

INK SLINGS.

Washington without a scandal wouldn't be Washington at all. Only one-tenth of the population of the United States is simon-pure. That Atlantic City aeronaut who lit on a church steeple would probably have expired had it not been for a spire. The weather has taken the steam out of most everything. Even the candidates for county office have a sort of languid look. Any way Congress has stuck to Washington long enough to put a crimp in the business expected at Beverly, the summer capital. The Democracy of Pennsylvania may be very far apart on many things, but Governor WILSON for President is not one of the many. Anyway the Democrats were able to attract more attention when fighting with themselves than they are accustomed to do when fighting the enemy. Ten more days of trout fishing, then the season of 1911 will be over and the story about the big one that got away given a rest until next April. The newspaper reports about the Harrisburg meeting of the Democrats indicate that we have an awful number of would-be generals for a very small army. Two Uncle Toms, two little Evas, two Marks the Lawyer, two donkeys and lots of blood hounds. That's the mammoth, double, disunited Democratic party in Pennsylvania. Dr. WILEY is turning out to be another thorn in the flesh of the TAFT administration. It appears that there is little use for a man who strives to keep right in Washington. Cholera has broken out in the city of New York and most heroic efforts are being made to prevent the spread of the awful malady. Let us hope that the efforts are successful. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat remarks "the chances are that the Republican party will win next year in spite of reciprocity." "In spite of reciprocity? Never! To spite reciprocity, possibly. We trust that county chairman KIM PORTS' recent visit to Harrisburg proved inspiration enough to lead him to get busy and organize or re-organize—which ever he prefers to call it—his committee in Centre county. Judged from the number of riots that have occurred among disappointed crowds lately an aviator stands a chance of having an easier time fighting unfavorable air currents than staying on the ground fighting faked audiences. The back bone of the hot wave has been broken and a few refreshing rains have fallen so that suffering humanity and suffering nature have taken on a more hopeful aspect. July, 1911, will go down in history as a month almost without equal for continued excessive heat. The new census is said to establish the centre of population in this country four and a fourth miles south of Unionville, Indiana. The statisticians probably have never seen east Bishop street, Bellefonte, when the kiddies up there are all out at play. Deer in Massachusetts are reported as having become addicted to the excessive use of tobacco. Their raids on the growing crops of the Connecticut valley are so destructive that the growers are taking steps to stop the chewing habit among them. Swell dancers at Manhattan Beach N. Y., are wearing anklets of precious gems. Of course the idea is to attract attention and solicit all to have a look. The same principle of immodesty ought to lead to diamond garters, with an occasional glimpse for the jaded public. Reports from abroad are to the effect that HARRY LEHR, the New York and Newport society leader, is not regaining his shattered health and is still as bad off as when he cut out the monkey dinner and barn dancing business to try to get well. We pity any one who is ill, but LEHR has broken himself down in the most frivolous of pursuits and is now reaping the harvest of his folly. On Monday the U. S. Senate passed a general campaign publicity bill. One of the provisions of the bill limits the amount that a Senator or Congressman may spend in a campaign to ten cents for each voter in his district. Why, if they keep up this reform craze there won't be anything doing at all on election days of the future. Shades of the blind horse in the West ward hearken to the new law that allows an easy and willing candidate to spend only ten cents per man. County chairman A. B. KIMPORT voted with the reorganizers in Harrisburg on Wednesday. In other words he endorsed the principle of no conciliation, no quarter, no offer to compromise with those Democrats of the State who think they have quite as much right on their side as the GUTHRIE-McCORMICK faction. Mr. KIMPORT could probably have helped the county ticket, which he will be called upon to take care of this fall, by at least declining to vote for Mr. GUTHRIE for state chairman.

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The Democratic State Committee.

The result of the meeting of the Democratic State committee on Wednesday, affords little cause for hope for the future in Pennsylvania. Instead of closing the chasm which divided the factions in the recent past, the breach seems to have been widened. The spirit of disorganization which developed after the Allentown convention a year ago, has increased rather than diminished in volume and intensity. The organization offered the olive branch in every conceivable form, but nothing but destruction would satisfy the disturbers. Like SHYLOCK they demanded the pound of flesh and were willing to take it at any cost or hazard. Their malignity was unappeasable. There is a ray of hope in the movement for conciliation in the immediate future, but it is not large or brilliant. The organization committee appointed a committee to confer with a similar body from the others, but it met with no response. After the sober second thought a different purpose may develop which will make for harmony. But at present, under the frenzy of a delirium of power, the so-called reorganizers are deaf to all appeals of reason and hold in view nothing but a thirst for war. When the full measure of the evil consequences of their folly appears to them, they may take another view of the matter. But we own to something like a feeling of despair of such results. The vote of the reorganizers in their committee is justly a subject of grave concern. There are only eighty-five members of the committee, including the additional strength of the Philadelphia delegation, and forty-one of this number participated in the deliberations of the regular organization committee. Yet the disorganizers announced a vote of fifty-four, which would make a total of ninety-five. This result could have been obtained only by fraud or impersonation. It is true that the tally taken during their roll call revealed the presence of only forty-four. But the announcement was made from the platform that fifty-four votes had been cast. The intention to misrepresent was obvious. Of the counties whose representatives in the committee voted and acted with the disorganizers, only three can give or furnish any hope of giving Democratic majorities. Among those, we regret to say, was Centre county. Armstrong, Bedford, Blair, Bradford, Cambria, Huntingdon, Snyder and Chester and other counties are hopeless of Democratic achievement. Lancaster, Crawford, Dauphin and Delaware counties might well clutch at any straw that gives promise of change. But this county might easily depend upon the integrity and the activity of her own Democracy for victory at every election. All that is necessary is fidelity to the principles of the party and energy and vigilance upon the part of the voters of that faith. The attitude of our member of the Democratic State Central committee on Wednesday, is, therefore, the more surprising.

Another Department Accused.

The TAFT administration may fitly be termed "the era of scandals." One after another of his "constitutional advisers" has been compelled to resign either before or after scandalous exposures, and the end is not yet. Information from Washington indicates that the Attorney General is to be investigated, grave charges of maladministration having recently been made against him on responsible authority. In this connection there is talk of impeachment proceedings, but such a course is not likely. Mr. WICKERSHAM will probably resign when the facts are laid bare, as his late associates in the cabinet have done, and that will be the end of it. But the investigation ought to be made. The charges are that Attorney General WICKERSHAM neglected to prosecute criminals, though information was presented to him in ample time, until after the statutory limit. The criminals in question were accused of murder, forgery and other high crimes, but they were working in the interests of J. PIERPONT MORGAN and the GUGGENHEIMS, and therefore immune from prosecution. This criminal syndicate of multimillionaires was determined to secure the mineral wealth of Alaska at any cost. In prosecuting their purpose murder and other crimes were perpetrated. But there were no prosecutions, not because of absence of testimony, but for the reason that a complete exposure would have been inevitable. The accused in this case is the Republican delegate in Congress for Alaska and he declares he has the proof ready. That being the case the Democratic majority in the House at Washington should have no hesitation in instituting the work of inquiry. The murderers would probably escape punishment in any event, for by the time the facts are exposed the statute of limitations will have intervened in their favor. But the corrupt and delinquent public officials can be punished both by forcing their resignation and prosecuting for conspiracy, and that ought to be done promptly and vigorously. It might force MORGAN to a permanent residence in Europe and the GUGGENHEIMS into exile, but the country should survive such losses.

Work of the Extra Session.

The Senate has agreed to vote on the Canadian reciprocity pact tomorrow and it may safely be predicted that within a week it will have the full force of a law. It might have been passed two months ago for no changes have been made in the text of the measure since it left the House, and no public information of value has been imparted during the debate in the Senate. The insincerity of LAFOLLETTE has been revealed during this period, it is true, but the people derive no advantage from that. It is only a question of time with these noisy agitators, anyway, and if he had continued to fool the world a while longer, little harm would have been done. His vanity is bumped and that is all. The reciprocity agreement with Canada is of little value of itself though it may work good results in so far as it destroys the tariff superstition which has prevailed so long. In other words if, as alleged, this act of Congress is the entering wedge for genuine tariff reform and practical tax reduction, it will be worth all it cost in time and labor. But there is no certainty on this point. It still remains in the arena of conjecture. There is said to be an agreement between the Democratic and Progressive Republican Senators to pass the Democratic farmers' free list bill and the UNDERWOOD wool tariff measure, and if that result is achieved the work of the session will be worth while. In any event it may be set down as a certainty that President TAFT and the Republican machine have been working for party advantage rather than the public good. It was not their intention to pass the free list or the wool tariff measures, and if they are passed it will be for the reason, unintentionally stated by Senator PENROSE some time ago, that the Republican party is no longer in control of the Senate. Being in session the Democrats and Progressives can compel legislation in the interest of the people. Two months ago President TAFT would probably have vetoed such legislation. But he will not do so now. He knows that such an exercise of a constitutional prerogative would make an end of him.

Opens Door to Revolt.

Senator La Follette, the boldest of the bold, has severed the last tie that binds the insurgents to the party of Republicanism and of Taft. He has sounded the clarion note of revolt against the administration, and is now rallying his following for the most tremendous onslaught that the regulars have ever had to meet. The bitter contest is to be waged to the last ditch, and the Republicans of the country are to be invited to judge for themselves between Taft, the repudiated, and La Follette, the repudiator. It means a fight for the control of the party which will be decided on the floor of the National convention, with the alternative of a bolt in the event of the administration being sustained by that body. This ultimatum of the Wisconsin Senator removed the last hope of the stand-patters that the insurgents would be driven into the fold; there can be no peace now, and a revolt is inevitable; in view of the fearful arraignment of the President a split cannot be avoided, and there is but one course open to the independent wing of the party, and that is to align itself under the banner of La Follette and wage unremitting warfare on President Taft and those who stand with him in the regular or standpat camp of the party. The division will of necessity be sharp, bitter and unrelenting. In his speech Mr. La Follette made his attitude so pronounced as to preclude the necessity for explanations or amendments later on. He hoisted the insurgent colors to the masthead, under which his followers are now rallying. The severity of his condemnation of the President, the assertion of his failure to fulfill promises, of his ignominious surrender to the railroads, betrayal of the friends of Roosevelt and repudiation of the policies of his predecessor—all these specifications, backed up by more than mere generalities, mean that from this time hence the Republican party is divided against itself, and that the chasm is too wide to be bridged. It is the culmination of President Taft's blunder in attempting to punish the insurgents by means of the crude method of withholding patronage and attempting to force them to recognize his power and return to his support. It is clear that the administration and its advisers did not count on the trodden worm turning under the heel; they underestimated the influence of La Follette and his faithful followers, and are now faced with the most serious division that has confronted the Republican organization in a generation.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

One of the largest gymnasiums and athletic fields in the world will be built for the Carnegie technical schools, Pittsburg. The superior court has turned down appeals against the decisions of the Mifflin county court in refusing licenses, and the county will remain dry. Indiana county is now the scene of operations of an organized gang of thieves. Homer City, Wehrum, Vintondale and Salsburg have been visited. Mt. Union hears rumors of another silica brick plant to be established along the line of the East Broad Top and is hoping the plant may land at that place. A man thought to be the one wanted at Homestead for horse stealing was arrested at Oil City last week and will be brought to Indiana county for trial. Lock Haven's board of trade has a new industry in the proposed plant of the American Hoist and Manufacturing company, now located at Hamburg, Berks county. The steel situation at the great Bethlehem mills is getting better every day and production will be greatly increased presently, for another \$2,000,000 blast furnace will be put in operation. Palmer Scott, of DuBois, is in the hospital suffering with tetanus, the result of a Fourth of July accident. But it wasn't a gunpowder accident. The young man ran a splinter in his foot. Fishermen of York county who are dissatisfied with the situation at McCall's Ferry since the erection of the power dam there, propose to invoke the aid of the law in removing the obstruction. The first wedding in the Berks county prison for years occurred on Thursday when John Pierson, lately sentenced to three years at a wire thief, was married to Miss Lillie May Lutz, of Reading. The Sunbury school directors are having trouble filling vacancies in the high school faculty. No less than four instructors, who have secured positions paying higher salaries, including the principal, tendered their resignations at the close of the last school term. Three inhabitants of Bradnock went to the cellar of their boarding house on one of the recent hot nights to sleep. During the night a water pipe in the cellar burst and when the boarding house mistress aroused the men their beds were floating about in the water. While Jacob Ellinger and family, of Lewistown, were sitting on their front porch a few evenings ago, their kitchen screen door was pried open and the house ransacked. Mrs. Ellinger's gold watch and \$70 cash formed the booty. Most of the money belonged to guests in the home. A suitcase that reached Huntingdon from Philadelphia a few days ago caused considerable excitement. It was opened on account of its loud perfume and found to contain a fishing outfit and a lot of dead fish. When its owner arrived and wanted to take it over the Broad Top line he was compelled to put it on the engine tender. The Commercial Travelers' association Philadelphia has received a courteous letter from New York Central officials, promising that the matter of taking off passenger train service between Munson and Philadelphia will be thoroughly investigated before final action. The Commercial Travelers will improve the opportunity to put up a strong plea. Charles W. Smith, aged 18 years, of Renovo, was out for huckleberries last week, when bitten by a rattlesnake. He promptly shot the end of the finger off, let the poisoned blood flow, then his companions bound the finger tight enough to save loss of blood. He has a sore finger, naturally, but kept the poison from going through his system. A recent verdict of a Pennsylvania court awarded \$325 damages to W. H. Diefenderfer, of Tamaqua, for injuries caused to his automobile by D. E. Zehner. The latter was driving a team when he met Diefenderfer, and refused to give any of the road to the motorist. Diefenderfer drove up the side of a bank to get around him, but his mud guards, horn, windshield and lamps were smashed by the wagon. Ten cars and a caboose of a southbound local freight on the T. & C. railroad ran away at Blue Ball on Saturday morning and took a joy ride to Philadelphia, where they crashed into the north bound local. The engine of the latter was badly damaged and two cars, containing brick and brickdust, were demolished. There was a car of dynamite on the north bound freight, but the collision didn't reach that. Pennsylvania fishermen have good news in store for them. There will be sent to the Keystone State this month 20,000 large mouthed and small mouthed black bass from the United States fish commission hatcheries. A promise to this effect has been made to Congressman Grier, of Lancaster, and he has selected 12 points along the Susquehanna river north of McCall's Ferry dam, as the places where they will be planted. Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke company's mine at Sykesville, nine miles from DuBois Saturday night. The explosion occurred at 9:30 but it was after midnight before the extent of the disaster was known. All of the dead but three were foreigners. The explosion was slight as evidenced by the small damage done in the mine but the deadly after damp is responsible for most of the deaths. James Ray, an Italian, and William New, an American, waiting trial for robbery, escaped jail at Clarion Friday night, but their get-away was not discovered until noon Saturday. They broke jail by sawing a bolt from a door leading from the corridor to a condemned man's unused cell, from which a prisoner escaped two years ago. Before doing this Ray and New made dummies of clothing and placed them in their beds. Two men were in the condemned cell when Sheriff W. S. Smathers made his final round at 9 o'clock Friday night, but he saw the dummies and thought they were the prisoners. W. B. Startzel, sheriff of Montour county, who is also warden of the jail at Danville, was murderously attacked Friday morning by John Burke, a young man awaiting trial on a charge of pocket picking. He somehow or other eluded the officer's vigilance the night before and remained out in the corridor, trying to dig his way through an 18 inch brick wall. Not successful, when the sheriff opened the jail in the morning, he attacked him with the heavy oak back of a large chair. Mr. Startzel bravely defended himself, and his wife, hearing the noise, and fearing an attack, turned in a fire alarm. A number of men responded and the prisoner was quickly subdued and placed in a steel cage. The chair had two ugly screws protruding from it. The sheriff was only slightly hurt. Money sewed in stockings, valuable papers in the sleeves of dresses, silver and gold coins and bank notes in drawers, in the heater, in old chests and in the garret, were discovered in the home of the late Sabina Yeagley, at Stouchsburg, Berks county, recently. While the deceased was supposed to have some money, her method of keeping it was not known to her relatives, and the discovery was made under peculiar circumstances. Miss Yeagley died as the result of a fall down a flight of stairs. In her fall she was severely cut, and considerable blood collected on the carpet. It was while taking up this carpet to clean it that nine \$10 bills were found. This led to a general search of the premises. Bills were even found in the pages of old books. The sum found will amount to probably \$1,000.

Gary Has Uriah Heep Skinned.

While Judge GARY, chairman of the Steel trust board was in Washington, a few weeks ago, begging Congress to take control of the industrial life of the country in order to save it from the malign influence of some of his "wicked partners," we were almost convinced that he was a much-abused philanthropist. Nobody who read his testimony and believed any part of it, could have entertained any other idea on the subject. There are bad men in business, the judge said inferentially, and they ought to be restrained with a hard and heavy hand. But happily the Steel trust has escaped from such men and is now a public benefice.

Dr. Wiley's Hard Fight.

It may safely be said that the salary paid to Dr. RUSBY has little or nothing to do with the recent movement against Dr. WILEY, chief chemist of the agricultural department at Washington. The salary of Dr. RUSBY is quoted as an excuse for the movement, but that is all. The refusal of Dr. WILEY to assent to food adulterations is the real cause of the quarrel and if he will yield even in the slightest respect for the present and promise to relinquish his position by degrees, the fight against him will end instantly. The purveyors of impure food have the strongest lobby and are the most determined conspirators in the entire country. They are ready to commit any crime.

Admits Fraud in the Vote or Count.

Mr. McCORMICK's Harrisburg Patriot, of yesterday, gives the number of regularly elected members of the State committee attending the McCORMICK-GUTHRIE factional meeting at forty-seven. That paper starts out with the report of its meetings thus: "The reorganization movement in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania justified the confidence of its leaders yesterday when forty-seven regularly elected and duly qualified members of the Democratic State Central Committee met in the hall of the Board of Trade and elected GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, ex-mayor of Pittsburg, State Chairman."

Wickersham Figures in Scandal.

The Harrisburg Star-Independent. The Guggenheim claims in Alaska which have been a cause of much scandal and trouble at Washington, are now "cast in the shade" by a charge made by Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, that Attorney General Wickersham "deliberately perjured the status of limitations to run in favor of agents of the Alaska syndicate who defrauded the government through perjury to the extent of \$50,000." The House Committee on Judiciary has determined to report favorably a resolution of inquiry offered by Delegate Wickersham. It is surely true that such scandals in high government circles should be rendered impossible. But that cannot be accomplished so long as "loose constructionists of the Constitution and contenters of the laws constitutionally enacted are placed in the most important offices in the executive department of government. The kind of statesmen who are linked together by a contempt for the fundamental law expressed in the remark they are accustomed to make to each other, "What is the Constitution among friends?" when their pockets are to be filled with the public expense, will not balk at the violation of a simple prohibitory or directory statute. But in the case in question it is almost incredible that the accused official could so far forget the obligation of his oath of office as with deliberate intent to defeat the ends of justice which it is his sworn duty to advocate and promote. Let us generously believe, until irrefutable proofs to the contrary are presented, that Delegate Wickersham is laboring under a mistake and that Attorney General Wickersham will be able to establish his innocence of the charge preferred against him. But if the evidence to be taken by the House Judiciary committee shall clearly prove the truthfulness and justice of the charge made by Delegate Wickersham, then President Taft will be thoroughly justified in choosing and installing a new Attorney General.

Had Better Got to Work Himself.

Now that chairman KIMPORT has shown by his vote that he believes reorganization in the State is necessary—it is earnestly hoped that he will get about the business of organizing his own county in a way that he will at least have a county committee to help him do some of the much work that will have to be done this fall if the ticket that will be nominated in September is to win. It is the first time in over fifty years that the Democracy of the county has been left without a committee and no effort made on the part of the chairman for over a year to form or announce one. Really if reorganization is needed in any part of the State it would be hard to find a spot that it needs it more, or needs it quicker, than right here at home, where Mr. KIMPORT was entrusted with that duty over one year ago. You have raised the Shiloheth of "reorganization," Mr. KIMPORT. You have voted for and cast your lot with men who say they "do not want harmony in the party." You have tried to bring the factional disputes that divides and distracts other counties in the State into our own, and if you purpose trying to save the integrity, the unity and the hopes of party workers in Centre county it is high time you get to work.

What Salvation Costs in Erie.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The Rev. "Billy" Sunday has concluded his evangelistic crusade in Erie. And here is the result in tabulated form:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes: Number of converts 5,312; Total attendance 348,750; Collections for expenses 11,282.90; Collections for charity 851.68; For ladies of Sunday party 682.50; For Mel Trotter 119.73; For Mr. Sunday 11,555.67; Total collections 24,994.48; Total cost per conversion 4.49; Paid to Sunday per conversion 2.17.

Should Pray for Deliverance.

From the Altoona Times. Well may President Taft fervently pray to be delivered from his so-called friends. The attempt to dispose of Dr. Wiley, which action would be entirely in the interest of food poisoners, has added to the President's troubles, and will cause no end of explaining when he goes before the people seeking endorsement of his record.

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