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INK SLINGS.

—Leaders may come and go, but Democracy will live as long as people hope to rule themselves. —There is a good chance of our being drawn into war with Mexico...

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Bill for the Punishment of Judges. Tariff Debate Wisely Begun. Intervention Apparently Inevitable. Great Principles of Democracy.

The conservative press of the State as well as the intelligent citizenship is justly alarmed over the prospect or rather the danger of the SHERN bill...

The Democrats of the House of Representatives in Washington could hardly have chosen more wisely in the matter of the opening of the tariff debate...

It begins to look as if intervention in this Mexican disturbance is inevitable. There are suspicions, moreover, that conditions have been deliberately arranged to bring about this result...

From the Harrisburg Star Independent. In his address to the Central Democratic Club Thursday evening Senator Gore said that if he could write the next national Democratic platform it would contain just six words: "Less tariff, more trade, no trusts..."

Unquestionably this dangerous proposition was inspired by the recent litigation in Philadelphia through which the municipal administration was restrained in its mad purpose to squander the resources of the city in absurd enterprises...

Mr. KITCHEN began by reviewing the campaign pledges of the Democratic party and the achievements of the Democratic majority during the present session and declared that "the Democratic House has done more in two weeks of the present session than Republican Congresses had accomplished in ten years..."

President TAFT wants to be re-elected at the expiration of his present term and he will resort to any means, fair or foul, to accomplish his purpose. A foreign war in progress at the time of the election would greatly advance his aims...

Woodrow Wilson was the principal speaker at the Jefferson day banquet of the National League of Democratic Clubs at Indianapolis, where he gave a definition of Democracy that should be inscribed in the chronicles of every Democratic club in the land...

The bill provides that if any judge performs any act not indictable under existing law or impeachable under the provisions of the constitution one hundred citizens may petition the Governor to appoint a commission to try him...

We still believe that the tariff reduction bill should have been given precedence to the reciprocity agreement for the reason that TAFT is a treacherous man and wanting in veracity. But in the wisdom of the majority of Democrats in Washington the order of consideration was reversed...

It is worthy of note that WILLIAM B. WILSON, Representative in Congress for the Fifteenth District of this State, was among that small and not too respectable group of Democratic recreants who voted with the Republicans against the bill...

"I am absolutely convinced that there is a criminal conspiracy on foot for the purpose of bringing on a war between the United States and Japan. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are being spent to carry on this propaganda..."

—Meantime you will have to show us that a by-stander, near enough to the Mexican firing line to be injured by the bullets of either side is innocent. The chances are that he is getting within the danger line in order to perpetrate some crime on the victims of the battle on one side or the other...

—An esteemed contemporary congratulates the single Socialist member of Congress on the fact that he "can hold a caucus at any time and command a unanimous vote on any question..."

—The weather has been atrocious beyond question and little can be said in palliation of its outrages upon the public. But it certainly deserves some praise for "sitting on" that hoary and ancient humbug, the lie about the failure of the peach crop in Delaware...

From the Johnstown Democrat. Revision downward on the things the farmer must buy, as well as revision downward on the things he produces! This is the keynote of the Democratic reciprocity and tariff program...

We would admonish the public against placing too much confidence in the published statement that the Governor of the Commonwealth is determined to force the so-called Public Utilities bill through the Legislature. No doubt Governor TEMER is sincere in his desire for the passage of that measure...

Word comes from Washington that there is likely to be investigations, in the near future, of the Postoffice and Agricultural Departments of the government. There has been profligacy, corruption and vice in all the Departments, it is admitted, but not to so great an extent, the story goes, and consequently the two Departments named are to be singled out for immediate action...

—As it is practically certain that the Governor's so-called utility bill will not pass during the present session therefore it would be in order for some one who desires to serve the public to introduce a bill to regulate the charges of telephone companies. As a matter of fact some of the telephone companies in some sections are outrageously extortionate in their charges as well as discriminating...

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Take it from us that the Public Utilities bill will not be passed during the present session of the Legislature and that there will be no special session for the purpose of passing it. Possibly a commission may be created to prepare such legislation for future consideration...

The Agricultural Department is little better and probably would be worse if the antiquated old fossil at the head of it had the genius of HITCCKOCK. For years Secretary WILSON has been using that Department as a jobbing depot. His absurd experiments have had no other purpose in view than to provide employment for political serfs and his distribution of seeds through the Congressmen has been worse than a farce...

—While the men who are beating their own carpets and digging their own graves, these days, do you imagine that it makes the work seem lighter to see their wives sail off in their new spring hats...

That Easter hat will probably be on duty until Thanksgiving. Treat it kindly.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Six rafts containing 320,000 feet of hemlock and 24,000 feet of oak timber, have reached Marietta from the west branch of the Susquehanna. —The committee of arrangements for the state firemen's convention, to be held at York in September, has decided to award \$700 in prizes to visitors...