

INK SLINGS.

-Vote for WEBER for State Delegate.
-Vote for WALKER for county chairman.
-Vote for HAGERTY and MEEK for National Delegates.

-A vote for WALKER for county chairman will be a vote to save the party.

-Either the TAFT campaign managers are great liars or the ROOSEVELT managers are overworking their imaginations.

-A better Democrat than W. H. HAGERTY, of Clearfield, would be hard to find. Vote for him for National Delegate.

-Don't be led into voting against ABE WEBER for State Delegate. We haven't a better Democrat in Centre county and surely he is entitled to this honor.

-Go to the primaries tomorrow. It is your duty to your party and to your country to do your part toward the election of the best men possible to fill the public positions of trust.

-The Japanese government proposes to subsidize a line of steamships to ply between Yokohama and New York when the Isthmian canal is completed which is another form of the yellow peril.

-The thief who stole valuable papers from Dr. WOODROW WILSON might have burgled to better advantage if he had gotten into the TAFT headquarters where the golden stream is said to be strong.

-One of the new Senators from Arizona has opened up his career as a statesman by hitting a negro elevator operator and imperiling his own life and that of others. These western statesmen are entirely too forceful.

-Mr. KIMPORF's personally conducted campaign for county chairman has been more personally conducted than ever this week. Bright and early Monday morning he started off in Mr. KURTZ's automobile to tell the Democrats of Centre county what orders CHARLEY had sent out.

-Representative STANLEY, of Kentucky, escaped injury by the assault made upon him by Representative GARDNER, of Massachusetts, thus far but the back townships are yet to be heard from and the son of Kentucky who doesn't strike back is likely to get himself disliked at home.

-Talking about bossing the Democratic party. Did you happen to meet county chairman KIMPORF and GEORGE L. GOODHART riding over the county hunting votes? They were riding in boss KURTZ's automobile, going where boss KURTZ sent them and telling what boss KURTZ told them to tell.

-The scheme is really this. KURTZ wants KIMPORF re-elected county chairman, then KIMPORF will appoint a new county committee just to suit KURTZ, then KIMPORF, expecting to move away from Bellefonte soon, will resign, then Mr. KURTZ's own county committee will be called together and elect a chairman whom Mr. KURTZ can own more completely than he does KIMPORF; if such a creature can be found.

-Always it was our idea that a county chairman showed no partiality in a contest among men of his own party for nomination. And we think it has been the idea of old-fashioned, fair and square Democrats all their lives. But chairman KIMPORF is different. He has been peddling GEORGE L. GOODHART all over the county this week in CHARLEY KURTZ's automobile in an effort to beat ABE WEBER, of Howard, for State Delegate. Do you want that kind of a chairman, Democrats? He might work the double cross on you too if you should be a candidate while he is chairman.

-Do you ask us why we are opposed to the re-election of Mr. KIMPORF as county chairman? Because this week he sent out letters, all over Centre county, over GEORGE L. GOODHART's signature, advising Democrats to vote against P. GRAY MEEK for National Delegate. Mr. KIMPORF will not dare deny it. If he does let him explain why so many of the envelopes carrying them were addressed by him. Probably you received one of the letters. If you did, look at the sample ballot it contains and you will see that it is marked so as to guide you to cut the editor of this paper when you vote.

-Last week's Centre Democrat asserts "that when the State Central committee met at Harrisburg in response to a state wide protest and voted to reorganize the party chairman KIMPORF is ill and unfortunately Centre county stood by the GUFFEY-HALL crowd and a protest swept like a tidal wave over the county." It might have been a tidal wave all right enough that swept over Centre county, but it wasn't a protest; because D. PAUL FORTNEY was the gentleman whom Mr. KURTZ would have you believe had betrayed the party. He represented chairman KIMPORF at that meeting. And he was elected District Attorney of the county last fall by a handsome majority. It seems to us that it looks more like an endorsement than a protest.

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Barclay's Dirty Treatment of Centre County Democrats.

Eight years ago this Congressional district had two National Delegates to choose, just as it has this year. At that time these representatives were chosen by the delegates to the State convention from the Congressional district. Our neighboring county of Clearfield was then entitled to five delegates, McKean one, Cameron one and Centre two—giving Clearfield a majority of one at the meeting of delegates.

Centre was just entering upon a judicial contest of great import to it. Judge ORVIS had announced as candidate for Judge, and the late lamented Hon. J. C. MEYER contemplated doing the same. However, after weeks of consideration, and the certainty of division arising out of a contest which might cause defeat for the party, Mr. MEYER patriotically decided that it would be bad political policy to have any dispute about a nomination and in order that the party might go into the contest for Judge thoroughly united he withdrew as a candidate. This action on his part so pleased the Democrats of the county, that a movement was started at once to honor him by making him one of the Delegates to the National convention. A score of our people went to the State convention for that purpose. They presented his name to the delegates, told them how much Centre county Democrats needed that recognition to give them a good start off in the judicial campaign, and how greatly Mr. MEYER deserved the honor. The same JOHN BARCLAY, of Clearfield, who is now asking the votes of Centre county Democrats to elect him a delegate to the National convention, was a delegate to that State convention. He was the first one to speak out and say that "Clearfield had delegates enough to elect both National Delegates and the five men from that county intended electing two of their own citizens to fill these places. And they did so—choosing the Hon. JAMES KERR and Mr. WM. A. WALLACE Jr., both of Clearfield town. In that dirty trick, McKean county, now asking our people to elect ASHER JOHNSON—joined with JOHN BARCLAY to humiliate Mr. MEYER and deprive Centre county Democrats of any voice in the National convention of that year. So outrageous was this act that when the report of the election was made the entire convention hooted the action as "entirely gish." But it was done and had to be accepted.

And the JOHN BARCLAY who is now asking the support of Centre county Democrats, was one of the men who aided in committing this wrong upon this county and has since boasted about it as a sharp trick. Our people surely do not want to reward a man for this dirty kind of work, and for that reason no Democrat who has any respect for the memory of Mr. J. C. MEYER, or any regard for the rights of the Democrats of the county will think of voting for JOHN C. BARCLAY. Clearfield has a substantial, reliable good Democratic candidate for delegate to the National convention in W. H. HAGERTY Esq., one of the leading and most active Democrats of that county whose election would be an honor to the party and the district. Centre county Democrats should vote for him.

Cost of Big Navies. An esteemed contemporary calls attention to the cost of a big navy to Italy and admonishes our own government of the danger which the advocates of more battleships present to us. Italy has a splendid navy and as might have been expected her naval officers were anxious to exploit their prowess. Naval officers like to exploit themselves as well as their warships because naval activity hastens promotions and makes opportunities for distinction. This spirit of jingoism led to the spirit of covetousness and the desire to seize Tripoli was the result. We are now learning the lesson of these facts.

For nearly six months the naval and military energy of Italy have been directed toward the conquest of Tripoli. During all that time the war expenses have been running at the rate of over a million dollars a day. Thus far the people have not felt the burden which such an expense account necessarily entails for the reason that she had been for years a peaceful and prosperous monarchy and her resources were ample and her credit good. Borrowing has kept the supply up thus far and taxation has not increased perceptibly.

But the time is coming when credit will be exhausted and the burden of raising funds to prosecute the war will devolve upon the shoulders of the people. Taxes will have to be vastly increased to meet the interest charges and other extraordinary items of cost of government and then the people will realize what a big navy means. It is comparatively easy to create and not altogether difficult to maintain on a peace footing. But when battleships begin to shoot away powder and ball at the rate of \$1000 a shot it is different. Our people should take these facts into consideration now.

McCormick as Measured by Neighbors. Mr. VANCE C. MCCORMICK was sharply and fitly rebuked by his Democratic neighbors in Harrisburg, the other day. Since the development of the conspiracy of GUTHRIE, PALMER and MCCORMICK to destroy the Democratic organization of the State, Mr. MCCORMICK has been trying to seize control of the local organization in Dauphin county. His plan was to change the rules so as to depose the present party officials immediately after the primaries this year. In pursuance of this scheme Mr. MCCORMICK exhausted every resource at his command to cajole or coerce members of the county committee. The result was an unusually large meeting and an exceedingly interesting session. We have very little sympathy with those who compose the officials of the Dauphin county Democratic committee. Under an implied promise that MCCORMICK would support the chairman for County Commissioner, last fall, the vote of that county was given to the GUTHRIE, PALMER and MCCORMICK conspiracy at both the April and July meetings of the Democratic State Central Committee, making the one majority for the conspiracy at the April meeting and helping to make up its fraudulent roster at the July meeting. But upon the approved policy of choosing the lesser of two evils we are glad to learn that the MCCORMICK scheme was overwhelmingly defeated and that that arrogant, would-be boss, was rebuked. As we said on a previous occasion, referring to that gentleman, a man is best known in the community in which he resides and the vote of the Dauphin county Democratic committee on Mr. MCCORMICK's plan to seize control of the party machinery expressed the opinions of the Dauphin county Democrats as to his merits as a man and his aspirations to leadership. By a vote of more than three to one his amendments were defeated, though emanating from any other source they would probably have been adopted by a good majority. The people of Dauphin county know VANCE MCCORMICK and estimate him at his true value. He is able to cut some figure in affairs where he is not known but at home "his name, politically, is Dennis."

Mr. Roosevelt's Ambitions.

In an interview recently published Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN suggests that if THEODORE ROOSEVELT had taken up the cause of Senator LAFOLLETTE or some other representative leader of the Progressive Republicans and worked for him as hard as he is now working for himself Mr. ROOSEVELT could have compelled the nomination of that leader." No doubt that is true. Less than six months ago President TAFT was an exceedingly unpopular candidate. He stood charged in the public mind, with most of the misfortunes which have come to his party since his inauguration a trifle more than three years ago and the office holders who felt their places slipping from under them were resentful.

But Mr. ROOSEVELT does not now and never did want to compel the nomination of any Progressive Republican or any kind of a Republican, other than himself. He selected TAFT as his successor four years ago because he imagined his then Secretary of War was an amiable gentleman who would be satisfied with one term and entirely willing to relinquish the job in his favor this year. When he found that his estimate of Mr. TAFT was erroneous, he set about to capture the nomination and was willing to take it from either faction of the party. In fact he debated for months upon which side of the factional fence to jump and even made a strong bid for the favor of the reactionaries.

Mr. ROOSEVELT is beset with a lust for power. He wants to run things and compel obedience to his mandates and his caprices. In the office of President he was constantly reaching out for new objects of control. He was jealous of the powers of the courts and envious of the prerogatives of Congress. The State governments were sources of envy to him and he was ever devising schemes for the curtailment of their functions by methods of usurpation. Such a temperamental could never be satisfied by the elevation of another to office. His ambition is to get the office for himself and, if anybody has ever believed that anything else would satisfy ROOSEVELT he is too credulous to be trusted.

With the coming of spring and good weather there is a probability that the Bellefonte Motor club will waken from its winter sleep and again begin to take an active interest in the good roads movement in Centre county.

Crucial Test for Democrats.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania will be face to face with a crucial test of patriotism to-morrow. At the primary election they will decide whether law and order shall govern their party organization or mob methods control their policies. A vast majority of the voters of Democratic faith believe that the party should be reorganized. They realize that with the passage of time and progress of events leaders lose their efficiency in politics as in business and that the time has come when the party will be strengthened by introducing new blood and younger men into the management. But a vast majority of them believe, also, that such changes ought to be made in a lawful manner.

For the past year a conspiracy composed of political recants and party traitors has been striving to destroy the Democratic organization of the State in order that a machine might be constructed upon the ruins which would serve the selfish purposes and ambitions of these recants. Men who have habitually betrayed the party by voting against its worthy candidates have been and are now trying to seize the organization to use it, not to promote Democratic principles, but to inculcate Democratic policies, but to serve their own selfish purposes. The Democratic voters of the State will have opportunity to-morrow to determine whether this vicious conspiracy shall be successful or fail.

Col. JAMES M. GUFFEY, than whom no better Democrat has ever lived, has taken himself out of the consideration. He has publicly announced that he is not and will not be a candidate for any office in the future. He has been a generous as well as a wise leader in the past. Under his management the party has won some splendid victories and achieved some grand results. But he is now absolutely and unalterably out of it. No good can be accomplished, however, by insulting him as the conspirators propose to do and therefore we implore the Democrats of Centre county to send delegates to the State convention who will favor legal reorganization and harmonious councils in the future.

Mr. ROOSEVELT is convinced that every delegate elected against him is chosen by fraud. In fact it wouldn't be hard to convince the Colonel that he is really the only honest man on earth.

Last Fight of Deemerism.

From the Pittsburgh Post. There is a hot fight going on in the Fifteenth Congressional district, where the warring Republican factions hope to unseat William B. Wilson, one of the leading members of the Pennsylvania delegation and a power in the House of Representatives. The contest is interesting only from the Republican side, where the rivals are battling for the nomination at next Saturday's primaries, but so far as Congressman Wilson and his friends are concerned there is little to disturb their equanimity. The hotter the Republican fight the larger will be the Wilson majority at the polls in November. The Fifteenth district had been solidly Republican prior to the advent of William B. Wilson, that Democratic giant of the Northern tier, who wrested it away from hands that had grown accustomed to soil it in the mire of machine politics. Elias Deemer, of Williamsport, a Penrose lieutenant, noted for his selfishness, incited the district against the Wilson majority, and forced his election for three successive terms. His success was due, not to his own popularity, but to the sordid normal Republican majority. At present the Republicans are in a hot fight for "the redemption of the district." Edgar R. Kless has beard the Deemerite influence right in its lair. The latter is grooming a machine lieutenant in the person of John W. Kjelgaard, of Clinton, who is looking for an opening. So far as the Republican factions are concerned the fight is to a finish, and in the meantime the William B. Wilson star continues to ascend. The Republicans of Toga realize that their favored son is of more value to the district than any Republican ever named, and for that reason the verdict next Saturday is expected to sound the final knell of Deemerism and all that goes with it.

From the Altoona Times. The Republican bosses of Pennsylvania, all of whom are members of the Taft machine, appear to be in a panic now that they realize that even if Taft is nominated, his election is extremely doubtful. Recently some of the details of a dinner held in Washington by the Pennsylvania leaders have been leaking out, and it has been declared that the so-called dinner party of Senator Oliver in honor of Governor Tener and his staff, was in reality a political conference of significance, and the significance was rather disturbing to the bosses. From what has been learned, the various lieutenants gathered around Senator Penrose after the dinner to submit reports and exchange views. The character of reports received from the forty prominent Pennsylvanians present was of such a nature as to indicate that there is very little Taft sentiment in the State. As a matter of fact many Pennsylvania people with memories long enough to go back to the Berry, and especially the Pattison, campaigns, are predicting that Pennsylvania will go Democratic if Taft is nominated. The leaders have been reminded of this and are considerably worried as a result.

Another thing which has embarrassed the organization, is the challenge of the Roosevelt people that the delegates be labeled; the Roosevelt candidates to be marked "For Roosevelt," and the Taft candidates "For Taft." With so little Taft sentiment in the State, this is rather disturbing with the successful presidential machine, from this can be readily deduced the reasons for the desire of the organization to send un instructed delegates who are loyal to the machine. This would then permit of a deal at Chicago with some of the eastern States, and a big group of office-holding southerners, by which Taft could be ditched and a compromise man nominated. With few people favorable to Taft and those opposed insisting that the nominees for delegates indicate their presidential preference, there is little wonder that the Republican bosses of Pennsylvania are panic-stricken.

Another Chance for Taft.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The Democratic wool bill of last year proposed a reduction of 50 per cent. in the rates on wool and it passed the House by a vote of 221 to 100. The same bill has again passed the House, this time by a vote of 189 to 52. When he vetoed the bill last year President Taft gave as his reason the fact that the tariff board had not reported. Now, in the light of the tariff board's report, the Republicans of the House have submitted a bill which calls for a reduction of 40 per cent. in Schedule K, or just 10 per cent. less than the bill which the President vetoed. The tariff board, therefore, vindicates the Democratic bill, if such vindication was necessary, which is doubted. The Democrats knew, long before the tariff board was created, that the wool rates were too high, and President Taft knew it also, for in his speech at Winona, Minn., he characterized the Taft-Aldrich wool tariff rate as "indefensible."

As things now stand, neither the President nor the Republican party as a whole, nor the high protectionists will have any excuse for blocking the present bill. If any of them do stand in its way they will convict themselves of deliberately trying to grant a special privilege, namely, the privilege of robbing the consumer, to the benefit of the Wool Trust magnates.

The county commissioners have been busy this week distributing the ballots for tomorrow's primaries.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Many Lock Haven families that had intended to change their residences on April first are quarantined in their old homes, the board of health refusing to permit cases of chicken-pox or measles to be moved.

-During the present month one of Williamsport's oldest residents will celebrate the 99th anniversary of his birth. The venerable man is named George Keens, and his birthday celebration comes on the 23rd inst.

-Alonso B. Yocum, a Huntingdon county hunter living near the Kaystown dam, recently shot a magnificent white swan measuring 7 feet 3 inches from tip to tip of wings and over 6 feet from its beak to the tip of its tail.

-It is said the friends of Frank Calhoun, soon to be tried in Huntingdon for the murder of Benjamin Galloup, will undertake to convince the jury that the man is insane, having for months imagined that the avenger was on his trail.

-William Strode Settle, of Lewistown, recalls that forty-seven years ago last Wednesday he was with the Union Army at the capitulation of Richmond by the confederates. It is believed he is the only Mifflin county soldier living who took part in that historic event.

-Judge Smith, of Clearfield county, has solved a legal tangle by dismissing Curwensville's illegally elected councilmen from office and then appointing the same gentlemen to fill the vacancy. They will hold office until January 1st, 1914, their successors to be elected in November, 1913.

-There are three country clubs maintained by residents of Harrisburg. The Country club was organized in 1897, and following that came the Suburban and the Colonial clubs. Middletown and other towns also have such organizations, all of which are directing attention to the importance of outdoor life.

-Jacob D. Shaffer, of Shadel, Snyder county, while cleaning up about a property he had recently purchased, found in the cellar wall a cigar box which contained plaster of paris molds for making coins of various values. The molds were deposited in a Middleburg bank and the government notified.

-The Rev. W. A. Carver, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Morrisdale, during the conference year, who had been appointed to Hoytsville, will remain at Morrisdale, the Rev. W. F. D. Noble, having declined to accept the appointment. Mr. Carver is a good preacher and a forceful writer.

-The Rev. J. A. Matern, of Martinsburg, last week swallowed his false teeth, and may have to undergo an operation for their removal. He was taken to the Altoona hospital, where an X-ray picture of him was made and the teeth located in his stomach. Efforts will be made to remove the teeth without resort to the surgeon's knife.

-Miss Emily Green, twenty-two years old and a pretty teacher in the public schools of Northumberland, drew her savings from the Northumberland National bank and, it is alleged, eloped with E. E. Seid, an extra brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. She left without notifying the school board of her intention.

-H. S. McCachren, who has been sexton of the Jersey Shore cemetery for a period of twenty-three years, has resigned, the resignation taking effect April first. During his term of service Sexton McCachren buried 1803 bodies. For the year ending April first there were ninety-three burials, twenty-one being children under six years of age.

-The bureau of industries and board of Governors of the Chamber of Commerce, of Clearfield, last week approved two industrial propositions, one of which it is hoped will put the Clearfield rolling mill in operation the coming summer; the other is a small factory employing a dozen hands. The prospects for Clearfield are very good this summer.

-Losing his balance on top of a bed Friday, Harold, the three year old son of Hurley Masteller, of Catawissa, fell from an open register to the room below. The child was impaled on the sharp end of the brass ornament of the stove, the point penetrating just below the heart. He was still impaled when found by his mother. It is feared he cannot recover.

-An attempt to dynamite the big crusher of the Derry Sand Glass company, located a short distance from Derry, was frustrated by the bravery of the watchman at a late hour Friday night when he picked up a stick of dynamite with a lighted fuse attached, which had been thrown into the building by some unknown person, and hurled it a considerable distance before it had a chance to explode.

-Jacob Swires, of Philipsburg, has just closed negotiations with a couple of unnamed Altoona capitalists by which they take over the Corbin mines in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, consisting of six tracts of coal lands, covering in all about 60 acres. The property is on the Pennsylvania railroad, between Clearfield and Curwensville, and is said to contain a valuable lot of coal of the Moshamon seam.

-After months of prospecting, discussing and arranging the proposition of a prominent firm of Philadelphia capitalists to build a trolley line through Shaver's Creek Valley with McAlveys Fort and Petersburg as the termini, finally took definite shape Monday, and the company with justice Robert Armstrong, of Logan township, Huntingdon county, Samuel Longnecker, of Petersburg, started the work of securing the right of way Tuesday morning.

-The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Julius Fossler, of Allentown, who left home during a storm on the night of March 14th, was cleared up on Sunday when dogs, being exercised on the mountains, near there, followed a scent and located her corpse in a swamp. Investigation showed she died from exposure while temporarily deranged and set at rest a rumor to the effect that her husband had a hand in her strange disappearance.

-Willard and Chester Muhlenberg, aged 10 and 7 and Harold Fern, aged about 9, residents of Allentownville, Clearfield county, were out in the woods near their home some days ago when they found and ate a small white root. All three took seriously ill and Chester Muhlenberg died about four hours after eating the poison. The other two were saved by hard work on the part of the attending physician, Dr. A. G. Ricketts, of Smith's Mills, who was hastily summoned.

-Accepting a position with the Penn Central Light and Power company at its Warrior Ridge plant, on Saturday morning, Stephen Williams was unwittingly led to his doom. About four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, he was struck on the head by a heavy casing and instantly killed. Williams was employed as a laborer to assist in erecting a dynamo. Some portion of the hoisting machinery gave away and a casting was dropped a distance of forty feet, striking Stephens on the back of the head and crushing his skull. The body was taken to Huntingdon and the coroner's jury absolved anyone from blame.

-With the death of William J. McCoy a few days ago, at his home near Unahville, Clearfield county, along the Bellwood branch, one of the oldest school teachers in Pennsylvania passed to his reward. He was within a few months of being 80 years of age. He began teaching when but 16 and followed the profession the greater part of his life. Mr. McCoy taught at different points in Clearfield, Cambria and Centre counties, and there are many residents of this county who received their educational training under this veteran teacher. In a number of older families in these counties, three generations have attended the schools taught by him.