

INK SLINGS.

—What kind of a Fourth of July is Bellefonte to have?

—A prophet is not without honor save in his own country.

—And the mountains heaved and brought forth a mouse.

—Anyway the farmers can't complain because they have to haul water.

—Reorganization is complete. Will reconciliation be just as complete.

—We Democrats fought like pirates at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, but it's all over now.

—TEDDY is too busy just now brandishing "the big stick" to think anything about a "square deal."

—TAFT is hardly equal to his predecessor as a lip fighter but he is developing speed very rapidly.

—In New York they are employing the Boy Scouts to swat flies and we can't imagine a more useful purpose to put them to.

—The milliners have no objection to an all-around decrease in the cost of living but protest that hats shouldn't bear all the burdens.

—Talking about the way that Missouri hour' dawg was kicked around, do you think it had anything on the Old Guard at Harrisburg on Tuesday.

—So far as TAFT is concerned it is not likely to make much difference whether the constitution forbids or favors a second term for the President.

—It is funny what devilish things many Republicans believe all Democrats to be and yet how courteously candidates WILSON and CLARK treat one another.

—We are ready to make a wager that the Hon. WEBSTER GRIM will treat candidate BERRY more courteously than the Hon. WILLIAM BERRY treated candidate GRIM.

—The farmer who hasn't his oats sowed is worrying about as much as the one who sowed his too early. Surely the farmer sees too much of the hole in the doughnut.

—TAFT says ROOSEVELT is dangerous and ROOSEVELT says TAFT is useless. So there you have it. Believe both of them and you'll vote for the Democratic nominee for President.

—You farmer! If you are uneasy because the season is so late and you haven't your oats out yet pick up your bible and read the 22nd verse of the 8th chapter of Genesis.

—The beef trust magnates recently escaped imprisonment as the result of an expensive trial and now propose to reimburse itself by increasing the price of meat. In other words you can't spare the beef trust.

—Texas is a southern State, all right, but New Jersey's candidate for President appears to have developed an immense popularity in that "neck o' the woods." But then WOODROW WILSON is a southerner by birth.

—Since our naval high-brows have decided that the first thing this country should do, in the event of becoming embroiled in a serious foreign war, is to evacuate the Philippines, wouldn't it be a little more creditable to evacuate right now.

—It didn't take Messrs. PALMER, GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK long to force the unit rule down the throats of those reorganizer delegates who were sent to Harrisburg with the understanding that they were to be free agents and take orders from no one.

—Talking about bosses, read the papers and see if Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER, GEORGE W. GUTHRIE and VANCE MCCORMICK didn't play the part to the limit at Harrisburg on Tuesday. The unit rule was forced on the delegates and the "slate" that had been made up weeks before went through without a jar.

—That parade of twenty thousand Suffragists in New York city was impressive. They say it was impressive. It must have been. Think of how much happier those women were brazenly tramping the streets than they could possibly have been at home preparing cherry welcomes for twenty thousand husbands.

—A Sunday baseball game in Wilmington, Del., broke up in a free-for-all fight in the eighth inning. With the field covered with a riotous mob the band in the grand stand struck up that late popular air, "Everybody's Doin' it Now," and then the fight stopped. There is no accounting for the tangents at which a lot of excited baseball fans will shoot off.

—Mr. PALMER's little scheme to have the Pennsylvania delegation to the National convention as his own personal trading stock, in order to pay CHAMP CLARK for having put him on such important congressional committees, was beautifully balked. If the Regulars couldn't accomplish anything else they did force that ambitious young gentleman to permit the Pennsylvania delegation to be instructed to stick to WILSON to the finish. It was a bitter pill for PALMER but we smoked him out so effectively that he didn't have the courage to pull off the trick that he has been working for for months.

Democratic Watchman

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

The State Convention.

The Democratic State convention was disappointing in some respects but it nominated a ticket that we hope will meet the approval of the Democratic voters generally.

We had hoped that the factional spirit which has disturbed the harmony and impaired the prosperity of the party for the past two years would be completely exercised by a reorganization of the party on a basis of exact justice to all.

The so-called reorganizers have no claim to leadership of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE and VANCE C. MCCORMICK, for example, are not Democrats either in practice or in precept.

But as we have already said the voice of the Democratic people of the State has, through its regularly chosen representatives, been registered by the action of its convention and all should overlook these features of the affair and join in an earnest effort to elect the ticket and restore the party to its rightful place in the civic life of the Commonwealth.

An esteemed contemporary says that "a few years ago it was not a common thing for the President to go on the stump." Quite true. But it wasn't customary, a few years ago, to elevate such rough riders as ROOSEVELT to the office of President and then permit him to name his successor.

The charges against circuit Judge ARCHBALD, of the United States' court, are assuming serious proportions. He is accused of participating in some business enterprises incompatible with his public obligations.

The Situation As It Stands To-day.

Immediately after the disorganizers went through the farce of calling a State convention of their own, and on three different occasions since, the WATCHMAN assured its readers that there would be but one Democratic State convention and that that would be the regular convention called by Mr. RITTER, the chairman of the regular Democratic State committee.

It gave its reasons for so asserting that Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, claiming to be State chairman, knew as well as did any one else that his pretensions and claims had neither legality nor a shadow of regularity behind them, and that as a consequence he had no more right or power to call a State convention, or if one was held under his call, to certify a ticket than any other individual, or combination of conspirators who might presume to usurp authority to do so.

So that after all our disorganizing friends may have a good wait before they can assume the authority they think they now have, or direct the actions of the party they are seeking to have absolute control over.

The quarrel between the "Coinel" and the President is increasing in intensity and interest. It may safely be said that in Massachusetts it was a draw though it must be admitted that the "Coinel" got the oyster while the President had to be satisfied with the shell.

There are several battles to be fought yet, however, and they will be watched with curious attention. It may safely be predicted that the "Coinel" is hopelessly crippled but it is equally certain that the President is limping badly.

Really we can hardly imagine a more satisfying situation from a Democratic standpoint. If ROOSEVELT could be nominated which is practically impossible the conservatives in his party would defeat him by voting for the safe and sane gentleman who will be named at Baltimore and if the President is nominated, and he will be if he insists upon it, ROOSEVELT will become an independent candidate, not in the hope of being elected but with the view of defeating TAFT.

One Palmer Trick Defeated.

In the Democratic State convention on Tuesday Judge GORDON, of Philadelphia, unmasked a conspiracy to betray the Democracy of Pennsylvania by those who have been professing so much political virtue. It was the obvious intention of MITCHELL PALMER to bind our delegation to WOODROW WILSON with a bond of straw, which could be broken at the caprice of the conspirators.

On Sunday, in Pittsburg, Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN declared that CHAMP CLARK will be nominated for President by the Baltimore convention on the second ballot. He appears to have had an understanding with the conspirators on this point.

It will not do to say that the omission of the original resolution to make the instruction binding until the end of the balloting at Baltimore was an accident. Mr. PALMER, who was chairman of the committee on platform, was asked before the committee acted to put the resolution in the form which Judge GORDON's amendment presented it and he promised to do so.

Our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary recently expressed a rather adverse opinion of Boss FLINN's platform. It characterized it as "a base and dangerous appeal to the reckless," a "desperate and unscrupulous incitement to unrest" and the "product of shallow-brained theories."

Of course such an entertainment would add greatly to "the gayety of nations," and we feel like encouraging all rational forms of amusement. But Boss FLINN has a newspaper of his own and we can't see why he doesn't propose an intellectual duel in the columns of the respective papers.

Clean-up week means that every person living in the town is asked to help in whatever way possible, in this annual effort to make Bellefonte cleaner and more attractive. A little effort will do for you what it did for your neighbor. Make it, if not for your own sake, for the sake of that neighbor.

It is Amusing.

It is really amusing to hear apparently well-informed people contend that Roosevelt represents the great popular cause—the individual against the corporation, the progressive against the conservative, the Tory against the Democrat. What justification is there for such a statement, what evidence is there on which to base such a belief?

It is not a bit more friendly to the predatory interests than was Leslie M. Shaw, or George B. Cortelyou, Roosevelt's secretary of war before he became his Secretary of State, was certainly more closely allied with the trusts than Henry L. Stimson, Taft's secretary of war. Frank Hitchcock, Taft's postmaster general, will compare favorably with either Henry C. Payne or George B. Cortelyou, Roosevelt's friends.

Another Taft Blunder. President Taft scored only another blunder in what he hoped would be one of the crowning achievements of his administration; or rather the blunder was made when he published a letter to Theodore Roosevelt in which he spoke freely of what he hoped to achieve.

The British press and some British Legislators, who heard of the letter which was given to the public last Thursday night, are furious over this sentence in the missive: "Meantime the amount of Canadian products we would take would produce a current of business between Western Canada and the United States that would make Canada only an adjunct of the United States."

How "Dissolution" Helps. Standard Oil and tobacco trust stocks have increased greatly in value since the recent "dissolution" decisions of the United States Supreme court.

The first question asked when the news came of the battle with the Anarchists in Paris was "Were the motion-picture men on the spot?" They were, and it is reported that they were too busy to have a second to spare in dodging bullets. They will soon rank with the wireless operators as heroes—the war correspondent is out of date.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Judge J. M. Woods, president of the Huntingdon county courts, was much improved in health by his visit to the west. He spent several weeks in California.

—An Occola citizen, who was having a good time at Phillipsburg a few nights ago found himself \$50 short when he was ready to quit. The chief of police located it.

—Frank Fagan, of Braddock, who had a habit of shocking his friends by pretending to commit suicide, tried the joke once too often. His trick was to place just one cartridge in his revolver.

—Work started this week on a new Pennsylvania spur at Bolivar, to reach the new workings of the Lacelle Mining company a short distance from Bolivar. That town expects a considerable boom.

—At a post mortem held at Indiana, the heart of R. T. Longwill, supposed to have died of tuberculosis, was found to be twelve inches long, the abnormal growth having been the cause of his death.

—"The last raft" made at Cherrytree went down the Susquehanna last week. It was of pine timber, 24 by 80 feet, with an old time shanty. It took two hours to get safely over the Mahaffey dam, there being no stone.

—State Senator Joseph Alexander, of Madera, Clearfield county, after two months spent in the south and Florida, seeking health and recreation, has returned. He is looking rugged and has gained five pounds in weight.

—Mr. and Mrs. August Lung, of Greensburg, have buried three sons who met violent deaths—two on the railroad and one in a mine. The fourth is in the hospital at that place, in a critical condition because of injuries received at the iron works.

—Annie Lanconie, a 9 year old Italian girl of Janesville, was taken to the Phillipsburg hospital last week with a bullet wound in her abdomen. The bullet came out at the back, yet she has a chance for recovery. She had been playing with a revolver.

—In Wednesday morning's fog, H. R. Juries, a section hand on the P. & E. railroad, was run down and killed at McElhattan. It is the first fatal accident to happen to a member of the crew under J. H. Taylor, who has been foreman for many years.

—Sixty horses belonging to a gypsy camp near DuBois, had been pastured in a nearby farmer's meadow for two nights before the farmer discovered their presence. The third night thirty-four of them were rounded up by police and held for \$1,000 damages.

—Residents of Glenn White, many of whom are Polish, are recovering from an epidemic of measles that raged with unabated vigor for two months, ending with the death of two children of Stephen Burick. Joseph and Francis Burick died within forty-eight hours of each other.

—Governor Tener has promised to make an address at the meeting of the state board of agriculture, which will be held at Towanda, Bradford county, May 21-25. More than 300 Pennsylvania farmers will be in attendance. This will be the first meeting of the board in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

—Seven hundred pounds of dynamite exploded in the Dul mines of the Pennsylvania Glass Sand company, near McVeytown, failed to do the expected work. The public road had already fallen in because of the cavern of the mine. The proper authorities will get together on it now and formulate some other plan.

—The mystery of the disappearance of Thomas Scott, of Reynoldsville, who had not been seen since November 18, 1911, was solved on Sunday when a boy walking along the creek near Brookville, saw the badly decomposed body of a man on a saw mill pier. It had been washed there by the high water and was identified as that of Scott.

—Arrangements for a great aviation meet to be held in Altoona are now being considered by the Blair County Road Drivers' association. The aviator is to be no one less than the great Walter Brookins, world famous as one of the pioneer flyers in the United States and well known to everyone in this country for his many great feats in aerial stunts.

—Over 36,000,000 pike perch have been sent out from three of the state's hatcheries the last few days, the shipments being made at rate of 12,000,000 from each of the three establishments. The fish are distributed throughout the State, the Susquehanna and Delaware getting large shares in the east and the Allegheny, Monongahela and Kiskiminetus rivers and French creek in the west.

—Two and a half years ago Edward Shreckengost, of Butler, left home for the west, promising to write when he located. Before he had time to do so he had his skull fractured, and when he recovered his memory was a blank. Recently he had typhoid fever and with his recovery came his memory. His home folks received the long looked for letter and expect him home before the week is over.

—G. H. Gibboney, whose large planing mill at Everett was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night, entailing a loss of almost \$200,000, announced that he will at once begin to rebuild. Mr. Gibboney employs over forty men and this news causes rejoicing in that community; also among the business men, among whom Mr. Gibboney holds a prominent position. Excellent offers were made to induce Mr. Gibboney to locate elsewhere, but he will remain at Everett.

—Miss Ella Lattimer, the New Bethlehem stenographer and bookkeeper in the postoffice, who successfully juggled her accounts until she embezzled \$6,118.80, is now a federal prisoner confined in the Armstrong county jail. She is serving a term of 30 days which began last Monday evening, and is a part of the sentence imposed upon her by the federal court judge in Pittsburg when she pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement. The rest of the sentence is to pay a fine of \$6,118.80, which covers her shortage.

—The banks throughout the State have been notified that there are counterfeit ten and twenty dollar bills abroad. The advice is sent out by Captain Matthew Griffin of the government secret service force at Philadelphia. The notes are the cleverest that have ever been floated and require extra vigilance to detect. They are said to have come from the south. The notes are printed on two pieces of paper between which silk threads are run, according to Captain Griffin, and they are so hard to detect that extra caution should be used by all persons handling money.

—Definite arrangements were completed on May 1st by a company headed by Samuel Morris of Altoona, for the purchase of the Wopononock railroad, extending from Altoona to Dougherty on the summit of the Allegheny mountains, seven miles north of Altoona. In consummation of the deal the road is to be changed from narrow to standard gauge and electrified. The line will be extended to Patton, connecting there with the New York Central and allowing that road an entrance at Altoona. On top of the mountain at Wopononock the hotel destroyed by fire is to be rebuilt and the resort improved and rehabilitated.

—When the nine men who had been selected to carry the body of Isaac Bordner, of Point township, Northumberland county, got as far as the hearse Wednesday afternoon, the astounding discovery was made that the hearse was not large enough to admit the coffin containing the body. After several ineffectual efforts to get it in the body was carried back to the house, followed by the relatives and friends, where it remained until the undertaker made a trip to Northumberland and returned with a larger vehicle. Mr. Bordner was one of the largest men in that section. He was six feet eight inches tall and weighed about 320 pounds. He was 69 years of age.