

INK SLINGS.

—Will winter linger long in the lap of spring?
—It is easier to keep other things lent than to keep Lent yourself.
—A touch of spring fever would really be a very welcome malady just now.
—Former Governor PENNYPACKER has announced for TAFT. That settles it.
—If that penitentiary boom doesn't soon materialize it will be an insane asylum Bellefonte will need most.
—The eastern papers keep on with the ROOSEVELT boom, but we notice that the west and the south are instructing their delegates for TAFT.
—The turkey trot is probably the Terpaichorean conception of the gait we all strike when heading for the Thanksgiving dinner table.
—The HARRIS-QUIGLEY fight for Republican county chairman is on for the finish, all stories about a probable truce being patched up to the contrary notwithstanding.
—It is just as well that the LA FOLLETTE boom collapsed early in the game. In fact it would be better if all the heretical agitators would find their level in the near future.
—The blue laws are being enforced in Pittsburgh and the Sunday rounders out there shudder when they hear the Salvation Army chaps singing "Every day will be Sunday, By and By."
—It is not to be wondered at that the Progressives find TAFT's record in bad condition. He declares he stands squarely upon it, and that ought to be enough to mash the good out of anything.
—The Wilkes-Barre man who left his estate to his two daughters provided they promise never to marry must either have been uncertain of the kind of husbands they would pick or terribly anti-ROOSEVELT.
—Aviator ATWOOD may be able to fly across the Atlantic but he would better make sure before he starts. A broken engine or failure of gasoline in mid-ocean would make a flying machine very uncomfortable.
—That Congressional committee that is investigating money matters at Washington, must expect to make an all-summer job of it. They have summoned Mr. BRYAN to come and tell them what he thinks he knows of it.
—Anyway there are some people who will stick to the opinion that the discovery by Columbus in 1492 was a more important event than the discovery at Columbus in 1912. Mr. ROOSEVELT will not be one of them, however.
—No, you can't make us believe that the ROOSEVELT of today is the same ROOSEVELT of two years ago. Then he wouldn't have allowed anyone to speak for him; now every Republican you meet is telling what he is going to do.
—What a disappointment it must have been to some of the gentlemen interested when Governor WILSON announced in Philadelphia that he did not propose to take sides in any factional fight in Pennsylvania. What will Mr. BRYAN say.
—The cow that everybody was bidding for at sixty dollars last spring isn't bringing forty at the sales just reported. And there are no more cows in the county now than there were then. It's the high priced feed that makes the low priced cow.
—That Wilkesbarre brute who tied his wife to a post and drove three nails into her spine is to be congratulated that the rack and screw are no longer included in the legal means of punishment. Drawing and quartering would be none too good for him.
—Verily some people are never satisfied. Here's the New England woolen manufacturers with all the "protection" that schedule K furnishes them, demanding that the state militia be kept at the same business and then they are not sure that they have protection enough.
—A bulletin recently issued by the Kansas Board of Health contains the following among its many epigrammatic warnings. "A mustard bath for the feet will do far more to ward off pneumonia than a gallon jug." How true and yet how many prefer to take chances on the jug.
—A Washington dispatch states that the Republican campaign committee has just issued "a review of President TAFT's record in the White House showing a long list of great achievements quietly accomplished." How modest our President has been. And how much happier he would have been had that long list of departmental scandals been just as quietly accomplished.
—It is altogether probable that MAHLOW PRINEY, chancellor of New Jersey, who has just been appointed an associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States, is the first gentleman who has occupied that exalted position who has had the unique distinction of being able to read his own obituary. It was published on page 11 of Tuesday's Philadelphia Ledger. We can't imagine how our esteemed contemporary got so badly mixed up unless, knowing that he was just dying to get there, it assumed that he would expire when the appointment was announced.

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Roosevelt and the Third Term.

The Outlook, of which THEODORE ROOSEVELT is a contributing editor, practically announces his candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination. Immediately after his election to that great office in 1904 Mr. ROOSEVELT said: "On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a-half years and these three and a-half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination." On December 11th, 1907, when his name was under consideration for renomination he said: "I have not changed and shall not change that decision thus announced."

The Outlook, in its issue of last Saturday says: "What Mr. ROOSEVELT said in 1904 and 1907 refers, of course, to a consecutive third term. ROOSEVELT believes, although we do not share that belief, that the settled policy of this country makes a third consecutive Presidential term for any man impolitic if not improper, but the Outlook has a better appreciation of his intelligence than to suppose that he had in 1904 or has now, the slightest idea of defining a third term excepting in the way we have just defined it." Of course that is begging the question. Mr. ROOSEVELT said the wise custom "regards the substance and not the form," and that "under no circumstance" would he "be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

The palpable purpose of the paper is to pave the way for Mr. ROOSEVELT's coming announcement that he will accept the nomination if it is offered to him. "When a man says at breakfast," continues the Outlook, "No, thank you, I will not take any more coffee," it does not mean that he will not take any more coffee tomorrow morning, or next week or next month, or next year." Probably not. But if he says "under no circumstances will I accept another cup of coffee," having regard to the substance rather than the form, he is committed to abstinence from coffee for all time. WASHINGTON didn't qualify his statement with the word "consecutive." He reprobated the third term and ROOSEVELT so construed him when he declared the three and a half years were his first term.

But it doesn't matter much now what ROOSEVELT's intentions are, with respect to the third term. We believe that previous to the panic of 1907 it was his intention to run for re-election, thus violating his pledge and smashing the unwritten law on the subject. The panic frightened him from his purpose and he selected TAFT under the belief that he could bowl him out at will. But TAFT refused to be bowled out and by making use of the steam roller he has bowled ROOSEVELT out and no announcement that he can make will serve to rehabilitate him as a candidate. ROOSEVELT is a "dead duck in the pond," and before the expiration of another Presidential term he will be universally dispised.

Five of the six Democrats on the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections signed a report which favored the unseating of Senator STEPHENSON, of Wisconsin, on account of the corrupt use of money to procure his election. STEPHENSON admits that he spent \$107,000 in his campaign but all the Republican Senators and JOE BAILEY believe that was not too much. For that matter, considering the kind of man STEPHENSON is, the price wasn't too high.

"My hat is in the ring," is the declaration THEODORE ROOSEVELT is credited with having made to W. F. ELTRICK, at Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday night, when that gentleman asked him point-blank whether he was a Presidential candidate or not, and that ought to settle the question.

You can't keep the MURPHYS down. The New Jersey MURPHY has just corralled the vacant seat on the State Supreme court bench, the New York MURPHY imagines he will run the Democratic National convention, and the price of potatoes is "out of sight."

Meantime we hear little of the Colonel WATTERSON dinner at the expense of the New York World though the Colonel's vocal cords are obviously in need of lubrication. When WATTERSON and ROOSEVELT are quiet there is apt to be mischief brewing.

Attorney General WICKERSHAM wants TAFT kept in office until the trusts are all busted. No doubt the Attorney General believes that there will be no change in the Attorney General's office so long as TAFT remains in the White House.

As Dippi Dill would say, "county chairman QUIGLEY is already beginning to have a HARD, HARRISSED look."

An Inopportune Event.

In view of the evidence of Mr. HENRY N. HALL in relation to the seizure of the Isthmian canal zone, it must be admitted that a visit by Secretary KNOX to the Republic of Colombia at this time would be "inopportune." No greater national crime has ever been committed and so long as our government refuses to consider a proposition to arbitrate the questions involved, pretenses of friendship are false and fraudulent. A visit of our Secretary of State would imply such pretenses. The purpose of his southern voyage, according to official statements from Washington, is to cultivate amity between the Latin-American Republics and the United States. No ambassador can serve that purpose unless he goes with clean hands.

When the government of the United States acquired from a brother of the present President and a brother-in-law of the then President, at a fabulous figure, the Isthmian canal zone, it was conditioned that a fair recompense for the right of way was to be paid to the government of Colombia. The negotiations were delayed beyond the patience of an impatient President, however, because the price could not be agreed upon. Thereupon the then President of the United States, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, organized, financed and equipped a revolution in the Province or State of Panama, with the result, as he subsequently testified under oath, that he took the territory from a friendly sister Republic. That implies robbery. Taking things by an individual which does not belong to him is stealing.

Nations are individuals collectively and the laws which regulate the morals of men are the same as those which govern the behavior of nations. That being the case the taking of the canal zone from Colombia was stealing property and it is nothing short of insolent assurance for us to send a plenipotentiary there with professions of peace and amity upon his tongue, until we have first made reparation for the injury thus done. The Republic of Colombia has repeatedly asked for this measure of justice and it has been denied. It has asked for arbitration and the requests have been ignored. That being the case what right have we to insult this weak sister by false pretenses of friendship when we refuse to her the common obligations of honesty?

The ex-sheriffs of Centre county banqueting at the Nittany country club last night, but up to the hour of our going to press the only sheriff in the county, who isn't an ex, hadn't been called upon to take any of them into custody.

Will Flinn Come Back?

We sincerely hope that the statement, recently published in Pittsburg, to the effect that the Hon. WILLIAM FLINN will be returned to the State House of Representatives has its foundation in fact. For many years he has been an interesting figure in politics. He first entered the General Assembly as a member of the House in 1879 and served two terms. He was then promoted, by the late C. L. Magee, to a seat in the Senate and served in that body from 1891 until March 1902, when he resigned. Mentally resourceful and physically tireless, he was an active figure in the affairs of the body of which he was a member.

His most conspicuous service as a legislator was during the session of 1899 when he aligned himself among the Insurgents who opposed the re-election of QUAY to the United States Senate. FLINN had never been anything up to that time, but a sort of echo of his friend and sponsor, C. L. MAGEE. But in the division of forces on that occasion MAGEE went with the regulars and FLINN with the Insurgents. Subsequently it transpired that this was by an arrangement with the friends of QUAY to the effect that after a certain time, in the event of QUAY's failure to command a majority of the joint session, he was to withdraw, MAGEE was to be named as the candidate in his place and FLINN was to swing the Insurgents around to the support of MAGEE, thus securing his election.

Through the zeal, courage and ability of Representative, E. A. COREY of Luzerne county, this conspiracy was defeated though it was rumored at the time that Mr. MAGEE had invested large amounts of money to make it successful. During the next session Mr. MAGEE died and FLINN having thus lost his "guide," he resigned a short time afterward. But he didn't retire from politics. As a municipal contractor in Pittsburg he had acquired a large fortune which he spent freely, mainly to make trouble for his former political associates. He has been alternately with and against the machine ever since and if he goes back to the Legislature it will be to "put flies in the ointment of his enemies."

Governor Wilson Repudiates Disorganizers.

It may safely be said that Governor WILSON, of New Jersey, has knocked the last prop out from under the GUTHRIE-PALMER disorganizers in this State. On Sunday last, during a brief visit to Philadelphia, he frankly told a group of gentlemen who called upon him, that "he will make his appeal to the mass of the voters," and have nothing to do with factional quarrels among party leaders. This will be a great disappointment to the disorganizers, for they confidently expected the Governor to align himself with them and against the regular organization. In fact they have been freely asserting that such would be his attitude and quoting fragments of conversation to prove the claim.

The first movement in favor of Governor WILSON, of New Jersey, for the Democratic nomination for President, in this State, was made by the regular Democratic organization in Philadelphia some months ago. At the meeting of the regular Democratic State Central Committee in Harrisburg on July 19th, resolutions favoring his candidacy were unanimously adopted. Since then the WILSON Democratic league has been organized under the auspices of the regular Democratic party of Philadelphia and plans made to promote his candidacy in every county throughout the State. Notwithstanding these facts, however, the GUTHRIE-PALMER-MCCORMICK disorganizers have been claiming that Mr. WILSON is against the regular Democrats and in sympathy with their insurgency.

Probably nine-tenths of the Democrats of Pennsylvania favor the nomination of WOODROW WILSON by the coming Democratic National convention in Baltimore. This does not mean that the Democrats of this State have any antipathy to Governor HARMON, of Ohio, Speaker CHAMP CLARK, of Missouri, or any of the other aspirants for the honor. But they believe that Mr. WILSON is the most available candidate, most nearly represents the ideals of the party and is the nearest neighbor among the number named. His courage in candidly telling the public that he is not in sympathy with disorganizers will greatly increase the confidence of real Democrats in him and vastly improve his chances for the nomination.

—And now we are assured that a machine has been invented to overcome people by gas. What a blessing one of these things might prove to the communities in which Mr. PALMER intends prosecuting his campaign for membership of the Democratic National committee.

Cut Out the Appropriation.

There is no excuse for the tariff board and appropriating money for its maintenance is a misuse of public funds. The constitution prescribes methods and processes of legislation and tariff legislation is not excepted. Therefore the tariff board ought to be dispensed with and if there is no better way for accomplishing that result it ought to be starved out of existence. Thus far it has been used as an expedient for prolonging tariff robbery. It has cost the country hundreds of millions of dollars since the veto of the tariff legislation enacted during the extra session of Congress. It may cost that much more before genuine tariff reform legislation can be enacted in spite of it.

The Democratic House of Representatives in Washington may easily rid the country of this expensive incubus. The board will go into voluntary "innocuous desuetude" the moment salaries and expense funds are cut out. The gentlemen who compose it are "for the old flag," no doubt, but with "an appropriation." It is a fine job and easy money. It is a liberal education, to the members of the board, including luxurious travel and generous recompense. But it is of no public good. A dog has as much use for two tails as Congress has for this auxiliary. For these ample reasons it is the duty of Congress to refuse the appropriation for its maintenance and thus make an end of it forever.

The Congressional Committee on Ways and Means is capable of framing a tariff law or else it is incapable of fulfilling its obligations to the public. Purposely tariff legislation, during recent years, has been made to seem complicated and difficult of achievement. But it has only seemed so and been made to seem so in order to fool the public and justify such expedients as the tariff board. Any group of well informed men can frame a tariff law that will be just to tax payers, provide revenue and serve every proper purpose. The present Committee on Ways and Means has proved its capacity and should settle the question finally by cutting out the appropriation for the tariff board.

Lincoln and the Bosses.

The birth-day anniversary of Abraham Lincoln witnessed a strange spectacle in these United States. On that day, the anniversary of the birth of the American President who, more than any before or after him, expressed a constant and undying faith in the ability of the American people to rule themselves—the present President, in a public speech, made the astounding statement, "there are those who do not believe the people are fitted for popular government; the fact is, we know they are not."

The President's remarkable assertion was made in New York. In our own State of Pennsylvania United States Senator Boies Penrose, for years the chief officer of the State and a stand-patter among stand-patters in Congress, made a speech in which he praised the work of the Lincoln League of Illinois. "I have watched the work of this league," said Senator Penrose, "and I like it. I think we ought to have something like it here in Pennsylvania."

What is the Lincoln League of Illinois? This league is one of the most remarkable organizations of modern times. At its head is a United States Senator whose fight to hold his seat in the upper body of Congress has been a stench in the nostrils of the people for months. This man, on Lincoln's birthday, went down to Springfield, Lincoln's old home. He was followed there by a gang of job-holders and political hangers-on from the stockyards district in Chicago, every one of whom was directly under obligations to him for a job or a favor of some sort. Arrived at Springfield, this ridiculous crew hoisted their leader, the aforesaid Senator, upon a platform and then they draped over his shoulders an American flag. That done, they fell back and listened while their hero, the aforesaid Senator, explained that he was doing today what Abraham Lincoln did in the sixties. He was the living example of Lincoln's policies and principles. To the glad acclaim of the job holders and hangers-on he admitted, frankly and freely, that he and Lincoln were of the same school of political thought and action.

No wonder Boss Penrose is in love with the Lincoln League of Illinois. In the Political Bear Pitt. From the Pittsburgh Post. Gifford Pinchot deserts La Follette for Roosevelt; Governor Johnson, of California, follows suit; Colonel Hammond, a brother-in-law of the colonel, who hails from California, cuts off his ties and lines up for Taft, thus following the example of son-in-law Longworth. Pinchot declares the Wisconsin candidate cannot hold the progressive Republicans together as a fighting force, nor prevent the nomination of a reactionary. Brother-in-law Hammond says Taft is the strongest man in the field, and that nothing can prevent his renomination or re-election. Desertions back and forth are of daily occurrence, and the noise made by one faction is just as loud as the noise made by the other faction.

Standing out in bold contrast with this pulling and hauling on the Republican side is the serenity and harmony that prevail among the Democrats. Even in Pennsylvania, where there was a show of friction not long ago, we no longer hear rumblings of discontent. The voting strength of the party has united on one wise course of procedure, and that is of establishing a new high-water mark for Democratic voting.

Republican discord on the one side, Democratic concord on the other side. If the Democrats of this country fail to build up an impenetrable citadel on the ruins of the decadent organization, which has outlived whatever usefulness it may have possessed, all signs of the times will be at fault. An awakened American electorate has outlined its path of duty and has no intention of deviating therefrom.

In a Protected Pennsylvania Mill.

From the New York Independent. The northeast wind drove the sleet and snow with stinging force through the Lackawanna valley, near Scranton, Pa. The mill whistle sounded shrilly. It was 6:30, and still dark on a bitter February morning. A tiny figure, with a shawl wrapped tightly around his head, crept over the railroad track and down toward the mill. Time had passed slowly. It was 6:30 and more, but the night shift was not yet through "getting up the ends" so the small figure waited in the slush by the mill door. First she stood on one chilly foot and then on another. "Do you work here?" "Yes, ma'am." "And you are how old?" "Me? Fourteen." "How long have you worked in this mill?" "Goin' on four years."

"How old were you when you started to work?" "Thirteen." "Ah, yes, I see the law has raised the age limit one year in the meantime." "Yes, ma'am. Ah, but it makes me cold this morning." "Yes, it is very cold for you to stand out there. How long do you work in the mill?" "Eleven hours? For how much a day?" "We are not paid by the day, we get paid every two weeks. I have \$5. Some of them have less than \$5, but I have \$5 every two weeks."

—The plain English of it, Mr. Secretary KNOX, is that your room is more desirable than your company in Columbia.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEystone.

—Dr. H. H. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, is a prisoner with a dislocated hip and two fractured ribs. He was running to catch a car at Windbourne.
—Lock Haven members of the United Evangelical church are preparing to entertain the Central Pennsylvania conference the first week in March.
—Barbara Hershey, Lancaster county's oldest woman, who died not long ago at the age of 101 years, left considerable fortune, her administrator giving bond in the sum of \$15,000.
—A young man employed at P. Leck's store, Patton, took a lighted lamp to hunt a gas leak. He was knocked down and the store room badly damaged by the explosion that followed.
—When Mrs. Anna Flynn, of Philadelphia, with a crowd of curious people went to the scene of a street car tragedy she was horrified to discover that the victim was her own 16-year-old son, Edward.
—Tionesta, Forest county, is the home of J. D. Collins, now in his 81st year, and said to be worth \$2,000,000 made in the lumbering business. He is now spending much of his time and money in the reforestation of his land.
—Jail Warden Kneeb, of Cambria county, is going to ask the prison board of that county for the privilege of putting some of the prisoners to work on a truck patch he proposes to make out of an uncultivated portion of the poor farm.
—Flocks of crows in immense numbers have been noticed all over Berks county, and weather prophets, undiscouraged by previous fail failures, say this means an early spring or a spell of mild weather within a few days. Well, the mild spell began yesterday.
—J. M. Raffensberger, of Dillsburg, and Andrew Staibach, of Mechanicsburg, are in the upper end of York county purchasing walnut logs from farmers. They have obtained two carloads and expect to get several more. They will ship the logs to Germany.
—The coroner's jury in the case of O. I. Whipple, who fell 185 feet down a mine shaft at Eriton recently, rendered a verdict that his death was due to improper equipment and that the cause of the mining laws of the State were not properly enforced by the management of the company.
—All that remains of the property of the Byles Pulp and Paper company at Austin, the burning of whose dam caused so many deaths and so much destruction of property, has been sold for \$50,000 to Henry A. Knapp, of Scranton. The sale was held by direction of the United States court.
—The Pennsylvania railroad is said to be preparing to build a new line from Douglassville to Shanesville, Berks county, where extensive iron ore mines will be operated in the near future. The new line will be twelve miles long and will be for the carrying of ore from the mines to the Schuylkill line.
—Dr. Henry I. Klopp, assistant superintendent of a Massachusetts Homeopathic asylum, has been chosen superintendent of the Bittersville State Homeopathic asylum, at Bittersville. He is a native of Lebanon county and his wife was born in Reading, so that both will doubtless be glad to get back to Pennsylvania.
—John A. Owens, Mayor of Lewisburg, died suddenly on Tuesday night, aged 74 years. Mayor Owens was a veteran of the Civil war, serving as captain of company E, One Hundred and Forty-Second Pennsylvania volunteers. He was the father of William G. Owens, professor of chemistry of Bucknell university.
—Judges Reid and Haymaker, of Allegheny county, have declined to issue an order restraining the Mayor of McKeesport from refusing to allow certain dances to be given by one of the town's clubs. The court ruled that no club that allowed the "grizzly bear" dance should be permitted to hold such affairs.
—Because of reports concerning diphtheria at Juniata college, Huntingdon, President E. H. Brumbaugh has issued a statement to the effect that there has been but one case. The young lady and her nurse were isolated, also another suspect, but neither developed the dreaded disease and the one patient is recovering.
—Williamson Kinley, aged 70 years, a Civil war veteran who spent seven months in Andersonville prison, died at his home in Lock Haven a few days ago. He was captured at the battle of the Wilderness. After four months he and other companions escaped and were within sight of the Union lines when they were recaptured and sent back.
—Natural gas following the mains from the street into the cellar of merchant James Eck, at Carrolltown recently, caused an explosion that tore up thirty feet of the sixty-foot floor, raised Mr. Eck and C. A. Sharbaugh, who were investigating, high in the air, miraculously not much injuring either of them.
—Many people in McKean county who have used nothing but natural gas for fuel and heat and light for many years have taken to wood and coal, to which they were forced by low pressure of gas during the recent intensely cold weather. The comfortable aspect of the old-fashioned wood fire has a strong appeal, and it is likely to return to favor permanently in northwestern Pennsylvania.
—The production of coal for the year 1911, in the Eighteenth Bituminous district, which is comprised of Huntingdon, Bedford, Clearfield and Centre counties, aggregated 3,541,811 tons, produced by 5,157 employees inside the mines. There were only two fatal accidents, which is one for each 1,770,965 tons of coal produced, and one for each 2,578 employees. There were no widows or orphans left.
—Hammond Coleman, a prominent Porter township, Jefferson county, farmer, was killed recently in a peculiar manner. He was standing under a window at his home when his insane daughter dropped something which struck him on the head. He was 74 years old. The daughter had been brought home from an asylum improved, but will likely be returned, although she claims the happening was accidental.
—Richard Charles is under treatment at the Adrain hospital at Puxnatown and may lose both of his legs by amputation, the results of his freezing them during a sleighing trip last week. He and a companion drove about four miles into the country and the companion went into a house leaving Charles to take care of the horse. The man fell asleep and the horse wandered away and stalled in a snow drift and it was several hours before they were discovered.
—Mrs. Isaac Walters, of Lock Haven, is sadly afflicted. Five years ago her husband committed suicide and a few days ago a son, 21 years old took the same gun and killed himself, presumably because he had told his mother a lie about his wages. An older son, her main support, is just recovering from a long siege of typhoid fever and pneumonia. A grand-daughter is critically ill of scarlet fever. A daughter whose four-year-old son was scalded to death on Christmas is lying at the point of death.
—On Saturday dogs chased a large doe into the fields of George Carper, near the Spruce Creek Club house, and in making an effort to get away the deer broke its back. Mr. Carper and several men went to the field and put the animal out of its misery, and immediately shot the three dogs that caused the trouble. This is the fourth or fifth doe that has been killed by the dogs in that community. The deer that was killed last Saturday was dressed and sent to the Huntingdon hospital. On Saturday afternoon railroad men running between Tyrone and Lock Haven saw a good sized doe in the lower end of Bald Eagle valley.