

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

Vote for KIMFORT for chairman and Kurtzize the Democratic party.

Read the Centre Democrat this week and be convinced that its editor wants to own a county chairman.

The acquittal of the meat packers is but a broad warning to everybody to take a tighter grip on their pocket books.

New York has found a man who never heard of ROOSEVELT. Down here with your eyes shut, you can find them by scores who wish they hadn't.

Col. ROOSEVELT makes proclamation that he "stands on his Columbus speech." And that is just the difference between him and others. Everybody else sat down on it.

Mr. CHARLES WILBUR DE LYON NICHOLLS gives the number of fashionable society folk in America at 466. Thanks Mr. NICHOLLS. If that's all the Country is still safe.

Since the campaign for woman suffrage was opened in England it has become a serious question, with the people over there, as to why they were even called the gentle sex.

Surely the Centre Democrat is a changeable paper. Two years ago it was boss of the Keystone party now it wants to be boss and own the chairman of the Democratic party.

Really its beginning to look as if the country would have no base ball at this season. From the claims made by the managers of the big teams they have all won the pennants already.

The Johnstown Democrat is of the opinion that the question of "recall" is gaining friends daily. Yes, brother BAILEY, but it's mostly among the fellows whose "hats are in the ring."

If you want a county chairman who can hold the party together vote for WALKER. If you want to keep up the fight and break up the Democratic party in the county vote for KIMFORT.

It must have been a premonition of the result of the TAFT-ROOSEVELT scrap, that induced young ROOSEVELT, over a year ago, to remark that "Dad always wants to be the corps at a funeral."

Anyway if we don't get just what we want at the primaries, we can at least rejoice in the fact that they will act as a "muffler" to the noise that some people are making about who shall be nominated.

We don't know, but it is said, that Benzoate of soda is excellent to keep things sweet. Some of our disorganizing friends could soon ascertain if there is truth in this claim by trying a little on their tempers.

If county chairman KIMFORT wanted to be fair why did go to Clearfield and enter into a deal to endorse the delegates to the National Convention from McKean and Clearfield counties when Centre had a candidate of her own.

Looking at it from this distance every indication points to the fact that the author of "licked to a frazzle" will have a full understanding of all that expression means when his present contest for a third term reaches the finish.

Of course it is only a short time since the South pole was located, but the readers needn't be surprised to hear a demand from the professional reformers for an investigation of it at once. They believe there are great frauds at all poles.

Talk about there being no such thing as perpetual motion. Just go into a printing office and see how easily and quickly the money that comes in there moves on without effort, and you'll probably conclude you need to have another think on that subject.

If an operation for appendicitis removes a man's temper what an opportunity for a first class surgeon, up at the headquarters of the fellows who have undertaken the running of Centre county Democrats as Mr. VANCE McCORMICK has instructed them to do.

Centre county Democrats are not much in the habit of endorsing third term candidates. Which fact should be a pointer to our former friend KIMFORT who is asking for a third term in order that he may further divide and distract the Democrats of the county.

Last week the Centre Democrat was urging its readers to vote for I. J. DRESE for state delegate. This week it is telling them that Mr. DRESE is all kinds of a humbug all because Mr. DRESE probably grew tired pulling the KURTZ chestnuts out of the fire.

The people have got even with the Tobacco Trust at last. They have succeeded in having it fined \$26,000" says an exchange. And doubtless the Tobacco Trust will now proceed to get even with the people by making them pay back that fine by a raise in the price of cut plug.

Nine out of every ten men in this county who voted for Mr. BERRY two years ago, because they believed it was the only way to defeat TENER are back working earnestly to unite and strengthen the party. The other one-tenth still have hope of dividing and eventually destroying it. And strange as it may seem the head disorganizers hereabouts are the fellows for whom the Democratic plum tree has been most vigorously shaken.

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Mr. Guthrie's Second Letter.

In a supplemental letter to chairman RITTER of the Democratic State Central committee, Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE reiterates the statement contained in his previous communication to the effect that he will not agree to "not be a candidate for chairman of the committee," at the annual meeting in July.

Mr. GUTHRIE is equally specific and emphatic in declaring again that A. MITCHELL PALMER will not refrain from being a candidate for membership of the Democratic National committee. In his letter of March 23rd Mr. GUTHRIE said that Mr. PALMER and himself could not comply with this suggestion "without betraying the trust which the party committed to us."

The truth is that Mr. GUTHRIE will not consent to eliminate himself and Mr. PALMER, in the interest of party unity and harmony, for the reason that such a course would defeat the purpose for which he entered into the political conspiracy to destroy the Democratic party of Pennsylvania.

Of course it is true that patronage is being used to promote TAFT's political estate, but what right has ROOSEVELT to complain? He is a past-master in the art and really the inventor of the steam roller.

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Last Resort of a Demagogue.

In despair of success A. MITCHELL PALMER has resorted to asking questions of his opponent for the Democratic nomination for Congress. An old time philosopher once said that if you can get an antagonist to answer questions, "you have him on the hip."

But it wasn't the least bit embarrassing to the capable and resourceful gentleman who will represent that district in the next Congress. Mr. LENTZ promptly replied that he is a Democrat "and if elected will abide by the party platform and the party caucus."

Mr. PALMER had another sinister idea in his mind in asking the questions, however. Six years ago he entered into an agreement that the Congressional nomination for the district should go, without contest, to Carbon county, this year. In pursuance of that agreement Hon. J. DAVIS BROADHEAD declined to contest for a second term four years ago, and left the field to Mr. PALMER.

The amity that prevails between the discoverers of the South pole is proof positive that neither of them is an American. If it had been an American enterprise there would have been a scrap beyond question.

The passage of the wool tariff bill by the House of Representatives on Monday practically completes the Democratic tariff programme for the present. Since the opening of the present session three important tariff bills have passed the House, an extraordinary achievement.

The completion of the three bills which have passed the House would work an immense saving to the people of the country. For nearly four years the cost of living has been excessive and the burden is constantly growing harder to bear.

Trust Orgies Under Roosevelt.

Within a few days officials of the Beef trust have been acquitted of criminal violation of the SHERMAN law in Chicago and officials of the Sugar trust have enjoyed the same good fortune in an eastern court.

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Teddy and the Tariff.

After discussing in numerous speeches various matters of governmental policy which have only a remote, if any, bearing upon a presidential campaign, Col. Roosevelt has at last got around to the live issue upon which the contest of November will be decided.

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SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

After being idle for several months because of lack of orders, the Bessemer Steel plant at the Bethlehem Steel company's works was started up last Monday.

A few nights ago robbers entered the Morrissdale postoffice and took the safe several hundred feet away to open it. They got \$1.63 in pennies for their trouble.

At Pine Glen, Millin county, there is a mad dog scare and a number of dogs suspected of having been bitten have been killed. At Huntington Burgess Jacobs has ordered all dogs tied up.

Westmoreland's new county commissioners do not like the site chosen by their predecessors for a county hospital for the insane and propose to have the State board of charities pass on the matter.

To maintain the emergency hospital during the recent epidemic of typhoid fever cost Catesville \$2,500. And this was the result of gross carelessness upon the part of officials whose duty it was to know.

Greensburg's new Federal building on Saturday was the scene of the distribution of 50,000 marbles put up in attractive bags, assorted ready for the boys of the town. W. A. Johnson, of Bartenon, Ohio, was the giver.

Dr. Harry Sommerville, president of Cambria county's association of road supervisors, announces a big premium for the best road in the county and also the township which wins shall be visited by all the supervisors.

Harry Gensberg, a Millburg merchant, aged 45 years, was killed at the station at Milton a few evenings ago. He became confused while attempting to cross the track ahead of a train and was struck by the engine.

After nearly a year of exemption from horse stealing, Columbia county is hunting the man who took the best of six horses from B. E. Thomas's stable, near Rohnsburg. The stolen horse was hitched to a buggy belonging to a farm hand.

The DuBois Hospital association has decided to reject the offer of a hospital site and \$10,000 from Mr. DuBois, and also a similar offer from the Sisters of Charity. Some other move is likely to be made, as the town needs better hospital facilities.

Frank McConaughy, a Lioning valley freight engineer, cut his throat and wrist with a pen knife a few days ago, while his train was standing for a little while. His crew found him and took him to the Latrobe hospital.

John H. Wingert, Joseph Spots and Harry Walter, the former board of Union county commissioners, who were heavily surcharged by the county auditors to an amount of over \$1,500 for paying one-half of the attorney fees in the noted Lewisburg bridge case, have employed counsel and will take an appeal to the court for a final ruling on the matter.

A dwelling house on the Michael Fletcher farm, near Clearville, Bedford county, was completely destroyed by fire recently. There had been a sale of Michael Fletcher's effects not long before and \$150 in cash and a number of promissory notes and other valuable papers, together with the insurance policy were burned.

Williamsport has lost out to Clearfield in an effort to secure the meeting of the State Grange next December. The executive committee of the Grange met at Harrisburg on Friday and by a majority vote accepted the invitation of the Clearfield county Grangers to hold the 1912 convention in Clearfield.

Railroads have had their troubles near DuBois recently. On the Pennsylvania a rock slid down on the track and the engine on the passenger train took a vacation because of running into it. Passengers were jolted, but not hurt.

Monday night at Shamokin, thieves burglarized a freight car on the Reading railroad, breaking open ten boxes of shoes consigned to merchant Guy S. Boone, of Logansport, scattering the contents of the boxes all around in the car and carrying away twenty-five pairs of men's and ladies' fine shoes. The loss is about \$75. A Reading railroad detective is on the trail of the thieves.

The proprietor of a pressing and dyeing establishment in Johnstown, was pressing a garment on Thursday when suddenly he was enveloped in flames. He had been warned every day for several weeks of the danger of keeping so much gasoline about and had promised to move next day. Only prompt work by the firemen, who used sand to smother the burning gasoline, saved adjoining property.

William J. Byrnes, secretary of the Lower Merion, Delaware county, board of education, Saturday notified thirteen of eighty teachers in Lower Merion township that they could hunt other jobs until next term. It is claimed by the teachers that politics is responsible for their dismissals, and their antagonists declare the move of Secretary Byrnes was for the best interests of the schools.

Harry Edward Beck, a young tenant farmer on the J. M. Dice farm, on Plum Run, in Dunstable township, and son of the late Daniel Beck, committed suicide Sunday morning between five and six o'clock by hanging himself in the hay loft of the barn. Mr. Beck intended moving from the Dice place to the adjoining farm of his mother on Wednesday, and brooded over some fancied grievance in relation to his changing locations.

One thousand dollars for a finger is the value set by the United States court jury, which returned a verdict in the case of Henry Schaffer, of Berwick, against the American Car and Foundry company, of Berwick, Saturday morning. The plaintiff had three fingers taken off in an accident at the defendant company's plant and asked \$20,000 damages, receiving a verdict of \$3,400. The case was heard by Judge Witmer, of Sunbury.

Taking advantage of the remaining days before the rush of the spring work on the farm, the State Agricultural College and the Pennsylvania Railroad will on Friday and Saturday of this week extend their co-operative work among the farmers to the territory traversed by the Renovo Division. During the two days, eleven towns on the line between Renovo and Erie will be visited by expert agriculturists from State College, who will deliver four lectures at each station.

The paint and storage department of the Clearfield Woodenware plant, an industry employing about thirty hands, was destroyed by fire which broke out in the former room at 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening. Only through the most heroic efforts on the part of the fire department was the large building containing much valuable machinery, prevented from being destroyed altogether. The loss of the building and contents will reach upwards of \$15,000, on which there was some insurance. The company announces its purpose to rebuild at an early date.

Senator Frank Baldwin as master in the case of William Phelps, of Binghamton, N. Y., against the Bayless Paper company, of Austin, Pa., Wednesday filed a report in the United States court at Scranton, which indicates that none of those who suffered damage in the flood caused by the collapse of the mill dam last year can recover damages. The suit was on a mortgage for \$8,000, and Senator Baldwin reports that the mortgage was foreclosed on March 21 and the property of the company sold. This leaves the company without anything tangible upon which to secure a judgment for damages.

Just ten days more until the opening of the trout fishing season and so far the streams have been so high and water so muddy that fishermen have not been able to get any idea as to the outlook.

Guthrie's Reorganization Plan.

And here they go again, as the man said when the bull was after him, only he put it in the first person plural. Disorganizer Guthrie insists upon being a candidate for chairman of the Democratic State committee and to promote his own personal ambition in that direction and the selfishness of his coterie of disorganizers he demands the most revisionist of the Democratic party to meet him on "common ground."