

INK SLINGS.

—Since the natives of Northern Australia eat rats with a relish why wouldn't it be wise to encourage emigration from those colonies.

—Tomorrow the eager sportsman will sally with his gun and run his legs off through the woods in search of game and fun. Will he find either?

—And it was just Philadelphia's luck that she was able to pull off a big automobile race without a sensation of any sort. Not even a spectator was killed.

—While traveling through the South last Sunday Col. ROOSEVELT made fifty speeches from the car platform. A fine Sunday record for the most honest and conscientious man of the age.

—Senator ROOT is of the opinion that the Republicans in New York State have only a fighting chance. It looks like something doing for the Democrats over there when such a prominent Republican becomes so pessimistic.

—Why wouldn't the Colonel be just the fellow to send over to Portugal to start that new Republic off right? There is his chance to get a start right from the ground and build up the modern Arcadia that he is always haranguing about.

—The United States has produced a bumper crop this year and the price of hogs should go down accordingly. It is an old belief that when feed is cheap beef and hogs are cheap. Let us hope that it will be made good this winter.

—Since Col. ROOSEVELT took that ride in a flying machine at St. Louis, on Tuesday, we can think of nothing exciting left for him to indulge in until the night of November 8th when he gets on the wire to listen to the election returns coming in from New York State.

—Really it is beginning to look as though there really is a chance to lick TENER for Governor, but GRIM will have to do it. Mr. BERRY can't even have his regular prohibitionist nominee for Governor, has an organized party back of him.

—Last year it was the Monkey house episode now it is a breach of promise suit that is launching CARUSO for the coming grand opera season. Anyway you look at it the dago tenor ought to make a good publicity man for a circus after his throat gives out.

—There is a very small ticket in the field for election this fall; the only county office to be filled being the Legislator but it is important that every Democrat make an effort to get to the polls. We want to elect Dr. STEWART, of Clearfield, as our Senator by all means and the contest for Governor may be so close that every vote in Centre county will count.

—Postmaster General HITCHCOCK has announced that before the close of another fiscal year the Postoffice Department will be self sustaining and then penny postage will be in sight. When that day comes the iconoclast will probably argue that it is not such a wonderful thing at that because it will be just as much trouble to lick a one center as a two.

—Any way the Democrats of Massachusetts can't be blamed for not being infused with plenty of ginger—or something else. Their state convention produced a veritable vaudeville of fights and the whole thing came near winding up in a riot. Now if they would only get together and work off some of that strenuousness on the common enemy Massachusetts might have reason to feel as proud as Maine.

—Spiritualism took rather an unusual turn in the case of barrister WALTER PHELPS DODGE, of London, and his third wife. The spirit of his second wife appeared so frequently to them and became so peevish because No. 3 was glittering in the jewelry she had left that they actually agreed upon a separation and No. 3 gave up all of the jewels, which are valued at fifty thousand dollars. Certainly the fools will not all be dead until this particular English lawyer has been laid away.

—While resting in Erie on Sunday Senator GRIM happened to attend a Methodist church and was surprised to find the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. E. MCKINLEY, an old friend, an acquaintance of years ago in Bucks county. After the services Dr. MCKINLEY greeted the candidate for Governor warmly and told his congregation of how zealously Mr. GRIM had labored with him in the church when he was the pastor at Doylestown. When reading of this incident in the Pittsburg papers we wondered whether Mr. TENER has yet been accused of zealous working with a clergyman in his church.

—By making eight hits in eight times at the bat at St. Louis, on Sunday, LAJOIE of the Cleveland team, fattened his season's batting average to the point where he will win an automobile that TYRUS COBB, of Detroit, would undoubtedly have won had it not been for LAJOIE's decidedly remarkable spurt. Such a batting record has probably never been equaled before. In fact it was so unusual as to cause the suspicion that it was fixed up for LAJOIE. If such was the case he hasn't enough manhood to keep him in the baseball profession another day if he accepts a trophy that was offered for honest endeavor and not chicanery.

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Berry's Preposterous Claim.

Nobody who knows Mr. BERRY will be deceived by his statements that he will carry a considerable number of counties at the coming election. Mr. BERRY appears to believe in the "BILL" CHANDLER philosophy which was expressed in a laconic telegram to the Carpet-bag Returning Boards of the south charged with computing the returns of the TILDEN-HAYES election in 1876. "Claim everything," Mr. CHANDLER wired and "if you can't support the claim you can say it was a mistake." That is what Mr. BERRY invariably does. The day before the Allentown convention he assured the public that a majority of the delegates were for him. At that time he had the support of less than twenty out of three hundred.

In a speech the other day Mr. BERRY declared that out of some thirty counties he has visited he will carry twenty-five. As a matter of fact he will not carry eight counties in the State and his preposterous claim is made in order to check the tide which is ebbing away from him toward GRIM. Immediately after the Allentown convention his support was at its highest point but even then he could not have carried ten counties. Since that he has been constantly receding and it may be safely said now that he won't carry more than eight and if the movement from him continues until the election he won't carry any. His boom is like the body of a bumble bee. That is, it was bigger at its birth than at any other time.

If Mr. BERRY were as frank as he is careless in speech he would admit that he has not now and never had any hope of election. The only purpose of his candidacy is to defeat GRIM. He doesn't want any Democrat to succeed because the Democratic party refused to nominate him. That isn't an amiable spirit. It is what has been known for all time as the "dog in the manger" spirit but it is the dominant idea that moves Mr. BERRY. Any other man would have accepted defeat as one of the chances of battle and turned in to the support of his successful competitor. If Mr. GRIM had been defeated at Allentown BERRY would have expected him to abide by the result. But he is not willing to do so himself.

Pervverting the Language of Jefferson.

The esteemed Johnstown Democrat unjustly quotes THOMAS JEFFERSON to justify its advocacy of the absurd "initiative and referendum" as a policy in government. The founder of Democracy and the author of the philosophy of representative government declared that republicanism is government by "citizens in mass acting directly and personally, according to rules established by the majority." But he subsequently helped to write into the fundamental law of the government of the United States the inflexible rule that "all legislative power herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

There is no provision in that rule for initiative, referendum, recall or other "monkey business," and THOMAS JEFFERSON never contemplated such folly. He believed in government by the people expressed in the election of Representatives in Congress, the State Legislatures and municipal councils called by one name or another, and in executive authority similarly created. There was nothing further from his purpose than to create a condition of uncertainty or an evanescent authority dependent for its tenure upon the caprices of a mob. JEFFERSON was a man of stability and character and he desired in government those elements which would promote the welfare and happiness of the citizen.

Our esteemed Johnstown contemporary is incorrigible, however, and will distort any material at hand to serve its purpose. It has set itself to the task of destroying the Democratic party in Pennsylvania and is not over particular what instruments it uses in pursuing the project. Senator PENROSE needs such help in his efforts to keep the people of Pennsylvania in a state of subjection but we object to prostituting the name of THOMAS JEFFERSON to the service of the Republican machine.

Our esteemed contemporary is at liberty to malign Democratic Congressmen and traduce Democratic candidates for Governor but it must not pervert the language of JEFFERSON to achieve the result.

—Make up your mind right now that you are going to support Dr. STEWART, of Clearfield, for State Senator. He is such a clean cut, affable man, so well educated and of such sound judgment that it would be a pity, indeed, if he were not elected. He will be elected, however, if a little effort is made to do it and we hope you will be one of those who will make the effort.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Berry.

There is a lesson in the Georgia election held last week that might be studied by certain Pennsylvanians to great advantage. Two years ago J. M. BROWN and HOKE SMITH competed for the Democratic nomination for Governor. After a strenuous campaign Mr. BROWN won and was subsequently elected by a large majority. During his term of office he administered the affairs of the State with such satisfaction to the public that he imagined the people were all for him and he concluded to run for re-election. HOKE SMITH again became his antagonist for the nomination, another strenuous campaign ensued and Mr. SMITH was nominated by a considerable majority.

Mr. BROWN was greatly disappointed at this result. He was certain that the people wanted him for Governor and felt that Mr. SMITH's success must have been achieved by some sinister process. Enemies of his party and SMITH's encouraged him in this delusion and finally they easily persuaded him to become an independent candidate. The reforms he had introduced into the administration, he reasoned, would command for him the support of all except the most debased of the electorate and he plunged into a campaign of vituperation which he foolishly imagined would carry everything before it. Last week the election was held and the votes counted. Mr. BROWN carried just two of the one hundred and forty-six counties in the State.

Mr. WILLIAM H. BERRY, of this State, appears to be under the same delusion that led Mr. BROWN, of Georgia, into the supreme folly of his life. As State Treasurer Mr. BERRY made an admirable record, a few years ago, and won the respect of a vast number of people. But unfortunately he imbibed the preposterous notion that he is the only man in the State worthy of public confidence and having failed to get the nomination of his party for Governor availed himself of an opportunity to become the candidate of an independent movement and has since been going through the State trading his successful competitor. Of course he will fail more signally than Mr. BROWN failed for it is doubtful if he will carry a single county in the State. He may draw enough of votes, however, from the Democratic nominee to insure the election of the Machine candidate TENER, and that will be the extent of his efforts.

Reform the Highway Department.

Senator GRIM has made no declaration since the campaign opened that will meet with as cordial popular approval as that which he made at Erie last Saturday evening with respect to the State Highway Department. That department, he said, in the event of his election, be reorganized in such manner as to secure a careful revision of its expenditures and a material decrease of its powers. No department of the State government has been as wasteful and inefficient as that and the reasons for this fact are that it was organized as a political machine and has been maintained, not for the purpose of improving the highways of the State, but as a medium of promoting the interests of the machine.

Every mile of road constructed under the auspices of the State Highway Department has cost from forty to seventy-five per cent. more than it was worth. This excessive cost is attributed to two things, both of which are abuses of authority. In the first place there is an army of incompetent engineers and inspectors employed by the Department at Harrisburg, and secondly contracts are awarded to favorites who bid low and subsequently are allowed extras or permitted to make changes in the specifications so as to make vast profits out of awards which would have entailed immense losses to honest contractors who would not have been thus favored. Both these evils ought to be eliminated and can be.

Senator GRIM proposes to organize the Highway Department upon the system of the School Department. That is to say the Department at Harrisburg would simply have supervisory authority while the local authorities would direct both in the matter of construction and disbursement. Half a dozen years ago the WATCHMAN advocated such a reform of the department. The non-resident engineers and inspectors have no interest in or care for the roads after they have been accepted by the local authorities, while the local authorities, responsible to the users of the roads, will strive to get the best results at the least expense. Every farmer ought to vote for GRIM on this account if for no other reason.

—John K. Tener, the Penrose-Republican candidate for Governor, is expected in Bellefonte on Saturday, October 22nd, and the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks are planning to hold a banquet in his honor, in the evening of that day.

The Hitching Posts on Allegheny Street.

The work on paving Allegheny street has precipitated a variety of ideas as to where the hitching posts in front of business places should be located. Some advocate placing them out in the street twelve to eighteen inches from the curb, while others think they should be located on the pavement immediately behind the curb.

The only argument in favor of the first named location is that they should be located far enough away from the curbing to make it impossible for horses tied to them to paw or otherwise injure the curb. We are of the opinion that this idea is not well founded for if the posts were located a foot or more from the curb horses are invariably tied so loose that they can still get to the curbing if they try.

Inasmuch as one of the greatest objects of the improvement is to dress the streets up and make them more attractive it seems to us that that would be entirely lost by placing the posts outside of the curb line where paper, straw and other litter of a business section would be continually gathering around their base.

We recall no town having paved streets where there is any obstruction outside of the curbing and there should be none in Bellefonte. As for the destruction of the curbing by restless horses that would probably be as great if the posts were located outside as in, while if they were located inside the perfect alignment of the streets would be conserved, the safety of driving would be enhanced and a greater width secured. This latter is a very important matter especially in the business section of Allegheny street. It has already been narrowed about two feet and we think everyone, who has driven through there on a Saturday afternoon or other times when a large number of conveyances have been hitched, will agree with us that there has never been too much room. This alone should be sufficient argument against placing the posts outside the curbing thereby narrowing the street a further three feet.

We trust that council will not commit itself to a proposition so manifestly inimical to all the good results that are hoped for through the paving improvement.

—We would like to ask those who are advocating placing the hitching posts outside of the curb line on Allegheny street, whether they have ever seen a paved street, anywhere, where such a practice is in vogue.

Malice of Practical Newspapers.

A few newspapers without character or conscience are publishing a statement that in a recent speech Senator GRIM advised men who are going to vote for him to cast their ballots for Mr. TENER, the Republican candidate. That Senator GRIM never made such a statement is of no consequence to these journalistic pirates. The lie serves their purpose and that is all they care for. It may deceive a few voters and that is their mission in life.

At New Castle, Pa., on Wednesday evening of last week, Senator Grim wound up a brief but forceful speech with this peroration: "Fellow citizens—If you are satisfied with things as they are, if you are content to have the State of Pennsylvania in the hands of the Penrose machine, vote for Mr. Tener, for he will carry out your wishes. If not, if you want a change, vote for me, for I am the only candidate in opposition to the machine who has a chance of election."

This plain statement of a palpable fact was tortured by some partisan correspondent into advice to electors who are not going to vote for GRIM to vote for TENER and the perversion was published in some newspapers on Thursday morning. On Friday it came under Mr. GRIM's notice while he was in Crawford county and he promptly denounced it as a deliberate and malicious falsehood. Notwithstanding that fact a few of the most malignant newspaper scavengers continue to assert it.

Ignorance is to be pitied and stupidity may be condoned. But malice which "bears false witness" for the purpose of working injury to a fellow man is unpardonable. The editor of a newspaper which will practice that vice is an assassin of character and ought to be ostracised by all respectable men and newspapers. We have a few such in Pennsylvania but happily only a few. It is to be hoped that the number will grow less as the public morals grow better.

—TENER is not fit to be Governor of Pennsylvania. BERRY hasn't the ghost of a chance of election, so why don't you make up your mind to vote for GRIM.

—My, but TOMMY MITCHELL, HARRY KELLER and CLEM DALE are having a good time riding round over Centre county in CHARLEY PATTON'S automobile.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Taft and the Sugar Trust.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Now comes the remarkable announcement, that the President has pardoned Edward A. Boyle, John R. Coyle, Patrick J. Hennessy and Thomas Kehoe, four former government employees who were serving sentences in New York for connection with the \$2,000,000 Sugar Trust fraud.

This action has raised in the minds of the following query: Did the fact that these men hoped for early pardons deter them from fully exposing the men higher up? By placing steel springs in 17 pairs of scales, the trust robbed the government of more than \$2,000,000 and, after being exposed, admitted the crime by returning to the Secretary of the Treasury a few minor employees were sent to prison and four of them have now been pardoned. The multi-millionaire sugar barons into whose pockets the \$2,000,000 would have gone had not the cheat been discovered have so far gone scott free.

Democrats and progressive Republicans sought in the last Congress to bring about a congressional investigation of this fraud, believing it ridiculous for the administration to assume that a few \$15-a-week sugar weighers would steal \$2,000,000 for some one else and lay themselves liable to penitentiary sentences, unless they had been bribed by the men or agents of the men who would secure the proceeds of the fraud.

President Taft himself prevented the congressional investigation by recommending against it in his annual message to Congress. He took the view that a "higher up" might give "immunity" to the men higher up. Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, led the fight for the probe of the swindles, contending that instead of assuring "immunity" for the big thieves, an investigation would only bring out their identity.

It developed that the President recommended against investigation upon the advice of United States Attorney General George C. Wickersham. Mr. Wickersham was particularly qualified to give the President advice in matters pertaining to the Sugar Trust. At the time of his appointment to the office of Attorney General—a position which places him in absolute charge of the prosecution of trusts—he was a Sugar Trust attorney.

Mr. Wickersham and Henry W. Taft, brother of President Taft, were members of the firm of Strong & Cadwallader, of New York. For services rendered the Sugar Trust Attorney Henry W. Taft received \$26,750, which he turned over to Strong & Cadwallader, and the thing Mr. Wickersham did before starting in to represent the people was to draw down and pocket his share of the Sugar Trust fee.

Nine resolutions providing for an investigation of the Sugar Trust were introduced in the last session of Congress. But the Sugar Trust happens to be a friend and ally (also a star campaign fund contributor) of the Republican party, and therefore it is needless to record that each of the resolutions was smothered to death in committee.

Insurgency.

From the Portland Oregonian. What is insurgency? A sort of an epidemic which has spread all over the United States. For what object?

To split the Republican party into two factions.

What is the result? Thus far the election of Democratic Congressmen in districts that have always been safely Republican.

Is the disease spreading? Read the returns from Maine. "As Maine goes, so goes the Union."

What is the remedy? There is none. The Democrats are playing both ends against the middle. That party presents a solid front.

Will the next Congress be Democratic? Maybe two to one.

What about Oregon? The worst duck in the puddle.

Will Oregon elect a Democratic Governor in November? Possibly.

How about Congressmen? We are worried. But what's the use? There is no Republican party in Oregon.

What has become of the party that elected Taft? Ask Roosevelt.

Jail for the Offender.

From the Worcester Telegram.

Why is not honest old Teddy arrested, tried and, if found guilty, jailed?

It is charged that he went on his Louisiana bear hunt, while President, upon a private train, furnished by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, filled with wines, food and servants, at great cost to the railroad, all free to Teddy. Under the law, it is a crime for any official to ride even one mile upon a free pass.

Many times honest old Teddy has denounced the private citizen so dishonest as to accept a free pass.

If he demanded and got a free train, stuffed by railroad chiefs with railroad food and railroad wine, free, is a "preacher of righteousness," whose pulpit had best be on the inside of the jail.

Missed His Chance.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.

Now, it certainly is a little hard on the Colonel, the way that the Rochester Herald rubs it in on him about the revolution in Portugal, considering that he missed his chance of becoming the Boss of that country, by fooling away his time in an effort to prepare the Republican party to accept him for a third term in 1912. This is the way that newspaper sprinkles with salt the wound to the Colonel's vanity: "The trouble that Manuel is having in Portugal ought to warn the Colonel that dictating is a precarious business in these times." Wow!

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A silvered coffin to cost \$1,000 is being made by a Boyertown burial casket plant. Seems like a great waste of money.

—The Harrison-Walker plant at Mt. Union is making 150,000 silica bricks weekly and at the same time reconstructing a part of the big plant.

—The Engleles farm near Marietta has a Jersey cow that has produced 8,700 pounds of milk, from which 611 pounds of butter have been made in a year.

—Twenty-eight drivers of automobiles have been or are about to be arrested in Clearfield for exceeding the speed limit within the confines of that borough.

—The Lock Haven silk mill now employs 600 people and pays out in wages from \$5,500 to \$6,000 per month. It is reported the plant will be enlarged in the spring.

—Frank Smith, lumberman and farmer, of "The Ridges," near O'Shanter, Clearfield county, has just threshed 1,300 bushels of buckwheat from a comparatively small acreage.

—The Phillipsburg Daily Journal says there are thirty cases of typhoid fever in Woodland, Clearfield county. The State health authorities are en, endeavoring to locate the cause.

—F. J. Swain, a Mercer county veteran, while at Gettysburg recently, paid Miss Agnes McAllister for 12 loaves of bread he stole from the McAllister oven at the time of the Gettysburg battle.

—Arthur Ritter, confidential clerk of E. O. Emerson, of Titusville, having charge of his banking and other business, has just confessed to the embezzlement of \$17,000. His monthly salary was \$65.

—Albert E. Rinn, a truck farmer in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh county, has cleared \$162 from an eighth of an acre planted in lima beans this season. By the end of the season he thinks it will be \$200.

—One Williamsport man caught an eel that weighed four pounds after it had been dressed, or rather undressed. Another raised a head of cabbage that measured 3 1/4 inches in circumference and weighed 1 1/2 pounds.

—James Harris, residing near McConnellsham, Fulton county, recently shot and killed a fine specimen of the American osprey, or fish hawk. It measured five feet six inches from tip to tip of wing. It will be mounted.

—A cattle sale at Yellow House, Berks county, was attended by 2,000 farmers. Three roasts pigs and a corresponding quantity of sauerkraut were served to the bidders, and five carloads of cattle and one of horses were sold.

—Lieutenant George E. Deppen, of Sunbury, has been appointed acting adjutant of the Twelfth regiment, National Guard, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Captain Taggart to be adjutant general of the Third brigade.

—In a battle between two negro trespassers and railroad and other officers at Coraopolis last Saturday, one of the negroes was shot through the heart and the other wounded and captured. One officer received a bullet wound in the right shoulder.

—Lime Ridge, Columbia county, is suffering from a terrible epidemic of typhoid fever. The building of the Patriotic Order Sons of America has been converted into a temporary hospital. Neighboring towns are aiding the people. Benton has just sent the generous sum of \$200.

—Crushed beneath drawheads of cars which were being shifted in the Cambria yards at Johnstown, Harry J. Stump met a horrible death Monday morning. His body was crushed to a pulp. Deceased was employed as a conductor by the Cambria Steel Co. He was 24 years of age and unmarried.

—Daniel Wintersteen, a well-known resident of Valley township, Montour county, walked out toward his barn, after having eaten a hearty dinner. A minute or two later his wife saw him lying on the path midway between the house and the barn. She ran to him only to find him dead. He was in his 88th year.

—The suit of the Carbon Coal & Coke Co. and eleven other bituminous coal shippers in the Clearfield district of Pennsylvania against the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. to recover about \$1,000,000 for alleged discrimination in freight rates was placed on trial in the United States circuit court at Philadelphia on Monday.

—Fort Northrop is the name of the Towanda citizen who told the Daily Review, of that place, about a company of enterprising blacksmen he had seen fishing from a bridge near that place. The snakes hung from the bridge in a long chain, the ones nearest the water exchanging places with another and hungrier one as soon as it had caught four fish.

—Latrobe people are looking for an epidemic of scarlet fever. A few days ago a physician of that town noticed a rash-covered boy on the public streets and ordered him home. The board of health was notified, but when the officer went to placate the house the lad was not visible. The mother declared he was not sick and was down town passing bills.

—By their automobile accidentally going over a ten foot embankment and into a dam on the Kish aqueduct creek, near Lewisport, Saturday evening, Dr. H. W. Sweigart, a prominent physician, was perhaps fatally injured and Dr. William H. Hower, of Millintown, seriously injured. Mrs. Sweigart and baby and Mrs. Hower, who were also in the car, escaped with slight bruises.

—David Whitefield, a 12-year-old youth who made his home with Reuben S. Mellott, in Belfast township, Fulton county, was recently taking a team of young horses, attached to a harrow, home from a field, and when descending a hill the harrow ran forward, striking one of the horses on the heels, and in the effort to get away the boy was thrown to the ground. The horse fell on the lad, killing him.

—One evening last week as J. N. Koonz, a tea agent, was driving along the road leading from Bedford to Friend's Cove—just after leaving the pike and entering the mountain road a short distance east of Bedford—he was ordered to "halt" by two masked men, one of whom held the horse while the other got into the wagon and relieved Mr. Koonz of about \$80, after which they told him to travel on.

—A few mornings ago William H. Bond, aged 37 years, and his son, Harry, aged 12, were drowned in the river at Williamsport. They had gone out in a boat to lift some outlines when the vessel overturned, throwing them both into the water. Mrs. Bond was also in the party and saved herself by catching hold of the boat. She called for help, but by the time some men arrived the bodies of her son and husband had gone down. Mrs. Bond was rescued and after a five-hour search the bodies of the drowned men were recovered. The boy was an expert swimmer, but his feet had become entangled in the outlines.

—Here is the record made recently by one of Clearfield county's "young old" men. David D. Woods, aged 81 years, who resided with his son, Aaron Woods, of Osceola, started out on a bee hunt last Tuesday. He traveled over the hills all day until a storm came up. Finding himself quite a distance from town he started out in the country and came to the residence of his son, W. James Woods, who resides in Boggs township, about seven and one-half miles from Blue Ball. James had a large field of corn which was ready to cut and the next day when the boys got ready to cut corn "Daddy" Woods did not say anything but sharpened a corn sickle and set to work. He cut one hundred and sixty shocks of corn that day and was ready to walk back to Osceola in the evening.