

INK SLINGS.

-A boom is being started for Vice President SHERMAN for President. A sort of Ta-ra-ra boom.

-Chop suey, a la Nittany, was the dish de resistance, at State College boarding houses during commencement.

-Right you are, Mr. SPRINGER, of Denver, Colorado, when you say: "If my wife has sinned she must atone for it herself."

-Don't worry about how hot it is around here. Just think of Yuma, Arizona. It was 110 degrees in the shade there on Sunday.

-Judged from the deluges we have had the past week or so it would look as though the attention of a physician were needed for nature's water works.

-If those show girls continue shooting up New York there may have to be a reopening of that famous Brownsville, Texas, episode to give them a chance to prove an alibi.

-The shad season has just closed and is said to have been a failure. The price we had to pay for them here wouldn't indicate that it had been a financial failure, however few were caught.

-New Yorkers are bewailing the loss of their Dreamland by fire last week, just as if Philadelphia, the oldest and most consistent dreamland on earth, wasn't within 90 miles of them.

-Common decency should compel New York to properly appreciate the fact that Philadelphia did actually waken up long enough to put one over on a New Yorker to the amount of ten thousand bucks.

-The determination of Senator DEWALT to resign the chairmanship of the State committee will be a little tough on the political athletes of the re-organizers crowd. When he goes they lose their principal punching-bag.

-That Mexican turmoil that is thought to be about over may not amount to much in other ways to the Mexican people, but it will, at least, give its women folk an opportunity to pose as "Daughters of the Mexican Revolution."

-The congregations of two Polish churches in Scranton got into a fight on Sunday and two women and two men had their heads cut open by flying stones. Surely the progressives are turning their attention from politics to religion.

-Governor TENER's new automobile having been hauled up for "scorching" through Abington it is not unnatural to assume that the Governor has been enjoying the liberty given him since the Boss has taken his eyes off Harrisburg.

-The birth rate in Pennsylvania, for the past year, exceeded the number of deaths by 99,865 and so far we have seen no claim on the part of our Keystone friends that their organization should be credited with this blessed result. Strange, isn't it?

-Between the cold, deep snows and icy pavements of winter, and the heat and unexpected thunder showers of summer, the man looking for an excuse to stay away from church really has more blessings to be thankful for than he acknowledges.

-It looks now as if the re-organizers may be able to organize the much abused but ever hopeful Democracy of the State into two parties. This will fill the expectation and purpose its promoters set out to accomplish—make places for themselves to pose as leaders.

-No matter what the temperature may be the rest of the summer people about Harrisburg feel confident of a cool spell on the 18th and 19th of July. Those are the days that our frigid friend, Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, expects to spend in that city trying to organize his re-organizers.

-Mrs. CARRIE NATION, the Kansas saloon smasher, has left an estate valued at \$10,000. The passing of CARRIE ended the career of one of the world's most unique characters. The fruits of her saloon smashing pilgrimages were practically nil, but she was at least consistent to the point of fanaticism.

-So far "re-organization" has not proven a raging success hereabouts. Centre county Democrats think they are just about as able to make and manage their own organization as a lot of disgruntled Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg politicians are to do it for them. And we guess their thinking machines are about right.

-Commencements are over and many a boy with a twenty-five dollar vision will hang around the parental roof until old Col. Sense gets it pounded into his head that he isn't worth more than eight. Then he will start to work and if he has good red blood in his veins to make his college education count he'll jump so fast that he'll have nothing to fear for the future.

-What in the world do some people expect the Democrats of Pennsylvania to stand for? Here they are again handing out a fusion proposition to us that is all one sided. Those Keystoneers are at Harrisburg offering to fuse, if the Democrats endorse Governor WILSON for President, and give the Keystoneers the nominees for State Treasurer, Auditor General, Senators and Members of the Legislature. Honestly did you ever hear of more impudence.

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Basis for Democratic Harmony.

The unanimity of the Democrats of Pennsylvania in favor of the nomination of Governor WOODROW WILSON for President ought to bring about a complete reconciliation of difference upon less important questions. Some weeks ago the Democratic City committee of Philadelphia adopted unanimously a resolution, offered by Mr. CHARLES P. DONNELLY, declaring its fidelity to the Jersey political WARWICK. Recently chairman DEWALT, of the Democratic State Central committee, has expressed himself in plain terms as favoring Governor WILSON. Most of the so-called Democratic insurgents, in other words the "re-organizers," are ostensibly, at least, for WILSON, and if everybody is for him steps should be taken to make the friendship effective.

Six years ago the WATCHMAN called attention to the utterances of WOODROW WILSON on political questions and suggested his availability for the Democratic nomination in 1908. Several times since then and before his nomination and election to the office of Governor of New Jersey we felt constrained to refer to him as a type of the citizenship in which the hopes of the Democratic party and the country rested. He was not in politics at the time but as president of Princeton University his utterances were so completely in line with the best traditions of the Democratic party and the highest achievements of the government of the United States, that we felt that he should be considered among the most favored of the Democratic statesmen.

Among the first public utterances of Governor WILSON that attracted our attention was a statement made in a public address to the effect that more would be accomplished, in the way of trust-busting, by the conviction in the criminal court and proper punishment of one of the trust magnates, than in a hundred instances in which the offending corporation was fined. We remembered at the time that Judge HARMON, of Ohio, had previously expressed the same idea, but it was none the less true because it had been said before. Declaring against iniquity compasses no cure of the evil or redress of the wrong. But acting on the lines indicated by Governor WILSON meant remedy. Therefore we felt that he was in line for Democratic consideration and are glad so many others are coming to that opinion.

It is reasonably certain that ROOSEVELT will support TAFT for re-election because he knows that with the steam roller in good working order he couldn't defeat the present occupant of the White House. But it can hardly be said that the "Coiner" will enjoy himself while he is supporting his successor in office.

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Work of Congress Revealed.

That no legislation other than the Canadian reciprocity agreement will be enacted during the present session of Congress is already obvious. Senator PENROSE, chairman of the Senate committee on Finance, has already announced that the work of that committee is finished and all other contemplated legislation must go to that committee. The Farmers' Free List bill and the measure to reduce the tariff taxes on wool and woolsens, will go over to the next session. The Harvester trust and Wool trusts will get nearly another year of good stealing, therefore. This will give them a vast advantage. It ought to be good for ample funds for the next campaign.

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Of course the delay in effecting these reforms in tariff legislation will cost the people of the country immensely. Another winter of cotton and shoddy clothing for children of the poor will multiply the number of tuberculosis sufferers throughout the country. It will put hundreds of thousands of dollars, literally stolen from the people, into the treasuries of the trusts, and that is mainly what the Republican organization is maintained for. But on the other hand it will provide an abundant campaign fund to bribe voters at the next presidential and congressional election and may even accomplish the re-election of President TAFT. If it will do this the evil consequences will not bother him.

Popular Vote for Senators.

The Senate in Washington, on Monday last, adopted the resolution to amend the constitution so as to permit the election of Senators in Congress by the direct vote of the people as Governors and other State officers are now chosen. The resolution had previously passed the House of Representatives, but as it was amended in the Senate will have to go back to the House for concurrence in the amendment. In the event that the House concurs in the amendment to the resolution the proposed amendment to the constitution will then be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States for ratification. If it successfully runs that gauntlet a policy which has been contending for many years will be inaugurated.

We have never shared in the enthusiasm of some of our friends in their desire for this change in the method of electing Senators in Congress. We have no objection to it at all and in deference to the overwhelming public sentiment in its favor would have welcomed the adoption of the resolution as it originally passed the House. But the Senate amendment provides for absolute congressional control of elections at which Senators are to be chosen and it seems to us introducing into our electoral system a very grave danger. The conduct of elections is purely a State affair. The government at Washington has no right to interfere in such local matters and vesting such power in Congress may work infinite mischief.

We have never been able to see, either, how this change in the method of electing Senators in Congress will work the great moral improvement that is expected of it. The party machine usually controls the election under existing conditions through the Legislative caucus but under the proposed system the party machine will exercise the same power through the nominating machinery. In this State, for example, the fact that Governors are elected by the direct vote of the people has not guaranteed the highest standard of statesmanship and morality in that office. If the election of Governor had been by the Legislature the machine would hardly have had things easier.

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Plaint of the Keystoneers.

The Keystoneers and near-Keystoneers, who still claim to be Democrats are greatly perturbed because Governor TENER will not promise to veto the TUSTIN primary election law. They imagine that under the old law they could exercise a potent influence in making the nominations of all the parties. Not greatly moved by considerations of principle they could ask for the Republican primary ballots in one section, Democratic ballots in another and Keystone ballots where neither of the others would better serve their purpose. In fact the near-Keystoneers who still claim to be Democrats are already striving to get control of the Democratic organization without declaring their divorce from the Keystone party.

There are some features in the TUSTIN bill which ought to have been left out. For example, the provision decreasing the number of Registrars in cities of the first and second classes is a palpable injustice to the Democrats. The pretense was set up that this alteration was made in the interest of economy. That is simply preposterous. Savings might properly have been in other directions but a saving at the expense of fair and just elections is too expensive to be calmly considered. The decrease in the number of Registrars is likely to have this effect. With two of each party on the board the opportunities for fraud were minimized and the law should have been left in that way.

But there is nothing lost by limiting the selection of Registrars in all cities to the two old parties. The Keystone party is not only a local but a transient organization and has no right to claim to be a party or policy in the sense that is contemplated not only in that law but in all other laws bearing on the question. If those Democrats who had much to do with swelling the Keystone vote last fall to the proportions which have swelled the heads of certain leaders are successful in seizing the Democratic organization, the Keystone party will dwindle to the strength of the Republican force opposed to PENROSE and the few Democrats who can't come back. It is therefore not worthy of consideration.

We are indebted to a Philadelphia contemporary for the information that "apprehensions in New York city of a water famine have not been allayed." But nobody has given any reasons why there ever should have been apprehensions in New York city at any time on that score. As we understand it water is used there only for bathing feet and the average New Yorker can postpone that form of ablution for a month or two in the event of a scarcity of water.

For Democratic Voters of the County to Remember.

The WATCHMAN would remind the Democratic voters of the county that at the coming fall election they will have a full county as well as complete township and borough ticket in every district of this county, to elect. In fact the election of November next will be of more importance to them, as citizens of the county, than any election that has taken place for years.

To win we must be united. Any effort to drag into the party the fights and factions that divide and distract the party in other sections of the State—and that too at a time when there is no State campaign and a most important county campaign confronts us—is calculated only to divide, distract and defeat the party in the county.

Divisions now are sure to bring defeat hereafter. He who insists in creating dissensions and fomenting trouble now, under the plea of changing conditions elsewhere in the State, is only working to bring disaster to the Democracy of the county. Keep this in mind, Democrats.

The United States Senate has finally agreed to reduce expenses and in pursuance of that purpose has laid off a few antiquated officials who were originally appointed at the instance of gentlemen no longer members of the body. The entire saving promised by this heroic operation is about \$30,000, which is a trifle compared with the decrease in the expenses of the House made by the Democratic majority voluntarily. A real pruning in the Senate would result in a saving of more than \$100,000 annually but we won't get that until the political complexion of the body has been changed.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT and J. PIERPONT MORGAN, are to be summoned as witnesses in the Steel trust investigation, according to Washington dispatches. To our mind, however, this will be a waste of time. Mr. ROOSEVELT will never allow Judge GARY to seem the more adroit in weaving excuses for a violation of the law in which ROOSEVELT was the principal offender.

Bryan and Underwood.

From the San Francisco Star. Of course Mr. Bryan is right in his demand for free wool. It is an indefensible outrage upon our ninety millions of people to compel them to pay higher prices for their short wool and shoddy clothing than the people of England pay for their long wool clothing, merely to give a few hundred sheep raisers a theoretical increase of profit at their expense, on the wool which they produce in this country. We say theoretical profit, because, while the sheep raisers are enabled to charge higher prices for their inferior wool, the owners of the sheep pastures increase their ground rents to absorb the increase of profit on the wool and the poor deluded, though "protected" sheep raisers are as badly off as they were before. Besides, the short wool clothing stretches and becomes baggy and ill fitting in four or five months, while the long staple woolen clothes, which the tariff on the raw material prevents us from manufacturing here, wear for years without becoming unshapely.

Of course, we realize that Mr. Underwood is in rather a delicate position in the matter, because the great steel and iron producing and manufacturing interests of his State (Alabama) require a high protective tariff on their commodities, to enable them to pay high wages to their unorganized negro laborers, and the votes of the sheep men are needed to maintain the protective system; but he should realize that it is better for a protectionist to vindicate his principles by staying at home as a Republican, than to come to Congress as a Democrat and there support Republican policies.

Mr. Underwood's retort, that Mr. Bryan voted for the Wilson bill containing the same wool schedule which he presents, is a non-sequitur; all Democrats, except the pro-tariff filibuster, voted for the Wilson bill on its final passage as it is to be hoped, all Democrats will vote for the Underwood bill, on its final passage, however earnestly they may, in the meantime, urge the amendment of some of its schedules. Again, it will be well for some of our leading Democrats to remember that Mr. Bryan has a right to be heard, even in criticism of the august "ways and means committee;" and also that Democratic leaders who seriously disagree with Mr. Bryan's well-known views on the tariff question are likely to find themselves without support or following in the future.

Rough Rider vs. Mutual Friend.

From the Pittsburg Post. The country was startled a few days ago by the statement of a "mutual friend" that Mr. Roosevelt throwing aside all personal considerations, was going to re-mount his coat and jump into the thickest of the fray in an effort to advance the candidacy of President Taft. But the story had hardly rolled off the wires before the Sage of Oyster Bay was out with a mild intimation that the "mutual friend" was a base and unscrupulous fabricator—that Mr. Roosevelt didn't intend to do anything of the sort. Of course it was not intended to convey the impression that the former occupant of the White House was opposed to the present tenant, but rather to show that the would be friend was describing conditions as he would like to have them.

Following this denial there arose considerable comment as to whether or not the third term bee was buzzing in the presidential bonnet, but perish the thought! Along comes the roughest kind of a rough rider, one of the heroes who rode up San Juan hill, and says that Colonel Roosevelt "told him personally" that under no consideration would he be a candidate, that he would consider a movement of that kind "a calamity" and wanted his friends to do everything in their power to prevent such a nomination being tendered. Now if there is any one class of specialists competent to talk on this subject it is those who come from the ranks of the rough riders. Consequently, with the same promptness that nipped the mutual friend story in the bud, comes the declaration from Oyster Bay that the man who wore the khaki in the fald at Santiago tells the truth, word for word. It is possible for a mutual friend to lie, but a rough rider, never!

So there you have it. Mr. Roosevelt is not in the race either for himself or anybody else. But it is possible that somebody else will come along in a day or two with a modification of both stories. There is always a chance to be mistaken.

All in a Glance.

From the Pittsburg Sun. Galloping through the news of the day from Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand, the discriminating eye would fain linger only on the paramount. So, as somebody says, if we are going to be paramount, let us be paramount. Mt. Etna rumbles and Italy trembles; China demands \$6,000,000 from Mexico at the cannon's mouth for the killing of 300 Chinamen in Torreón; the congressional committee sinks the steel probe into price-fixing at Gary dinners; New York has a shooting scandal in high life and low life; West Point may have nobody to haze if the enrollment continues falling off; the Mercer county strawberry of Pennsylvania has arrived, and a steel trust director sneers "Pittsburgh is a has-been."

The Finance committee of the United States Senate was equally divided on the Canadian reciprocity agreement, a motion to report it adversely having been defeated by a vote of seven to seven. Still the friends of the measure are confident that it will pass the Senate by a considerable majority after the ROOT amendment has been eliminated. Let us hope these expectations will not be disappointed.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Work has been started on the gigantic tiptops for the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron company at Luzerne.

—The Pennsylvania Fire Brick Company started drilling last week for fire clay on the lands recently noted in our columns as having been leased on Black Bear run.

—Something is killing the fish in the Susquehanna, near Towanda. The victims are chiefly suckers and the disease makes itself manifest by a bright red spot on the tail.

—Mrs. Joseph Klegnaz, of Bath, quarreled with her husband at the supper table and ended the matter by stabbing him with a fork. The man is dead and the woman in prison.

—Many thefts and one holdup that occurred in Hazleton and nearby towns in the last eighteen months have been traced to a crowd of boys through the arrest of two for entering a warehouse.

—Dealers in the Pocono mountains expect to begin the shipment of huckleberries to the big markets about the first week in July. The crop is said to be very promising, despite a number of forest fires.

—The annual reunion of the Pennsylvania Canal Boatmen's association will be held at Blairsville on September 13. This was decided at a meeting of the executive committee, held recently at Johnstown.

—The town of Hastings has decided to put down a sewage system as the result of the fever epidemic that struck the town last year. Altoona contractors have been asked to bid on the work, which is to be started and completed during the summer.

—The Juniata Valley Campmeeting association has let a contract for the erection of a new tabernacle on the grounds at Newton Hamilton. It will be 50x70 feet, and work on its erection is to start at once. Other improvements will be made to the grounds.

—The inadequate fishway at the McCall's Ferry dam, on the Susquehanna, will probably lead to the annihilation of the shad frequenting the Pennsylvania river. The fish were unable to get over the obstruction and many of them were caught by hand.

—Dr. M. H. Spore, of Allentown, after fixing a strange customer's teeth, was handed a \$10 bill in payment. Not having the change, he ran to the corner grocery. When he returned the stranger was gone with several hundred dollars worth of dental instruments and gold leaf.

—Buried in the yard of a house at Pittsburg rented by Howard E. Hall, of Columbus, O., detectives found silk dresses, stockings and other wearing apparel to the value of \$1,000, in addition to \$10,000 worth of clothing and jewelry found when the house was searched.

—The new western penitentiary will probably be established on one of the forest reserves of the State and so constructed as to permit of additions from time to time. It is the idea of Governor TENER to concentrate the whole of the State's criminal population in one big institution.

—E. J. Byers, of York, came near dying because physicians and nurses connected with the York hospital overlooked a piece of rubber hose a foot long that had been placed in his left side after an operation for an abscess of the lung fifteen months ago. His family physician discovered and removed it.

—Among improvements at the Newton Hamilton camp ground, the directors have ordered concrete tops placed on top of the three wells. The order was also given to clean out and wall up with concrete the spring across the ravine, from which the water will be pumped into the tank for use of tenters.

—There was a sand slide at a quarry near Burnham a few days ago that resulted in one death and the narrow escape of five others. Ed Green, aged 14 years, who was watching the men work, ran the wrong way when the slide came and was buried under six feet of earth. It was an hour before his body could be uncovered.

—The upper waters of the Susquehanna are to get the benefit of some fish planting by the State of New York. The New York State hatchery has placed 3,000,000 yellow bass in the Chemung river, between Waverly and Chemung. This is the largest number of fish ever placed in the streams of that section. The work of distributing was done by State Fish Commissioner William Farley.

—Owing to the fact that the Huntington bank proved to be a part of the estate of the late C. H. Glazier, of Huntington, it was closed on Monday morning, pending the settlement of the estate. The action was taken on the finding of a contract in which he had bound himself to take over the bank. Attorneys are responsible for the statement that depositors will receive dollar for dollar when the estate is finally settled.

—After a stormy session, in which citizens attempted to take a hand, the Johnstown school board elected Miss Gertrude Wray high school principal. The vote was 11 to 10. The failure of the board to re-elect Professor A. E. Kraybill was charged to politics. Miss Wray has been the head of the English department for a number of years. She is well known in Blair county, as her home is at Bellwood, and, as it is stated that the fight is not over yet, the outcome will be awaited with interest.

—On July 1 the salaries of 150 post-masters in Pennsylvania will be increased by from \$100 to \$300 a year because of the increase in the receipts of their offices in the last six months. At the same time the salaries of 41 postmasters in the State will drop from \$100 to \$200 because the receipts have fallen off. Five offices will be reduced from the presidential to the fourth class. Among the latter are Cross Forks and Driftwood. The postmaster of Northumberland will get an increase of \$200, while the office at Sunbury is included in the reduction list.

—Jacob Fenstermacher, of Harrisburg, who has just celebrated his 94th birthday, has had a remarkable career. He retains all of his faculties, reads the newspapers every day, is an ardent fisherman, and up until a short time ago worked a little garden. He is a cabinet maker and spent nearly fifty years of his life working at that trade in New Bloomingsburg. During the Civil War he was forced to remain idle because he was too old to enlist in the army. He was for a number of years an officer in the State militia, having been appointed to that position by Governor Bittner.

—A remarkable accident occurred on the Cambria Clearfield division of the Pennsylvania railroad last Thursday afternoon when the passenger train which leaves Patton at 3:15 was wrecked a mile south of that place, when the locomotive ran into two cows that had strayed upon the track. The rails were spread as the cows were struck and the locomotive was thrown on its side, the cars behind crashing into it with considerable force. The train was running thirty miles an hour at the time. A number of the passengers were badly shaken up, but none received injuries other than minor bruises.

—Myers F. Detrick, of Montandon, formerly of White Deer valley, died at the Williamsport hospital at 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning of tetanus. About a week ago the unfortunate man ran a small splinter into his left foot. The wound was only a slight one and apparently soon healed. On Friday Detrick complained to a brother, with whom he lived, of a stiff neck and sore throat. Dr. Hoffman, of Montandon, was called in and an examination disclosed to him that lockjaw had developed. Sunday he was taken to the Williamsport hospital, where he was given heroic treatment in an unsuccessful effort to save his life.