

INK SLINGS.

A PROPHECY AS TO JOSEPH—
JOSKANNON came in from the west
With a greatly swelled head and big chest.

Democratic Watchman

High Prices and the Causes.

Statistics of the Agricultural Department at Washington show that during the period from 1899 to 1909 there was an increase in the number of food animals greater than the increase in population.

Dr. Krauskopf's Faulty Diagnosis.

The Rev. Dr. JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF, of Philadelphia, is only partially right in his diagnosis of the malady which afflicts that city.

Rabbi KRAUSKOPF justly arraigns those citizens who neglect their civic duties as wanting in civic virtue.

But in Philadelphia, because of the severity of the governing class and the iniquity of the dominant party, the highest aspirations of citizenship are stifled under a deluge of fraud.

Some of the fellows who are swearing off their just taxes under existing conditions are losing sleep through the fear that some other fellows will perjure themselves in order to evade payment of income tax.

An Infamous Perversion of Law.

The decision of the Philadelphia court that an elector shall himself determine his right to call an assistant into the booth where he is preparing his ballot, is not in the least surprising.

The provision of the law upon which this corruption breeding decision was made, was intended to protect the political rights of men who could not read or write.

Congressman REYNOLDS has introduced a bill into Congress providing for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for the erection of a monument in Altoona commemorating the congress of Governors held there during the war of the rebellion.

Mayor GAYNOR, of New York, ordered the immediate suspension and trial of a couple of policemen charged with assaulting a woman, the other day.

President TAFT draws the line on Secretary KNOX's "shot-gun" diplomacy in Nicaragua while cordially endorsing his commercial diplomacy in the far East.

OLIVER SPITZER, former dock superintendent of the Sugar trust, and recently convicted of participation in the weighing frauds at New York, protested on his way to jail, that the trust had made a "goat" of him.

Governor HUGHES, of New York, might have served predatory wealth better in some other way than opposing the income tax but his mind is so set on serving the trusts that he is incapable of discriminating wisely.

The meat boycott is generally acknowledged to be a failure.

Taft's Petty Grafting.

President TAFT is not revealing the nice moral distinction which should characterize the office he occupies, in permitting the congressional machine to make the use of his LINCOLN day speech that is contemplated.

TAFT seems to have a passion for grafting, however. His acceptance of a traveling expense fund of \$25,000, voted by Congress in violation of the constitution and in consideration of his signing the ALDRICH tariff bill revealed him in a most odious light.

Under the constitutional amendment abolishing spring elections it has just been discovered that the terms of forty common pleas judges in the State will be lengthened one year.

The so-called tariff revision of last year has just the opposite effect. There is scarcely a single household commodity that is not dearer today than a year ago.

President TAFT appears to be more anxious to bust Governor HARMON's presidential boom than to bust trusts.

A note from our old friend, James Wolfenden, of Lamar, says that Sunday's high winds so completely drifted the roads shut between that place and Clintondale that it took two teams with snow plows and a gang of ten men almost half a day to clean the snow away and open the road for travel.

If, as former Attorney General BONAPARTE declares in a magazine article, ROOSEVELT will be remembered as "a President who was not afraid to do right," how will they discover why he didn't kick BONAPARTE out of office the moment he discovered what an egregious ass that scoundrel was?

That the people of Bellefonte without regard to party approve of P. H. Gherrity's administration as poor overseer is evidenced in the fact that he received practically the total vote of both parties in the borough.

When Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN's man PERKINS carries measures to Washington for Congress to enact into law it is high time to ponder on the wisdom of the advice of "beware of the Greeks bearing gifts."

The Mighty Hunter has officially asked for an audience with the Pope on his return trip from Africa and presumably the Methodists of Rome will not invite him to address them.

Edward Gehret, who was elected borough treasurer on Tuesday, will serve for almost four years, or until the first Monday in January, 1914.

The Tale a Day Nursery Tells.

From the New York American. A canvas of day nurseries by a representative of the American reveals the fact that thousands of wives have been compelled by the recent appalling rise in food prices to turn over to public institutions the care of their little children and join their husbands in the wage-struggle for the means of life.

Such facts should not be dismissed as a casual item of journalistic pathos. They are portentous. They indicate a condition of affairs that must be speedily remedied—unless we are content to step down the declivity of social decadence.

Our race has always taken it for granted that a fair standard of living for a man must include the living of his wife and infant children.

It would seem fairly evident that what we have to deal with is no passing distemper or sociological skin disease.

What does all our civilization amount to but an effort of organized intelligence to ease the strain of hunger and cold?

And what is prosperity but the increasing of the purchasing power of an ordinary day's work?

And on this issue political fortunes at Washington, at Albany and elsewhere will be made or lost.

"Wait and See."

From the Chicago Journal. President Taft told western consumers, in discussing the probable effect of the new tariff law, to "wait and see."

The 1908 Republican platform pledged to the masses of Americans a substantial reduction in the cost of living. That was both the letter and the spirit of the Republican platform.

Certain grades of cotton goods made in New England by Senator Aldrich's friends have doubled in cost in the last year. Are western farmers to be blamed for that?

A workingman's suit, made of material produced in New England mills owned by Senator Aldrich's friends, costs one-third more this spring than a year ago.

The Hand Writing on the Wall.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Even the Republicans are not finding it so hard to imagine the next house Democratic, especially when they step to consider—first, the result of the recent congressional election in the Sixth Missouri district, where a 100 per cent gain was made by Dickinson, the Democratic candidate; second—the result of the Success Magazine straw ballot, which showed 517 Republicans approving and 6313 Republicans disapproving the attitude of Aldrich (which was approved by President Taft) on the tariff; and third—the reducing of the majority of the Republican government of Massachusetts, in an election in which the new tariff law was the sole issue, from 60,000 to 3,000.

It should not be overlooked that the voters of the Sixth Missouri district who repudiated the Taft-Aldrich law are at the present time receiving high prices for butter and eggs, grain and livestock, and it was this class of voters the Republicans had expected to find enthusiastically endorsing tariff revision upward.

Rather Incongruous.

From the New York Tribune. It seems rather incongruous that the most serious objection to the addition of a statue of Robert E. Lee to the collection of worthless in the capitol rotunda should have come from a Senator, Mr. Heyburn, of Idaho, who was too young to participate in the civil war and who represents a State which was not admitted into the Union until 1890, more than twenty-five years after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Where Protection Is Needed.

From the Baltimore American. Another foreign nobleman has captured a big American fortune with a pretty girl annexed.

Even Republican Congressmen realize that there is going to be a vast change in the personnel of the next House and most of them are trying to believe that it is some other fellow who will be effected.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

C. R. Spangler, of McConnellsburg, who owns over 1,000 acres of timber land in Fulton county, expects his holdings to yield 6,000,000 feet of dressed lumber.
S. Berlin, a resident of Tyrone, offers to give \$1,000 towards the erection of a hospital in that place and \$5,000 for its maintenance if the people of the town will raise at least \$20,000.