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INK SLINGS.

—Gradually the price of the real hog is creeping up to the value its two-footed counterpart places upon itself.

—There is little doubt that March, this year, will go out like a lion. The price of lamb will prevent all attempts at simulating it.

—Mr. BALLINGER has discovered that while cunning may be a valuable asset at times it is not the kind that stands the wash well.

—We don't see that Senator ALDRICH is over-working either his chin or his typewriter in an effort to prevent his party continuing wasting that \$300,000,000 yearly.

—Dr. MARY WALKER declared before the New York Legislature on Tuesday that "the Suffragettes are grafters." Dr. MARY ought to know. She is the original one of them.

—Speaking of failures, ZELAYA's government and KNOX's revolution down in Nicaragua, seem to be running about neck and neck as they come down the home stretch.

—If that Cincinnati preacher who has undertaken the job to reform Boss COX by prayer succeeds he ought to be induced to experiment with Speaker CANNON for awhile.

—"We ain't agreen' on nothin'" is the hopeful report that Boss COX gives of ELLIS' efforts at harmonizing Ohio Republicans. And Democratic stock goes up several points as a consequence.

—What columns of explanations he would have saved had President TAFT declared at the outset that he would be satisfied with one term? But then, a fellow's foresight never is equal to his hindsight.

—Mr. PAULHAN, the French aviator, is mad and is going to take his playthings and go home. He is a great flyer. There is no doubt about that, but the shekels didn't fly in as fast as he thought they ought to.

—O! No. Not a particle of sympathy here for either side. Both parties in that Philadelphia rumpus are getting just what they deserve and our prayer is that the medicine will hold out until each one gets a full dose.

—It is now alleged that the purpose of the MORGAN automobile trust is to reduce the cost of living. At this distance we have great difficulty in discovering just how the average workman will ever get the old thing into action.

—Its only about eight months until the election, and yet there are folks optimistic enough to believe that the people will forget, before that time, what a fool Secretary ROOT made of himself by "butting into" that New York investigation.

—For patience and perseverance commend us to Senator LODGE. After all the rest have seen the folly of it, he still keeps pegging away trying to make himself believe that the tariff has nothing to do with the increased cost of everything.

—Verily "all things come to him who waits." Philadelphia business men who, heretofore, "never had time" to help nominate or elect honest men to office have ample leisure now to figure out the cost of the kind of government the other fellows give them.

—President TAFT has started on another "swing around the circle." This circle won't be as large as the last one, but we fancy it will be quite large enough for him to discover that the country isn't going into conniption fits over the success of the TAFT administration.

—Former President ZELAYA, of Nicaragua, is in Paris calling Uncle SAM names. Whatever he may say we fancy there are a few epithets he hasn't thought of that his former subjects are embellishing him with for having run away with about all the loose valuables in their country.

—Congress' refusal to buy automobiles for Vice President SHERMAN and Speaker CANNON was probably not prompted so much by a desire to conserve the public pocket book as by the thought of the stink the gasoline wagons would raise in country districts when Congressmen are to be re-elected next fall.

—The queer thing about the political situation is that up to this time our friend BAILEY, of the Johnstown Democrat, has not charged that Col. GUFFEY is responsible for the Pittsburg hold-ups, or the strikes, rioting and rottenness in Philadelphia. Is brother BAILEY off guard at present or only taking a needed rest?

—Eastern papers are making a great ado about three hundred pound hogs, in Kansas City, being worth \$39.00. How green some people seem to be. We have run across hogs right in the neighborhood of the homes of some of these papers that didn't weigh half as much as a Kansas City hog, and that were valued at more than that many thousands of dollars.

—Pittsburg churches are appointing hygiene committees in order to secure enough pure air in the auditoriums to keep the congregations from going to sleep during services. We are ready to admit that pure air may be an essential, but good, live wires in the pulpits could make a contact with the sleeping brethren that would make them sit up far quicker and take notice than all the ozone they can fan into them.

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Jurisprudence in Philadelphia.

WILLIAM McPHERSON, a citizen of Philadelphia and resident of Upland street, that city, was arrested, the other day, during a strike disturbance at Seventy-first street and Woodland avenue. The incident is fully described by a Philadelphia contemporary, without protest or comment. It appears, according to the evidence of the arresting officer, that on Sunday, March 6th, a crowd had assembled at the point designated, among which was the prisoner. The officer asked him to "move on," and he refused. Thereupon the officer "knocked him down with his club." Evidently Mr. McPHERSON imagined that was the end of the matter, but he was sadly mistaken.

The case was brought before magistrate BEATON, in the Central Police court, according to the narrative. "Shortly afterward," officer PENSHAW testified, "when the accused was able to get up, he started to go away, but I informed him he was under arrest. McPHERSON did not stop and I fired two shots at him, one of which hit him, and since then he has been in a hospital." Attorney FRANK HASSON, who appeared at the hearing for the prisoner, cross-examined the witness. The attorney for the police officer objected to his line of questions, and was sustained by the magistrate who declared to the counsel for defence "if you don't examine the witness the way I want you to, I will hold your client for court." Disregarding this admonition counsel continued his questions, whereupon the prisoner was held in bail and the lawyer thrown out of the court by order of the magistrate by three policemen.

We refer to this case merely to show the system of government which prevails in Philadelphia under the dominating banditti, while the people "corrupt and contented," blandly pursue the even tenor of their way. If such a thing should occur in one of the penal colonies of Russia the self-righteous citizenship of Philadelphia would protest with a vehemence which might be heard from one end of the country to the other and even to the most remote portions of civilization. But being a part of the piratical system of jurisprudence in their own city and directed against one of the sympathizers of the oppressed workmen of that city, it goes without question. It is a disgrace to Pennsylvania.

—EDWARD PAYSON WESTON, the veteran pedestrian, celebrated his seventy-second birthday anniversary by taking a little seventy-two mile cross country walk, yet how many younger men there are who are utterly unable to walk a few squares to church once a week.

One Political Bubble Burst.

In his annual report, recently issued, State Treasurer JOHN O. SHEATZ fitly puns one of the cherished bubbles of the Republican machine. It has been freely boasted by the press and public speakers of that political faith, for years, that the gradual obliteration of the debt of Pennsylvania was among the great achievements and wise policies of Republican administration. Mr. SHEATZ points out the utter absurdity of that claim. He cites the fact that the sinking fund was suggested by a Democratic Legislature and that the "real" diminution of the final extinction of the public debt is ascribable entirely to that beneficent measure.

The public debt of Pennsylvania was created by the construction of the canal system in pursuance of the Whig policy improvements. The hope was held out that through the medium of these public highways the revenues of the Commonwealth would be largely increased and that ultimately the entire expenses of the State government would be met by the proceeds of the business of these utilities. The result was vastly disappointing, however. Instead of yielding a profit the canals became a source of expense to the State and were rapidly drifting us in the direction of bankruptcy. It was to obviate this disaster that the canals were disposed of and the sinking fund created.

So far from Republican policies obliterating the State debt they prolonged by many years the final extinction of that burden upon the people of Pennsylvania. If the full measure of opportunities had been taken advantage of the last dollar of State debt would have been paid fifteen years ago, and it is safe to say that if WILLIAM H. BERRY had not been elected to the office of State Treasurer in 1905 the full payment would not have been paid for a dozen years to come. The profligate plans for expenditure of the public funds which had been formulated by the machine managers during the PENNYPACKER administration would have "eaten up" the revenues for that long a time at least.

—An advertisement in the WATCHMAN always pays.

Better Form of Philanthropy.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER's desire to employ his vast wealth for the benefit of mankind may be an expression of genuine philanthropy and his plan of achieving the result by incorporating the "ROCKEFELLER Foundation," may be both wise and expedient. We have no inclination to quarrel with rich men for no other reason than that they are rich or disposed to "look a gift horse in the mouth." But we are constrained to believe that there is more practical beneficence in the proposition of the multi-millionaire soap manufacturer who declares that he intends to spend the remainder of his life in efforts to change the system which makes it possible to accumulate such vast fortunes by robbing the people.

This millionaire reformed soap maker made a speech before a meeting of Chicago business men, the other evening, in which he said that "ROCKEFELLER and other millionaires have accumulated their wealth through unjust laws, especially under the tariff's protection, and because of these laws I, too, have robbed the public and am still robbing it. I am not responsible for these laws, but am doing, and intend to do, what I can to change them." This is the real sign of an improvement in purpose. It may not have the effect of improving the philanthropist who has thus reformed and lacks in the element of restitution. But it promises to check, if not entirely end, the source of the greatest evil.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER's plan is to incorporate his wealth by congressional legislation and use it in any and every way that will contribute to human happiness and comfort. But it leaves the system, by which it was created intact and probably strengthens the implied sanction of the government. On the other hand the soap maker's scheme is to keep his ample but, comparatively speaking, not exaggerated fortune and so amend the laws as to prevent either himself or others from further deprivations on the public. Obviously this plan will be the better in the long run, for in the course of a couple of hundred years the ROCKEFELLER Foundation would control all the wealth in the world.

—GEORGE GRAY BARNARD's groups for the front of the capitol at Harrisburg are now on exhibition in Paris and M. BOUCHER, the noted French sculptor, declares that "they will take rank with the greatest works of art in the world." After all the misery and hardships BARNARD suffered because of the misrepresentations of the capitol grafters his fame in the capitol construction will not endure through prison stripes.

Republican Troubles Multiply.

The Republicans are having all sorts of troubles. The opposition to CANNONISM and ALDRICHISM is unabated in the middle west. The PINCHOT-BALLINGER dispute continues to distract the party in the far west. The disclosures of corruption and bribery in New York has split the party in that State in equal parts and finally the movement to compel the enactment of legislation requiring the publicity of campaign expenses in presidential and congressional elections has put the leaders of the party on their heads. Incidentally there is a revolt in both houses of Congress over President TAFT's pet bills and on the whole the party is in a sad state of demoralization.

The publicity bill has been fought off successfully ever since the scandalous campaign conducted by MARK HANNA in 1896. Even those who welcomed the result of that election revolted against the corrupt measure adopted by the chairman of the Republican National committee. The wholesale bribery and the unholy alliance with the Mormon church indulged in during that campaign were abhorrent to the conscience of the country. But all attempts to enact preventive legislation proved abortive. President ROOSEVELT's deal with HARRIMAN in the campaign of 1904 intensified that feeling. But ROOSEVELT was able to influence Congress against the reform legislation as long as he remained in the White House.

The other day, however, the Democrats and insurgent Republicans caught the managers napping, and secured a favorable report on the bill. As long as the votes on the subject were taken in committee no great harm was felt in voting against the measure. Proceedings in committee are secret. But now that it is before the House and must be met in the open a negative vote will entail the popular reprobation of those who favor honesty in elections and are opposed to the bribery of voters. The Democrats are determined to press the advantage they have thus acquired. They will insist on an open vote and public record. Hence the increased trouble in the Republican party.

Mr. Shaw's Jingoism.

Former Secretary of the Treasury, LESLEY M. SHAW, has all the other jingos of the country skinned a mile. In an address on Founders' Day of Temple college, Philadelphia, the other day, he said: "Among the pressing problems is the struggle for the control of Pacific ocean commerce against the great little nation of Japan." Solemnly and slowly, according to an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, "he repeated his warning of future war, unless America prepares by establishing a merchant marine from which could be drawn soldiers and transports in case of strife." Obviously he was "tooting" for ship subsidy legislation but incidentally he was promoting the big navy schemes of the administration.

It is a trifle singular that the Japanese bugaboo is brought forward annually while the naval appropriation bill is pending in Congress. Whenever the palms of the shipbuilding pirates begin to itch for graft their agents in one branch of Congress or the other reveal some mysterious secret purposes of Japan to "eat us up." But Mr. SHAW is the first of the subsidy mongers to bring that rag bogie man into the arena for the purpose of influencing Congress to waste millions of dollars of the public funds by bestowing unearned bounties on the steamship trust. He has out-heroded HEROD in this direction and strangely enough he was addressing intelligent people at the time, college folk, if you please.

As Mr. SHAW indicated in his speech this country has gone to the limit of subsidy but there should be a check rather than an expansion of the wicked processes. At any rate the false pretense of a Japanese peril should be cut out of the equation in advocating the expansion. There is no more danger of a war with Japan than there is of a war with Great Britain, Germany or France, unless it is provoked by the absurd jingoism of blatherskites like SHAW who are probably paid by the shipbuilding trust for their fulminations on the subject. The present system of subsidizing commerce is sufficient to impoverish the country. Why add to the burdens of the people, therefore?

—And TEDDY is really on his way home. Why, what a good time the wilde beasts, gazelle and rhinos must be having in Africa since he left, but how some of the "malefactors of great wealth" must be trembling in their boots as they read of his march toward our shores again.

Nobody is Holding Aldrich.

Public interest in Senator ALDRICH's statement that if he were permitted to manage the affairs of the government he could save \$300,000,000 a year for the people has not been appeased by his silence on the subject since. Estimating the population at 90,000,000, which is a high figure, that would mean a saving of about three dollars and thirty-three cents each for every man, woman and child in the country. In a family of six, about the average in this country, it would save nearly twenty dollars a year, sufficient to provide a good many necessities and some luxuries. In poor families, the sort that have to pay the taxes, that addition to the resources would be a God-send.

The other day, according to the New York newspapers, the mayor of that city became bewildered in the hallways of one of the big hotels and meeting a bell-boy told him he was trying to go to an elevator. "Nobody is holding you," irreverently replied the urchin as he scampered away, leaving the mystified mayor on his own resources. The same answer might be appropriately applied to the distinguished Rhode Island Senator. He has absolutely dominated the management of the fiscal policies of the government during the last half dozen years and if he has permitted a waste of so vast a sum, he is as culpable as if he had broken into the treasury vaults with a jimmy and stolen the money.

That such an amount might be saved is beyond question. Before the elevation of ROOSEVELT to the office of President the expenses of the government were that much less than they are now and the increase is the result of his wanton indifference to his official obligations and the principles of common honesty. The profligacy at the White House inspired profligacy in the other departments with the result that the country is threatened with bankruptcy notwithstanding the enormous and unnecessary tax burdens which have been put upon the people. But Senator ALDRICH and his party are in some respects responsible for this criminal misuse of the people's money and should be held to account.

—Anyway those "malefactors of great wealth" and the "predatory rich" have three months yet of comparative peace and quiet. BWANA TUMBO will not return until June.

A Democratic Policy.

From the Pittsburg Post. Perry Belmont is quite right in declaring that but for the activity of Democratic representatives the McCall bill providing for publicity in congressional elections would not yet have been reported from committee even. When Republicans are not openly opposed to such measures they take pains to show their apathy and indifference toward them. They are never known to be active in supporting and furthering legislation of that character.

The reason for this negative stand on the part of Republicans is manifest. That party has always depended on a swollen plush fund for its success on election day. Without sines of war of that nature theirs is a lost cause. And it is not unnatural that they should wish to have the sources from which these funds are derived kept a secret. Otherwise the contention so long adhered to by their opponents that they are hand in glove with the trusts and all the other powers of special privilege would become too well established.

Democrats who have labored earnestly to have the McCall bill reported out of committee are entitled to all the credit that has been given to them, and more besides. Possibly the McCall bill is not perfect. Very likely it does not go far enough. Probably it should be more rigidly restrictive of corruption. Nevertheless it is good so far as it goes. At least it provides for an advance over prevailing conditions. It ought to be enacted before this session of Congress adjourns.

Another Business Pirate.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The enormous dividends of the United States Steel corporation has occasioned much comment recently. Many thoughtful people were quite as much concerned at the same time when the fabulous profits of the railroad, the express and the telegraph companies were announced. The tremendous profits of the Sugar Trust, the Harvester Trust, the Textile Trust and the Lumber Trust have caused the country to sit up and take notice. Now comes the Tobacco Trust with its story of graft made possible by the hateful tariff. The American Tobacco company (the trust) has just made public its annual report for 1909, which shows that the Tobacco Trust earned 50 1/2 per cent on its \$40,000,000 common stock. The net earnings were \$30,448,384, an increase of \$1,743,979 over last year which, after deductions and preferred stock dividends, left a balance of \$20,272,898. The report shows that the company now has a total surplus of \$42,499,140, an amount larger than its issue of common stock.

It is quite evident that President Taft's idea that the tariff should "afford manufacturers a reasonable profit" is working a charm. Surely Big Business cannot complain. The tariff is opening quite agreeably for it. Yet it would seem to be about time for the American people to wake up and make short work of the tariff and retain something for themselves.

Disgusted With Taft.

From the Springfield (Miss.) Republican. In the beginning of its campaign against the Taft administration, Collier's Weekly occasionally offered the most positive assurance that it was, in effect as well as in motive, the President's best friend. It was engaged in saving Mr. Taft from persons who pretended to be his friends, but were not. In the last issue, the editor shows signs of a loss of patience and an overpowering irritation. This time, Mr. Taft gets his. The President, one reads at the end of an unexpected attack on Secretary Ballinger's Hetch-Hetchy decision, "thinks he has a judicial temperament and in conversation frequently appeals to this possession, as evidence that he is likely to be right. Alone in his library, with his law books and an abstract case, he may be fully as judicial as he imagines. In the world of men, he is the toy of the politicians, lawyers and money-makers with whom he plays golf, walks and eats—the most gullible President, in regard to his associates, since Grant left the battlefield for the White House." This impresses one as the most savage criticism yet passed on Mr. Taft since he succeeded Mr. Roosevelt. It comes from a journalistic exponent of Rooseveltism. And, of course, as a judge, it not only makes pie of Mr. Taft, but makes ridiculous Mr. Roosevelt who gave us Mr. Taft, appropriately indorsed as the best trained and equipped President who ever entered the White House.

—LEWIS EMERY Jr., of Bradford, McKean county, left on Tuesday evening for a three month's trip to Peru, and before going he issued a circular in which he announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from this, the Twenty-first congressional district; thus contesting the nomination with Hon. CHARLES F. BARCLAY, of Sinnamohoning, and CHARLES E. PATTON, of Clearfield. All that is needed now to make the fight one of real interest is for Elk and Centre counties to throw a pugilist into the ring. With the above three men anxious to get there it ought to be a very profitable campaign for the man able to control and deliver the Centre county conferees.

—If those Philadelphia strikers really want to get results quick we would suggest that they all go back to work now and say nothing until about the 15th of next October. A strike three weeks before the election would be settled mighty quick by the political corporations that rule the Quaker city.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Ten thousand bricks a day are put out by the Lumber City brick plant now, the force and working hours having been made longer.

—Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever and diphtheria, children under 15 years of age are not allowed in the Spangler hospital.

—A party of young men from Pike township and Curwensville, Clearfield county, started for Oregon last week, where they will embark in business.

—Clark Westover, of Beccaris township, Clearfield county, has an exhibition an egg measuring seven and one-half by six and one-fourth inches. He is a breeder of white Wyandottes.

—Already twelve candidates have put themselves in the field for the position of superintendent of the Clearfield county schools, which will be filled in May, 1911. A strenuous contest is not only anticipated but assured.

—The holdings of the Clearfield Creek Coal company were sold at public sale at the Clearfield court house recently for \$175,000. A committee representing the bondholders purchased the property.

—The reunion of the Surviving Veterans Association of the Third Heavy Artillery and 188th Infantry, Pa. Vols., will be held in Huntingdon, in June. W. S. Settle, of Lewistown, is a member of the committee at large of the organization.

—The Jersey Shore Herald says a new car repair shop almost doubling the size of the present repair shops, will be erected at Avis the coming summer. The building will be 20x350 feet in size, and will cost \$350,000, which will greatly increase the number of employees.

—Crackmen entered the Fourestwell postoffice near Somerset, recently picked up the safe, carried it to the stable in the rear and blew it open with nitro-glycerine. They secured about \$200 worth of stamps and cash to the amount of \$300 cents, then made their escape.

—Pittsburgers are planning a royal reception for Theodore Roosevelt when he nears American shores from his foreign tour. The idea is to charter a steamer and run out to sea for the purpose of meeting the ex-president. A committee of the Young Men's Republican Tariff club is working out the details.

—While tearing down an old stable in the rear of his lot, Frank Kehne, of Indiana, found an old trunk in the mow containing \$3,000. The money had been placed there, it is thought, by Charles Geiseman, an uncle of Mrs. Kehne. The old fellow was a quiet, frugal German and has been dead for five years.

—After making arrangements to buy a big hotel in Johnstown and finishing plans for a big dinner to be given at Latrobe to a number of business men of the Flood City, a stranger who had shown a half pint of gold nuggets and roll of bills, disappeared. Whatever scheme the man had worked out it did not materialize.

—It is reported in Pittsburg that the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company and the General Electric company, its most bitter rival, are to be merged. If this is achieved the new trust will have a combined capital of about \$150,000,000. George Westinghouse is said to be unfavorable to the combination, as he always has bitterly opposed trusts.

—Fire destroyed the home of R. C. Quiggle, at Pine, Clinton county, recently and the family had to flee in their night clothes, so quickly did the flames spread. The conflagration was caused by an exploding lamp. The home was one of the largest and finest in Wayne township and the loss is quite heavy, as the whole building and nearly all the contents went up in the flames.

—Certain parties are trying to oust Sheriff P. J. Murphy, of Pottsville, from the office he has held for three months. It is said that Milton H. Masters was promised a job as deputy sheriff by Murphy, before the latter had been elected, which is contrary to law. It is alleged that there are a number of witnesses to the proffer. Masters, it is said, is likely to be arrested on counter charges.

—Robert Stauffer, of DuBois, and Roland Spaulde, of Hazleton, have come into possession of the Phillips shirt factory, the largest employer of girls in that town. About 125 machines are run in the works. Both the new owners are young and energetic and will take possession of the factory on or before April 15. Mr. Stauffer has been employed at DuBois as bookkeeper for the Freeland overall factory.

—Blairsville voters took little interest in the special election held recently to determine whether or not there should be a bond issue of \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school building, and the measure lost by a margin of eleven votes. Only about one third of the voters visited the polls. It had been predicted that the bond issue would not be authorized. Now the erection of the school building is postponed for at least another year.

—Three Wilkesbarre capitalists, in company with two mining engineers, looked up some valuable coal property in the vicinity of Monarch shaft, near Philipsburg, recently, with a view of developing the lower measures. This ultimately may mean the putting in of a couple of up-date shafts. All through that section are valuable deposits of coal and it is expected that extensive developments will be going on in the not far distant future.

—Leo, a big lion performing in an animal act at the North Third street zoo, Harrisburg, calmly walked out through a door that had been left open leading from the cage in which he had been put and an audience into a panic. Placidly walking to the front of the stage, the animal looked at the fleeing audience, then turned around and walked back to whence he came. Some few minutes later, a sheepish looking audience drifted back to their seats.

—At a meeting of the Midway Oil company, held in Altoona last Thursday, the first dividend was declared, the amount of the dividend being two and a half per cent, on the capital stock of \$500,000. The company was organized in 1902 and the stock is all held by Pennsylvanians, although the property is located in Kern county, California. It consists of twenty acres and three wells are now in operation, each producing three hundred barrels per day. The oil is sold to the Standard Oil company on the ground. R. W. A. Jamson, of Lock Haven is one of the heaviest stockholders and a director in the company.

—Supervising Principal W. F. Yoder was exonerated by a jury at Williamsport from the charge of assault and battery on a pupil of the Jersey Shore schools. Three-fourths of the costs were imposed on the father of the lad, W. A. Seltz Sr., who brought the charges, and the defendant was ordered to pay the remainder. E. H. Houseworth, the principal of the Jersey Shore High school, was found not guilty of the charge of flourishing concealed weapons. The principal flourishing the sun when students were trying to put the teachers out of the High school a week ago, and was arrested by the parents of a lad who was expelled for his attack on an instructor.

—On the first day of June a stock company will be incorporated in the West End, Williamsport, to exploit the oil and natural gas wells located on the George Crocker farm, in Old Lycoming township. Five hundred acres of land adjoining the Crocker estate have been leased and a well 1,700 feet in depth sunk. The land has been leased from S. F. Metzger, Lewis Metzger, Edward Heter and Samuel Heter and it is intended to lease several hundred acres more. A majority of the stock has already been subscribed by West End business men through the agency of Mr. Crocker himself. The latter says five men will receive steady employment at the wells after the first of June.