

INK SLINGS.

The day draws nigh when the aspiring candidate must do or die. Pittsburghers are getting a hump on to cut that Grant street "Hump" off. If it orders the immediate reconstruction of that High street bridge it certainly will be a grand jury. The black-birds are flocking in a way that prompts the weather wise to predict that it will be cold soon. There is more water in the springs and streams of Centre county than we have known of at this season for many years. The sour visaged house wife is not likely to improve any when her grocer tells her how high sugar is going. A light frost has touched the pumpkin and some corn is in the shock and you'd better get your coal bin filled. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up and see how much brighter everything looks; especially yourself. Keep your minds on the 30th. primary day. The field is large in both parties and, surely, good tickets ought to be selected. The French have organized an aero club for women. The men probably think that it is an easier and quicker way than the divorce courts. The number of coast to coast aviators now in the air are enough, already to inspire the undertakers with hope of an early revival of business. The increase of forty thousand in the registration of votes in Philadelphia looks as if the dogs and tombstones are being rallied again to make a mayor of that city. Experts tell us that food prices can't go much higher, but we can't see much consolation even in that unless they will tell us how to rise to their present level of prices. Friends of Vice President SHERMAN are said to have hopes of his being nominated for President next fall. Is it possible that our friends, the enemy, are looking for a goat ready. Dr. WILEY has been vindicated at last by President TAFT, but it will take a sledge hammer to pound any notion that it is a gentle hint for him to resign into the mind of Secretary WILSON. GABY DESLYS, the siren of King MANUEL, of Portugal, is here to gather up a few American dollars, and, incidentally to show just what kind of a "skirt" a foolish foreign potentate takes to. It appears that Maine has finally recorded a victory for booze. It was a narrow margin of twenty votes that put the pigs ears, speak easies and boot leggers out and the legally licensed saloons in. Premier STOLYPIN, of Russia, is dead from the effects of an assassin's bullet. Strange about those Russians! We thought the Japs had killed off about all they could spare for a few years at least. Those gentlemen who are worried so much because there is a chance for two ladies to be elected to the school board will probably find out, on primary day, that they are almost alone in their misery. The insincerity of Mr. CLARENCE D. GIBBONEY is again shown in his standing in the way of a possibly successful attempt to reform Philadelphia through the election of the Hon. RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG mayor. A Kansas girl who weighs two hundred and fifty pounds was married the other day. Here's hoping that the husband on whose knees she may some times perch herself is endowed with good, strong understandings. The rector of an Episcopal church at Rhinebeck, New York, refused to marry Colonel ASTOR and his bride but cordially congratulated them after their marriage. Probably there is a difference between tweedledee and tweedledum, after all. In announcing that her husband will not run for Congress in Boston Mrs. JOHN L. SULLIVAN said to a reporter: "Mr. SULLIVAN will not run for Congress and it will not be necessary for you to speak to him about it at all." That sounds like the one time idol of the prize ring has gotten into the Henry Peck class. A family in Missouri is in possession of a pair of baby shoes that were made in 1783 and have been tried on all the babies in the family since. We are not from Missouri but right here in Bellefonte we have several families that in one generation would have worn out a pair of iron shoes had they been merely tried on all their babies. That racing motor boat that jumped out of the river at Buffalo and raced up the bank so rapidly that three spectators were injured was, a sure enough, wonder. It must have been a relation of the sucker that editor SMITH, of the Punxsutawney Spirit once wrote about. His sucker had been transplanted from the creek to a rain barrel and each day it was lifted out for a little flop in the garden. Gradually the time it kept out of the water was extended until the sucker was not content to be anywhere else than in the garden. Then one day when Mr. SMITH went down to the creek to catch a play mate for it it wiggled after him and fell into the water and was drowned.

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The House of Governors.

Purposely or otherwise some of the leading newspapers of the country are misconstruing the action of the House of Governors, recently in session at Spring Lake, New Jersey, in appointing a committee to remonstrate against the growing practice of federal judges to usurp the prerogatives of State Legislatures and State authorities. The Philadelphia Ledger, for example, declares, that "the idea of sending a committee of Governors to attempt to influence the opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States, is as wild as anything ever imagined by irresponsible agitators." Inferentially our Philadelphia contemporary aims to create the impression that the Governors are trying to coerce the court. Some years ago Senator ELIHU ROOT, of New York, then Secretary of State in the ROOSEVELT administration, said in a public speech, that "unless the States asserted their constitutional rights to regulate certain things it would be necessary for the government at Washington to perform the service." The action of the House of Governors was simply in pursuance of that admonition. Certain federal judges have been assuming powers which under the constitution are reserved to the States and the Governors have justly filed a protest against the usurpation and appointed a committee to formulate the protest and present it where it will do the most good. There is no grave offense in that, we hope. The case in point was a decision of Judge SANBORN, of Minnesota, declaring invalid an act of the Legislature authorizing the Railroad Commission of that State to limit freight rates on interstate traffic. This Federal Circuit Court Judge held that the exercise of such authority by the State Railroad Commission would work an infringement of the authority of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission. It was an utterly absurd and preposterous position to assume but for the time being it served the purpose of paralyzing the State Commission and enabling the carrying corporations to plunder local shippers mercilessly. On consignments from one point in the State to another, they could rob at will. Naturally and properly the case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where it is now pending. The Board of Governors took cognizance of the matter, as it was its duty to do, and protested against the tendency in that direction. Finally a resolution providing for a committee, in order to make the protest more effective, was proposed and adopted. Upon the motion of Republican Governor HADLEY, of Missouri, Governor HARMON, of Ohio, was made chairman of the committee. He is a member of the Supreme Court bar and enjoys the right to participate in the deliberations of the body. He can present the protest to the court in person or designate any other member of that bar to do so. With characteristic unfairness the Ledger adds that "it is astonishing to find Governor HARMON in such a project." On the contrary it would be astonishing, under the circumstances, if he were not in it. He didn't offer the resolution or participate in the discussion of it. But when it was found that it expressed the practically unanimous opinion of the Governors, another member of the body, and one of opposite political antecedents, suggested that he be made chairman, for the reason, probably, as stated by the Ledger, that "he is a very able lawyer and his individual opinion upon the trend toward centralization in the control of domestic commerce would be entitled to respect." That this trend is a menace of the gravest character admits of no doubt. It is the danger which gave the Fathers of the Republic most concern. WASHINGTON admonished against it and JEFFERSON resisted it at every step. It has now become the final hope of the predatory interests and the MORGANS and the GARYS and all the pestilential tribe of big and little corporation tyrants are urging National government control of all industrial and commercial activities. In the face of these facts the Board of Governors was wise as well as patriotic in taking the action it did and actually raised itself from the plane of an absurd joke to the high level of a public benefaction by this very appropriate act.

The Philadelphia Democracy.

The Democratic organization of Philadelphia has shown both wisdom and patriotism in deciding to support RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG, for mayor of that city. Mr. BLANKENBURG is the only man thus far named for the office who has the ghost of a show of defeating the "criminal combination" which Senator ELIHU ROOT, of New York, declared is "masquerading as the Republican party" of Philadelphia. Mr. EARLE, the PENROSE candidate, is unquestionably an able and an honest man. But he represents one faction of the contractors' combine just as completely as Mr. VARE, less able and probably not quite so honest, represents the other. There is no hope of honest government from the success of either of them. The Democrats of Philadelphia or of Pennsylvania, for that matter, have no reason to love Mr. BLANKENBURG other than his consistent long continued and militant struggle for good government. In the campaign of last fall he contributed more than any other man or dozen of men, to increasing the vote of Mr. BERRY and diminishing that of Mr. GRIM. He freely and frankly expressed his preference for Mr. GRIM because of his superior fitness for the office. But he declared most emphatically that his first consideration was the destruction of the Republican machine through the defeat of TENER and after ascertaining, by careful investigation, that BERRY was stronger than GRIM in the ballot, he threw the weight of his influence to BERRY and carried thousands with him. If Mr. BLANKENBURG had followed the example of other independent voters simply and supported Mr. BERRY with such energy as he felt like giving the cause BERRY'S vote would have been many thousands less and GRIM'S many thousands more. But his method of measuring the relative chances of the two men impressed the public mind. If after his investigation he had declared for GRIM the Democratic vote would have been enhanced by what he hoped to do. But his sense of duty was stronger than his personal inclinations and he supported BERRY, not that he loved GRIM less but because he loved civic righteousness more, and hoped to defeat the atrocious Republican machine by showing to the voters the strength of the opposing candidates. It may be set down as a settled fact that RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG is influenced by considerations of the public welfare in all his political actions. He is as unselfish and impersonal in running for mayor as he was in being a city commissioner in 1905. If any other candidate had been named, influenced by the same impulses and equally available, he would not be a candidate and it may safely be said that he would have preferred such a condition of affairs. But he is the only man named who can be depended upon to give the city efficient and honest government and he ought to receive the united support of the good citizenship. We congratulate the Philadelphia Democracy upon its action in giving him its unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement and feel that this showing of endorsement upon to give the city efficient and honest government and he ought to receive the united support of the good citizenship. We congratulate the Philadelphia Democracy upon its action in giving him its unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement and feel that this showing of endorsement upon to give the city efficient and honest government and he ought to receive the united support of the good citizenship. We congratulate the Philadelphia Democracy upon its action in giving him its unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement and feel that this showing of endorsement upon to give the city efficient and honest government and he ought to receive the united support of the good citizenship.

Democratic Opportunity.

In the disorganization of the Republican party in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh there ought to be hope for Pennsylvania. It is a matter of common understanding that within the last twenty years the Republican majority in Pennsylvania has been obtained by fraud nine times out of ten. Democrats throughout the State are hardly to be blamed for lack of political energy and hope under such circumstances. They had come to believe that whatever work they did for party success would be wasted energy and grew careless of their political duties and civic obligations. But in the light of present conditions the outlook is different. The Democrats of Pennsylvania can and will win if they do their full duty. In one of our Philadelphia contemporaries there was a cartoon, the other day, which carried a significant lesson to every Democrat in Pennsylvania. It represented an election day scene. The ballot box was set on a table and on one side of it stood a VARE watcher and on the other side a watcher of the other faction. They were closely watching each other. Behind the booth a repeater stood with a pocket full of bogus ballots but he couldn't use them in the interest of either faction because of the vigilance of the watcher of the other faction. That is precisely what will happen in both cities this year and the honest voters will determine the result of the election with honest ballots. There is an old adage to the effect that "when rogues fall out honest men come by their own." The political rogues of Pennsylvania have certainly had an irreconcilable quarrel and if the honest men take advantage of the opportunity which that circumstance gives and perform their entire duty the Republican machine will not only be defeated but it will be completely destroyed. The time to begin the performance is now and the place at the primary election. Get out the full party vote at the primary, nominate the very best candidates and the rest will be easy. We will not only carry a vast majority of the counties but we will completely revolutionize the politics of the cities. Catlin Needed in Pittsburgh. Our friend the enemy is also having a "monkey and parrot" time in Pittsburgh. The other great city of the Commonwealth, Philadelphia, has no monopoly of partisan factionalism. As Admiral SCHLEY said of the glory of Santiago, there is enough accusation to go around. But there is little, if any, less in Pittsburgh. The OLIVER faction is hurling epithets at the MAGEE faction, the MAGEE faction is heaping vituperation on the heads of the OLIVER followers while the adherents of Senator WILLIAM FLINN are telling the blistering truth concerning both. It is really a shameful spectacle of the effect of a falling out of crooks. At a public meeting the other night one of the MAGEE orators declared that half of the proceeds of an issue of bonds, recently made, for road construction, "has been used for maintenance, repairs, equipment, supplies and current expenses" of the county. On the same evening in another part of the city an OLIVER "speller" asserted that the campaign of Mayor MAGEE "is an attempt on the part of the discredited mayor to obtain control of this great county for the purpose of building up a political machine to enable him to take advantage of the great bonding powers of the county to issue bonds for the purpose of advancing his pet projects." In other words one faction accuses the other of misappropriating funds and the other charges the one with designs to do the same thing. We have no doubt that both of these accusers are right in the main. Similar charges against Mayor MAGEE, made in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, seven months ago, have not been refuted or even denied. But in view of the accusations why has the CATLIN commission not been invoked, by somebody, to inquire into the matter? If the people of the city are being robbed by the MAGEE crowd and the treasury of the county is being looted by the OLIVER crowd, something ought to be done to save the innocent but heavily burdened taxpayers. Let us hope, therefore, that Senator CATLIN will give attention to Pittsburgh. The salaries of the increased number of Congressmen will amount to \$400,000 a year but that is no cause of complaint. A MITCHELL PALMER thinks he's worth double that amount to the country in six months with one hand tied behind his back. It is said that Mrs. TAFT does her own marketing but that simply shows that she is a prudent woman for nobody can trust a Washington butler and besides in the nursery rhyme it is recorded that a certain queen "sat in her kitchen."

Dr. Wiley Exonerated.

President Taft having decided to refrain from subjecting Dr. Wiley to the "condign punishment" which was recommended by Attorney General Wickham, for contumaciously insisting upon giving the people honest and faithful service, a serious incident in the affairs of the Department of Agriculture is partly closed. There remains splendid opportunity for the infliction of "condign punishment" upon other persons, persons who deserve it. The removal of Dr. Wiley was obviously the object of a conspiracy in the Department of Agriculture. For a considerable time past there was an evident purpose to nullify his official acts with regard to a rigid enforcement of the pure food laws, in order that the food dop and poisoners might not be restrained. That appears to have been the principal purpose to be subserved in the appointment of Solicitor McCabe and the constant interference with Dr. Wiley and the reversal of his orders and findings. Though the President has not made use of the opportunity that is afforded him to mete out equal and impartial justice, there is some reason for hoping that he will do so. Speaking of the Congressional inquiry into charges against Dr. Wiley he says: "The broader issues raised by the investigation, than this one to the general efficiency of the Department, may require much more radical action than the question I have considered and decided." This is taken as an indication that there will be a shake-up in the Department next winter. As a matter of fact anything less than a shake-up that should shake out the McCabe-Dunlap combine against Wiley and prove that the food dopers do not control the Department. Hoping such hope, it would be idle to speculate upon what would have happened to Wiley had not the Congressional investigation exposed the real status of affairs in the Department. What He Will Not Tell. From the Johnstown Democrat. On his swing around the circle President Taft will tell the people it was necessary for him to prevent a reduction of the cost of living, because the tariff board hadn't reported. Here is some tariff board history that the President will probably not refer to: The tariff board was created September 26th, 1909. June 7th, 1911, 21 months later, Congress called for whatever data the board had collected on wool and was informed the board had nothing to report. What was the tariff board doing during these 21 months? Soon after the appointment of the board, its chairman, Henry C. Emery, established headquarters in the private residence of Frederick Hale, son of Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, who has been known for years as one of the most powerful defenders of ultra protection. In October, 1910, it was announced that "the work of the tariff board" was to be boomed at a series of banquets. For three months the banqueting campaign occupied the time and attention of the board. Among the hosts was the Arkwright club, the leading association of high protection manufacturers of the country. Then, February 1st, 1911, chairman Emery was the guest of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers—the wards of Schedule K—with William M. Wood on one side and vice president F. S. Clark on the other. The plan finally adopted for estimating costs is the plan which, at this dinner, Emery was advised to adopt. And this is the board for whose report all tariff revision must be held up! A National Scandal. From the Detroit Times. In a Missouri court a few days ago a man was placed on trial on the charge of stealing a side of beef from a refrigerator car belonging to one of the big packers. The offense was committed Aug. 14. Two weeks later the man had been convicted by a jury and was on his way to the penitentiary to spend a year. We of course have no fault to find with the arrest and conviction of a thief. The man took that which did not belong to him, violated the law and had to expect punishment, if found out. The fact, however, which impresses us is the dispatch with which they got him into prison. A chronology of the case against the Beef Trust, the government's prosecution of another lawbreaker, is interesting in this connection. For it we are indebted to the New York World, which printed it upon its editorial page and called it a "national scandal." The case against the trust has been pending nine years and has progressed far enough in that time for the defendant to plead "not guilty." It took two weeks to dispose of the case of the man who stole one side of beef. Public Coddled Too Much. From the New York World. The Congressman must be exceedingly dull who does not realize a growing impatience with Congress. The editor must be exceedingly dull who does not realize a growing impatience with newspapers. The great American public is impatient with everybody except its smug, complacent self. We agree with Ed. Howe that the public is coddled too much. Somebody or another is forever telling it about its hardships and its wrongs, but nobody ever tells it about its own stupidity and folly, which are responsible for much of its troubles. Just at present the public has seized upon the courts as one source of its political woes. A year or two later it will have found another victim. The public is ready to blame anybody except itself.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

John Airgood, of Rossiter, Indiana county, is the father of twenty-one children, nineteen of whom are living, most of them in Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. G. Betts and three children, of Clearfield, are typhoid fever victims. They contracted the disease while on an auto trip in New England. Hastings has quite a number of diphtheria cases and there is considerable alarm in the town. One of the schools has been closed and others likely to do so. Mrs. Serena Bell, one of the oldest native born residents of Easton, celebrated her 92nd anniversary on Monday by giving an immense dinner to her relatives. Luzerne county people are all worked up over the proceedings in the trial of the alleged conspirators to cheat the people in the construction of the new court house at Wilkes-Barre. The young man whom Miss Nancy Benesh identified as her assailant on the lonely ridge road near Lewistown a few days ago has escaped and has so far been able to elude his pursuers. Costly washouts caused a complete suspension of work on the E. & O. tunnel at Sand Patch and a large number of men were temporarily thrown out of a job by the recent rains. John Kasutta, two horses, two watches and a large knife were taken into custody at Johnstown last week. Vintondale and Westrum are interested in the capture and possibly other places. A valuable horse and a large number of chickens were stolen from Bailey's dairy farm near Clearfield. Thieves also took more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise from Shapiro's store at Clearfield. James C. Rice, an aged colored employe at Penn State college, lost his balance while working on the coal trestle. He fell twenty feet and landed on his toes, hurting his knees and acquiring a few bruises. The death of the late William D. Badger, of Pittsburgh aeronaut who was killed in Chicago August 15, shows that he had spent all but about \$1,000 of a fortune of \$140,000 received a year before his death. Former County Detective Samuel H. Myers, of Lock Haven, tried to jump a freight to speed him on his homeward journey. His journey ended at the hospital, where he will be a patient for some time to come. The flour mills of the Patterson Milling company at Saltsburg were burned to the ground the other day, entailing a loss of \$30,000, with only \$4,000 insurance. The fire started on the third floor and owing to low water pressure the firemen were helpless. A penitentiary sentence recently imposed upon one David Coash, by the York county court, upon the testimony of a boy who said Coash persuaded him to help break into a freight warehouse, has been revoked by the court, the boy having confessed that he lied. Henry Siebert, 61 years old, a resident of Reading, a German writer of some note, and for twenty-five years editor of the Advertiser a German weekly, from which position he retired a year ago, committed suicide on Monday by shooting himself on the grave of his first wife. At Kenwood, Indiana county, Don Reed and Daniel Stevens are dead and Mr. Rummel is in a serious condition as a result of gas in an old well. Reed was overcome first; Stevens went to rescue him and Rummel brought both bodies to the surface. There is great excitement at Kenwood, as both Reed and Stevens were prominent citizens. A number of candidates for Cambria county nominations will not have their names on the official ballot because of a slip up in mail service. Two registered letters addressed to the commissioners are said to have been in the Ebensburg postoffice in good time, but didn't reach the commissioners' office. Others simply arrived too late. While working at the board in the Homestead telephone exchange early Saturday morning, Miss Margaret Wall saw a man climbing through the window of the room. She seized her revolver and fired. He dropped to the ground and disappeared, but blood on the sidewalk showed that the aim of the young woman had been fairly good. Geo. Golden, of Wickiork, Pa., a wealthy shoe merchant, charged with the murder of his wife, whom he shot and killed on July 18 last, supposedly in mistake for a burglar, was granted a change of venue following argument by his counsel that the minds of Armstrong county citizens were biased against Golden through newspaper reports. The case will be tried at Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, some time next week. The reunion of the survivors of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, held at Huntingdon last Saturday, was a very pleasant one to the old soldiers. The most important action taken was the decision to appoint a committee of two from each company who will, in conjunction with the regimental officers, endeavor to raise a fund for the erection of a tablet to mark the resting place of Colonel Jacob Higgins. Secretary Kathfus of the state game commission has addressed a letter to all of the judges of the State outside of Philadelphia, calling their attention to the fact that the game law of 1899 requires all the constables to make return at each court of any violations of the game laws under penalty of a reprimand from the court. Two bears, one large and the other about half grown, were captured by constables throughout the State, and it is proposed to enforce it. Five contracts for road construction were awarded by State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow on Tuesday, J. E. Francis, Punxsutawney, and the United Ice and Coal company, Harrisburg, received awards for the sections in the Lewistown "Narrows," Juniata and Millin counties, at \$20,557.48 and \$99,948.51, respectively. Reed and Patten, Curwensville, received awards of two sections of the national pike in Fayette and Somerset counties, and Charles T. Eastburn, Yardley, of one section in Fayette. Trapper Swope, one of the best known men in Huntingdon and one who could "mangle a tale unfold" of the wonders of the woods, saw as much game on Saturday last week as the average man sees in a lifetime, and scarcely considers the fact worth remarking upon. Two bears, one large and the other about half grown, he saw, watched for a minute and went on his way. Fourteen wild turkeys and eleven deer, one a seven pronged buck, completes the list of game. On that day, too, Mr. Swope caught thirteen pole-cats. Breaking into the Petersburg station Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and eating supper in the Western penitentiary in Allegheny at 7 o'clock the following evening, is the rather unique record held by W. H. Marlin, of Allegheny Furnace, just south of Altoona. In less than twenty-four hours after being captured, Marlin had entered on his term in the state's penal institution. Marlin broke into the ticket office at Petersburg during the absence of the agent, on Monday afternoon. He was captured by railroad officers at Tyrone about 9:30 o'clock Monday evening, and confessed to the crime. He was removed to the jail at Huntingdon, and Tuesday noon he was taken before the court and plead guilty. Judge Wood sentenced him to the penitentiary, giving him an indefinite sentence of from two to eight years. He was at once taken westward and arrived in Pittsburgh Tuesday evening, shortly after 6 o'clock, and was removed at once to the penitentiary.