

INK SLINGS.

Only a few more days until St. Patrick will have his inning. Anyway, when spring does come it will be all the more welcome. You wouldn't have to boycott butter to make the price come down if a little of the tax were taken off oleomargarine. What the Keystoneers did to the Democrats of Dauphin county was good and plenty and probably not unmerited, at that. TEDDY is for the initiative, of course. Because if he hadn't taken the initiative himself there would be little likelihood of his recall to the White House. It is comforting to reflect that the looked for strike of the coal miners did not occur in January when the mercury was kicking the bottom out of the thermometer. One year from today WOODROW WILSON, JUDSON HARMON, OSCAR UNDERWOOD, CHAMP CLARK or, possibly, some one else will be the new President of the United States. News from the southern baseball camps indicates that the big league managers don't intend to let the national game get side tracked by the coming national conventions. Governor TENER has announced that he has taken off his coat for President TAFT. The Hon. "Deacon" HARRIS and county chairman QUIGLEY have not, as yet, declared themselves personally. It is a wonder that no one has suggested to A. MITCHELL PALMER that there might be a chance for the right young man, with sufficient assurance and gab, to get a job running for Vice President. Why couldn't England settle the suffragette question by pressing every one of them into the military service. If they want to fight so much the army would be the best place in the world for them. According to the latest news Miss KATHARINE ELKINS has gone off to South America where she will probably be married to a young man named GITT. If GITT's got her, then d'ABRUZZI gets the mitten. Dr. HELEN KELLOGG, of Chicago, asserts that big intellects do not go with small feet. In other words she says that the bigger the feet the brainier the person. At last the secret of GEORGE FREEMAN'S success at swappin' watches has been discovered. Colonel ROOSEVELT is being kept busy these days trying to explain that all those letters he wrote last year about his not wanting to be renominated for President were misinterpreted. He really did want to be but was merely playing the spoony girl when she tells her lover not to kiss her again. Prof. WALTER SCOTT, of Northwestern University has invented a dynamometer that will test the physical and mental efficiency of the human being. While the work of such a machine must necessarily be looked upon with wonderful interest it would scarcely be fair to the average human to put it to work on him while he is in the throes of spring fever. Congressman PATTON'S recent visit to Bellefonte was to fix up some of his fences that "BILL" DEHAAS knocked down some time previous. We didn't hear how well he succeeded, but they say "BILL" is coming back again. If he does it will take some of the young Congressman's barl to close up the gaps that are appearing in the PATTON line-up over this way. Mark the prediction. No matter what the outcome of the next Democratic State convention, should any incident occur between this time and next November to reduce the reasonable certainty of Democratic success in the Presidential contest Messrs. GUTHRIE, McCORMICK and PALMER will be a trio of the clanniest Democrats you have ever seen in Pennsylvania. An old circus clown resigned his position in the saw dust ring at Peru, Indiana, a few days ago to enter the ministry. He kept an anchor to the windward, however, by asking to have his old place kept open until he had time to see whether he can make good in the new, Wise clown. Only he doesn't know that he will not be the first one who has ever appeared in a pulpit. The Clearfield Republican is advocating reorganization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, in the only way that appears practicable to the reasonable man. It wants both of the present warring factions eliminated and an entirely new set of leaders chosen and, after all, that is the only way harmony can be secured. Incidentally it recalls to attention an incident of the BERRY campaign for State Treasurer. At that time Mr. GUTHRIE, who now wants to be the State chairman of our party, was an officer of the Citizens League of Pittsburgh. That League refused to put Mr. BERRY's name on its ticket for State Treasurer and did put up PLUMMER. The result was that PLUMMER carried Allegheny county by 28,000 majority; whereas BERRY carried Philadelphia where such awful (?) Democratic as DONNELLY and RYAN live, by a majority larger than he lost Allegheny.

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The Job that Failed.

The regular and only recognized Democratic organization down in Dauphin county, and which has for its managing heads Mr. W. W. WALLOWER and Mr. WM. K. MEYER, both of whom allied themselves with the McCORMICK factional disorganizers at the annual meeting last July, received a back-hander on Saturday that ought to prove an eye opener to those who believe that the way to build a party up is to first tear it down and then re-construct or re-organize it. At least these gentlemen acted as if they believed this to be the way to do the thing. And they went at the job earnestly and vigorously. They encouraged disorganization in their own ranks. They used their influence to create sentiment for the organization of a Keystone party, and then, to insure its permanency and strength gave it all the local offices they could. While thus using their every effort to build it up, they treated their own organization as a practically needless or useless power in the local affairs of Dauphin county. It seems that the tearing down process was both easy and successful. It worked fine and met with no failures. About two weeks ago they concluded, however, that it was about time to begin on the building up process, to show the brilliancy of their scheme. They felt that as organizers they should be basking in the glory of their achievements; that it would be nothing now to reorganize and unite the party for they had made the way smooth and the bowels of the voters of that county were yearning for an opportunity to show how willingly they would fall in behind these two GENERALS. With Dauphin placed on both feet in the column of counties that had been regenerated and disenthralled, what glory for them! A polite note was written to a Mr. RUBEN DALL, whom they had aided in having made chairman of the Keystone organization, suggesting that a fusion of their Democratic forces and of his mottled and mixed crowd, be made on candidates opposed to the regular Republican ring ticket. And then they sat down in exultant hopefulness to await the reply. It took but three days to bring it. It came on Saturday last and read: "That, for the best interests of the Keystone party no fusion agreement will be entered into this year." In other words it said: "Oh, no gentlemen, we have accomplished our purpose. We have about annihilated the Democratic party in Dauphin county. It never was our intention nor do we now propose to aid you in building it up. You have given us many of your men, for which accept our thanks, but you'll have to go it alone when it comes to a fight on those with whom we were formerly allied, and in whose success we still have an interest."

And now Mr. WALLOWER and Mr. MEYER, without hope of making a successful fight for anything; with their own party thoroughly disorganized and discouraged, many of them like lost sheep, bleating along the political highways, without any idea of which way they are going or to what crowd they belong, are putting in their time explaining why and how it ought to have been otherwise. But it wasn't. And that fact can be charged to the men, and the manner, and spirit in which Democratic "re-organization" was attempted to be accomplished in Dauphin county.

Progress Toward Reducing the Cost.

The Democratic majority in Congress is making progress in its purpose to decrease the cost of living and unless President TAFT intervenes with his veto power, as he did during the special session, there will be a tumble in prices before the year is ended. The wool tariff bill is now practically certain to pass both houses and the bill to put sugar on the free list is the most advanced step yet made. Of course that will cause a considerable loss in revenue but the proposition to put internal tax on incomes will recompense the government for the loss and put into force the just policy of taxing wealth rather than poverty. The policy of the Republican party has always been to put the burdens of government upon the poor. Those least able to pay are likewise least able to resist injustice and the load was heaped until it had become almost unendurable. The Democratic majority in the House of Representatives in Washington has determined to change this incongruous custom. The benefits of government go largely to the wealthy and they must pay a fair share of the expenses. With this idea in mind the tariff tax will be taken off the sugar of the poor man and put upon the large incomes of the rich. It is estimated that taxing incomes of upward of \$5000 will about even the present revenues from the tax on sugar. It is intimated that President TAFT will

veto this just measure of relief but we don't believe it. He is obedient to the interests as a rule, but he will hardly enter upon a campaign for re-election with the odium of having thus wronged the people upon his head. The Sugar trust has been a liberal contributor to the Republican campaign fund in the past and would no doubt be ready and willing to chip in generously again, in consideration of such a favor as vetoing the proposed bill. But the people would resent the action with such unanimity that the power of money would fail to reconcile them. For these reasons we believe TAFT will sign the bill.

Democratic Veteran Revolts.

The Harrisburg Star Independent, of which that veteran Democratic War Horse, Hon. B. F. MEYERS is editor, says, in reference to the GUTHRIE-McCORMICK disorganizers: "It looks very much as if their outcry against the organization, which really gave them all the political standing they ever had, is made simply because they are no longer able to wield it for their own purposes, and are trying to supersede it with an organization of their own which they expect to boss to their heart's content. Look up the political record of these gentlemen," continues Editor MEYERS, "and ascertain for yourselves whether or not the foregoing statement be in strict accord with the truth." The facts could not be more accurately stated. For a third of a century GEORGE W. GUTHRIE has been knocking at the doors of Democratic conventions soliciting party favors. In 1896 he was nominated for Elector at Large and after the nomination of Mr. BRYAN he spurned the honor in a scurrilous letter and contributed to the support of the Republican candidate. For a few years after that he remained in seclusion but in 1902 he presented himself at the Erie convention as a candidate for Governor and was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by the organization which he now denounces. Subsequently he was nominated by the local organization of Pittsburgh for Mayor and elected, Colonel GUFFEY having financed his campaign at an expense of more than \$20,000.

When Mr. GUTHRIE was inaugurated as Mayor of Pittsburgh the Democrats of that machine-ridden city naturally thought that some of the fruits of victory would come to them. But they reckoned without their host. Manifestly they didn't know Mr. GUTHRIE. Most of them remembered that he had left the party in 1896 for the reason that he had no sympathy with the aims and aspirations of the common people and that by supporting the Republican candidate for President he could serve the interests of plutocracy and monopoly. But they still imagined that he would appreciate the work they had performed to place him in power. So far from that, however, he filled all the offices with Republicans and actually penalized fidelity to the party which honored him. The record of VANCE C. McCORMICK covers less space but is equally vulnerable from a Democratic party standpoint. For some years after he reached his majority he took no part in politics other than to vote against the Democratic candidate for President in 1896 and 1900. But in 1902 he was nominated and elected Mayor of Harrisburg and gave most of the patronage of the office to Republicans. Since that he has supported the Democratic candidate for President only once and until last NEVER supported the candidates of his party for local offices, always finding some excuse for his recreancy. Both he and GUTHRIE now aspire to Democratic leadership and it is small wonder that veterans like Hon. B. F. MEYERS revolt at the spectacle.

After a careful investigation the Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia estimates that there are 25,000 "phantom" voters registered in that city. These fraudulent names will be stricken from the list and the Republican majority at the next election correspondingly decreased. Meantime it would be interesting to hear whether the phantom votes were registered in the interest of TAFT or ROOSEVELT. There is a basis for presumption in the fact that ROOSEVELT'S friends are "practical" men, while on the other hand TAFT makes free use of patronage and we all know what that leads to. Really a Presidential primary in the Republican party would be interesting and it is even possible that it might be valuable. It would at least give a census of the crazy men in that party and statistics on that point may be needed in the future.

Between the coal operators and the coal miners the consuming public is likely to get a severe squeeze within the next few months. Roosevelt Proved a Falsifier. THEODORE ROOSEVELT has been caught in another lie. This time so glaringly that he cannot escape the consequences. A few days ago a Washington dispatch contained the information that Secretary of War STIMSON and Secretary of the Navy MEYER had stated that ROOSEVELT had told them, some time ago, that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for President this year. Mr. ROOSEVELT promptly denied the statement and declared that he had never spoken in that way to Messrs. STIMSON and MEYER. Thereupon one of the energetic Washington newspaper correspondents got busy and dug up a letter written by Mr. ROOSEVELT himself and bearing his signature, declaring that he had so spoken to STIMSON and MEYER. The curious thing about this is that some of our esteemed contemporaries profess to be surprised at this exposure of ROOSEVELT'S invidiousness. There is nothing surprising about it. Ever since he has been in public life THEODORE ROOSEVELT has been a notorious for inconsistency and in more than a dozen instances he has been exposed quite as directly as in the present case. In the Mrs. BELLAMY STORER matter, for example, the evidence of Mrs. STORER was corroborated by that of Archbishop IRELAND and both were sustained by documentary proof on file in the State Department at Washington and at the Vatican in Rome. In that case the person injured by his untruthful tongue was a woman and therefore the moral offence was greater even if the turpitude was the same. ROOSEVELT has been guilty, at one time or another, of nearly every contemptible vice in the catalogue. He is a moral coward as well as a craven. While President he was afraid to go to the front door of the White House without a cordon of guards about him and while boasting of his fearlessness he trembled at every unusual sound. Naturally such a man would falsify when falsehood served his purpose, just as he would graft when opportunity presented itself. We cannot believe that the people of the United States will ever vote for such a man for President, now that he has been found out.

Roosevelt's Greed for Office Intense.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Theodore Roosevelt's candidacy is based solely upon desperate personal ambition; his greed for office is so intense that he is willing to foment a revolution in order to attain it. His conduct as a good American, as the leading exponent of the square deal, as a preacher on the texts of many actions, good faith and adherence to truth and honesty, must give his close friends and supporters serious pause. As for the political effect of his candidacy, he may give aid to the Democrats and hamstring his own party; he will certainly destroy his own reputation as a sound American; but he will not receive a nomination at the hands of the Republican party; he will never be President again. He has made simply a diversion in the Republican ranks. The fact is, of course, that the only moving cause of Mr. Roosevelt's campaign is insatiable ambition coupled with overwhelmingly exaggerated ego. It is an obsession and a mania, and while he is under the spell he is willing and eager to break friendships, adjure pledges, debase the courts, change the system of government, cast aside the constitution, turn his back upon the teachings of history and even to offer to all unsettled elements in the nation a plan that leads straight to socialism and revolution.

Does Andy See the Cat?

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "The man who owns the land is the man," says the laird of Skibo. By this utterance the actual founder and biggest bondholder of the world's biggest trust admits the truth of the doctrine of Henry George. The ultimate source of all wealth is the land. The Steel Trust, licensed by special privilege to charge the purchasers of its wire millions and millions of unearned dollars holds its dominating power through control of the land that contains the ore supply for the future. Mr. Carnegie knows that the Lake Superior ore lands which the Steel Trust values at \$700,000,000 could not have been tied up as a basis for control of the industry had they been subject to a land value tax. Holding the land and its resources, parceling it out for profit at opportune times for opportune purposes, twentieth century money kings seek to establish a control over other men not one whit less absolute than the rule of mediæval despots. Truly "the man who owns the land is the man," and Mr. Carnegie believes in having just as few of him as possible.

Republican Party Rent Asunder.

From the Trenton State Gazette. The situation is Rooseveltian in every aspect. It is neutrotic and erratic. If Mr. Roosevelt had deliberately planned to rend the Republican party asunder, he could have succeeded no better than he did when he finally found his hat into the ring. The Democratic camp is today frenzied with joy at the outlook, which reveals to them a breach in the Republican ranks through which they hope to march to victory next November. The Colonel has put out on the bone for Wilson, meat on the bone for Clark, and meat on the bone for Harmon. It is not to be wondered at, perhaps, that a man in whose nature the wild calls so loudly, and who so eagerly yearns for slaughter and adventure, should enjoy hugely the diversion of feeding the animals. The people of the United States are facing a crisis, and it rests with them whether they permit themselves to be led astray by the elusive glimmer of the will-o'-the-wisp of egotism or straightly through the steady light of sanity and truth.

Taft-Aldrichism at Work.

From the Springfield Republican. One hundred and twenty-five thousand men out of work in Chicago is the finding of the United Charities and the Illinois free employment bureau, as reported jointly by them Monday. Railroad inactivity and political uncertainty are given as among the obtrusively obvious results, for "idleness begets bad habits. Bad habits lead to crime," and for many of the idle "their sole alternative is to enter the fold of criminal activity." When industry halts the consequences, direct and indirect, are wide reaching. The railroads have postponed necessary things beyond the desirable point and hence will have to make large outlays soon—and the sooner the better, so far as their own advantage and the general well being are concerned. Not even "political uncertainty" should long hinder the forward movement in business.

Science of Saving Souls.

From the Williamsport News. Bill Sunday continues to draw big crowds and increase his bank account, but whether he is doing any good or not has not been proven to the satisfaction of those who do not believe in spectacular evangelism. Billy has reduced soul saving to a scientific basis and can quote you rates on how much per capita such reclamation costs. Men and Principles. From the St. Louis Republic. The eight governors out of forty-seven who bump their light heads on the ground in Mr. Roosevelt's presence and beseech him for a third term remark that "a principle is of no avail without a man." We may say also that men without principle, even Governors, are considerably worse. Speaking of the recall in its various phases probably TEDDY will be willing to recall his announcement of willingness to run for a third term after he hears from the back townships.

SPAWNS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Public schools at Thompsontown are closed on account of diphtheria. Westmoreland county suffered \$80,000 damages to bridges in the going out of the ice last week. Red foxes are reported plenty in Clearfield county and are uninvited visitors at many chicken coops. Patton Methodists have authorized the erection of a new brick church, with auditorium and large Sunday school room. Ten illegal game hunters in Crawford county recently paid fines aggregating \$3,500 besides several hundred dollars cost. The Lutherans of the Susquehanna valley will hold their twenty-second annual reunion at Riverside park, Milton, July 25. At the St. Patrick's Day celebration to be held in Renovo, March 18, Judge Harry Alvan Hall, of Ridgway, will be the orator of the day. The state agricultural department has received so many applications for demonstrations in orchards that it cannot agree to fill all the demands. A lucky West Grove poultryman is gathering 400 eggs a week from 175 hens. At 30 cents a dozen they are bringing their owner a fine revenue. Israel Beck, a Clintondale farmer, while sawing wood on a horse-power circular saw a few days ago, sawed off the thumb and all the fingers on his right hand. The Mer-hants' association of Bangor has adopted a resolution to advertise only in newspapers. Any merchant who advertises in a program will be fined \$10. William Hoffman, of Skysville, spent an evening not long ago in the company of several strangers. When they left him \$410 he had in his pocket was also gone. Charles H. Shipman, a farmer living in Gilpin township, Armstrong county, recently made a sausage that is believed to beat the record. It is 45 feet 6 inches long and weighs 45 pounds. At a demonstration of writing shorthand by means of the stenotype, a phonographic machine, at a commercial school in Allentown, the remarkable record of 563 words a minute was attained. West Chester boasts that with a population of 12,000 she has but two cases of typhoid fever and one of these is a patient from another town. Altoona, with a population of 55,000, can beat that record. Trichinosis has appeared in the family of Anthony Munhall, of Pittsburg, attacking nine members of the family and Frank Santell, a visitor. The trouble came from eating uncooked pork sausage. Clare Kaufman, an Indiana county school teacher who was dismissed by Blacklick township school directors because of charges that he did not put in full time, won his suit against them for his wages for the balance of the term. General orders will be issued from the adjutant general's office within a few days transferring company M, Tenth infantry, from Altoona to Latrobe. It will retain its designation. The Altoona company was formerly in the Fifth infantry. During an attack of melancholia, Miss Nannie Quinn, of Shaver's Creek valley, Huntingdon county, shot herself in the head whether fatally or not is not yet known. When she recovered consciousness she did not have any knowledge of what she had done. S. W. Arnold, of Highspire, Mifflin county, tells of a plague of larvae, red worms, in addition to destroying a large quantity of corn, the rodents had attacked several hogs and badly chewed their ears and other parts of their bodies. Clubs and shot guns were used to some effect to diminish the drove. Wayne county is celebrated for its maple sugar, and the present season promises to yield an unusually large supply. S. N. Cross, of Sterling, has added 2500 one-gallon syrup cans to his stock and he has in readiness 1000 cap buckets. He is only one of the army of Wayne county people who have sugar trees. W. W. Jackson and wife of Williamsport, have each sued the Virginia Hot Springs Co., for \$25,000 damages, or \$50,000 on account of being refused hotel accommodations at the Springs Hotel some time ago. Mr. Jackson is a prominent retired business man of Williamsport and one of the owners of the Evening News of that place. Potter county seems to have secured a jewel in the person of Sheriff W. B. Clark. He has recently whitewashed the county jail and given it a general cleaning up, the entire cost \$1,850. The gas bill for February was \$15 less than the December bill and showed a gain for the taxpayers of about \$4, as compared with January. Walking into a physician's office at Sharon, recently, Robert Meryl complained of a severe pain in the roof of his mouth. The physician discovered a lump and making a small incision, was surprised when a bullet dropped out. Meryl was shot at the battle of Antietam during the Civil war, but supposed surgeons had cut out the bullet at the time. A bunch of the tickets stolen from the Jersey Shore New York Central station was found on the back porch at Professor H. E. Eisenhower's residence. It is thought that the burglar intended to pay him a call. Other lots were found elsewhere in the town. Three men suspected of the burglary were arrested on the charge of breaking into a car cleaner's shop. Dr. Arthur Holmes, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, has accepted the position of dean of the faculties at State College, which corresponds to the vice provostship at the university. Doctor Holmes will remain at the university for the rest of the academic year, going to State College in the summer in order to acquaint himself with the situation there. His duties will be entirely administrative, although he expects to continue his teaching, both in psychology and philosophy. The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of Huntingdon Presbytery will be held in Lewistown on Wednesday and Thursday, March 20 and 21, beginning on Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. Delegates and visitors wishing to attend should send their names to Mrs. M. J. Goodhart, Lewistown, before March 9th. The speakers will be Mr. J. Carter Millikin, educational secretary of the board of foreign missions; Miss A. M. Jefferson, of India, and E. D. Vanderburgh, M. D., of China. At noon Saturday, February 21, the whistle of the big saw mill of the Goodyear Lumber company at Medin Run was sounded for the last time. It marked the end of the Goodyear operations at that place, which have been the principal industry of the settlement for the past 19 years, during which time an immense quantity of lumber has been prepared for the market. The Goodyear company will immediately dismantle this mill, which is a very large one, and move it onto Potato creek, where they have a large operation. William Weston, a 16-year-old boy while playing with a revolver at Hastings on Sunday evening shot and probably fatally wounded a companion, "Polly" Yancura. Weston had bought a revolver and while the two were examining it, the gun went off and the ball plowed its way into Yancura's forehead. The lad was living when this item was written but little hopes are entertained for his recovery. The shooting is said to have been purely accidental and that no action will be taken for the prosecution of young Weston.