

INK SLINGS.

Man wants little here below and least of all to shovel snow.

The shovel brigade had an all day's job on Tuesday, sure enough.

Winter seems to have gotten right down to business at the old stand.

The new Robin Hood hat that my lady wears would better have been called a clown's hat since she looks the latter part in it more often than the former.

Whereas nuts, oranges and candy have come to be so common and cheap Santa could make a very acceptable substitute by filling our stockings up with bacon and fresh eggs.

If you have any Christmas shopping to do, do it now. Don't wait until the nice things have all been carried away from the stores and the clerks are so tired they can't wait on you.

At last the "Colonel" has decided to talk on how it happened on November 8th. Dec. 13th is the time set for the revival of the big noise. How appropriate a date, after all that has happened.

We hope that New Jersey and Ohio will not thoughtlessly cast aside the prestige they have won by choosing Senators who are not in sympathy with the kind of policies the victors voted for in November.

The population of Centre county has increased just 530 during the past ten years. That isn't much to crow about but then don't you know the citizenship of Centre county has always been of such a high class that it is hard to find many fit for it.

If Dr. NATHAN SCHAEFFER is sincere in his desire to have "Pennsylvania Dutch" abolished and starts a crusade to do it can't you see a lot of lawyers who advertise "consultations in Pennsylvania German" hunting around for good, heavy hammers.

It was beer that made Milwaukee famous and it is something that is pronounced the same way but spelled another that has made Mileburg famous; according to the ideas of one of her distinguished sons. Ask OSCAR MILES about the new glory that has been shed over the metropolis at the other end of the new state road.

"Banana ANNA" is the name of a woman of more or less doubtful character who has just come into prominence in police circles in New York. Her specialty seems to have been falling down steps of rail-road cars, stations and trolleys, feigning injury and collecting damages. But "Banana ANNA" slipped on her own peel once too often and has gone to prison where she will slip on the stripes instead.

Naturally there is room for argument as to which sets the right estimate on the value of a prima dona's voice: The wealthy devotees of grand opera who go to the Metropolitan more to show how little clothing they can get along with than to hear the music, or the poor devil on the street who seldom hears anything better than a street piano or a phonograph. In New York, the other day, a grand opera singer, who is paid \$1800 a week at the Metropolitan, tried singing on the street and could collect only \$3.16.

Why should the Democratic members of Congress get excited about taking the power out of the Speaker's hand? We don't have any CANNONS in our party and if we did he should not be chosen Speaker. The Democrats were put in power to administer the government in the old fashioned way, fairly and fearlessly, and if we haven't confidence enough in one of our Congressmen to make him Speaker, without admitting before doing so that he will likely develop into a CANNON, then we had better give up the job of forming the new Congress at once.

The case of "Squire MUSSEY" attracted considerable attention in court on Tuesday because it was a case of the law fighting the law. The "Squire" holds a record for fighting away back in the sixties, but bullets and Blackstone are not the same weapons, so he lost in the battle of Tuesday. He is supposed to have assaulted a litigant in his own office by brandishing his cane and now that he has found out what the higher court thinks an assault to be we reckon that he regrets not having given his prosecutor one good clout just for luck. Yes, brother MUSSEY, his hard luck for you, but you have a lot of time yet to get even.

The death of Mrs. MARY BAKER G. EDDY, which occurred at her home at Concord, N. H., on Sunday, ends a life remarkable in that in it was wrapped a religious cult that has permeated the entire civilized world. The theories of Christian Science are beautiful, it has brought wonderful blessings to many of its believers and is peculiarly adaptable to peculiar cases, but its greatest weakness is to be found in the inability of its too ardent disciples to discern where the theoretical should end and the practical begin. Christian Science will endure and time alone will tell whether the name of Mrs. EDDY will take rank with that of LUTHER, CALVIN, WESLEY, or any other of the great leaders of religious reforms.

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The Matter of Reorganization.

With characteristic verbosity and customary mendacity the esteemed Johnstown Democrat confuses the issue in an attempt to refute the palpable facts presented in a recent issue of the WATCHMAN in respect to the matter of reorganizing the Democratic party.

In case vacancies were to be filled they would be filled by the same people and in the same manner the present members of State, county, ward or township committees were made, and it is but a fair presumption to believe that when new men were chosen, men of the same type, temperament and inclinations would be selected.

In support of this assertion we cited the fact that in more than three-fourths of the counties of the State, county chairmen, who compose the State Central committee are elected by members of ward, precinct or township committees, who compose the county committee; that the State Central committee elects its own chairman and that the executive committee, composed of the chairmen of the division committees, is created by the action of the chairmen of county committees acting as division committees.

In order to effect such a reorganization as some of the impracticable but perennial fault finders demand, therefore, it would be necessary for the entire membership of all these bodies to resign simultaneously, and equally essential that the voters who elected the ward, precinct or township committees be denied the right of participation in the election of their successors.

To refute this recital of facts the Democrat traduces Hon. WEBSTER GRIM by alleging that he was "an impossible candidate who was universally recognized as the one hope of the gang nominee," and misrepresents us in the declaration that "what Mr. MEEK does is to defend the organization by a sweeping indictment of the great body of the party."

There is not a word or even a syllable in our article that justifies such an interpretation. We said that the earnest efforts of the Democratic organization to reconcile the differences which divided the believers in civic righteousness in the campaign were defeated by selfish ambition "supplemented by the voice of irreconcilable malcontents who have been fighting the organization for years."

That is not an indictment of the great body of the party. It is an exact and accurate statement of the attitude of Mr. BERRY and the Johnstown Democrat. A week before the Allentown convention Mr. BERRY was quoted in a responsible newspaper as expressing a willingness to become an independent candidate in the event of his defeat for the nomination, and the Johnstown Democrat has been the cheerful and helpful ally of the Republican machine, ever since it has been under the control of its present owners, by constantly vilifying every conspicuous Democratic leader active in the service of the party. The great body of the Democratic party had neither part nor sympathy with this "dog in the manger" method of helping the atrocious Republican machine.

It is the fruit of the selfish ambition of an individual and the perversity of a misguided newspaper which mistakes perfidy for patriotism and recreancy for independence of thought.

As we have already said we cordially welcome and will cheerfully co-operate in a movement to reorganize and rehabilitate the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. But it is futile to hope for and a waste of energy to work for party reorganization unless the fundamental Democratic principle, majority rule, is made the cornerstone of the new fabric.

When a party convention, by fair means, nominates a fit man for office, there is a moral obligation upon every man affiliated with the party to support him.

No man of sane mind has even suspected such a thing. Before, during or since the campaign no man, with the single exception of the editor of the Johnstown Democrat, has attempted to asperse the character of WEBSTER GRIM. Yet the Republican machine through its servile and sycophantic instrument, JOHN O. SHEATZ, organized an opposition which saved it from defeat through the instrumentality of Mr. BERRY and with the help of the Johnstown Democrat.

Had there been no independent or Keystone party organized, or had BERRY consented to withdraw when Senator GRIM offered to take himself out of the field, and when the Democratic managers and the leading Independent Republicans urged that action, the Republican machine would have been destroyed.

But selfish ambition on one hand and irreconcilable malcontents on the other prevented this most desirable result.

Pursuing the Right Lines.

We hoped that Governor-elect Foss, of Massachusetts, would find a better way of keeping Senator LODGE out of the United States Senate, after the expiration of his present term of office, than by refusing to sign his commission in the event of his election, and that hope has not been disappointed. It would have been a rank repudiation of official obligations and an absolute failure besides.

The United States Senate is, like all other parliamentary bodies, in the last analysis, the judge of the election and qualifications of its own members, and would have seated LODGE without a commission, if necessary, thus putting the humiliation on the Governor-elect. But he has averred that Governor-elect Foss will prevent the re-election of LODGE by appealing to the people of the State to protest against it.

He has already entered upon a campaign of education with this purpose in mind. Accompanied by half a dozen Republicans he is now canvassing the State exposing LODGE's unfitness for re-election and revealing his odious record in the office. That is his only duty in his province but it is his bounden duty. As Governor-elect he is morally bound to assert the interests of the people on the hustings and plead for such men and measures as will conserve the rights and liberties of his constituents. The re-election of Senator LODGE would be a menace to the public.

HENRY CABOT LODGE is essentially the representative of "the interests" in Congress. During three terms he has voted for every measure desired by the corporations and supported every movement in the interest of monopoly. More than any other man in the country, with the exception of Senator ALDRICH, he is responsible for the present tariff and the suffering and destitution it has entailed. To re-elect him is a crime against the people of Massachusetts and the whole country. But the only way to prevent that result is the way Governor-elect Foss is now pursuing. To adopt a method obnoxious to the constitution would be a greater evil than his re-election.

Not a Good Scheme.

The latest information from Washington conveys the news that President TAFT proposes to nominate Democrats to fill one of the vacancies on the Supreme bench and one of the seats in the Court of Commerce. The President was brought to this frame of mind, the story goes, by threats from the Senate. He had framed up a nice little judicial menu containing the names of ultra corporation lawyers for all the vacancies, including those on the bench of the new Court of Commerce. Thereupon Senator BAILEY, of Texas, got busy among the Democrats and Insurgents and made the whole outfit look like ROOSEVELT after the New York election.

As the result of this development it is said that President TAFT has made a new program. Two of the gentlemen whom he had selected have been consigned to the scrap pile and Mr. LANE of the Interstate Commerce Commission and WILLIAM D. McHUGH, of Nebraska, Democrats, are to take their places. Mr. PROUTY another member of the Interstate Commerce Commission is also slated, in the revised program, for a seat on the bench of the new court. The purpose of these changes is to placate the Democrats of the Senate and thus gain enough votes in that body to guarantee the confirmation of the appointees.

Time for Women to Think.

No fitter time could be found for the women of the country to ponder the tariff question than the present. As the great holiday of the world approaches every woman's mind turns to the contemplation of prices and purchases. Incidentally it ought to turn to the consideration of the effect of the tariff taxes on values. If there were no tariff taxes, other than such as are needed to produce revenues for the maintenance of the government, the prices of the articles which women buy for themselves and for presents for their friends would be less than half what they are at present.

The prudent and thrifty wife of the mechanic or clerk cherishes fondly the hope that at Christmas time she will be able to buy a silk or cloth dress for herself, or if times were prosperous she might aspire to get both. But as a matter of fact when she buys twenty dollars worth of good silk, and it is hardly possible to get a dress pattern for less, she contributes more than half the amount to the fund which goes as an unearned bounty to the grasping manufacturer. The manufacturer is nothing to her. He has never given a penny to her comfort or even a pleasant thought to her affairs. But because he contributes to the campaign corruption fund of the Republican party she must contribute to his already redundant wealth.

In a family of say a mother and three grown daughters it is almost necessary to buy four cloth and at least two silk dresses every year. The aggregate cost of these articles can hardly be less than one hundred and fifty dollars. On this amount at least eighty dollars go for tariff taxes. Each of the female members of the family must have a coat once a year costing altogether not less than forty dollars of which about fifty is for tariff taxation. The cost of the hats, shoes, furs, underwear and lingerie is enhanced in equal ratio for the same reason so that women pay more than their share in the way of tariff taxes and they should raise their voices in protest against the iniquity.

Senator Sproul's Amazing Confidence.

Senator W. C. SPROUL, of Delaware county, is confident, the newspapers say, that Senator OLIVER's re-election may be prevented. In a recent interview he stated that he has almost enough pledges already to achieve the result. His candidate is less optimistic on the subject, it may be conjectured, however. That is to say Justice ELKIN of the Supreme court protests that he has not authorized the use of his name as a candidate for the office and will not accept the election. But that doesn't frighten the gentleman of Delaware. He probably knows some one else who will serve the purpose and is willing. Possibly Mr. SPROUL himself might be prevailed upon to serve the people in that capacity.

Senator SPROUL has had a good deal of experience in public affairs and been up against the game in various ways. It can hardly be said, therefore, that his amazing confidence is the result of credulity. He knows a good deal about "the tricks of the trade," and can measure the value of a promise in politics accurately as most others. But "the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley," and the most carefully managed machine slips a cog now and then. For this reason Mr. SPROUL will "have to show us." We are not from Missouri but the Missouri habit is a safe policy. Besides a vote on the tally sheet is worth a dozen checks in the air. You can put your finger on it.

Probably the Delaware county statesman hasn't taken everything into consideration. Possibly, moreover, he hasn't begun at the right place. The first straw vote on the Senatorship will be in the ballot for speaker. If Senator OLIVER's man COX is made speaker of the House, promises of votes on the Senatorship will be subject to recall and revision. For example there is a vast difference between a seat in the committee on appropriations and one in the committee on accounts. The member who can sit in the committee on Ways and Means if he votes for OLIVER and must sit in the committee on Printing if he doesn't, usually has a mental reservation to his prolix uses. But SPROUL ought to know.

It is announced in Granger circles that the friends of Mr. E. P. DORSETT, of Tioga county, propose putting the finishing touches to Hon. W. T. Creasy's retirement from a position of worthy master of the State Grange by giving him a good licking if he again aspires to the place. While the WATCHMAN has no voice in the matter it sincerely hopes that the organization for which he has done so much, will not show the ingratitude for him, that he did, last fall, for the party that had stood by him so long and faithfully.

Where Republicans Suffered Most.

From the Milwaukee Journal. It is a significant fact that the States in which the Republicans held their own were States in which Insurgency is strong. Where no opposition to the Payne-Aldrich act and the Privileged Interests developed among the leaders of the Republican party, there the party suffered most.

The most significant fact, however, is the revelation that in all sections the people are in sympathy with Progressive leadership. Even in Pennsylvania, boss-ridden and tariff-ridden, an independent movement developed sufficient strength to challenge the domination of the State by the corrupt alliance between politics and business.

Political writers are disposed to look at the west as a hotbed of Insurgency, while the east is classed as a stronghold of conservatism. The fallacy that the east is given over to Stagnation and Reaction is shown in the election of Democratic Governors and representatives in Congress in such States as New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut. So impartial an authority as the Worlds Work says:

There is probably as large a percentage of Insurgents in both parties in New York as in Kansas or Iowa. But there is this difference: in the excessive organization of city life the individual does not count for as much. He is organized into a sort of political servitude or inertia. It is true, therefore, that Iowa, Kansas and Wisconsin are helping New York and perhaps Pennsylvania to find themselves. It is true. As it is true that as individuals our acts and lives affect the acts and lives of our fellows, so it is true that the acts of communities and States affect the policies of other communities and States. Could there be a more inspiring thought for the Progressives of Wisconsin than in setting their own house in order they are helping the people of other States to find themselves? Yet that is precisely what they have been doing.

Take the Tariff Off Meats.

From the New York World. When Congress convened Monday its first official act ought to have been to remove the Payne-Aldrich duties on meats as a step toward reducing the cost of living.

This is one of the plain mandates of the election. No investigation by a tariff commission is required. No time need be lost in debate. It can be done in a single day.

Under the Payne-Aldrich act beef is taxed a cent and a half a pound; bacon is taxed four cents a pound; hams are taxed four cents a pound; mutton and lamb are taxed a cent and a half a pound; pork and veal are taxed a cent and a half a pound; poultry is taxed three cents a pound when it is alive and five cents when it is dead. All these taxes strengthen the Beef Trust in its policy of extortion by keeping out the food products of Canada, Australia and the Argentine Republic.

Officials of the Beef Trust insist that the price of meats is governed solely by the law of supply and demand and that for years the supply has been inadequate. If this be true the way to reduce the price to the consumer is to increase the supply, and the way to increase the supply is to open the American market to Canadian, Australian and Argentine beef and mutton.

This is so simple a process that there can be no excuse for waiting until a new Congress has come into existence. Still less can there be an excuse for partisan politics. Mr. Taft himself should take the initiative in recommending this measure; but whether he acts or not, Congress is still the legislative branch of the national government, and Congress has heard from the American people.

Back to the Farm.

From the Emporia Gazette. The "back to the farm" movement which is being warmly championed by many excellent newspapers is a fine theory, but in practice it may be a little difficult.

There is nothing to prevent the town man from going back to the farm, but what is he going to do when he gets there? Unless he is anxious to hire out as a laborer the prospect is not charming. It takes about as much money to buy a farm as it takes to establish a bank, and it requires a great deal more to stock it and get ready for business. The ordinary town man hasn't the price. He couldn't buy enough farm land to make a decent grave. If he would rent a farm he must have a good sized bundle. He can't buy a decent equipment for less than \$1,000, and it takes money to rent a farm. If he pays "grain rent," one-third or one-half of his labor is given to his landlord. If the weary town man thinks that life on the farm is a balm for the bruised spirit, and a remedy for every ill, he has one more guess coming.

Watterson Prophecies.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Insurgency was a makeshift. If there be anything in Republicanism, it was a traitor. It will be revealed as a dough-faker. For, when the Democratic measure of just revision, reduction and reform comes up, it will be antagonized by every insurgent who has not made up his mind to turn Democrat. Thus it is that we shall get for 1912 a straight issue between a tariff for protection supported by the Republicans and a tariff for revenue supported by the Democrats. On that issue we shall carry the country hands down.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

One Reading dealer has sold this season in that city thirty-four cars of cabbage, a total of over 250,000 heads, for the making of sauer kraut.

Samuel Tatmer, of Pittsburgh, awoke the other morning to find his wife, a boarder and \$200 which he had sewed inside his clothing, all missing. The woman left behind her three children, all sick.

President Judge Scott, of the Northampton county court, has warned the chartered clubs of that county that the sale of liquor to any person of known intemperate habits may be followed by fine and imprisonment.

The oldest active clergyman in Washington county, the Rev. Dr. William H. Lester, celebrated the 65th anniversary of his birth on Monday and was the recipient of many kindly remembrances from admiring friends.

Four brothers, Charles and Craig Jackson, of Apollo, Armstrong county, and Samuel and W. J. Jackson, of Butler, have been notified that they are heirs to a fortune of about \$200,000 left by an aunt who died the other day in Moberly, Mo.

An agent of the state dairy and food bureau has seized 90,000 eggs in Pittsburgh and arrested Ray F. Riddell, a produce broker of that city, on charge of violating the act of assembly prohibiting the sale of eggs that are decomposed and unfit for food.

Charles Hickman, whose sensational escape from the Beaver county jail was followed by a search throughout the country before he was captured at Monongahela City, has been sentenced to be hanged on February 14th, 1911. He killed his wife.

A warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of Charles McClellan Sr., and his son and namesake, charging them with burning for the insurance a handsome barn on a property in Bethel township, Delaware county, belonging to the estate of Thomas Booth, who died recently.

The front end of the meat market owned by Mike Massimo and located at Wallburg, Indiana county, was wrecked by dynamite which had been placed under the front end of the building last Thursday night. No clue as to the identity of the perpetrators of the outrage could be found.

Night Policeman W. B. Carley, at No. 35 mine of the Berwind-White company at Windfall, was shot in the shoulder late Monday night while he was endeavoring to arrest a foreigner on the charge of promiscuous shooting. He was shot at three times, one bullet taking effect. His assailant made his escape.

Last Friday morning the Garth wagon works, located at Mill Hill, Clinton county, were discovered to be on fire and the buildings were consumed. The flames were first seen in a corner of the blacksmith shop and from there they spread to the main building. The loss is quite heavy and partly covered by insurance.

Wells Kennedy, of Williamsport, has entered suit against John Harris and Henry Hoffer, 13-year-old county farmers, for \$5,000 damages, claiming that while he was digging out a rabbit three weeks ago a shot from the gun of one of these men struck him on the face, destroying an eye. The men say they didn't see him.

William Brandt, of Graceton, Indiana county, who had recently been located at Clymer, was found dead in the dam at that place Monday morning, having been frozen to death. Sunday evening Brandt wrote a number of letters and started to the post office. Nothing was seen or heard of him until Monday morning when his dead body was found in the dam.

A horrible discovery was made in one room of a little house in Johnstown Saturday afternoon, it being the finding of the dead body of Mrs. Margaret Heinlein, an aged German woman. It is supposed that she had been dead about a week and the fact that she had not been seen recently caused no comment, as it was thought she was visiting.

According to reports the post office department at Washington is likely to promulgate a notice compelling every person who receives the free delivery service to provide a mail box for their mail. It is a well known fact that the department will not now allow its rural carriers to deliver mail to any one who does not provide a mail box and according to official Washington, a similar step will be taken where mail is delivered in cities.

The Consolidation Coal company of Somerset county, recently purchased a pair of bloodhounds and has agreed to allow the county authorities to have them, if the animals are properly maintained. This has been agreed to and the dogs are now in the possession of the sheriff. There has been a great deal of outcry in Somerset county the past several months and the dogs are expected to do their share toward catching the guilty ones.

Mr. Neri Perrin, of Earlston, Bedford county, was arrested on Wednesday, November 24th, on a charge preferred against him by a United States Marshall, accusing him of violating the United States postal laws by mailing postal cards of a slanderous character to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Perrin gave bail in the sum of \$500 before Squire Richey by his appearance before the United States District court in Cincinnati in February next.

The trustees of State College have installed a new course in flour-mill engineering. It is with the aim of teaching the scientific methods of milling that the course is given. A student having this scientific knowledge is, with a few months of practical experience, qualified to do scientific milling, by which he can get the best out of the grain and give it to the consumer in the best form. Previous to this time there were no schools in America which offered this course. Germany and Austria have several.

James Gallagher, the oldest resident of Cambria county, and possibly of the State, passed away at 9:40 o'clock Monday morning, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Maloney, in Ebensburg, at the age of 105 years, ten months and three days. His death was sudden, in that he became ill only Saturday, but the breakdown was complete. Mr. Gallagher was born in Dunaglow, County Donegal, Ireland, Feb. 2nd, 1805 one of a family of eighteen, and was the last of that number to pass away.

State Commissioner William E. Meehan says the State's output of trout fry this winter will be greater than the United States government fishery. The catch of eggs so far amounts to about 13,000,000. This is more than ever before and not only larger than the Federal Government output, but greater than that of four States combined. The eggs were received from Bellefonte, Spruce Creek and Corry hatcheries, and it is believed about 12,000,000 trout fry will be secured. The cost, through the improved methods and large collection, will be about \$1.50 per thousand.

Attorney General M. Hampton Todd has rendered an opinion in which he held that the State College and University council must be the judge of whether an institution of learning is equipped to give degrees in sciences. The question arose because of the application of the Holy Ghost college in Pittsburgh to give degrees in medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. The council referred the question of legality to Mr. Todd who holds that in a community as large as Pittsburgh additional educational facilities such as those contemplated would seem desirable. However, the question for the council is whether the equipment is sufficient to give competent introduction in the degrees mentioned.