAYLOR. -JOHN D. MILLER is the candidate for Treasurer whom every one will vote for. He is the ideal candidate and when in office will fulfill every expectation. -A change would do the country good. The federal government is in danger of becoming as corrupt as that of Pennsylvania if it remains too long in the power of one party. -Vote for WALKER for Congress. He is our home candidate and he would certainly do better in Washington than BARCLAY, who has been known only by his side whiskers. -TAYLOR says enough PENROSE money is to be sent into Centre county to carry his election. Do you think the honest people of Centre county stand for such brazen reflections on them. -BILLY MONTGOMERY, the defaulting cashier of the Allegheny National bank has been found guilty on nineteen counts. One would have been enough if the law does the right thing. -Prohibitionists should remember that a straight Prohibition vote will not be a vote for MEYER for the Legislature. Prohibitionists who want to vote for MEYER should remember this. -All his life he has farmed and paid taxes in Centre county therefore FRED SMITH has a right to ask you to support him for Sheriff, against HURLEY who has only recently become a resident. -The rain is coming in time to raise the water in Salt River. It might have been very hard pushing the boats full of someones up that famous stream next week had the rains not made so timely an appearance. -Don't fail to do your duty as a citizen and an honest man next Tuesday. There are many things that you should express your views on and the ballot is the only medium through which you can express them. -This is the last word we will have with you before the election. For the honor of the county, for the good of the Commonwealth and for the sake of your own conscience DON'T VOTE FOR TAYLOR for the Legislature. -Do you want a good, christian farmer who has spent all his life in Centre county for Sheriff. Vote for SMITH. If you want a liveryman who has been in the county only seven years and is likely to have away any minute vote for HURLEY. -If you want to vote to make JOE CANNON again the vulgar and anticatholic boss of Congress vote for BARCLAY. BARCLAY is for CANNON, WALKER would be against him, therefore your duty as a christian man is to vote for WALKER. -DUNLAP and WEAVER have earned their re-election. The condition of the county treasury proves that. They have paid off a \$41,000.00 debt and have a surplus in the treasury. If you are a practical man you will approve of that. Vote the way your approbation points. -Dr. P. S. FISHER has made a good coroner as Centre county ever had and that is the reason why he should be re-elected. He is making no canvas of the county for the chief reason that he is too busy to do so. Then it ought not be necessary, either. He was elected by a good majority three years ago and there is no reason why he should not be this year. In fact, there is every reason to believe he will. Therefore, don't fail to vote for FISHER when voting the Democratic ticket. -Figuring from their poll of the county the Republican organization in this place is claiming the county for TAFT by about two hundred majority while conceding that WALKER will carry it by from two to four hundred majority. On the other hand the Democratic organization claims the county for the entire Democratic ticket by majorities ranging from five hundred to one thousand. And this claim is made only after a careful canvass of all the voters. But to make the victory sure every Democrat in the county must turn out and vote. Don't think the battle already won and that it does not matter whether you vote or not, for it does. It was just such over-confidence that lost the Democrats the Sheriff and Register three years ago and it is something that must not occur again. Go to the polls yourself and see that every other Democrat in your precinct gets there. This is the only way we can hope to win.

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Roosevelt and Gompers.

President ROOSEVELT reveals a measure of malignity in his hatred of SAMUEL GOMPERS that is astonishing. In his recent open letter to that gentleman he denounces him with a vehemence that would scarcely be becoming in a barroom ruffian. He declares that GOMPERS has assailed the integrity of the courts and perpetrated other offenses against good citizenship. As a matter of fact Mr. GOMPERS has not been as severe in his criticism of the courts as Mr. ROOSEVELT and he has not been as persistent in his attacks. He has said that workingmen have been discriminated against by some of the judges and that is true. But he attributes the fault more to tracing in the interest of corporations than to an inclination to be unjust.

But President ROOSEVELT's antipathy to SAMUEL GOMPERS is not inspired by criticism of the courts by the president of the Federation of Labor. ROOSEVELT is incensed at GOMPERS because he couldn't induce Mr. GOMPERS to betray the interests of organized labor in the interests of the Republican machine. For years the President has been bribing susceptible labor leaders by appointing them to office but he was unable to reach GOMPERS. The president of the Federation of Labor could have had any office from a seat in the cabinet down to a revenue collectorship if he had simply agreed to ROOSEVELT's corrupt propositions in the interest of his proxy in order to promote the conspiracy which has for its object the establishment of a ROOSEVELT dynasty.

Mr. GOMPERS is supporting the Democratic candidates for President and Vice President for the reason that he understands that they stand for the rights of labor and he knows that the Republican candidates do not. He asked the Chicago convention to declare that "injunctions should not be issued in any cases in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial disputes were involved." There was nothing unfair or unjust in that but the Republican managers refused to grant the request. Subsequently Mr. GOMPERS asked the Denver convention to make such a declaration and to use his own language "he got all he asked for." Under the circumstances he had no alternative but to support the Democratic ticket and as an honorable man faithful to the cause of labor he is doing it earnestly and effectively.

The Canal Conspiracy.

The New York World has been investigating the purchase of the Panama canal with results that are startling. The full measure of the iniquity has not been revealed for the reason that the evidence has been shown to prove frauds far greater than those connected with the building and furnishing of the State capitol at Harrisburg, prodigious as those looting operations were. But what is of even greater significance it is practically proved, notwithstanding the absence of the most material evidence, that the ROOSEVELT and TAFT families are both involved and equally culpable. The trail of corruption has led direct to the White House.

It will be remembered that the negotiations between the government and the so-called French Panama canal company were conducted by WILLIAM C. CROMWELL, of New York. It now appears that CROMWELL had bought up the shares of the French Panama canal company at a nominal figure, something like \$10,000,000, and subsequently sold them to the government for \$40,000,000. Of this sum \$10,000,000 went to GEORGE R. SHELDON, the present treasurer of the Republican National committee, an equal sum to reimburse CROMWELL for his purchase of the stock and another equal sum as "velvet" to Mr. CROMWELL. That left \$10,000,000 and a considerable part of that was divided between President ROOSEVELT's brother-in-law and Judge TAFT's brother.

Soon after the consummation of this deal General DAVIS, of the United States army, was appointed to the head of the canal commission and dispatched to the Isthmus to superintend the work. He soon discovered the conspiracy between CROMWELL and SHELDON and forwarded a detailed report of their operations to Washington. The result was that his report was sent back by Secretary of War TAFT for correction and after the second report was submitted he was removed from office by the President. Soon afterward the documents and other evidences of the transaction were abstracted from the archives of the government and the connection of ROOSEVELT and TAFT's relations with the fraud thus concealed.

The one sure way for the Democrats to win at the polls next Tuesday is to get out the vote. Every Democrat should make it his duty to not only go to the polls himself but see that his Democratic neighbors go. We can't win, mind you, by staying at home. While we are doing that the other fellows are turning out solidly for their ticket. So don't let there be any stay-at-homes. If the weather is disagreeable, you can go to the election and lose no time on the farm. And if the weather is fair, so much the better. In any event, don't fail to vote.

Little More Can Be Said.

The campaign is fast drawing to a close. In a few days the people will have recorded their verdict and all good citizens will abide the result. There is little more to be said. We have no "last cards" to spring, because we think you will agree the WATCHMAN has been uniformly frank and fair in its advocacy of its candidates and has no desire to present matters at the eleventh hour that the opposition has no opportunity of answering.

We have already told you, and invited investigation, that R. B. TAYLOR is not fit to represent you in the Legislature. Now we want to warn you that every effort must be put forth against him or he will be elected. His workers are untiring, they will stop at nothing to secure votes for him. It is rumored that PENROSE is to flood the county with money for him on election day. If this prove true you will see its effect early enough. It is also stated that Col. HUGH S. TAYLOR, his brother, has effected an organization for him in every precinct in the county. If this is true you will see who they are and it might be well to keep them in mind. They will represent the class that works under cover, but gets votes. All must be counteracted and if they are not, then Centre county has no more pride than one of the precincts in Philadelphia that JIM McNICHOL carries about in his vest pocket.

We have told you that FRED SMITH, candidate for Sheriff, is a superior man, in every respect, to his opponent Mr. HURLEY and invited your investigation in proof of the assertion. Mr. SMITH is a farmer in Rush township and Mr. HURLEY is a liveryman in Philipsburg. Mr. SMITH has lived in the county all of his life, while Mr. HURLEY has been a resident of the county only seven years. The one man has been proven by a life time of good citizenship among us. The other hasn't. There should be no hesitancy about you voting for SMITH.

We have told you that JOHN D. MILLER, candidate for County Treasurer, is a man above reproach, singularly well qualified by nature and by experience to fill the office he seeks. His ability has never been questioned because the public knows him. There is no reason why anyone should vote against him and many why everyone should. He is a farmer and represents that calling most typically. He is genial and courteous, not for the sake of getting votes, but always, and will make a splendid official.

We have told you that GEO. W. WEAVER, candidate for Register, is a poor, one armed school teacher, so crippled up with rheumatism during the summer months that he was unable to make a thorough canvass of the county. There are not many things that a one armed man can do but he can do the work of Register because he is well educated, a good penman and has been justice of the peace in his district long enough to have an intimate knowledge of what legal papers look like and how they are kept. Mr. WEAVER has not made his campaign on the sympathy racket. No, no, he is too manly for that. Nevertheless here is a chance to help one who is afflicted and it can be done without working hardship to his opponent who already has a good business enterprise of his own.

We have told you that F. PIERCE MUSSEY is far and away the better man for the office of Recorder than Mr. BROWN and refer you to an article in another column of this issue for the proof.

We have told you that Messrs. DUNLAP and WEAVER, candidates for Commissioner, have in three years converted a county debt into a county surplus and invited your examination of the books in the commissioner's office in substantiation of the statement. They have been faithful to the trust imposed in them three years ago and more than made good the promises they gave. The county needs prudent, practical men to take care of the business of that office and if paying a debt of \$41,000.00 at the same time that other necessary expenses were increasing is not evidence of practical and prudent administration then we don't want you to vote for them. But if you honestly think it is, it is your duty to give them a second term in the office they have conducted so well.

We have told you that Dr. FISHER has made a good Coroner and that should assure you that he will make a good one again, if re-elected. You may think that the coroner's office is an unimportant one and that anyone can fill it. This is not the case. The fact that there is little to do there often prompts men to neglect a case when it does turn up. Dr. FISHER is not the kind of a man to neglect such a duty and you should vote for him.

We have told you that Messrs. BECK and COLE, candidates for Auditor, are clean, honest men well equipped for the office and deserving your support. They are farmers and should receive the recognition their good character warrants.

All these things we have told you in time for the opposition to contradict or prove untrue. Not a single statement has been refuted, not a single charge proven untrue. Now, when it is too late to fairly advance any other arguments, we stand on those already presented and appeal to your honest judgment. Don't you think this ticket, taken collectively or separately, is better in every respect than its opposition. It represents a better qualified class of men than is often named on one ticket for county officers and as such we appeal for the kind of loyal, working support it deserves.

Get to the polls. Get your friends to the polls and on the way tell them what you know of all the candidates. If you do that and you and they have the interest of the county at heart we know what the result will be.

-In making up your ticket next Tuesday don't forget to vote for BECK and COLE for Auditors. It is important that we have the best men in those offices. Messrs. BECK and COLE are both good men; farmers who are competent to go over accounts and interested enough as taxpayers to dig into and find out just what we all want to know about where the county money goes to.

-Don't take any stock in the "last day" and "roorback" stories sprung on the eve of the election, no matter who they are about. It stands to reason that such stories are always merely campaign lies. If they were otherwise they would be told in time to prove them either true or false. So pay no attention to them.

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

What the Tariff Costs.

From the Philadelphia Record. A great statesman, Edward Burke, said more than a hundred years ago that "a small wealthy class is much less quickly and seriously injured by the consequences of misgovernment than the great individual community. It may be even benefited by a policy which is very injurious to the country at large." Do not these two sentences accurately describe the condition produced by the existing tariff, with a comparatively small class of wealthy Trusts and monopolies preying upon the mass of the nation? As the farmers of the existing tariff were not malignants and wicked persons, it is scarcely conceivable that representing sober and reasonable constituencies, they should have framed this system into law. What is less conceivable is that with all the experience of the iniquities and evils of the tariff for more than ten years the organs and orators of the party should fill the air with frantic predictions over the "ruin," "havoc" and "desolation" threatened by the mitigation of the barbarities of the system.

But let the Pennsylvania mechanic or workingman who is not blinded and intoxicated by party spirit sit down with "Record" in hand this morning and contemplate the following partial and condensed list of the tariff-taxes on his necessities of living, recollecting at the same time that very little revenue from this taxation goes into the public treasury for the support of government:

Food: Beef, 35 per cent. duty; mutton, 30 per cent.; bacon and hams, 25 per cent.; butter, 30 per cent.; cheese, 40 per cent.; oatmeal, 18 per cent.; macaroni and vermicelli, 35 per cent.; fish, 25 per cent.; fruits, 40 per cent.; sugar, 70 per cent. Table cloths and napkins, 45 per cent.; knives and forks, 60 per cent.; cups and saucers and plates, 55 per cent.; tinplate for kitchen utensils, 45 per cent. Clothing: Woolen cloths, 100 per cent.; blankets, 100 per cent.; flannels, 100 per cent.; underwear of wool, 100 per cent.; dress goods for women and children, upward of 100 per cent.; cotton cloths, from 40 to 60 per cent. Medicines: Calomel, 35 per cent.; chloroform, 30 per cent.; morphia, \$1 per ounce; infants' food, 20 per cent.; phenacetin and like coal-tar medicines, 25 per cent.; obicory, 65 per cent.

There is little that escapes the tariff Moloch, from infants' food to the bread of labor and the wood in the poor man's coffin. Yet the oracles of party when asked concerning the specific reform of tariff wrongs and abuses are dumb, while the Republican candidate for President coolly proclaims that the tariff duties of 55 and 60 per cent. on pottery are not quite high enough for him. This, too, is the only tariff schedule which he has approached. Yet this specific reform of tariff wrongs and abuses are dumb, while the Republican candidate for President coolly proclaims that the tariff duties of 55 and 60 per cent. on pottery are not quite high enough for him. This, too, is the only tariff schedule which he has approached. Yet this specific reform of tariff wrongs and abuses are dumb, while the Republican candidate for President coolly proclaims that the tariff duties of 55 and 60 per cent. on pottery are not quite high enough for him. This, too, is the only tariff schedule which he has approached.

Mr. Roosevelt at Large.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Mr. Roosevelt, from his headquarters in the White House, hurls what he must consider a terrific bombshell against what he has himself confessed to be the abuse of the writ of injunction. Manifestly he begged an official of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to ask him a question, that he might have occasion to inflict another stump letter upon the people. This question concerns a court decision by the United States circuit court at Milwaukee in the "summer of 1906," and its bearing is entirely upon a matter affecting the Iron Molders' union. It would be wholly superfluous to enter into the details of the case.

The controlling notion is that Mr. Roosevelt does not agree with the first opinion, and that the appellate court overruled the decision. Such things often happen in the course of litigation, but does it as often occur that the President of the United States crosses the well-defined line of his province to criticize the judicial views of judges, appointed and confirmed, because of their competency, especially when his legal ignorance is so perfectly known? The main purpose of his latest scold is to inform labor that a higher court reversed the decree of a lower one, and that Mr. Taft was highly indignant all through the controversy. Mr. Taft was at this particular time secretary of war, engaged in settling the Brownsville matter and the Colonel Stewart retirement, and possibly the sale of the Panama canal for \$40,000,000 to "friends." What had he to do with a court case in Milwaukee? He abandoned the bench to submit to the artificial stuffing of a taxidermist.

More Hearst Charges.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. Governor Haskell sued William Randolph Hearst for libel because the New Yorker charged him with Standard Oil offenses. Hearst made similar accusations against other men, but the Governor was the only man with sufficient courage to prosecute. A few would not make any denial, not even Foster. Higher though he be, accepted courageously the challenge which was carried in the Hearst letter-caddis. The New Yorker now comes again into the limelight, with letters that, in their allegations, smite the official and personal reputation of former Governor Stone, Judges Henderson and Morrison; and of the Hon. John P. Elkin, the "Indiana plowboy," protegee and would-be rival of Senator Quay, then Attorney General of Pennsylvania and now Judge of the Supreme court of this State.

The reading of those letters constitutes the publication of a libel, if the contents are libelous. The mere fact of his refraining from making a personal attack upon the gentlemen named does not protect Mr. Hearst. If the gentlemen feel that they have been libeled it is their duty to prosecute him. They cannot remain silent.

Spawns from the Keystone.

-Hugh M. Irwin, who has been vice president of the Citizens' National bank, of Garwinstown, has been elected president of the institution, succeeding his father, the late Col. E. A. Irwin, deceased.

-J. C. McCluskey, proprietor of the Crawford house at Jersey Shore, on a four-days hunting trip, near Milesburg, Centre county, killed twenty-six pheasants, fourteen rabbits, three squirrels and two woodcock.

-The tank department of the American Car and Foundry company, at Milton, has just been awarded a contract for the erection of one hundred and fifty tank cars, on which work will be begun in a few days.

-W. C. Wertz, of Westport, can justly lay claim to being the champion cabbage raiser in this part of the State. From his patch he cut half a dozen heads Saturday which range in weight from 15 to 25 pounds each.

-On her 21st birthday anniversary on Thursday, Miss Elizabeth Bowman, of Faragut, Lycoming county, opened a registered package and found \$5,000 in crisp new bills from an aunt in Ohio, after whom she was named.

-Emanuel Dogler, while picking chestnuts on the Blue mountains, in Berks county, on Saturday, found a pocket book containing \$18 in bank notes so badly decayed that the denominations could hardly be deciphered.

-Plans have been prepared by the Universal Portland Cement company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, to double the capacity of its big slag plant, at Universal, Allegheny county, at a cost of \$2,000,000.

-While the members of the family of John Ulrich, of Bern township, Berks county, were husking corn in a field some distance away from the house on Saturday, a thief entered the home and stole \$60 in money and a gold watch.

-The recent forest fires in Mifflin county have caused the county commissioners to pay out \$252.95, which amount was used to pay the fire fighters. The money was paid to the constables of the different townships and they in turn paid the fighters.

-The Rev. W. J. Houck, of Washington, D. C., who was recently appointed pastor of Allison Memorial United Brethren church, was locked out of the church on Sunday. The members say they have nothing against the new minister but they want their former pastor back.

-The Patriotic Order Sons of America presented two flags to the Lewisistown public schools on Friday afternoon, the one flag being given to the Logan street schools and the other to the Toll Gate schools. There were exercises appropriate to the occasion at each of the schools.

-Chas. S. Schaubla, former city milk carrier of Chambersburg, pleaded guilty in the U. S. court in Scranton a few days ago to violating the postal regulations. He was sentenced to six months in jail and a fine of \$150. The postman's offense was taking money from letters to be carried in town.

-The commissioners of Indiana county have granted orders to the amount of \$203.65 to the constables acting as fire wardens of Cherryhill, Burrell and Banks townships, and their assistants, for extinguishing forest fires. The wardens are paid at the rate of 25 cents per hour and the assistants 20 cents.

-After traveling over 5,000 miles to see his brother, A. L. Wick, a retired banker, who is lying at the point of death at Greenville hospital, William W. Wick, of Portland, Oregon, died at the Arlington hotel, in Greenville, early on Sunday morning, of apoplexy, about two hours after he had arrived and before he got to see his sick brother.

-Miss Susan Walker, Greencastle's oldest resident, celebrated her ninety-third birthday last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Helen J. Strickler, North Carlisle street. Miss Walker still enjoys wonderfully good health and actively engages in housework. During her long life time it is said she has never been confined to bed with illness a single day.

-Peter White, of Cogan Station, Lycoming county, drove off a bridge across Lycoming creek Wednesday of last week, and was found dead beneath his overturned wagon. White is believed to have been asleep, as the bridge from which the conveyance fell is a street railway bridge. The horse had taken to this, unguided. He was 40 years of age and unmarried.

-The close of last week witnessed the cessation of operations on the great power dam on the Susquehanna river at McCall's Ferry. About 100 men were at work, and only enough of these were kept there to take care of the machinery and look after the plant. With fully 60 per cent. of the great plans finished, there is little prospect of an early resumption of operations.

-Actually scared to death by a peddler, Mrs. A. O. Bianch died Sunday at her home in St. Clair, near Pottsville. The peddler, a foreigner, when she refused to buy from him, attempted to force his way into her home several days ago. Fear of bodily harm to her was so great that she was prostrated by the shock, which caused her death. She was 38 years old and leaves a husband and family.

-On Wednesday afternoon Ford Briel, of Karthaus, Clearfield county, aged 13 years, accompanied Charles Mecher, a neighbor boy, to deliver some groceries at Pine Glen to a customer of Merchant J. A. Henderson. Ford took a gun along expecting to shoot some game along the way. They saw none and on their return trip, when near home, the gun was accidentally discharged, the load entering Ford's body and killing him instantly.

-The spurring up of oil where the Ahrens Construction company are digging to lay the new sewers of the Huntingdon system, along the Pennsylvania railroad tracks, between Second street and Stone creek, Huntingdon, last week, has created quite a little excitement among some and an interest in general among those who have seen the oil or heard of its fuming. But it is not likely that any gushers will develop, as it is believed that the loss of oil from several large tanks some years ago, and the leakage of some pipes at the Huntingdon Gas company's plant, which uses considerable crude oil, have caused the presence of the oil in the earth.