

INK SLINGS.

-We're to get the Pen. but we don't want the Pen to get us.

-After all the Thanksgiving turkey will never be roasted again. In that his shade has one on the Christmas bird.

-He is a poor man indeed who doesn't have the odor of fried mush or sausage clinging to his clothes these mornings.

-THEODORE ROOSEVELT is in the limelight again, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of our portly President to keep a shadow on him.

-Those Missouri hold-up men who went so far as to relieve a victim of his false teeth were evidently determined to leave him nothing to "chew about it" with.

-Congress will soon be in session again and the President's message will probably urge it to do something to prevent some one else from taking home the presidential bacon.

-Were you thankful yesterday. If not you should have been. Whatever your lot it might be worse and because it is not you should have given thanks to the One who doeth all things well.

-Any way the High street bridge will be a great improvement when it is completed. So great, we hope, that we will forget the inconvenience to which we have been subjected for so many months.

-Mr. MIDDLETON, vice president of the Lehigh Valley R. R., has just been granted a divorce but directed to pay his divorcee fifteen thousand dollars a year alimony. It would have been cheaper to have lived on with her.

-The Snydertown preacher who shot two does when he thought he was shooting one buck will have to pass the collection plate many a time before he gets enough to satisfy the law's penalty for such carelessness.

-The iron superstructure of the High street bridge was sold as junk during the fore part of the week and the county will receive something over \$300 for it. Munificent sum for material that would make two splendid short bridges.

-State 3 Pitt 0. Thus the blue and white football warriors crowned the most successful season in the history of athletics at The Pennsylvania State College, by defeating the University of Pittsburgh yesterday. Eighteen thousand persons saw the game.

-Senator PENROSE is reported as having declared that he is not for anybody in particular for President, at this time. This is regarded as being tantamount to an admission that he is not for TAFT. Like rats, how quick they are to desert the sinking ship.

-Col. BRYAN has given the hook to another of his old time friends and champions and CHAMP CLARK will no longer rally to the clarion call of the Commoner. If Mr. BRYAN lives long enough he will find out that it is easier to lose friends than to make them.

-The foot-ball season being over the average college man will take up basketball until the opening of the baseball season. That will keep him busy until the summer vacation arrives when he hangs around his Alma Mater for weeks making up what he didn't do during the college year.

-The Imperialists and rebels are certainly playing hide-and-seek with victory in China. Last week it was a Republic, sure, for the rebels were on top everywhere. Now the Imperialists have recaptured nearly all of their lost positions and the rebels are seeking truces under which to talk it over.

-Just stop and think for a moment that perhaps the shop keeper and his clerk both have little ones to provide for the day before Christmas. Then do your shopping early in order that none of you are so worn out when the glorious day actually does dawn that you can't enjoy all of its festive features.

-The women members of the Bellefonte school board have it in their grasp to be far more powerful than most people thought of at the time they were aspirants for nomination. If rumor counts for anything, and they play the game properly, it is possible for them to practically name the organization of the board, with its consequent committee positions. We await with interest the developments that will disclose whether they expect to insist on such recognition as will give them full opportunity to prove their pre-election argument that women, naturally, should make better directors than men.

-WHARTON BARKER, the retired banker and publicist of Philadelphia, either told some very startling state secrets to the Senate investigation committee in Washington, on Tuesday, or else he told some awful lies. And Mr. BARKER's reputation has never been such as to warrant the latter conclusion. He told that he positively knew that Wall street had not been sincerely for PARKER for President in 1904, but only pretended to be until it scared ROOSEVELT into making promises that he fulfilled after they had elected him President. He also declared that he knew that the panic of 1907 was planned in the home of Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN in New York; planned and carried out just as intended to scare ROOSEVELT again and rob the public.

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Palmer is Not for Wilson.

Information comes from Washington through our esteemed metropolitan contemporaries, that the Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER is not an enthusiastic supporter of Governor WOODROW WILSON for President as he was last summer. Mr. PALMER is so greatly impressed with the availability of CHAMP CLARK, Speaker of the House of Representatives, as the Democratic candidate, that his ardor for the New Jersey Governor has practically subsided. He hasn't exactly declared for Mr. CLARK, the story goes, but he believes that the Pennsylvania delegation should go to the National convention uncommitted. In that event Mr. PALMER could easily tell the delegates how to vote and he would probably be glad to do so.

The truth of the matter is that Hon. MITCHELL PALMER never was in favor of the nomination of Governor WOODROW WILSON. Last summer when he imagined that he was "taking over" the Democratic organization of the State, as the Captains of Industry term such operations, the name of WOODROW WILSON was one to conjure with and Mr. PALMER didn't hesitate to make use of it to serve his own selfish and absurd ambitions, just as he used his Pennsylvania colleagues in Congress to get him a place upon the Committee of Ways and Means. But he had no intention of supporting Governor WILSON for the Democratic nomination in the convention then any more than he has now. Governor WILSON is not in position to serve him.

Mr. PALMER obtained his seat in the House Committee of Ways and Means through the instrumentality of Representative Lloyd, of Missouri; Representative OLLIE JAMES, of Kentucky, and others who had practically syndicated Speaker CLARK as the Presidential candidate next year. Before giving him the place they enlisted him into the CLARK coterie and he has been in it ever since. He subsequently made a false pretense of being for WILSON because he wanted to use WILSON to help in his conspiracy to steal the Democratic organization and WILSON was sufficiently inexperienced in the devious ways of practical politics to lend himself to the enterprise. But it didn't make PALMER a WILSON supporter.

-There will be a re-organization of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania but it will be conducted along legal and legitimate lines and will make changes where the weaknesses exist. In other words the drones, the weaklings and the boodlers in the local organizations will be thrown out and capable and efficient county organizations effected.

Settling Democratic Differences.

The esteemed Philadelphia Record is averse to legal proceedings as a medium for the settlement of the mooted question concerning the validity of the claims for the chairmanship of the Democratic State Central committee. "Instead of a lawsuit," observes our Philadelphia contemporary, "the Democratic party of Pennsylvania needs a peaceful and equitable settlement of petty differences responsible for its present condition so far as its organization is concerned." The plain inference is that our Philadelphia contemporary is quite as much at sea now as it was after the Allentown convention when it blunderingly precipitated the condition that defeated WEBSTER GRIM for Governor and elected TENER.

The differences which divide the Democrats of Pennsylvania at the present time are not petty. On the contrary they are grave and fundamental. Those which influenced nearly half the Democrats to bid the nominee of the Allentown convention and diverted the support of RUDOLPH BLACKENBURG and tens of thousands of other independent Republicans from GRIM to BERRY at the November election in 1910, may have been petty. But since that differences of the greatest importance have developed and they can't be settled finally until they are settled right and the right settlement must come through judicial proceedings. This is as certain as that day follows night. It is as sure as that wrong cannot be right.

By the medium of a packed committee a few party insurgents set up an organization which claimed and still claims to be the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania. The process was as odious as packing a jury or stuffing a ballot box and the purpose was precisely the same, namely the creation of a legal result by illegal means. Such a condition of affairs cannot be settled by compromise any more than a felony may be compounded by mutual consent. The proper way and the only way to adjust such differences is by summoning the offender into court and administering lawful punishment and proper rebuke. That is the process which chairman RITTER proposes to invoke and he is entirely right.

Little Choice Between Them.

We can contemplate with a reasonable measure of complacency the impending contest between President TAFT and his predecessor in office, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, for the succession. TAFT, of course, means nothing. He was "catapulted" into the office in 1908 by ROOSEVELT under an actual or implied pledge that he would carry out "My Policies," which included the conservation of the MORGAN interests, and failed to keep faith. In other words having inferentially agreed to rant and rave in opposition to trust in particular, and at the same time take care of the Steel trust, he proceeded to rip up one as well as another, and put the Steel trust on a level with the Beef trust.

Because of this failure to preserve the principle expressed in the ancient phrase of "honor among thieves," former President ROOSEVELT has practically declared war against President TAFT.

Of course ROOSEVELT protests that he is not against TAFT and is simply occupying neutral grounds with respect to the candidates for the Republican nomination. But he hardly would fool anybody outside of the asylums for feeble-minded children. We all know that the "Coiner" is for or against any proposition that comes before him and as he declares that he is not for TAFT he must be against him. In that event, naturally, "the fur is bound to fly." TAFT controls the "steam roller" and is likely to make the best use of it.

The re-election of ROOSEVELT to the Presidency would be nothing less than a calamity. It would abrogate completely the unwritten law created by Washington against a third term and practically Mexicanize the government of the United States of America. It would be difficult to imagine a greater evil than this, though the re-election of ROOSEVELT would supplement it with other evils almost equally repugnant to the principles of a Democratic Republic. For example it would convert a government of law into one of caprice and such a government could not endure.

But TAFT is little better and in a contention for mastery between these champions of wrong there is little choice.

-Senator McNICHOL, of Philadelphia, is "making hay while the sun shines." In other words he is getting all the money out of the Philadelphia City Treasury that he possibly can for he knows that after the inauguration of BLANKENBURG next Monday, he will be stopped.

Will the People Stand for It?

The tariff commission will report on the wool schedule some time in December, according to the Washington dispatches. It will report on other schedules of the PAYNE-ALDRICH bill, at irregular intervals during the coming session of Congress. What it will recommend is a subject of conjecture, though the impression is general that it will urge a decrease in the rate of tariff taxes. President TAFT, who is responsible for the commission, openly declares that the rates are too high, and tariff experts like most other folk, agree with the paymaster. At best, under this arrangement, therefore, we can't hope for complete relief from onerous tariff burdens for a couple of years.

Meantime President TAFT practically announces that he will not approve any tariff legislation that isn't in accord with the recommendations of the tariff commission. In other words if Congress shall pass a bill that does not conform to the recommendations of the tariff commission on the wool schedule, it will be vetoed. Moreover if a law decreasing the rate on lumber chemicals, iron or anything else upon which the tariff commission has not reported, should be enacted during the approaching session, the President will veto it. The people will have to bear the burdens of excessive taxes until the tariff commission acts or until another President is elected.

One of the strongest protectionists in the country stated in the presence of a Congressional committee a few years ago that the DINGLEY bill robbed the industrial life of the country out of one million dollars a day. The PAYNE-ALDRICH law increased the rates of tariff taxation and necessarily added to the aggregate amount of the robbery. Yet because the President is under obligations to the tariff barons for a few hundred thousand dollars, paid into the corruption fund to purchase his election in 1908, this iniquity is to be continued, in part at least for several years. Will the people of the country stand for this palpable injustice? The result of the next election will determine.

-Both Philadelphia and Pittsburg will be on good behavior at the next election and that will give the other counties of the State a chance to be heard in the election returns.

Wharton Barker's Startling Statement.

Mr. WHARTON BARKER, of Philadelphia, caused consternation among the Republican members of the Senate Committee on Finance, the other day by a statement which he made in reference to the Presidential campaign of 1904. "Three or four weeks before the election of 1904 I was walking down Broadway," said Mr. BARKER, "when I met one of the most distinguished money kings in New York, a man now dead. He said to me: 'We are going to elect ROOSEVELT.' I expressed surprise and asked if he had given up the support of PARKER. He said yes; we have frightened ROOSEVELT so he has made a bargain with us." In other words he had agreed to the terms of the "interests."

We all know WHARTON BARKER. He has been a Republican all his life and was the confidential friend of the late WILLIAM MCKINLEY, Mr. ROOSEVELT's predecessor in office. In common with most conservative bankers he was opposed to ROOSEVELT on account of his temperamental uncertainties. But like MORGAN, HARRIMAN and the other Wall street manipulators of money and credit, he was averse to supporting a Democratic candidate for President. On the assurance of the Captain of Industry, however, he switched over to the support of ROOSEVELT as all others of the money trust did. The result was that PARKER fell between two stools, the conservatives having been bought over and the radicals being for ROOSEVELT anyway.

This story is startling in its significance and notwithstanding WHARTON BARKER's high standing as a citizen, would hardly be believed if it were not corroborated. But strangely enough it fits to a T with the story of the late Mr. HARRIMAN, who testified that within a week of the election of that year ROOSEVELT induced him to raise a corruption fund of \$250,000 to be used in New York and Brooklyn, the consideration being a promise that Mr. HARRIMAN might edit the railroad recommendations of ROOSEVELT's annual message. At any rate the evidence of BARKER and HARRIMAN make a very strong circumstantial case. It remains for ROOSEVELT to refute the statements of both witnesses.

-There is no form of advertising as good as newspaper advertising. Handbills, posters and circulars may be scattered broadcast by the thousand and once thrown aside they are done for. An attractive advertisement in a newspaper will greet its readers once every week, or as often as the paper is picked up. In Bellefonte there is no better advertising medium than the WATCHMAN. It reaches the class of readers the merchant wants to reach, and it goes right into the homes, too. Every Bellefonte merchant is desirous of securing a big holiday trade, and the only sure way of doing so is to advertise and let the public know what you have for sale. Christmas is only three weeks off and it is high time you began your holiday advertising.

-The fall schedule of the Pennsylvania railroad company went into effect on Monday morning, but there are no changes in the time of any of the trains arriving or leaving Bellefonte or any of the connections. All passenger trains over the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad, however, are run through to Sunbury from Bellefonte, making that town the end of the division, though the time for leaving and arriving in Bellefonte remains the same as heretofore.

-TAFT will limit his message recommendations to a single subject, according to newspaper reports. He has evidently forgotten what happened to the last President who adopted that policy in the closing period of his administration. In 1887 President CLEVELAND discussed no question except the tariff in his message to Congress and in 1888 he was overwhelmingly defeated for re-election.

-The special train which carried the State College students to Pittsburg on Wednesday was made up of eleven coaches drawn by two engines. The cars were not all full when the train passed through Bellefonte shortly before two o'clock but this is accounted for in the fact that from one hundred and fifty to two hundred students and others took the regular train at 1.07 p. m.

-It may be wise for the Pennsylvania delegates to the next Democratic National convention to go uncommitted but it may as well be understood in the beginning that Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER will not carry their votes in his vest pocket.

Taft and Roosevelt.

From the Brooklyn Eagle. It will not be long before the parties will be lining up for work in convention. In the current issue of Harper's Weekly appears the statement that the silence at Oyster Bay is becoming almost profane. Well, it has been broken. It has been shattered, so to speak, into a thousand fragments. It has been translated into something that is almost deafening.

And, for effect upon one of the conventions, it comes at just about the right time, otherwise, called the psychological moment. It was issued none too soon and held back none too long. Results will accrue fast, if at all. They will come all the quicker for a reason furnished by the President himself. Nothing is easier than to epitomize the story of his recent trip.

It was a case of fall between two stools. He slipped to the floor between the progressives and the conservatives, dismally to prostrate one wing or the other. Presuming a party to be split in two and presuming its leader to be unacceptable to both, his renomination would seem to be almost a reductio ad absurdum.

With these conditions Roosevelt is familiar. They furnished an opening of which at the right time and in his own way he took advantage. And for what? There is hardly a politician in the country who is not asking himself that question. Nor is it likely that the answer will be delayed. It will be interesting when it comes.

Year of Politics Ahead.

From the Omaha Bee. Although the common complaint is that we have too much politics, and that most of it is a rest from political controversy, the duration of the presidential campaign seems to be lengthening rather than shortening.

With the votes cast in the off-year election of 1911 not yet canvassed, the lines are already being drawn for the battle of 1912 and there is no escaping a solid year of politics ahead. People may debate whether this is a good thing or a bad thing; they may lament its depressing influence upon business; but the stern reality is there—that in this great and glorious republic we have politics because we want it, and we want it because we like it. Few, if any, subjects appeal so strongly to so many people at the same time, and no subject is able to hold popular interest so steadily and continuously as does that of politics.

More than 15,000,000 will next year march up to the ballot-box and express their choice as between those who aspire to head this National Government for the ensuing four years, and the year of politics that is to precede this momentous act is the term at school for their education and preparation. The year ahead is a year of politics, but it will be worth while as the stimulating leaven of Democracy.

Investigation Will Go On.

From the Johnstown Democrat. That Morgan, Rockefeller and other trust magnates consider themselves too sacred to be prosecuted for violating the law has been known for some time. But that they considered themselves too sacred to be even investigated was not known until the Stanley investigation committee was politely asked by the Steel trust attorneys to please abandon its inquiry because of the Wickersham suit to dissolve the trust.

Should this request be gratified it would mean that the Wickersham suit is a Godsend to the trust, inasmuch as it sidetracks an honest and searching investigation of a monopoly of the Attorney General Wickersham himself claims to be illegal. That the trust fears a continuation of the investigation by a committee that is not packed with special interest servers, more than it does a "suit to dissolve" conducted by an Attorney General who was a former trust attorney, has been known for some time.

Thanks to a Democratic majority on the Stanley committee, the investigation will proceed. But wishing to be entirely fair to all concerned, the committee has discontinued public hearings until a full committee can pass on the proposition. It is already known that the committee favors a continuation of the probe.

What the Philippines Have Cost.

From the Hartford Times. The War Department figures the cost of the occupation of the Philippines since the date of the treaty of Paris, December 9, 1898, at \$167,486,403. It is said that the officers who made this statement "were directed to furnish a statement showing the cost of the military occupation of the islands under the assumption that if the army had not been in the Philippine Islands an equal number of troops (exclusive of Philippine scouts) would have been maintained in the United States." But the army would not have been as large as it is probably by at least 50,000 men.

A Cut in the Right Direction.

From the Altoona Times. New York's board of aldermen cut off \$8,000,000 from the municipal budget at one session recently, and it is declared that no important interests will suffer because of this economy. If the money that has enriched crooked politicians and contracting allies in New York and elsewhere had been saved to the people, the struggle for existence would have been greatly mitigated.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The iron furnace at Emporium is about to resume operations with a force of seventy-five men. It has been silent for years.

-The furnaces at Pottstown, Swedeland and other eastern manufacturing towns are importing large quantities of iron ore from Sweden.

-William T. Eversly, editor of the Bloomsburg Press, was found dead in bed in a Harrisburg hotel on Monday morning. He was well known along the North Branch.

-A man locked up in the Clearfield county jail on a trivial charge answers the description of a convict escaped from the Moundsville, W. Va. penitentiary. He will likely be sent back there.

-Although no such provision was made in his will, the Pottstown Young Men's Christian Association has been assured of a gift of \$50,000 from the estate of the late Dr. John Meigs, head master of the Hill school.

-Analysis by state chemists shows no typhoid contamination in the drinking water of Patton and the authorities are hunting another explanation for the recent development of nearly a score of cases in the town and vicinity.

-The Law and Order society of Schuylkill county announces that it will present in the court of that county in due time sufficient evidence of violations of law to warrant the closing of 200 saloons.

-Within half an hour of the death of his wife, Thomas J. Lillis, of Reading, who was at her bedside in his usual good health, was stricken with heart disease and both are to be buried in the same grave.

John B. Quigley, of Lock Haven, has turned over his handsome residence at Island as a nominal cost, to a citizens committee, for use as a public building and town hall. A park will be formed of the eight acres of land included in the deed.

-Burglars entered the residence of John R. West in Sharon township, Potter county, terribly beat the aged man and appropriated \$300 which Mr. and Mrs. West had saved. The excitement and terror of the occasion so overcame Mrs. West that she may die.

-Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Davis, of Carbonade, have just welcomed the advent of their twenty-second child. Only twelve are living. The father of the family is almost totally blind and lost both arms at the elbow a few years ago as the result of a mine accident.

-W. A. Davis, a member of the bar of Allegheny county, has been sent to jail for six months on the charge of assault and battery. Eight aids ranging in age from 15 to 18 years, (certified that he told them they would never make successful stenographers if they objected to their employer kissing or hugging them.

-David G. Buck, aged 72 years, residing with his daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith, in Norristown, was burned to death in his bed during the absence of the woman. A 5-year-old grand-child who had been left with the old man and who was found on the porch when the firemen arrived, is believed to have set fire to the bed.

-Five young men, between 16 and 20 years old, are under arrest in Sand township, Clearfield county, on charge of robbery, one on a perjury charge, and warrants are out for six others on the robbery charge. The eleven are said to form a gang of youthful burglars. The twelfth is a disturber of the peace of the school.

-John D. Widowson, aged 64 years, a well known resident and prominent churchman of Indiana, died recently of peptic pneumonia. On November 2, while eating dinner he got a small rabbit bone in his throat. It was removed a few days later, but the inflammation which had set in could not be checked and resulted in his death.

-During the season just closed A. R. Thompson, of Grand Valley, Warren county, has harvested 680 bushels of chestnuts, or about seventeen tons. In as much as no former shipment from that village ever exceeded ten bushels, the crop this year is worthy of more than passing mention. Mr. Thompson bought the nuts principally at Grand Valley.

-The new school code provides that teachers should get \$3 a day above their regular salaries for each day they attend institute. The teachers of Scranton have hit upon the novel idea of applying this money to the pension fund. In one year's time they would have \$5,000, and in five years, \$25,000; an excellent fund. The same scheme is being considered in Wilkes-Barre.

-Thousands of bushels of fine apples have been stored in the Cumberland Valley and York and Adams counties. The crop was so large that the market was not able to take them all. The apple growers in the vicinity of Biglerville, Adams county, have built a storage house with a capacity of 65,000 barrels and the apples will be shipped out from that point during the winter.

-Considerable excitement has been created in Venango county by the institution of proceedings against Oil City and Franklin clubs having side boards. On Monday Frank Hill, steward of the Oil City Moose lodge, entered a plea of nolle pro tunc, which is the Latin for guilty. The case against H. H. Krotzer, steward of the Franklin Eagles, is on trial. A true bill has been found against the Oil City lodge of Elks.

-Fur and feathers are to be Columbia county products in the near future. Next year will be a busy year for W. H. Hile, president of the African Ostrich farm at Bloomsburg, for the first of March he leaves with Dillon Coyon, his African attendant for Alaska, where he expects to get 200 seals that will be brought to the ostrich farm and placed in a lake that will be built in the farm near Epsay. They already have 62 ostriches on the farm.

-A fire on the farm of Harry McCrum, six miles from Petersburg, is being investigated. John Borst was hauling corn fodder to the McCrum barn, when suddenly it burst into flame. Hurriedly jumping from his seat, Mr. Borst managed to release the horses. The fodder and wagon were destroyed. He was not smoking nor was anyone in sight. Two theories are advanced. One is that boys along the road fired the fodder and the other is spontaneous combustion.

-The work of hauling cider vinegar from Nippenssee and Sugar valleys has been begun by men employed by Sherman Sample, of Jersey Shore, and the job will take several days, as the number of barrels is unusually large. Mr. Sample has succeeded in purchasing at the different cider mills in those valleys more than 2,000 barrels of cider, which was allowed to go to vinegar while lying along the road near the cider mills. N. B. Walsham, of Oriole, has the contract from Mr. Sample to haul 200 of these barrels from Sugar valley to Jersey shore.

-As yet the Board of Pardons has not received any recommendation from the Board of inspectors of the Eastern penitentiary in the matter of the application of Joseph M. Huston, the capitol architect, for his freedom. Huston's sentence was from six months to two years in the penitentiary, which gives him the privilege of applying for his freedom at the end of six months. He has made that application to the penitentiary inspectors, and it now rests with them as to whether they shall endorse it favorably. If they do, they will send it to the Board of Pardons and action will be taken by that body when it meets on December 20. Should the board endorse it, then the matter goes to the Governor, who will have the final say. Huston's six months will be up on December 1, and he is trying to get out before Christmas. Under the law, good lawyers assure, Huston must be set free at the expiration of six months if he is an exemplary prisoner, obeys the rules of the prison and behaves himself.