

INK SLINGS.

—This is All Fool's day and in all probability many of them are abroad in the land.

—A cold wave is reported as being on the way. The sooner it gets here the better it will be for the fruit.

—If we should happen to get our March weather in this month; don't be unmindful of the beautiful April weather we had in March.

—Never mind, if meat does keep on going up. Summer is coming and the ladies will be able to pick up lobsters at the Shore for a song.

—Pittsburg councils had a regular meeting Monday night. They forgot to open the session by singing that touching little song "The Vacant Chair."

—The Republican's double column editorial attack on LEW EMBERY sounds very much as if some one else has had BARCLAY's ear on the Bellefonte postoffice.

—If things don't change in Washington very soon BIG BILL and big bluff will be so nearly synonymous that there will remain only that smile to distinguish one from the other.

—Temperance advocates say that New York will be dry in ten years. My, but they will have to "lick up" a lot of it over in Gotham to bring about such a catastrophe in such a short time.

—Over ninety-two million bacteria are said to be able to live on a dollar bill. It is a consolation to know that such a little bit of money will go such a long way; even if it is in a bad direction.

—"What is ginger ale?" is a question that a satisfactory answer is being sought for just now by the government. Strange that no one has thought to tell Uncle SAM that it is one of the seducers in the seductive "Mamie Taylor."

—In the light of recent happenings at Washington we imagine that the fellows who once called Uncle JOE "The Watch Dog of the Treasury" are now consoling themselves with the thought that he is one of the dogs that has had its day.

—Prof. FROST, of the William's Bay, Wisconsin, observatory, has discovered strange eruptions shooting out from the sun. Maybe old Sol has heard of the conquest of CANNON and is celebrating the sole right that remains to him of making it hot for the insurgents in Washington.

—The king of Denmark is credited with having said that ours is the model nation of the world. The rest of the nations will not get jealous over this announcement, however, because they will figure that the Dane's judgment is not altogether to be relied upon since a certain Dr. COOK visited him.

—President WOODROW WILSON, of Princeton University, is at least a pleasing prophet. He predicts the restoration of the Democratic party to power and the reincarnation of the great principles of Democracy. Hasten the day of fulfillment—for the sake of the country, and, incidentally, the boys who haven't been at the crib for so many years.

—Egypt is divided as to whether TEDDY is the whole cheese. His speech at Cairo pleased one crowd but made another terribly sore and as a consequence the Nationalists made a demonstration against him. As the demonstration consisted merely of derisive howls TEDDY was probably not alarmed because he is a little long on that kind of thing himself.

—The Pennsylvania railroad company seems to be the first of the great corporations to help its employees solve the problem of making ends meet under the present high cost of necessities. If others were to adopt this policy there would be less strike movements in the air and a more rapid approach to that condition of prosperity that was vouchsafed us two years ago.

—The Republicans, themselves, are becoming disgusted with this idea of reform within the party. It can't be done. The only way to reform a party that has become infested with such parasites as trusts and corrupt leaders is to carry it out of power for a few years then those who have been hanging to it only for what they can get out of it will flee like rats from a sinking ship.

—Senator JONATHAN P. ALLDS, of New York, has been found guilty by his colleagues of bribe taking. As a consequence he is resigned his office to escape expulsion. It is only another instance of the general cleaning up that is going on everywhere in official life, and one for which the public is properly thankful. As soon as it becomes a certainty that grafting will surely meet the punishment it deserves there will be an end of grafting, but not until that time arrives.

—If the Hon. LEWIS EMBERY JR., had not persisted in beginning every one of his speeches, when he was the Fusion nominee for Governor against STUART, with the declaration: "I am a Republican," it is a question whether he would have been defeated. He lost many Democratic votes on that account, but he preferred to lose them rather than have the Fusionists think he had left his party. The editor of the Bellefonte Republican is fully acquainted with these facts, therefore the intelligent reader can only look on that double column attack on EMBERY last week as the veriest buncombe.

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Senator Elkins "Rampaging."

Senator ELKINS, of West Virginia, approached perilously close to the line which separates the reactionaries from the progressives of his party the other day.

Senator ELKINS had introduced a resolution for such an investigation some weeks before and it was buried in committee for the reason that it would have been necessary to appoint the author of the resolution to the chairmanship of the committee and as Senator BAILEY, of Texas, remarked, the machine managers were afraid that if ELKINS should find the tariff responsible "for any of these hardships and these high prices, he will frankly say so."

The difference between the resolution introduced by ELKINS and that offered by LODGE was that in the ELKINS resolution it was proposed to inquire into the relation of the tariff to high prices and in the other it wasn't.

Of course Senator ELKINS will not carry out his implied threat with respect to getting "off the reservation." He is too closely associated with the industrial trusts to take chances of giving the Democrats a chance.

Unwise Labor Leaders.

The labor leaders of Philadelphia are not correctly reading the lessons of recent events if the reports of their purposes are accurately expressed in the newspapers of that city.

What the labor leaders of Philadelphia and all other communities ought to do is adopt the most effective methods of defeating the Republican machine and to achieve that they must vote for the Democratic candidates.

A labor party in this State can have no other effect, therefore, than to divide the strength of the opposition to the Republican policies.

the division of the opposition and this is precisely what the Philadelphia labor leaders propose to promote. If instead of organizing a separate party they would invest all their energy and ingenuity in an effort to elect Democrats to the various offices to be filled, there would be such a political revolution in the State as would forever bury the Republican machine and its beneficiaries.

Changed Estimate of Taft.

Thirteen months ago President TAFT entered the White House the most popular man in the country. He was believed to be an amiable, capable and conscientious gentleman.

Some of the President's flatterers are trying to soothe him with the false statements that only Democratic papers criticize him and only Democrats have changed their opinions of him.

TAFT got in bad in the beginning and has since gone from bad to worse. When he accepted an expense fund, in violation of the constitution, that looked like a bribe for signing a tariff bill that he knew was iniquitous, he revealed a moral infirmity that inspired contempt.

An Excellent Suggestion.

We cordially endorse the suggestion of the esteemed Philadelphia Record that the Democrats of Pennsylvania get together.

The esteemed Record is inspired to its commendable proposition by the splendid performances of the Democrats in Congress during the recent movement against CANNONISM.

The Democrats could have carried the election in this State, last year, if ninety per cent. of its voting strength had gone to the polls.

Meat Prices in New York and London.

American meat sells in London for thirty per cent. less than in New York. The cattle are killed in Chicago, Kansas City or other Western packing houses and shipped by rail to the sea board.

The fact of this difference in price became embarrassing to the American Beef trust and the managers of that horned and hoofed monster set about, a few weeks ago, to end it.

But they encountered a different state of affairs in London. The authorities there favor the people rather than the trusts.

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Graft, in this country, is under the sanction and patronage of the highest official station. When the President of the United States accepts emoluments forbidden by the fundamental law which he is under sworn obligation to "support, obey and defend," it is absurd to protest against the trifling graft of a Pittsburg councilman or a New York legislator.

Graft first became a recognized element in the public life of this country during the administration of ROOSEVELT who was the most insatiable grafter of all.

It began under the protection of privilege when the railroads shut down on passes. Previous to that ROOSEVELT simply "held up" the railroads and compelled them to pay the expenses of his ambitious trips.

—An advertisement in the WATCHMAN always pays.

Rainey Proposes Test.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Has Cannonism really been stamped out?

Has that unseen power which sorts out the legislation that shall pass and that which shall be throttled, received a death thrust or only an irritating pin scratch, through the recent improvement of the house committee on rules?

Or, in other words, will proposed legislation of a character that was waylaid and murdered in the committee on rules when Speaker Cannon was chairman, now be allowed to proceed on its legislative journey and come before the House for a vote, so that the entire membership of the House can do the legislating instead of the committee on rules?

The point can not properly be raised that the proposed investigation is a partisan question, as Representative Campbell of Kansas (Republican) has introduced a resolution that is almost a duplicate of the Rainey resolution.

Now is the argument which President Taft made last December to the effect that a congressional probe might give immunity to the men "higher up" now tenable as three months have passed and no move has been made by the government prosecutors in New York to bring the "higher ups" to trial.

Pledge Unfulfilled.

From the Pittsburg Post.

News from Washington is to the effect that great pressure is being brought to bear to have President Taft's views on the railroad regulation question enacted into law.

This situation leads one to inquire as to the force and value of the platform pledges subscribed to by the Republican party in convention assembled in the summer of 1908.

Among those whose labor contributes to the progress and welfare of the country, nothing has been done to insure greater supervision and control over the trusts and greater publicity concerning their acts.

Steel Trust Capitalism.

From the Chicago Public.

Last year's report of the Steel Trust shows its net earnings for this year to have been \$131,491,413, after the payment of \$151,663,394 in wages and salaries.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The big encampment of the State G. A. R. will be held at Harrisburg in June.

—The Wigton, Centre county, postoffice will be vacant soon and an examination of applicants will be held in Phillipsburg on April 22nd. Last year the office paid \$285.

—Bruce Kurts, of Hyner, Clinton county, is in trouble with the law because he has a pet deer in his possession, it having been run into his place by dogs and having remained there ever since.

—Charles Leshar, who for some time had been superintendent of the Phillipsburg fire brick works, has succeeded W. B. Wigton as general superintendent of the plants at Phillipsburg, Wallacetown and Retort. H. G. Iams, of Woodland, takes Mr. Leshar's place.

—When the excavation was being done for the foundation of the Mt. Joy Union National bank, which is being erected on the old roadbed of the Pennsylvania railroad, the old tracks laid by the State years ago were found. The rails consisted of strap iron nailed on long sleepers, laid lengthwise.

—J. J. Hohlitzell, of Meyersdale, recently sold to D. B. Zimmerman a tract of 2,000 acres of valuable coal property at Husband, near Somerset. The reported consideration is \$100,000. The property is rendered doubly valuable by the fact that the new line of the Baltimore and Ohio runs directly through it.

—Parties are negotiating with Hon. P. E. Womelsdorf, of Phillipsburg, agent for James E. Clark lands east of that town with the view of opening up and developing the fire-clay deposits underlying the surface. This property is better known as the New York land, and is said to be rich in fire-clay deposits.

—The purchase of one hundred acres of land in Berks county, one mile east of Hamburg, for a State tuberculosis sanitarium, has been announced by State Health Commissioner Dixon. The tract is situated in a beautiful place at the foot of the Blue mountain range and affords a magnificent view of the Schuylkill valley.

—Baltimore and Ohio railroad land agents are having considerable trouble in securing the necessary rights-of-way for proposed improvements around Somerset. Some farmers want as high as \$1,000 an acre for land that is assessed at \$12. Condemnation proceedings will be instituted, it is said, if the company is not able to secure the land in a short time.

—A few days after having returned to his work in the Altoona shops, after being laid up for five years with rheumatism, Charles Tobler, aged 21 met with a great misfortune, losing both of his hands. The belting of his machine got out of order and he climbed up to repair it. While clinging to the track of the crane the crane ran over his hands, mangleing them.

—The case of the Pardee estate vs. the White Deer Mountain Water company for \$20,000 damages for the usurpation of the waters of White Deer creek, thus preventing the Pardee estate from enjoying the benefits of the water power derived from the stream, which has been on trial at Lewisburg for two weeks, came to a close Saturday evening. The jury, after being out four hours, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$15,000.

—Because the girl he loved would not marry him, Fred Eilman, aged 21, of Wilkesbarre, committed suicide recently by taking carbolic acid. He had told his sister that if the young object of his affections would not change her decision not to marry him within two weeks he would do away with himself, and he did, just when the two weeks were up. Flamed over his heart was the picture of a good-looking girl bearing the name, "Mary Brown, South River street, Wilkesbarre."

—Work is to be resumed in the Duncannon Iron company works, which have been idle since July, 1908. The plant was sold at receiver's sale recently to J. G. Leiper, Jr., of Philadelphia, his bid being \$30,000 subject to a mortgage of \$37,000. Mr. Leiper is reported as having said that work will be resumed as soon as possible. The plant consists of two rolling mills, a nail factory, a machine shop, store buildings, warehouses, ninety two dwelling houses and over 600 acres of land.

—The secretary of the Newton Hamilton Camp association in a circular announces that the campmeeting will begin this year on August 11th and continue twelve days. Rev. W. C. Wallace, of Hastings, will again have charge. The grounds will open July 1st, when tents may be occupied by arrangement with the secretary. In planning for your vacation consider what the Newton Hamilton Campmeeting association offers. A home in the woods, plenty of fresh air, boating, fishing.

—The people of Grove City are up in arms over the fact that stories have been circulated according to town to have an epidemic of contagious diseases, and in a statement to the newspapers they say that there were but three cases of meningitis in Grove City, in a population of about four thousand and that at the present time there is not a single acute case of disease of any nature whatever in the community, and that the health conditions of the town were never better in its history than they are today.

—Alfred Graham, of Clearfield, who has for years been recognized as one of that county's leading lumbermen and most enterprising citizens, has announced that a company had been formed, of which he is one of the principal factors, to develop the coal on the Surveyor Run tract, north from Shawville, in the other end of the county, embracing about 3,000 acres. This tract of land was rich in lumber growth, and still contains several million feet of good timber, but its real value is believed to be the vast deposits of spendid coal hidden away beneath its surface.

—One Italian man lost his mind and John Schurman suffered a snake bite on the arm as the result of the uncovering of a den of reptiles by a blast in a stone-quarry back of Bluestone, near Lock Haven, recently. Forty-two snakes were killed by the workmen in one day and the poor Italian whose reason may flee was so badly scared that he is ill. It was from the number of reptiles that he uncovered that all the snakes in a well-populated snake neighborhood wintered in one place. The part of the quarry in which the snakes were uncovered had not been worked practically since early last summer.

—Myrtle A. Singley, who was shot by William Shradder, of Lewistown, when she was out horse-back riding recently, had chosen her path-bearers a few days before her death as if in anticipation of some impending tragedy. The horse on which she was shot appeared in the funeral, riderless, with a band of crape tied across the white star on his forehead. Shradder's parents, old-fashioned country people, have announced their intention of sticking by their son. He is an orderly prisoner and talks freely to all who enter his cell. It is declared that when he is asked why he committed the murder he replies that "he spent all his money on her and she didn't love him enough to keep from running around with other men."

—Lockport, near Lock Haven, had quite an exciting time recently when a young bull owned by H. H. Crisman, the butcher, went on a rampage. The animal escaped from its stable and rushed through the streets, scaring the women and children and having a long rope attached. It went into a lot and probably would have been captured by the men and boys who gathered had it not taken one bound and landed on the other side of a barb wire fence. Then plunging into the river it swam nearly to the middle of the stream and turned around and went back. A young man caught the rope and went through all sorts of acrobatic evolutions, much to the merriment of the on-lookers, but fell in a bruised heap at the end. The animal was not captured until an hour later.