

INK SLINGS.

—It just seems impossible for old Probs to give us two days in succession without rain.

—About all there is cheerful to the present skies is the silver lining we know all those lowering clouds are sure to possess.

—Only three weeks until the Fourth of July, then the business men's picnic, then the fair and winter on us again. Lord, how the time does fly!

—Those who last week were busiest reading a few local Republicans out of their party are beginning already with the salve box to coax them back in.

—JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has to live chiefly on graham wafers and milk yet there are plenty of fools who would trade that ostrich like receptacle they have under their belts for JOHN D's wealth.

—After the returns came in from Marion township some of the juvenile local Republican bosses revised their opinion as to what MER BETZ amounts to down there. MER showed them that he was there with the bells on when it came to doing things.

—And even the Honorable, thought-to-be invulnerable, always protectionist JOHN DALZEL, of Pittsburg, was made to see the hand-writing on the wall. He narrowly escaped defeat for re-nomination to Congress and as it stands his victory is to be contested because of frauds practiced for his benefit.

—The Iowa idea seems to have undergone some changes lately. It is "stand pat" no longer especially where supporters of CANNON are concerned. The defeat of Congressman HULL for re-nomination for his eleventh term was overwhelming and solely because he was one of CANNON's chief supporters.

—And there isn't one of those Republican fanatics who were near going crazy for fear EMBERY might get a few votes for Congress who can give you, even a remote idea of who their candidate for Governor might be. Boss PENROSE considers it none of their business and doesn't propose to tell them until he is good and ready. And yet it was because EMBERY is one of the kind who has gumption enough to demand knowledge of such things that they were all against him.

—The Hon. J. C. MEYER not only received the unanimous nomination of the Democratic party for the office of Assembly, but had more than one hundred and fifty votes cast for him on Republican ballots. We congratulate those Republicans who were thoughtful enough to remember an able Representative in this way and it speaks well for their judgment in the matter of helping to keep at Harrisburg a man who is destined to be of much service to Centre county.

—While there was really no contest for election as delegates to the Democratic State convention at Allentown next week the vote was surprisingly close. While Messrs. CUNNINGHAM, AUMAN, and NOLL were chosen to represent us, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. DAUBERMAN had enough votes to make the result exceedingly close. This was probably due to the fitness of the nominees. All of them being men of ability and well qualified to represent the party in any of its deliberations consequently the result hinged entirely upon what work they may have done individually among their friends. It is a healthy condition that the party finds itself in when contests are conducted as this one was; without prejudice or trickery. Anyone of the gentlemen would have made a desirable delegate and each one has reason to be gratified with his vote.

—The importance the Republican evidently attaches to the carrying of Centre county for PATTON can be fathomed only by the thought that the Republican is ambitious to succeed the Gazette as premier sycophant to a Congressman. The entire organization, county chairman, county chairman-elect, every postmaster and political lick-spittal who could be called to arms was sent hurrying over the county in the campaign for PATTON, MAC and J. THOMAS MITCHELL, and NED BLANCHARD passed PATTON cigars in every country store they could get that swift Chalmers stopped at, while county chairman HARRY KELLER looked longingly at the "Pop" shelves and told the natives to be "Regular" just as if he hadn't nearly hollered his head off for JENKS when he was the Democratic candidate for Governor not so many years ago. While this quartet of star manipulators were trying to kick up dust on the country roads county-chairman-to-be QUIGLEY, brother MALIN and a bunch of other smooth articles—when asleep—were fixing Bellefonte so Mr. EMBERY couldn't steal it. They had all the money they could get—if not quite as much as they needed—and made all the ado of a national campaign merely because HARD HARRIS, ROGER BROUSE and HORTON RAY had essayed to champion EMBERY. It was all the paper fighters of the Republican party in the county against three Republicans who never did much political manipulating anyway and it was a Great Victory for PATTON. Tell it to the Marines. It wasn't a great victory for PATTON that made the "extry" on the other end of our block. It was the postoffice.

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Much Needed Electoral Reform.

The result of the primary elections in Philadelphia plainly point out an important duty of the commission authorized by the Legislature to revise the election laws. ERNEST L. TUSTIN, G. VON PAUL JONES and JOHN T. MURPHY, servile instruments of the PENROSE machine, were nominated as candidates of the Democratic party for State Senator. This result was achieved by the manipulation of the surplus Republican majorities in the districts. In one district three or four hundred inmates of the almshouse were voted for the Republican candidate in that district as Democrats and thus secured his nomination as the candidate of a party of which he is not a member and with which he has no sympathy.

The object of this perversion of the uniform primary election law is to make absolutely certain the election of palpably unfit men at the general election next fall. Not one of the three candidates named would be certain of election if there were a Democratic candidate to attract the Democratic vote. But with no Democratic candidate and an unaccountable antipathy to independent political enterprises, the Republican machine can elect the most atrocious men to the General Assembly and the more unfit the candidate the greater the effort they make to elect him. That is why the Philadelphia delegation in the Legislature is a reproach to the State.

The electoral commission ought to make this sort of political juggling impossible. It can be done by a provision in the primary law that candidates must be attached to or affiliated with the party upon the ticket of which they aspire to run. Under the existing law a voter must declare his identity with a party in order to vote for its candidates. It would be equally reasonable to compel a candidate to declare his affiliation with the party that he aspires to represent. In fact unless this is done primary elections will become farces for the reason that minority parties will be literally extinguished through the process of stealing their nominations.

Disgraceful Party Bossism.

The primary elections of both parties were held nearly a week ago and the delegates to the State conventions were chosen. Within two weeks from this date the Republican convention will assemble. Yet at this moment there is not a man other than Senator PENROSE himself who has even the remotest idea who will be the nominee of that party for Governor. State Treasurer WRIGHT will be nominated for that office and Secretary of Internal Affairs HOUCK will be named to succeed himself. But nobody except PENROSE knows who will be named for either Governor or Lieutenant Governor and no man in the party within the broad borders of the State has the courage to even suggest a name.

The late Senator QUAY imagined that he had his followers reduced to the limit of servility. He was in the habit of telling certain too inquisitive gentlemen that things he desired to conceal from them were none of their business. But in his time there was courage and manhood enough in the party to bring out candidates for the important offices and though his preferences were paramount others could get a look in occasionally. But there is nothing of that sort now. The rank and file of the Republican party is reduced to a measure of peonage that has never been dreamed of even in Mexico. No man in the organization dares claim that his soul is his own.

For weeks the Democrats of the State have been canvassing for their favorites among three or four gentlemen who have been named for the nomination for Governor and after a free competition at the polls the choice of the majority will be expressed at the Allentown convention next Wednesday. But the Republican convention to be held in Harrisburg a week later will witness no such expression of popular choice. The delegates will not know until the night before the convention who PENROSE has selected to carry the banner of the party during the campaign and when they do get the information they will not be allowed the poor privilege of expressing discontent.

—East Linn street has been oiled from Allegheny to Ridge streets and now the residents along that thoroughfare are rejoicing over the fact that they are not troubled with the dust nuisance. High street from the bridge to the Pennsylvania railroad is now being coated with oil and then the WATCHMAN force will be among those who will also have cause to rejoice, because the dust and dirt on a windy day are a source of great annoyance. Dr. R. G. H. Hayes has also oiled the new state road in front of his home in Spring township.

—An advertisement in the WATCHMAN always pays.

The Limit of Political Indecency.

Congress has voted the President a traveling expense fund of \$25,000. It will not be available until after the close of the present fiscal year, which will be June 30th, and some of the bills already incurred will have to be held over until then. But July 1st will be soon enough. The campaign will not open in earnest until about September 1st and there is no use in the President taking the stump until the campaign opens. The effect of speeches made during the dog days will be lost before the election. Therefore it is just as well that the fund is not available now for TAFT would be certain to exhaust it before the summer is over if he could get his fingers on it now.

The constitution forbids any emolument to the President other than the salary of his office provided by law. Custom and decency alike forbid the acceptance of money for campaign services except in case the man who receives it is too poor to pay his own expenses. But President TAFT not only accepts funds in violation of the constitution which he has sworn to "support, obey and defend," but he actually solicits them. This marks him down as a cheap personage, devoid of the self-respect which impels a man to pay his own expenses and maintain his manhood. He takes his place among the professional politicians of the undesirable type. Even ROOSEVELT never descended to that low level.

But there is a graver cause of complaint than this in the condition of affairs that is presented. It means that the people are taxed to pay the campaign expenses of the Republican party. It has been a custom among cheap politicians in municipal governments to make officials bear the burden of the campaign expenses. For example policemen and firemen are compelled to make window books and perform kindred services for the party in power. But their contributions whether in money or labor come out of themselves. In voting an expense fund to President TAFT, however, the expenses of his campaign work are literally put upon the people. That is the limit of political indecency.

Farming Treasury Balances.

At the close of business on the last day of May there were nearly \$10,000,000 in the Pennsylvania state treasury. A trifle more than \$2,000,000 of this amount was in the sinking fund and a little less than \$8,000,000 in the general fund. The average balance since the adjournment of the Legislature about a year ago has been in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000. Yet the Governor vetoed bills appropriating funds for needed charities and refused to sign a bill providing for a meager pension for the veterans of the Civil war, in order to preserve these balances to be farmed out for the benefit of favored politicians.

At the time the question of the signing or vetoing the charity appropriation bills and the soldiers' pension bill was under consideration THE WATCHMAN expressed the opinion that if the absurd state boulevard bill and the questionable capitol park extension bill were vetoed there would be ample revenues to pay all other appropriations. But the atrocious political machine wanted a large treasury balance all through the year in order that bankers could be bribed to debauch the ballot at the elections of this year and next. It may be that Governor Stuart was deceived into the belief that the revenues would be inadequate to pay the charity appropriations but if he was he is too simple to be allowed to manage his own affairs.

During the past year the treasury balances have not been of much use to the Republican machine because State Treasurer SHEATZ wasn't inclined to farm the funds. But the present treasurer is entirely willing to make the best of the opportunities for the party and because of that fact he has been slated for nomination. It may be expected, moreover, that the \$10,000,000 available for that kind of commerce on the last day of May will be considerably increased during the time that will intervene before the next Legislature assembles. Meantime the people have an opportunity to figure out the advantage of big balances.

—The Bellefonte Daily died a natural death at the publication office in Howard last Saturday and the publisher, Fred S. Dunham, announces that he will now leave it for some other fellow to take up and lose several hundred dollars on. Running a daily newspaper in or for Bellefonte is a sure losing venture without any mistake.

—The Yearick-Hoy reunion which this year be held at Hecla Park on Wednesday, June 22nd. It will be in the shape of a basket picnic gathering and all members of the above two families and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Shameful Spectacle Before Us.

It is generally believed that the majority of the committee which has been investigating the Secretary of the Interior will make a report favorable to Mr. BALLINGER. Practically everything charged against him has been proved. He was counsel for land pirates before and after he served as commissioner of the land office. He exhausted every expedient to get fraudulent land grants patented. He connived with MR. PERKINS of the PIERPONT MORGAN bank to convey to that concern and the GUGGENHEIMS valuable coal lands and he tried in every possible way to deceive the committee and conceal important evidence. But the report will practically exonerate him from all blame.

This fact exemplifies the weakness of our form of government. That MR. BALLINGER is guilty of every charge made against him by PINCHOT and GLAVIS is beyond question. The testimony is overwhelming and conclusive. But the President wants him to escape the penalty of his acts and Congress hasn't the courage to go against the desires of the President. Senators and Representatives understand too well the value of patronage to displease the appointing power and though a favorable report will be subversive of political morality and demoralizing to the public service, such a report will be made. The exigencies of the political machine require this sacrifice of official integrity.

BALLINGER was appointed to the office of Secretary of the Interior at the request of the land pirates under an agreement made before the election of TAFT. The land pirates exacted this agreement of the candidate in return for campaign subscriptions and the President doesn't dare repudiate his part of the agreement. But it is a fact nevertheless. The public domain is despoiled in conformity with a corrupt agreement and there is no recourse. The highest office in the gift of the people is prostituted in order that the party of graft and greed may be continued in control for another term at least. This is the shameful spectacle that confronts us.

A Closed Incident.

The esteemed Johnstown Democrat is incorrigible. It continues to gratify the revenge of ELIAS DEEMER and serve the Republican machine by nagging Congressman WILSON. Whether it is influenced to this course by perversity or other reason is of little consequence. Both DEEMER and the Republican machine are abundantly able and entirely willing to pay liberally for such service as they desire. But there are those who are willing to do evil without recompense. Our esteemed Johnstown contemporary seems to be of this type. Mrs. PARTINGTON once said the "cussedness is its own reward."

The Democratic constituents of MR. WILSON appear to be entirely satisfied with his Congressional record for they have just unanimously nominated him for a third term. Of course MR. DEEMER's revenge is not satisfied and the Republican machine is not reconciled to the loss of a vote for CANNON and Cannonism. DEEMER and the Republican machine suffered mental and physical anguish from the election of MR. WILSON. But we can't imagine what makes the Democrat so intensely bitter except on the theory that "a renegade is worse than ten Turks."

The truth is that our Johnstown contemporary seems to be enlisted in a guerrilla campaign against the party it prefers to serve. By inference and innuendo it assails almost every Democratic leader. We hoped to be able to divert it from this ruinous course by kind words of admonition. But it seems that we have only aggravated the evil and for that reason we propose now to abandon our contemporary to its iniquities. We shall no longer worry over its infirmities. As the diplomats say, the incident is closed.

—ALICE THAW, formerly the Countess of Yarmouth, is exceedingly fortunate in recovering the dower of one-half a million a year that she had to settle on her titled husband before she could get him. If more American heiresses were to call in American lawyers when such marriage settlements are being made there would be fewer foreign rakes living on our hard earned money.

—Terrible TEDDY will be home one week from tomorrow; if he doesn't order the steamboat out of her ordinary course on the ground that he knows more about sailing ships than the master of the one that is to bring him over.

—The Bellefonte Lodge Loyal Order of the Moose will hold a regular meeting in the Maccabees hall in the McClain block next Tuesday evening.

Taft on Professions.

From the Pittsburg Post. At the Ohio northern university in Ada the President made the choice of a profession his theme. Though he was a reporter for but one year and a practicing lawyer for only four before his long acquaintance with the Federal salary roll began, his acquisition of views upon journalism and law is copious. Were not the twinge and smart of criticism upon his official acts such manifest motives behind his strictures upon the present-day newspaper, this abundant collection of ideas about the professions could also be regarded as the last analysis, the final word. Judge Taft's main defect in discussing the legal reforms results from the limitations of time upon his public discourses. He leaves the impression of thinking his former colleagues at the bar to be generally slysters and not imbued with high conceptions of their vocation. There are crying reforms concerning needless appeals and simpler procedure, but the average moral character, which is at the root of all reforms, of lawyers and newspaper men, is as high as that of merchants, business magnates, statesmen or politicians. All of Mr. Taft's ideas about decency and accuracy in press work must stand, and, in fact, are platitudeous among those who have served more than his one year as a reporter.

His weakness also is in his attempt to discredit comment, simply and visibly because much of it has rasped his sensitive soul. No writing editor longer conceives that his outgivings conclude the subjects discussed and relegate all dissenters to the limbo of fools. He recognizes the changed, not the "waning," value of an editorial column to be in the recalling of facts, the grouping of them, the providing of what he deems proper grooves of reasoning, and besides, the furnishing, so far as ability serves, a literary hint of what may be elsewhere found in abundance and unquestionable excellence. It is difficult to reconcile Judge Taft's notion of this "waning influence" with his own evidently constant reading of editorials and his proneness to wear his sorrows thereupon upon his coat sleeves for daws to peck at, as well as journalists with a cap J. Somehow the journalists will manage their profession to meet the demand to which they must appeal, and Mr. Taft might find better occupation during his professional traveling than lecturing followers of that profession, which for a year he once adorned.

Roosevelt Instructs Cromer.

From the New York Evening Post. Lord Cromer studied and governed Egypt for 30 years. Mr. Roosevelt gave his attention to Egyptian questions for perhaps as many hours. Yet the novice is able to correct the veteran. Lord Cromer was on the platform at the Guildhall meeting of last week, and must have been deeply impressed by the way in which a fresh mind, working with lightning rapidity and infallible judgment, can arrive at results which a plodding intellect, compelled to make its way through a maze of facts and elusive tendencies, does not feel certain that it can itself reach at all. In his book on "Modern Egypt," Lord Cromer made the humiliating confession that he was many years in Egypt "before I fully realized how little I understood my subject." He added that "to the last day of my residence I was constantly learning something new." From this experience of his own, he was led to the rash conclusion: "No casual visitor can hope to obtain much real insight into the true state of native opinion." But Mr. Roosevelt showed the folly of all that. After one hurried visit, he was in a position to instruct and rebuke those who have given their lives to the problems of Egyptian administration. It is a great triumph for the intuitive philosophy in statesmanship. The University of Berlin knew what it was about when it made Roosevelt a doctor.

Over-capitalization and High Prices.

From the Chicago Journal. Over-capitalization is dangerous in proportion as corporations with inflated capital have power to raise prices. This power to raise prices comes, in the last analysis, from laws that give special privileges to these heavily watered corporations, or trusts.

Chief of these laws is the tariff. Manipulation of tariff schedules limits production, chokes off natural imports, makes the stream of commerce flow in artificial channels. Banish the "protection" fetich from national economics, and trade once more flows in normal channels. In other words, a tariff should only produce sufficient revenue for government, economically administered, and should not be a source of inflated dividends for private corporations.

With an honest tariff, the strongest incentive to over-capitalization would be wanting.

The Next Thing in Order.

From the Springfield Republican. It is now apparently in order for the railroads to have the shipping manufacturers enjoined from continuing in effect any longer the 40 to 100 per cent increases in their prices which have been made in the past dozen years or so.

But It Isn't.

From the Springfield Republican. When this administration does something pre-eminently Rooseveltian, the country does not seem to rise to it. Here is this injunction against the railroads. The middle west ought to be aflame with enthusiasm for Taft and Wickersham.

An important meeting of the Village Improvement committee will be held in the W. C. T. U. rooms this afternoon at three o'clock. Every one contemplating joining the Civic Club and interested in this department is urged to be at this meeting.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSSTONE.

—A car-load of potatoes was shipped from Grampan, Clearfield county, recently, and sold for 28 cents a bushel.

—While ploughing on his farm in York county S. H. Weister turned up a vein of lead close to the surface. A considerable deposit of coal was also found by experts who were called in to make an examination.

—A colony of Clearfield young people has been organized, with the intention of emigrating to Akron, Ohio. Their paper was signed by seventy young men who said they had either to move or go to the county home, as they could find no work in Clearfield.

—The Star Lumber company, of Perry county, has sold the timber rights to a 1,000 acre tract of land in Huntingdon county to Snyder county interests for \$12,000. The members of the Star company are ex-Sheriff A. L. Long, John C. Motter, esq., and Charles S. Bruner.

—The Indiana glass works have resumed operations after a shut-down of a week, to install some new machinery, by which it will be possible to increase the production. The plant, previous to the shut-down, was running full time in all departments with plenty of orders.

—Thieves recently entered the saddlery establishment of J. Shoemaker's Son of Lock Haven and though they handled \$250 in gold, did not take any more than 50 cents. Their identity is unknown and the leaving of so much money behind makes the case doubly mysterious.

—In the famous test case on alum clause of the Murphy Pure Food act, Judge Allison O. Smith of Clearfield, on Thursday decided that the alum used in the manufacture of baking powder is not what is meant by the act which prohibits the use of alum in food products. Judge Smith presided over this case when it was tried in the Dauphin county court.

—Captain John V. McAlpin, late of company C, Sixteenth infantry, and Captain Derby B. Negley, late of company A, Sixteenth infantry, have been discharged from their offices in the National Guard. They were declared "unfit to discharge the duties of their office," because they had failed to settle accounts in a satisfactory manner and the State had recourse to their bondsmen.

—Ten thousand dollars has been appropriated to pay the transportation of all surviving honorably discharged Pennsylvania regiments, battalions or other Pennsylvania soldiers, to Gettysburg and return, to enable them to be present at the dedication of the Pennsylvania Monument, on the 27th of Sept., 1910. This monument will contain the names on bronze tablets of all Pennsylvania soldiers that fought at Gettysburg.

—The Bradford lodge of Elks will entertain the Pennsylvania State Elks Reunion association on August 23, 24 and 25. In order to provide some entertainment for the visitors, who are expected to number between 3,000 and 4,000 the secretary is in correspondence with the Wright Brothers and Glenn Curtiss to put on an exhibition of the work of the aeroplane. The Wrights are willing to send their "understudies" to Bradford and make three flights for \$5,000 and Curtiss is also willing to send his men and make a flight for \$1,500.

—Work on the contract landed by the Hyde-Murphy company of Ridgway, to erect day houses for the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal company at Luzerne, Indiana county, has begun and the structures will be rushed to completion. The same contracting firm is now erecting a four-story business and apartment block in the same town for E. T. Swain, of the Swain Drug company. C. H. Potts, master mechanic of the Pennsylvania Railroad company at Renovo, has awarded the contract to the Hyde-Murphy company for a fine private dwelling.

—Charles E. Gartman, a well known tobaccoist, and assessor of Milton, committed suicide Monday afternoon by shooting himself in the right temple. The rash act was committed on the river bridge. The deceased was a single man who has resided in Milton for upwards of 25 years. He had his revolver repaired last morning and about an hour before he conversed with several friends in his accustomed happy mood. In his pocket was found a letter to the coroner in which he stated that he had killed himself because he was tired of living.

—While a party of six gentlemen were trout fishing in Diamond valley Huntingdon county, a few days ago, they were startled by the unexpected visit of a black bear. The fishermen were separated, although not far distant from one another. "Doc" Small, of East McKeesport, happened to look behind him and saw Mr. Bruin sitting on his hind feet, not very much in the rear. So frightened was the gentleman that he took to the stream and after he had reached the other side went down and joined his companions. The men went back to look for the bear, but he had taken his leave.

—Williamsport parties have secured the Weity tract of forest land near Rockton, in the vicinity of DuBois, and are cutting out the timber. A small portable saw mill has been erected on the tract and four crews are slashing into the virgin forests with a zeal that promises to quickly convert it into money. These crews are cutting hemlock, although there are other kinds on the tract. Woodsmen who are working on this job state that the hemlock is so thick that it is hard to find room for the giant trees to fall. And there are some giants, some of the logs that have already been cut measuring as great a fifty-two inches across the stump. Breining & Son, who own the tract, state that it is the best tract of timber for its size in this part of the State and are pleased with the result of their work so far.

—Frederick A. Fergelman, aged 22 years, of Muncie, Pa., and Edna K. Thomas, aged 17 years, of Royersford, Pa., both students at Ursinus college, Collegeville, Pa., were drowned in the Perkiomen creek Friday night while out boating. The young couple left the boat landing at 7:30 o'clock Friday a. m. when the portion of the tragedy was received at 7:30 o'clock this morning, when the boat containing the young woman's coat was found drifting at the Collegeville mills. A search resulted in finding both bodies near the boat landing. Fergelman, of Muncie, was a nephew of former Governor Hartranft. He was a member of the graduating class. Miss Thomas was the daughter of E. R. Thomas, of Royersford, and a member of the sophomore class. It is believed that Miss Thomas attempting to get out of the boat at the landing slipped overboard and that Fergelman, who was unable to swim, lost his life trying to save her.

—Mrs. William H. Miller, of Lock Haven, accidentally swallowed a tooth, unknown to herself, nearly a year ago, and coughed it up not long ago. She had been ill almost continually since and had wasted to a mere shadow of herself; for weeks, she had been in bed. The lady had a number of teeth extracted at the same time and one of them evidently slipped down her throat. For several days after she did not enjoy her usual good health, but this was attributed to the after-effects of ether. As time went on, her health began to fail perceptibly. A physician thought it was simply a general run-down and prescribed a tonic, which did no good. Later it was thought she had tuberculosis; for she had severe coughing spells. A microscopic examination revealed no tubercular germs and the family gave up hope. At times she suffered excruciating pain. The last physician diagnosed the disease as an abscess of the lungs. A few weeks ago, she had a coughing spell that threatened her life and coughed up the tooth. Since that time she has been recovering and has left her bed. The tooth entered the lungs and fastened.