

INK SLINGS.

—It was the 13th of April. —Slightly disfigured, of course, but still in the ring. —The quality of what there were of us was very high but the quantity was too few.

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Ghastly Illinois Joke.

Out in Chicago there is a big fat cabman widely known as "Hungry" HOGAN. Mr. HOGAN has acquired local fame because of an extraordinary capacity at the table and popularity on account of an amiable disposition incident to a full stomach.

Woodrow Wilson's View of Jefferson.

In a speech delivered before the National Democratic club, in New York, the other evening, WOODROW WILSON responded to the toast, "What JEFFERSON would do." It was a difficult as well as an interesting theme and his audience was both discriminating and critical.

The Defeat of Penrose.

The surprising result of the Republican primaries in Pennsylvania can hardly be ascribed to popular admiration of ROOSEVELT. A notorious grafter, a falsifier, a boaster and demagogue, it is inconceivable that men of well ordered mind could admire him.

Taft Forces are Routed.

From the Altoona Times. President Taft has been eliminated as a Presidential factor by the overwhelming repudiation of the Republican voters of Pennsylvania at Saturday's primaries and the Illinois primaries earlier in the week.

—A new era of Democracy has dawned. It seems that the fellow who has done the most kicking and voted the crookedest in the one most desirable.

Of course the election of "Hungry" HOGAN to Congress would be an absurdity. He has probably never heard of such a thing as the constitution of the United States and it is doubtful if he can write his own name.

JEFFERSON'S fundamental thought, according to Governor WILSON'S interpretation, was that "no policy could last whose foundation is narrow, based upon the privileges and authority of the few; but that its foundation must be as broad as the interests of all the men and families and neighborhoods that live under it."

The Republican machine has been "sowing to the wind" for many years in Pennsylvania. Public officials have been cultivating contempt in the public mind. The constitution of the United States and that of the State have been freely flouted.

The victory of the Roosevelt faction in Pennsylvania was complete and decisive. The party machinery in the control of the administration forces crumbled before the onslaughts of the progress-

—Governor MARSHALL, of Indiana, also believes that the Presidential office should go hunting for a candidate but serves notice on it where he can be found any time.

The moral of this incident is that even the best intentioned reform may fail of its purpose. If the nomination of candidates for Congress-at-Large had been made by the convention the questionable joke of the humorous Mr. GILLIGAN would have failed for the majority of the delegates would have been for Mr. WILSON.

TEDDY certainly got a boost in this State but it won't get him the nomination. There are a good many people willing to give PENROSE a jolt who are not ready to violate the unwritten but revered law against a third term.

For five years the country has been suffering from industrial paralysis and the government has taken no steps toward remedying the evil. Administrative profligacy has compelled excessive tax burdens and no attempt has been made to give the people relief.

A Curious Alliance.

From the Springfield Republican. Speaker Champ Clark's chief backer for the Democratic Presidential nomination is William B. Hearst. Now, this fact provokes reflection on the curious changes in American politics that are being brought about in a very short time.

—Andrew CARNEGIE has announced that this country is going to be prosperous for the next hundred years. We presume he refers especially to the business prospects of the library building contractors and the pipe organ manufacturers.

If we had State-wide uniform primaries in Pennsylvania Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would select all candidates. President TAFT has notified the Mexican government that it will be held responsible for any damage done to American citizens on the border.

Those who interpret the result of the Republican primary elections in this State as guaranteeing the nomination of ROOSEVELT by the coming Chicago convention are misreading the signs.

It is to be hoped that a statement made by some scientist or fault-finder that the terrible disaster to the Titanic might have been averted if that leviathan of the sea had been properly equipped has no foundation in fact.

Another Boom for Dalzell.

From the Johnstown Democrat. There is something distinctly defiant of the popular sentiment expressed Saturday in the primaries in the proposal of the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times that John Dalzell, repudiated by his own constituents by an overwhelming vote, shall be re-elected to the House as a Congressman-at-Large for Pennsylvania.

—The death of CLARA BARTON, "the Florence Nightingale of America," at her home in Maryland on Sunday morning removes a woman beloved throughout the wide world.

But One Convention. The WATCHMAN three weeks ago, in the face of the assertion of Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. McCORMICK and their crowd of disorganizers that they intended holding a State convention, informed its readers that there would be but one convention and that that one would be the convention called by Chairman RITTER and known as the regular Democratic State convention.

There is a good deal of prejudice in the public mind against TAFT for one reason or another. His perpetual smile has got upon the nerves of people and his administrative acts are not generally popular. Hundreds of thousands of intelligent men believe that he could have kept his pledge of four years ago that the tariff would be revised downward in the event of his election and that he didn't care enough about the interests and necessities of the people or the sanctity of his obligation to do so.

The passengers and crew aboard the ship numbered 2170 of whom only 868 have been rescued. The death list therefore, amounts to the startling total of 1302. Among these are some of the most conspicuous citizens of the world. But in the presence of such a calamity there are no distinctions among men.

—Probably the stupefying disaster that befell the passengers aboard the Titanic might have been minimized had their demands for luxurious salons and promenades not been catered to so carefully by the builders of the leviathan steamer. More room for life boats and rafts and less for pleasure nooks would have told a different tale.

Now, even the men who have been claiming the GUTHRIE faction as the Democratic party of the State are admitting the fact. Mr. GUTHRIE himself is preparing to come down the tree and acknowledge, by his acts, that his crowd has no standing in law, and that as a ticket maker his convention would be without standing and his candidates without a place on any ticket.

When voters come to the general election they will think and act differently. Then ROOSEVELT'S characteristics as well as the consequences of his election will be considered. GRANT was defeated for the nomination in 1880 because a great majority of the people are unalterably opposed to a third term and ROOSEVELT will be defeated for precisely the same reason, though there are plenty of other reasons why he should be overwhelmed. Pennsylvania is no more solid for ROOSEVELT now than it was for GRANT then and GRANT had as many delegates and quite as adroit managers as ROOSEVELT has now. But GRANT was beaten as ROOSEVELT will be and it may not be necessary to get out a dark horse.

But in the interest of the traveling public it must be shown that this great calamity is not attributable to either the carelessness of the ship officers or the parsimony of the ship owners. It is conjectured that the desire to make a speed record on the first trip of the ship led the captain to neglect precautions which ought to have been taken against such an incident. We hope this allegation will be disproved for while the captain has gone to the bottom with the others it would be a reflection upon his memory.

—When it came to facing the grim reaper aboard the ill fated Titanic JOHN JACOB ASTOR'S millions didn't do for him what the consciousness of having lived an upright, christian life did for many of the penniless seamen who were aboard the vessel. Those are the moments when an implicit faith in the Master stands out as the pearl without price.

It's not because Mr. GUTHRIE wants to abandon his pretense of being the State chairman that he is beginning to hedge on the matter of holding a convention, but because he is up to the place that he has to show the legality of his claims—which he knows he cannot do—that is making him seek any available reason possible for getting out of the fix he has gotten himself and his trouble-breeding followers into.

Secretary of the Treasury MACVEAGH says that protective tariff is "part of the hostile life of the world." But the Secretary probably realizes that he will have to find a new job after the 4th of March anyway.

Might Be Well to Remember.

The average vote cast last fall for the eight Democrats who are now filling the various offices up at the court house was 4237 each. The average vote cast Saturday, for the five kickers and party disorganizers who are so vociferously claiming their election as evidence of being backed by the overwhelming Democratic sentiment of the county, was 1234 each, 178 votes LESS than ONE-THIRD of the Democratic vote of the county.

Insurgents and Insurrectionists.

From the Philadelphia Record. The vote for Mr. Roosevelt appears to be largely an insurrection against the Penrose-McNichol machine. The Penrose part, at least, extends through the State, and there was a general up-rising against the boss and the machine. This insurrection broke out last November when the Republican organization was defeated in the city election.

—The death of Hon. WILLIAM F. HARRITY, at his home in Philadelphia, on Wednesday marks the passing within a week of two of the men who helped give Pennsylvania ROBERT E. PATTERSON as Governor. Hon. ROBERT E. WRIGHT, of Allentown, was the other. These men, able, brilliant and untiring in their devotion to Democratic principles led the party to its most notable victories in this State.

Not enough members were present at the meeting of the High school alumni on Monday evening to transact any business, and adjournment was made until Wednesday evening, May 29th, when another meeting will be held. A good attendance is desired at that time, as there will be the annual election of officers and the appointment of the committee to arrange for the annual reception to the graduating class.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The Catawissa knitting mill is compelled by increase of business to enlarge its plant and install twenty new knitting machines. —There is considerable disappointment over the United States geological survey bulletin stating that the iron ore found in Fulton county is of low grade. —Miss Della May Thompson, aged 19 years, was fatally burned while trying to extinguish a fire near her home in Taylor township, Juniata county. —The Hotel Juniata, at Everett, for more than thirty years a public hostelry, has been closed. It is the fourth Bedford county house to retire from business during the past few years. —Fred Ritchie, an electric foreman, was thrown from a pole at St. Mary's by the violence of a shock from a live wire. A rib was broken in the fall, penetrating a lung and killing him in an hour. —A large number of citizens of Delaware county are complaining because the county is poor pay. They served as witnesses and claim to have made several trips in vain to the county seat for their fees. —Michael Claire, aged 18 years, jumped a freight just once too often as it passed his home near South Fork and his companions saw him rounded to pieces. He was the only support of a widowed mother. —Rev. A. H. Spangler, D. D., a widely known Lutheran minister, has tendered his resignation as pastor of the church at Yagerstown. He has the deep sympathy of many friends on account of the death of his wife, ten days ago. —The town of Cross Forks, Potter county, will soon be obliterated from the map and the old lumbering town will be only a thought in the minds of those who have visited the place when the saw mills and other industries were running full blast. —Last week the Mr. Union Tanning & Extract works received three cars of tanning extract from the Argentine Republic, South America; also two cars of bark, very rich in tannin from the south east coast of Africa. —An old man fell down Prospect shaft, near Houtzdale, a few nights ago. He couldn't let go of the timber to which he was clinging that he might adjust a rope lowered to him, and was terribly exhausted when his rescuers finally succeeded in getting him out. —Robert E. Wright, at one time prominent in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania, died at his home in Allentown on Monday. In 1896 he was Democratic state chairman but resigned when William J. Bryan was nominated for the Presidency. Mr. Wright in 1903 was grand sire of the Order of Odd Fellows, the highest office in the order. He was 65 years old. —At a smoker of State College students and alumni, held at the Schmitt House, Altoona, Friday evening, the Mountain branch of the Pennsylvania State College Alumni association was formed. Three members of the faculty were in attendance, while more than twenty-five students and graduates of the college were in attendance and joined the new organization. —Two houses, two stables and a number of outhouses were quickly destroyed at Lamar by a fire which started at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the stable on the premises of Isaac Loveland and which communicated to Mr. Loveland's dwelling and the dwelling and stable on the premises of Mrs. K. V. Dunbar, together with all of the outbuildings on both places. —Notices have been posted at the various operations of the Berwind-White Coal Mining company in Somerset county granting the men an advance of 5% per cent. on the basis of the Cleveland scale. Between 4,000 and 5,000 men are organized, will benefit. It is believed that the action of the Berwind-White company will be an important factor in settling the wage controversy in the entire central Pennsylvania district. —The Rockhill Iron and Coal Company have been furnishing coal for the past year to the U. S. Government, much of it going to Panama for use in work on the canal. This contract has been largely increased for 1912-13, which will insure another year's steady work at the mines. It is said that none of the mines in central Pennsylvania have worked as steadily during the past years as those at Robertsdale and Woodvale. —Pennsylvania's staple crops in the year 1911 are shown to have had a value of \$172,509,000, according to the advance sheets of the state crop report, which has just been read by A. L. Martin, deputy secretary of agriculture, who is in charge of the crop information service of the Department of Agriculture. The figures are obtained from men who have gathered the information for years and are regarded as being the best obtainable. The State stands first as a grower of wheat, second in hay and potatoes, ninth in rye and seventh in corn in the Union. —Announcement has been made by Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart that the division encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania will be held this summer at Gettysburg. The camp will take place between July 22 and 31, each organization to be in camp eight days. The site of the camp is different from that occupied two years ago by the division. All organizations except the naval militia, second brigade of infantry, second squadron of cavalry and battery C will encamp at Gettysburg. The naval militia will cruise during the summer and the other organizations will encamp with the regulars at Mount Gettys early in July. —Winburne, the thriving coal town on Monacaan creek at the eastern point of Clearfield county was startled Sunday morning about 6 o'clock by an attempt at suicide made by Albert Olson, a young resident of that town, which proved fatal eight hours later in the Cottage hospital, Phillipsburg, where he was rushed in hopes of saving his life. The young man had been out west, but reached home recently. Sunday at the hour indicated, in the kitchen at the parental home, he shot himself in the stomach, using a shotgun. The ball coming out at his back. He was taken to the Cottage hospital, where he died in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. —To conduct a dairy business with a view of supplying Richmond and other markets, several Williamsport men have just bought 1800 acres of land on the James River division of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, 30 miles above Richmond. The price paid was nearly \$100,000. They propose to stock the place with 300 cows and will also take down 200 cows from Pennsylvania. The men behind the project are W. W. Jackson, J. G. McHenry and John G. Reading. They have obtained a charter from the state corporations commissions. The company is capitalized at three hundred thousand dollars. It is also the intention of the company to do a real estate business. —The extent of the operations of the Penn Public Service Company, which recently took over the Centre and Clearfield Street Railway Co., New Steam Co., and the Electric Light Co., of Phillipsburg, was manifested last week by the filing at Indiana of a mortgage on property in Centre, Clearfield and Indiana counties amounting to \$4,000,000, one of the largest mortgages ever put on record in that county. This gigantic mortgage was filed to secure additional funds for the extension of the company, which now has a large number of stations in these three counties as well as in the surrounding territory and plans are already under way for the development of the concerns included in the merger. The Bankers Trust company of New York City is the mortgagee. Phillipsburg will shortly be the scene of some big developments on the part of the new company, which will mean the expenditure of a vast sum of money.