

INK SLINGS.

—It is out of season for bear and that probably accounts for their running wild in Wall St., N. Y.

—You don't hear much of the 1909 prophets who predicted that 1910 would be the year of greatest prosperity ever known to this country.

—It is altogether probable that a new Moses will have to be called in to lead the children of the Commoner out of the Nebraskan wilderness.

—If some other town will only essay the job of stopping that Osceola bunch Bellefonte will surely have a look in for the Mountain League pennant.

—We presume that much of the eagerness to attend the Third party convention waned when free transportation to Philadelphia failed to put in an appearance.

—The Easton Sentinel says "the spirit of Independence is ripe in the Keystone state." Maybe it is, but the flesh seems to be too weak to stand up long unless it can find a bar! to lean on.

—Ohio's Republican nominee for Governor is the editor of a newspaper at Marion. It is too bad to have to make a martyr of a poor newspaper man, but Ohio just had to have a goat.

—President TAFT advises a rest cure of at least sixty days for everyone. And most everyone will advise President TAFT that a rest cure of about two years on his part would do the country a world of good.

—It is all right to have a third ticket for those who want it, but it must be remembered that as CHAMP CLARK defines it "a Democrat is one who believes in Democratic principles and votes the ticket."

—Mr. BRYAN's attempt to boost the Nebraska Democracy onto the water wagon was probably inspired by the best motives, but the Donkey of Democracy is not a camel and isn't accustomed to going dry long.

—The clerk in that Louisville institution who succeeded in getting away with its entire surplus of over a million dollars ought to have been the president. He seems to have known more about its affairs than all of the officers.

—Son-in-law LONGWORTH opened the Republican state convention in Ohio on Tuesday and opened a large box of salve which he proceeded to smear in all directions. But salve isn't what the Ohio Republicans are after. They want scalp.

—All the while we are fighting the railroads, manufacturing industries, etc., the prices of grain, meat, butter and eggs are being slipped up on us. A wise bunch are these agriculturists whom ROOSEVELT thought three years ago, that some one ought to tell how to improve their opportunities and make their homes happy.

—We presume that it would be at least polite to say that that Third party convention held in MILES WALKER's office, on Tuesday, made up in quality what it lacked in quantity. It is also coincidental that every Democrat known to have been in attendance has been honored by the gift of an office at the hands of the Democratic party.

—President TAFT's Portland announcement that it is not becoming for him to talk partisan politics might be regarded as very gratifying indeed were it not for the fact that he has played partisan politics until he has the country in such a turmoil that silence now will appear more like cowardice than a desire to be "the President of the whole people."

—That Harrisburg negro whose last words on the scaffold, before he was hung, were: "No injustice is being done," was most too sensible to die. He had robbed and murdered a man and paid the penalty without railing at the law or whimpering over his fate. The world sees so few cases of this sort that it must surely admire even while condemning the murderer.

—The new census will probably result in increased representation both in state Legislatures and in Congress. The forecasts of its effect upon Congress indicate an addition of sixty-eight new Members unless the basis of representation is increased. Fortunately for the Democracy the largest increases in population have been in Texas, Oklahoma and the Democratic cities of New York so that no matter what the determination of increased basis of representation or gerrymandering of districts we are certain to make substantial gains.

—Mr. BERRY is none the less to be admired because he borrowed money from Col. GUFFEY, but it seems to us that he could have greatly enhanced his reputation if he had come out long ago and stated that it was Col. GUFFEY's money—voluntarily loaned—that enabled him to carry on the capitol graft investigation and that really much of that awful scandal would never have been revealed had it not been for the man who is now being held up as the enemy of the State, the degrader of the Democracy and everything else that is bad. No, we attempt no defense of Col. GUFFEY because, in our mind he needs none, but we venture that every last one of the scolded prominent Democrats who are now jumping on him are or have been under obligations to him at least similar to those that Mr. BERRY so lately confesses.

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The Refinement of Political Perfidy.

To those of us who have had some experience in the work of arranging for State conventions the accounts of the preparations for the Witherspoon hall conventions of Mr. SHEATZ and Colonel MAPES would be amusing if they were less startling. For example one of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries, promoting the enterprise of Mr. SHEATZ and Colonel MAPES, gave the public this bit of inside information the other day: "One question asked is how the GUTHRIE men can be so confident of the Democratic ex-Mayor's home city, as the selection of the 24 delegates from Allegheny county is understood to have been made under the direction of two men whose signatures will be required to make delegate's certificate pass safely the scrutiny of the convention's committee on credentials."

Singularly enough this note of bossism has run through the proceedings of this self-appointed Committee on Arrangements from the beginning. Mr. SHEATZ and Mr. MAPES created what they are pleased to call the Executive Committee and appointed themselves, respectively, chairman and secretary. Having thus usurped a prerogative of the people, essential to just apportionment of honors and power, they next named half a dozen gentlemen with power to select the delegates for all sections of the State, having previously arbitrarily fixed the number of delegates to compose the convention. To elucidate this point we again quote from the esteemed Philadelphia contemporary already referred to: "Dr. GREGG A. DILLINGER, who is set down as a GIBBONEY man, is reported to have guided the choice of 12 of the Alleghenians, while a Democratic member of the temporary Independent State committee, WILLIAM N. MCNAIR, who is for BERRY, has carried out the assignment given him by that committee, to select the remaining 12."

It is small wonder that in the exercise of this autocratic power injustice should be done and that complaints should follow. Two or three years ago the atrocious Philadelphia contractors machine was driven to its last extremity in a fight for the office of District Attorney, and incidentally for the protection of the white-slave trade, the gambling dens and the speak-easies of the city. The decent element of the community was supporting D. CLARENCE GIBBONEY for the office against the candidate of the machine. JOHN O. SHEATZ was then in the office of State Treasurer and fondly hoped to be advanced by the favor of PENROSE to the office of Governor. He was urged to throw the weight of his influence in favor of GIBBONEY, civic righteousness and political regeneration. But he declined to do so and in an open letter urged citizens to vote for the machine candidate and the iniquities which his election implied. It is said that as a result of his action GIBBONEY said some things.

The temporary Independent State committee of which Mr. SHEATZ is the self-appointed chairman, appears to be something of "a mutual admiration society." Because Mr. GIBBONEY said things about SHEATZ on the occasion of the "break" in the campaign for District Attorney, Mr. SHEATZ has cherished up a fine bunch of resentments in which his associates on the committee appear to share. Accordingly when these big and little bosses began looking about for delegates to the convention to represent the reformers of Philadelphia SHEATZ quietly issued orders that as few of the friends of GIBBONEY as possible should be included in the list. Ninety per cent. of the genuine reformers of Philadelphia are for GIBBONEY but SHEATZ has arranged it that less than ten per cent. of the delegates shall be for him. Thus this reform movement is immersed in corruption from the beginning. It is a criminal conspiracy to defeat the Democratic ticket and the will of the people at the coming election.

The Uniform Primary election law was enacted to prevent precisely the abuses which these men are now perpetrating. Delegates to the Democratic State convention were chosen under the provisions of this law. In every county in the State the voters of that political faith had opportunity to vote for candidates of their choice for the important office of delegate to the convention and they exercised that right. The result was the creation of an unusually independent and essentially unbossed convention. But because a vast majority of the delegates so chosen preferred the successful candidate to another who was not successful an element has joined with these selfish Republicans to destroy the party. It is the worst type of political perfidy and no honorable Democrat will lend his aid to this destruction of an honorable candidate and rape of a just principle.

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An Absurdly Fulsome Eulogy.

Senator PENROSE shows scant respect for the intelligence of the voters of his party in this State. At the notification meeting held in Pittsburgh, last Saturday, he permitted one of the Philadelphia municipal contractors, WILLIAM S. VARE, as spokesman of the late convention, to say to candidate TENER; "The people demand of the man whom they place in this exalted position that he shall be able, clean and honest; that he shall have had experience in public affairs and that against his character there shall have been no whisper of suspicion. Such a man is the candidate of the Republican party for Governor in 1910. It was agreed that no other man in this State was better qualified for that high office."

In the Republican party of Pennsylvania there are some highly respectable and entirely capable gentlemen. On the Superior court bench for example, there are Judges BEAVER and ORLADY. On the Supreme court bench there are Justices JOHN STEWART and W. P. POTTER. On the United States District court bench there are Judges McPHERSON, ARCHIBALD and YOUNG. On the Common Pleas bench there are Judges KUNKEL, of Dauphin; CAMERON, of Tioga; SEARLE, of Wayne; TREXLER, of Lehigh; SWARTZ, of Montgomery; EDWARDS, of Lackawanna, and ORMEROD, of Potter, either of whom would measure up to the standard indicated. Then there are Secretary of State KNOX and HENRY M. HOYT in the federal service in Washington who would adorn the office. Besides there are a number of lawyers and business men of that political faith throughout the State who might have been honored and would have gladly accepted the nomination.

But the convention nominated Mr. TENER and the party bosses permitted "BILL" VARE to bestow that specimen of fulsome eulogy quoted above upon him. Yet he is not a man of experience in public affairs. He is known to some extent as a baseball pitcher and as an official in a rather convivial benevolent organization and it has not been agreed by any considerable number of men outside of the insane asylums of the State, "that no other man in this State was better qualified for that high office." Every well-informed man in the Commonwealth knows that there are hundreds of men better qualified for the office than TENER and it is equally well known that TENER was nominated because he isn't qualified and for the reason that in the event of his election the administration of the office will devolve on the machine and the grafters will enjoy a return of the halcyon and vociferous times that obtained during the period of PENNY-PACKER's administration.

Secretary Dickinson Defying Fate.

Secretary of War DICKINSON is taking long chances on his job or else he has strong faith in the theory that Oyster Bay has lost potency with respect to affairs at the White House. Some time ago, in pursuance of the President's policy of dispersing the agencies of government as widely as possible, Secretary DICKINSON was sent out on a mission to the far east. His itinerary took him into Japan where he was entertained by the Mikado and other dignitaries of the Flowery Empire. After a sojourn there of a few days he moved on to the Philippine Islands and from Manila telegraphed the esteemed New York World that "there is nothing to warrant rumors of impending strife" between that country and ours.

Of course such expressions are intolerable to the jingo spirit which has its home and habitation on Sagamore Hill but if there had been only that bald statement it might have been overlooked. The Great Hunter has only pity for inexperience and adolescence. But DICKINSON went further. He headed that "those who originate" such rumors "are enemies of mankind—are not doing a patriotic work." Zounds and Perdition. Can such an aspersion on the motives of the great teacher of everything and the exemplar of all that is just and right be permitted to go unrebuked? Is there to be no punishment for such rank and reckless treason? We await the echo from Oyster Bay with mixed curiosity and apprehension.

Secretary DICKINSON has the temerity even to justify his opinion on the subject by reason. "Japan," he writes to our esteemed New York contemporary, "is struggling under a heavy national debt. Her industries and commerce are expanding in all directions. "It is irrational," he continues, "to suppose that under such conditions Japan will provoke a war with our country. There is no sphere of such necessary antagonism as would make war possible unless wisdom is discarded." Great Heavens! That trifling affair of Ajax defying the lightning was the enterprise of a suckling babe in comparison with this defiance of the fates. Really that Democratic germ in DICKINSON's system will work his ruin.

Bad Council From a Graft.

President TAFT complacently suggests, in a speech to an expensive sea shore resort audience, that every man should have a vacation of two months each year. The President receives a salary of \$75,000 a year and notwithstanding the provision of the constitution that he shall receive "no other emolument," draws \$25,000 as a traveling expense fund. In addition to this, and also in violation of the constitution, he uses two of the ships of the navy as personal yachts, at an expense to the public treasury of about \$300,000 a year. He takes with him wherever he goes a sufficient number of automobiles, owned by the government and equipped at public expense, to provide for all members of his family.

Besides all this all the cost of maintaining the regular and all temporary capitals, including the wages of servants and cost of provisions, is paid out of the public treasury, leaving the entire amount of the President's salary \$300,000 in four years, untouched. Of course all this expense, other than that which is compensation for services fixed by law, is graft. In this State we pretend to become very indignant when an official is caught grafting. Two former officials are now doing time in the penitentiary for indulging the vice in a comparatively small way and two or three others escaped the same punishment by dying at the psychological time. But the President, the greatest grafter of the lot, is not even blamed though his crime involves perjury.

A man thus conditioned may easily take a couple of months out of each year for recreation and pleasure, but how about the laborer who earns \$9 a week or the clerk who receives \$75 a month? Of course those men might take a couple of months off each year if their wages ran on as the salary of the President does. But the laborer gets no vacation with pay and the clerk who gets a week is lucky, so that when this colossal grafter tells ordinary citizens that they ought to have vacations of two months each year, he mocks their poverty and insults their intelligence. President TAFT proves that he is not only deficient in the probity which impels men to pay their own expenses but lacks the quality of self-respect which scorns unearned bounties.

The Third Party Candidate.

At this writing it is impossible to even conjecture the name of the nominee for Governor of the Third party convention though before this issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its destination the result will have been declared. The convention met in Philadelphia yesterday and we went to press before any of its work can possibly be completed. It is safe to say, however, that those who have been conducting the preliminary work of the body will strive with all their might to make it an instrument of as much injury to the Democratic party as possible. They are mainly men who have always been bitter enemies of the Democratic party supplemented by a few disappointed Democrats too highly honored in the past.

We have heard nothing but praise of the platform adopted in the Democratic convention held in Allentown in June. It is admittedly a plain and vigorous presentation of the political issues and the grievances which the people have against the dominant party. We have not been able to find a single aspersion against the character or qualifications of either of the candidates nominated by that convention. Even those who are most active in fomenting strife can find nothing to say against WEBSTER GRIM, the nominee for Governor. The worst charge that has been made is that party leaders favored the successful candidate against the unsuccessful one. Even if that is true it is not a valid reason for bolting the ticket.

After the withdrawal of Mr. MUNSON as a candidate for the nomination for Governor, at Allentown, both the other candidates sought the support of the influential party leaders. Long before the convention met Mr. BERRY went to Pittsburgh and personally solicited the support of Colonel GUFFEY. For reasons which have never been explained to us or the public Colonel GUFFEY declined to give his support to that candidate. If it is a political crime to have the support of Colonel GUFFEY it must be equally wrong to ask it, so that Mr. BERRY is estopped from raising that objection. But he and his friends have raised it and are now using it to work harm to the Democratic candidate though no party ever had a fitter nominee.

The stock market has had another sharp decline during the past week and speculators are alarmed lest the break be as great as it was two years ago when the Lottini seemed to have dropped out of everything. One redeeming feature locally is that the number of speculators in Bellefonte is comparatively small.

Colonel Guffey.

From the Reading Telegram. We regret very much that Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, has been obliged to ask the courts of Pittsburg for the appointment of a receiver for the purpose of protecting his large holdings of oil, coal, coke and timber lands, as well as the large investments he has made in many business projects extending over the entire States.

This is the natural outcome of present business conditions in this country, where men require large amounts of cash to keep legitimate business enterprises afloat. Last year everyone expected, and apparently had good reason to expect that 1910 would be a prosperous and active business year. The general public well knows that it has not come up, or nearly up, to expectations.

Col. Guffey has been very prominent, not only as a pioneer in many of the great developing movements, but also in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania. To one who has been more prominent or deserves greater credit than he in the discovery and development of the great oil fields which have been so extensively tapped in the United States in the last two decades.

He has always been a leader in the forward movements, and through his knowledge, energy and nerve he has been successful in his business undertakings. These undertakings have added millions to the wealth of the country and employed thousands of working men. In the business field of this country, our people generally have a good reason to be proud of a man who has demonstrated himself to be a business reverse is only a temporary one and that in the near future we may hear of his full recovery.

We know that while for many years Mr. Guffey has been a great factor in the Democratic politics of this State, he has been an unselfish leader. He has given liberally of his time and money after year to maintain a Democratic organization in this State and whenever possible has contributed to its success. He has been criticized, and often severely, but he had done for the party. We speak with knowledge when we say that there has not been a Democratic platform enunciated by that party since Mr. Guffey has taken an active interest in it, that has not been honest and Democratic. We could have wished, Colonel Guffey could have materially changed the platforms of the party, but we further know that he has always placed the construction of these platforms in the hands of the ablest and best Democrats in the State with the single suggestion that they be prepared to stand straight. Democratic deliverances—and that they have done. So far as the candidates which the Democratic party has placed on its State tickets, looking back and examining their personnel, no member of the party can honestly say that they have not been exceptionally good men. We admit that Colonel Guffey has had much weight in the councils of the party, especially in the last decade, and had he wished could often have controlled nominations, but we do say that an examination of the list discloses that no corrupt, venal or incompetent man have been placed upon the Democratic State ticket. Colonel Guffey has had no selfish interest to conserve in the work he has done and the money he has furnished to maintain his party's organization. He has never asked anything from it except the position of member of the national committee. He has contented himself with glory. With open hand and heavy purse he has contributed year after year when few of those who have, and who now, criticize him, have stepped forward and offered a single dollar. We believe that the Democratic party has had in Colonel Guffey a valued and valuable friend, and we hope that one of the results of the present financial difficulty of this Democratic leader will be to show the Democrats of the State his real worth and what he has done for the Democratic party.

An Interesting Test.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. Despite the eulogy upon the Oregon system of direct government pronounced by its supporters there appeared to be a decided difference of opinion regarding its merits in that State. Eleven hundred Republicans opposed to it have met in Portland to organize a fight against the direct nomination of United States Senators, which has given Oregon the distinction of having a Democrat elected by a Republican Legislature. These "Assembly" Republicans want the Legislature to nominate the Senators and are also suspected of being hostile to the whole Oregon system, initiative, referendum, direct, primary and all.

A curious feature of the battle that will take place in Oregon in the fall is that the anti-assembly voters, or those favoring the Oregon system, have no organization, not believing in the principle of party organizations. They will make the fight as individual voters. It will be interesting to watch the result of this struggle between organized and individual opinion. If the individual voter can overcome the organized forces Oregon will have some foundation for the claim of near millennial attainment in that State.

What is Patriotism?

From the San Francisco Sun. To be patriotic is to do more than sing "The Star Spangled Banner." It is to do more, even, than fight foreign foes.

Real patriotism consists of protecting the Republic from all enemies, "both foreign and domestic." Indeed, history tells us that Republics are most frequently destroyed from within. Be that as it may, we have at this time no foreign enemies to which to give battle, and thus acclaim our love of liberty. But that the Republic has no domestic enemies is not so certain. We submit that if Aldrich and Cannon are not direct arch enemies of the Republic, they are at least enemies indirectly.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—In accordance to orders issued, about 400 dogs have been shot in Fayette county the past few days, their owners not having paid the tax on them.

—Many persons were prostrated by the heat at Shamokin on Sunday. The thermometer registered 100 degrees. Fortunately none of the cases were serious.

—The annual reunion of the famous Fighting Tenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, will be held at New Brighton, August 4th. All arrangements have been completed.

—Six dwelling houses, owned by the Monongahela River Coal and Coke company, located near Fayette City, were destroyed by fire Sunday night, causing a loss of \$6,000.

—John Dimeling, the Clearfield man who was so badly injured in an automobile accident two weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital and return to his home.

—Cambria county farmers are rejoicing in a fine crop of hay, while wheat and rye are better than was expected some weeks ago. Fruit is not abundant, although peaches will be plenty.

—The Aluminum Company of America has let a contract for the erection of two new buildings to be added to its plant at New Kensington. 200 more workmen will be given employment.

—The news comes from various parts of the State that dairymen are moving to have the price of milk advanced. So far as known no logical reason for a raise in prices has been advanced.

—Favorable progress in the fight against the typhoid fever epidemic at South Fork is being made. No new cases have been reported for several days. There have been about fifty cases altogether.

—A man whose name is supposed to be C. C. McCarthy, of Philadelphia, took refuge in the Huntingdon lockup last Wednesday evening, complaining of being sick. He rapidly grew worse and died before ten o'clock.

—W. H. Hile has arrived at Bloomsburg with six ostriches, procured from South Africa, and it is his intention to start an ostrich farm in Columbia county. This is to be followed by the establishment of an ostrich feather factory.

—After a chase of over six months the State police department at Harrisburg has been informed that it had secured the arrest at Utica, N. Y., of Samuel Adrick, formerly of Shamokin, on the charge of murder committed in Northumberland county.

—The village of Centreville, in Indiana county, has been smitten with the heavy hand of sickness. Measles, mumps and diphtheria have invaded a large number of the thirty-five homes comprising the village. The houses are quarantined. One death has occurred.

—At a special election held last Saturday the borough of Avia, Clinton county, decided to issue school bonds to the amount of \$14,000 to pay off the indebtedness to Pine Creek township, from which the borough was formed, as well as to build another four-room school building.

—It is expected that before the end of the present month the state highway department at Harrisburg will have issued license No. 29,000. This will bring automobile licenses within 5,000 of the total of all licenses issued during 1909, including chauffeurs. Over 12,000 drivers have received badges.

—A masked highwayman on Saturday shot and killed Morton Craig, an office employee of the Windwood Coal company, near Kittanning, after having been repulsed in an attempt to secure \$2,800 in cash carried by Craig's two companions. The money was for the payment of the company's employees.

—Clayburg, Blair county, may soon have a big industry in the form of a silica brick plant, that may be controlled there by an \$100,000 corporation, headed by D. P. Reighard, Esq., of Pittsburg. The chief ingredient in this brick is ganister stone which abounds along the line of the new Bedford and Hollidaysburg railroad, the principal quarries being owned by Jesse L. Hartman Esq.

—Charged with stealing \$175 in money and a valuable diamond ring from the widow Fair, of Huntingdon, with whom he had picked up an intimate acquaintance, one George Collingham was arrested in Pittsburg and taken back to Huntingdon. At the hearing, however, it developed that the woman had given the money and the precious stone to Collingham to keep for her and he was discharged.

—Frank Lee, twice convicted of murder in the first degree in the Millfin county courts, was on Saturday refused a third trial by Judge Woods and his attorneys, F. W. Culbertson and R. W. Patton, said there would be no further appeal. Lee was twice convicted of the shooting of George Porter, also colored, on the night of November 28, 1908, following an altercation over a difference in their weekly accounts of 80 cents.

—The New York and Pennsylvania paper company, with mills at Lock Haven and Johnsonburg, has been awarded the contract by the United States government to manufacture all the paper used for postage stamps. For the past sixteen years this great corporation has held the contract for making all the paper for the revenue stamps used by the government and the acquisition of this new order is an acknowledgement of the superiority of their product.

—The family of John Lockhart, residing at Moss Grove, four miles from Kittanning, were chloroformed early last Friday morning and the entire house was ransacked and robbed. Lockhart, his wife and three children are in a serious condition from the effects of the heavy dose of the drug administered. Every room in the house was torn up by the thieves, who secured money, jewels and valuable papers. Some bonds amounting to several thousand dollars were taken.

—James Boyle, the kidnapper of little Willie Whittle, of Sharon, who is now serving a life sentence in the Western penitentiary, has been promoted from a helper in the kitchen of the bastille to the position of library attendant. Boyle expressed much satisfaction at the change in his occupation. The attorney for Boyle's wife, who is serving a twenty-five-year sentence for the same crime, is completing preparations for the argument of her appeal for a new trial before the Superior court early in October.

—Charged with robbing the mails, John E. Graff, 27 years old, of Cresson, was arrested Friday by Postoffice Inspectors C. M. Dunn, of Altoona, and H. E. Lucas, of Harrisburg. Graff's run was between Cresson and Idamar, and since last October complaints have been made by people who should have received money along this route. The inspectors estimate that \$300 has disappeared, so they decided to use a decoy letter, containing marked money. It passed through Graff's hands, it is said, and when it was delivered the money was missing. The inspectors entered Graff's car and accused him of the theft, but he declared his innocence, and then a search is said to have disclosed the marked money on his person.

—G. L. Dunkle, a farmer, located a mile north of Juniata, in Blair county, last week was superintending the harvesting in the wheat field when a pair of young horses, driven by his son on the reaper, started to run away. The farmer attempted to intercept the flying team, but in reaching for a check line he was knocked down and an instant later impaled on the pointed knife guards of the machine. Although the swift moving blades did not reach the unfortunate man, he was dragged for some distance and terribly lacerated by the progress that entered his body in several places. Dr. Brubaker was summoned and found it necessary to use twenty-four stitches in closing the wounds and Mr. Dunkle is regarded as in a very serious condition. He has remarkable vitality at 68 years of age and may recover.