

INK SLINGS.

—It is no lie and we will not deny that we've had enough of July's hot stuff.

—Think more of the things you are doing and less of the mercury and you will be surprised how rapidly you cool off.

—Already the Mexicans are tired of their new toy. Another war is more to their liking and they are busy stirring one up.

—Nobody bothers about asking whether it is hot enough for you. None but a dampfool could imagine any doubt on the question.

—Next week the warring factions of the Democracy in Pennsylvania will get together in Harrisburg. Most power to the arms of the best Democrats.

—Anyway no one can charge that the present Congress is getting cold feet in its efforts to carry through the business it was called into session to enact.

—With the Elks and the Christian Endeavorers both in convention at Atlantic City at the same time there must have been a wierd mix-up of piety and pleasure.

—It is beginning to look as if Governor WILSON may have trouble in keeping himself from being President of the United States; if he cares to trouble over a little thing like that.

—Most of the grain in Centre county is in shock, the hay is about all in so that all that remains in the way of fall is the oats. Fall, think of it, only a little more than two months off.

—Aviation as a hot weather sport received its most serious set-back Monday when ATWOOD and HAMILTON had to come down out of the sky, while on their way from Atlantic City to Washington on account of the heat.

—Out of consideration for the President's feelings Congress might defer calling CHARLEY TAFT to the stand to testify as to what he knows about the Controller Bar scandal until some time when the President is out of town.

—For the present, at least, those alarmists who tell us occasionally that the sun is cooling off and that we will all freeze to death—if we live long enough—are probably having just as much trouble keeping cool as anybody else.

—Those papers which think it is all right for such men as LORIMER and SMOOT to occupy seats in the Senate of the United States are, of course, busiest making a fuss, because MARTINE and DAVIS, infinitely cleaner men, are there.

—Those Americans who paid five hundred dollars in order to be permitted to touch the chair in which King GEORGE sat while he was being crowned ought to have been handy enough for Uncle SAM to have passed up a good swift kick to them.

—The government's crop report for June forecasts a decided decrease in productions of all grains except corn. Hay and potatoes will both be far under the average yield so we will probably have to postpone the little matter of knocking down the high cost of living for another year or so.

—So far as the outcome of the meeting in Harrisburg next Wednesday is concerned the WATCHMAN has no care other than the hope that those who have the party's future course in their hands will do nothing that will continue the strife that now seems to have disgusted everyone. To our mind the only solution of the problem is the selection of a chairman who has not been identified in any way with the present controversy.

—OGDEN P. PELL, stated in a New York court a few days ago that all he needs to live on is fifty cents a day, then when a crowd of anxiously curious people besieged him to know how it is to be done he took to his private yacht and fled the city. Yes, the man who states that all he needs is fifty cents a day took to his private yacht. If he doesn't need more than fifty cents a day would it be much harm if some one sicker than OGDEN separated him from at least the amount that keeps that private yacht going.

—It begins to look as if BOSS MCNICHOLO is about to be eliminated from political affairs in Philadelphia. One of the VARES has practically clinched the Republican nomination for Mayor and as there is a deadly feud between the VARES and MCNICHOLO, the election of a VARE to that office would put MCNICHOLO out of the game. There are suspicions moreover, that when MCNICHOLO goes PENROSE will go along and in that event it may be assumed that Mayor REYBURN will become the political manager of the machine.

—The Duchess of Marlborough, nee CONSUELA VANDERBILT, is said to have bought the QUAY mansion in Washington with the intention of making the American capital her future home. Welcome to the unhappy girl who has discovered that it takes something more than a title to make a congenial husband. Thrice welcome if she comes home to be an American woman and to abandon the snobbishness and sycophancy that has characterized so many American girls in their struggle to have their wings singed in the lime light of English society.

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Bonniwell and McCormick.

Mr. EUGENE BONNIWELL, of Philadelphia, vice chairman of the Keystone party State committee, has recently been indulging in a rather acrimonious controversy with his late associate in the conspiracy to defeat the Democratic party, Mr. VANCE C. MCCORMICK.

There is a fundamental rule in equity jurisprudence which requires litigants to come into court with "clean hands." If Mr. BONNIWELL's political record were a trifle more fit for close inspection and analysis one might easily fall into sympathy with his arraignment of Mr. MCCORMICK.

But Mr. BONNIWELL is not so free from taint that Democrats of Pennsylvania should be anxious to take up his quarrel. He was Mr. BERRY's manager in the Allentown convention, participating in the deliberations of the committee on resolutions in that body, watched its proceedings with infinite care from start to finish and finally moved to make the nomination of Mr. GRIM unanimous.

—The zeal with which Senator PENROSE presses the reciprocity pact to a vote lacks nothing but enthusiasm. The Senator understands that the passage of that measure marks the beginning of the end of protective tariff in this country and yet he insists on the vote with the certainty that it will be passed.

—Argument court was held on Wednesday and yesterday and among the cases argued were those of Frank McFarlane vs. the State College Water company and the Boalsburg Water company vs. the State College Water company.

—Fifteen Boy Scouts from the DuBois Y. M. C. A., in charge of Physical Director Hellewell, arrived in Bellefonte shortly after noon on Wednesday.

—The hot wave of the past ten days has been without parallel in the weather records of the country both in the matter of intensity and duration.

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John W. Gates and Mr. Carnegie.

When Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE, the colossal humbug of the earth, read the testimony of Mr. JOHN W. GATES in relation to the formation of the Steel trust, he declared that Mr. GATES "is a played-out gambler," and imagined that that disposed of the question and Mr. GATES.

Since Judge GARY, Mr. CARNEGIE and others have unctiously protested that the Steel trust is a philanthropic enterprise and that its organization was simply a public beneficence Commissioner of Corporations HERBERT KNOX SMITH has made public his report on the Steel trust and singularly enough it corroborates the testimony of GATES rather than the evidence of GARY and the statement of CARNEGIE.

The Steel trust has somewhat altered its purposes since its organization though morally speaking it was quite as wrong then as now. At the outset it contemplated only control of the output of steel products and in the 250 subsidiary companies brought into its fold secured sixty per cent. of the total.

Reimbursing Charley Taft.

Again the trail of scandal leads to the White House. Controller Bay, a sort of gateway of Alaska, was coveted by the MORGAN and GUGGENHEIM syndicate. These favorites of ROOSEVELT and TAFT employed an agent named RYAN to "put the job over."

There is an old saying that "where there is much smoke there must be some fire." Probably the President has no interest in the various schemes which lead to scandals but it invariably happens that CHARLEY TAFT gets mixed up in them.

Of course it is reasonable that the President should be anxious to reimburse his brother for money expended in his campaign. It cost a vast sum, upwards of a million dollars, according to current estimates at the time.

—Of course nobody wants to hear of public scandals of any sort but everybody will admit that a scandal which hasn't the name of the President's half-brother associated with it would be refreshing to say the least.

Finding Roosevelt Out.

Mr. GEORGE H. EARLE, of Philadelphia, has greatly changed his estimate of the moral standard of THEODORE ROOSEVELT, according to a sworn statement on the subject, given before a Congressional committee now investigating the Sugar trust.

Probably it is a trifle rude to tell the truth about some persons because of the exalted positions they have occupied. But it is better to be impolite in exposing fraud than accessory in condoning it.

The truth of the matter is that THEODORE ROOSEVELT is not now and never has been worthy of the ordinary courtesies which obtain among gentlemen. He has been proved a falsifier so frequently that nobody is now surprised at fresh revelations of his inactivity and has been so often affiliated with frauds and crooks in one line or another that he is no longer entitled to be regarded as free from participation in the plunder which results.

Prosecutions for Perjury in Order.

In his testimony before the committee investigating charges of bribery in the election of Senator LORIMER, of Illinois, the other day, EDWARD HINES, Congressional lobbyist for the Lumber trust, flatly contradicted several witnesses who had preceded him.

That is unquestionably true. Mr. FUNK, Mr. COOK and Mr. KOHLSAT are reputable citizens. Each in turn testified positively on the subject. Mr. FUNK alleged that after the election of LORIMER HINES came to him and stated that it had cost \$100,000 to "put LORIMER over," and that the International Harvester trust ought to contribute \$10,000 toward reimbursing the man who had provided the money.

Without any personal knowledge or direct information on the subject we are inclined to believe that HINES has sworn falsely. He is a professional lobbyist and a ragger in politics while the others are quiet and well behaved gentlemen, not likely to be involved in such transactions.

—The last sale of Philadelphia bonds caused great disappointment in that the low price indicates low credit and the people of Philadelphia imagined that they might go on betraying public confidence until the end of time without paying any penalty.

Legitimate Business versus Big Business.

From the Chicago Public. Through men like Robert Moran, of Seattle, the legitimate business interests of the country are beginning to see that their prosperity is not with Big Business but with the labor interests, of which they themselves are part.

Mr. Moran cannot be denounced by Big Business as a wild-eyed radical whose ravings are to be ignored while Big Business keeps on plundering legitimate business. He has been mayor of Seattle, he was founder of the Moran Brothers company of Seattle and its head until its sale to the Moran company, he was a large employer for many years and is a man of wider than Washington state influence.

Quite as encouraging to legitimate business as Mr. Moran's declaration is its editorial approval by the Railway and Marine News, an old established business periodical, which agrees that harbor improvements beyond the present needs of Seattle "are land speculation and debt-creating schemes pure and simple," and that many business men know it but "haven't the nerve to come out and say so, as does Mr. Moran."

Paying a Heavy Price.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The insurgent Republicans are paying a heavy price for their devotion to principle.

Six months ago they were strong and their strength was growing; today they are less strong and their strength is slowly but surely dwindling.

It contains no possible recognition of the protective policy; it is at open war with all that protectionism has ever meant; and it is as certain to destroy the whole tariff fabric which has been the very basis of Republicanism for forty years as anything in the future can be.

But we repeat, they are paying a heavy price for their loyalty. They are alienating the progressive forces of the country and they are daily helping toward the rehabilitation of the President in the popular regard; daily and hourly they are adding to the certainty of his renomination and to their own undoing; daily and hourly they are making more certain the triumph of the Democrats next year and through that the utter downfall of the whole system to which they are clinging with such ill-advised tenacity.

Trying to Locate Taft.

From the North American. This newspaper has erred often when it attempted to interpret the motives behind Mr. Taft's words and acts by the logical reasoning ordinarily applicable to public men in places of high responsibility.

We are indebted to the dead Senator Dolliver for Number One. "President Taft is a well-meaning person, entirely surrounded by men who know what they want."

The thoughtful American public, we believe have come very generally to acceptance as truth of the keen comment of Dolliver. The irrefutable history of the scandal-spotted Taft administration confirms only too forcibly Rule Number Two. For it is only by the use of these two rules that we can present even a plausible theory of what inspired Mr. Taft to father the mock reciprocity measure.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The Sunshine mine at South Fork has been shut down, throwing 200 men out of employment. Part of them have gone to work in other mines.

—In the midst of strenuous pay-day duties in the office of the Carbon Steel company, at Pittsburgh, young W. Stanley Coleman shot himself and died a suicide.

—One Pennsylvania farmer has jicked sixteen bushels of cherries from a single tree this year. His name is Jacob Wenderlich, his residence Brickerville.

—Miss Katharine McCauley, of Pittsburgh, has been robbed of \$24 she had saved with which to secure her wedding outfit. So she has to begin all over again.

—Making a grab at a chicken he wanted to catch, A. J. Neibert, of St. Marys, struck a broken bottle with his wrist, severing the arteries, with almost fatal results.

—Taking down a milk crock from a shelf in her kitchen, Mrs. George A. Kopp, of Cratesville, York county, found a huge copperhead snake coiled therein. A neighbor made an end of the reptile with a load of shot.

—Miss Cora Blough is the eighth member of the family of John H. Blough, near Johnstown, to be stricken with typhoid fever. One of the sons died and the mother and one son are still confined to bed. The others recovered more rapidly.

—It is reported that the New York Central proposes soon to abandon passenger train service between Philadelphia and Munson, compelling passengers to take trolley cars from Morrisdale. There is considerable vocal protest, but no for. mal action.

—A Lock Haven tailor, who lay down on the floor of his side porch to get the breeze, found his hair glued fast to a pine board by the pitch the heat had coaxed out. His wife rescued him with her scissors and a visit to the barber shop evened up matters.

—Sidney Clark, a Lock Haven butcher, was driving a steer home from Nittany valley the other day. It decided to ford Bald Eagle creek at Flemington, and pulled Mr. Clark into the stream after it. The man narrowly escaped drowning and the steer went down.

—Berk McKee, aged six years, of Lock Haven, has seventeen stitches in wounds made by the teeth of his grandfather's pet bulldog. The animal was killed and its head sent away for examination. The boy is in a critical condition at the Jersey Shore hospital.

—Lewis Bailey, a farmer residing near Clearfield, had hard work to save his crops from destruction by storm on Friday last. On Monday morning his barn, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. Tramps are blamed for being careless with matches.

—Pottsville people are alarmed over the appearance of copperheads in their cellars. The reptiles are said to have been driven by the intense heat from the rockpiles they usually inhabit, to seek the coolness and dampness of cellars and other places in the towns.

—Philip Cuppet, aged 65 years, a resident of Germantown, was visiting friends near Indiana last week. He went to a farm to pick cherries on Saturday, was overcome by the heat while on a ladder ten feet above ground, fell and was discovered later lying under the tree with his neck broken.

—Early this week Highway commissioner Bigelow, equipped with a ninety-horse power automobile, started upon an 8,000 mile trip through the State in order to familiarize himself and some of his engineers, who accompanied him, with the 295 routes of highways provided in the Sprout bill.

—Russell Oaks, aged 45 years, was drowned in Pine creek, at Jersey Shore, recently. He was teaching his two little boys to swim when he was seized with cramps. Although the water was shallow, the boys could not drag him out in his helpless condition and he was dead before help could reach him.

—Viola Kalreider, a 13-year-old daughter of George Kalreider, of Codorus township, York county, was struck by lightning and instantly killed last Saturday. A few hours later Charles Seitz, aged 37 years, a tenant on the farm of Mrs. David Stoner, Hellam township, was also killed by a lightning bolt.

—Charles Weaver, an employee of the Standard Steel works at Burnham, had his perspiration-soaked shirt come in contact with live wires the other day. He was standing on a steel girder and fell twenty-five feet to the floor below, fracturing his skull and right forearm and sustaining internal injuries.

—A careless smoker lighted a cigarette at the Lock Haven Auto company's garage the other day. Fumes from a pair of gasoline ignited and one car was badly scorched. Volunteers were fortunate in being able to conquer the blaze. Hereafter there will be no visiting and no smoking at that establishment.

—An unfortunate accident occurred in the southern section of Clearfield county on Saturday evening, when Miss Mary Jacobs, a well-known young lady residing at Osceola Mills, was thrown from a rick, in which she was driving with a young man, and was almost instantly killed. The horse becoming frightened at a stump, ran away and upset the buggy.

—Burgess Brown, of Blairsville, stopped the game of W. J. Bryan, a bogus Salvation Army collector, in a hurry. He sent the chief of police to escort the man to every house where he had obtained money and to see that he returned it. He then fined him \$10 and ordered him out of town. Mr. Bryan said he had been arrested and fined several times, but still found collecting for the Salvation Army "a real fat graft."

—Twenty thousand brook trout from the government hatchery at Withfield, Va., have been planted in streams contiguous to Kane. A similar number of rainbow trout have been planted about Clarion. As the young fish sent out by the United States government are from three to five inches in length, instead of the hair-like fry issued by the State, the stocking will be worth while and its effect will be noticeable next year, as many of the fish will by then have reached the legal size.

—Over around Berwick are heard many boastful comments upon the feats of endurance of Joseph Meyers, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, who recently, while picking cherries, lost his footing upon the tree and went headlong to the ground, a distance of twenty-two feet. As setting the fall had not hurt him a bit, he gathered up the two bushels of cherries he had picked and took them to Berwick, where he sold them. It is said the two-war hero has never been ill a day, has smoked, chewed and drank all his life, and is as lively as a 50-year-old.

—Two men, who gave their names as Thomas Moran and Frank McGraw, were arrested at the point of a gun in the Adams Express office at Coalport on June 30th, when they called to get a package containing \$400 worth of stamps which had been taken from the postoffice at Winburne, Clearfield county, when it was robbed last month. The arrests were made by Postoffice Inspector L. E. Johnson, burgess John Laid and constable Frank Spangole. On the night of May 1st yeggon blew open the safe at Winburne postoffice and secured \$800 worth of booty, half of which was in postage stamps of different denominations. Inspector Johnson was put on the case and traced the burglars to New York city and Wilmington, Del. He learned there that the stamps had been shipped to Coalport, Clearfield county, by express, and hurrying to that point, was in time to intercept the alleged robbers as they called for the package. A third man managed to escape. The men were held in \$1,000 bail for trial.