

INK SLINGS.

—It looks like another wet moon.
 —How is Bellefonte to celebrate the Fourth of July?
 —Is it right to say that the boy who has to drive the cow to pasture is in the hey-day of his life.
 —Circus day will soon be here but every day that he must wait for it seems a year long to the small boy.
 —Those who attended that delightful Moose banquet on Tuesday night realized why it is "Once a Moose always a Moose."
 —President TAFT and "Coinel" ROOSEVELT are now gratuitously editing the next edition of the Democratic campaign book.
 —The New England newspaper which refers to this State as FLINNSylvania will hear from Oyster Bay if it doesn't watch out.
 —The Dallas, Texas, News remarks that when a man has no bad habits and hardly any money he can be a very good husband. He would be a better angel.
 —President TAFT has declared that ROOSEVELT proposes to bring the millennium. This we hope will be a case where TEDDY proposes and the voter disposes.
 —ROOSEVELT has added solid delegations from North Carolina and West Virginia to his convention strength. Gradually the smile that never comes off is coming.
 —Probably Supt. THOMAS would have just as much trouble running his railroad as he does his new automobile if milk wagons persisted in running ahead of his trains.
 —We presume that the Civic club will start a "swat the fly" campaign immediately after it gets through with the objectionable ash piles and tin cans in our back yards.
 —Anyway Governor HARMON, of Ohio, is having the grand opportunity to pay his respects to Mr. BRYAN and Mr. BRYAN seems to be one of the few men who don't respect them overly much.
 —A steam roller nearly caused the death of Senator PENROSE while he was horseback riding in Washington on Wednesday. It is not stated whether Senator FLINN, of Pittsburgh, owned the roller.
 —DEBS may beat ROOSEVELT in the Socialist National convention, now in session in Indianapolis, but FLINN's platform has the one which will be adopted there "skinned a mile" for absurdities.
 —The cost of the necessities of life are higher now than ever before, according to Bradstreet, but the Republican majority of the Senate refuses to reduce the tariff tax which is the principal cause of the high prices.
 —The slogan of the new Democratic tri-umvirate in Pennsylvania might be "Addition, Division and Silence" if it were not for the fact that Mr. PALMER is one of the three. He loves the sound of his own voice too well to stand for silence.
 —If the testimony being brought out in the impeachment proceedings against Judge ARCHIBALD, of the Commerce court, is anywhere near true it looks as if the Judge had soiled the judicial ermine very badly trying to carry off those Erie railroad culm banks.
 —If ROOSEVELT carries Ohio we wouldn't give much for TAFT's chances in the Republican National convention. And if ROOSEVELT carries a nomination and election we wouldn't give much for the country's chance of getting settled down within the coming four years.
 —If the Harvester trust succeeds in landing that nomination for ROOSEVELT will every American farmer who has to pay higher prices for machinery than he buys from the Harvester trust than the farmer in far off Australia do, vote for the Colonel? We hope not, but then you never can tell.
 —A drunk fell into one of the fountains in the court house yard a few nights ago and policeman DUKEMAN, hearing him flounder round in the water, went to the rescue. When he undertook to pull him out the drunk jerked loose from the officer and said "Women and children first." He was evidently saturated with Titanic news, as well as water and other things.
 —"Uncle SAMUEL" PENNYPACKER has been taken care of nicely. Governor TENER has appointed him a member of the railroad commission. It is a five year job with a salary of eight thousand a year and it is not unreasonable to expect that before long the Governor of the capitol scandals will be out with a declaration to the effect that TENER is a greater man than CLAY or WEBSTER or even QUAY.

—Northumberland county is so much in debt that the law won't permit any more borrowing and as the treasury is empty and court coming on the treasurer has no money with which to pay constables and jurors. They are really put to know what to do in the extremity. Bellefonte is nearly in the same condition but he it said in justice to the councilmen who have been condemned most for the predicament, that the increased debt they helped to make is only a small part of our total and the things they made it for stand out boldly as our greatest public improvements.

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Who is Paying the Freight.

The ROOSEVELT campaign has cost \$2,000,000 already, according to authentic information. In New York city \$71,000 were expended to secure about 15,000 votes for the third term candidate, which is nearly \$5 a vote. Of course some of these votes were given free of charge for there are always men in every community ready to destroy any existing condition. But it may be assumed that one-half of them were bought. The average price, in that event, was \$10 a vote or thereabouts and that is not an exorbitant price. ROOSEVELT is a self-confessed murderer, a convicted perjurer and an acknowledged traducer of men and a man who would vote for such a person for President of the United States ought to be liberally paid. Self-respect is worth something even to those who have little of it.

But the question is who furnishes the funds for this traffic in immoral politics? When ROOSEVELT ran for President in 1904 the funds to pay the expenses of his campaign were extracted by criminal processes from the treasuries of predatory corporations and fiduciary institutions. The railroads, industrial trusts and other corporations which were robbing the government through special privileges and the insurance companies, the officers of which were robbing the shareholders, were held up by Mr. CORTELYOU, at the instance of ROOSEVELT, and compelled to pay. These facts have since been learned through congressional investigations and judicial inquiries. But who is supplying the money this year? ROOSEVELT is no longer able to extort money by threatening governmental prosecutions.

It is admitted that Mr. GEORGE W. PERKINS, head of the Harvester trust and a member of the board of the Steel trust is the principal contributor to this corruption fund. It is believed that J. PIERPONT MORGAN, Judge GARY and Mr. HENRY C. FRICK, directors of the Steel trust are liberal donors to the fund. And these gentlemen ought to be anxious to restore THEODORE ROOSEVELT to power in the White House. He always was their obedient servant. When the Tennessee Iron and Coal company threatened to impair the monopoly of the Steel trust ROOSEVELT abrogated a law which he had sworn to enforce in order to remove the danger. When civil and criminal proceedings were threatened against the Harvester trust and GEORGE W. PERKINS, Mr. ROOSEVELT ordered the abandonment of the proceedings though he had sworn to prosecute them.

Out of the absorption of the Tennessee Iron and Coal company by the Steel trust, MORGAN, GARY and FRICK made for themselves at least \$200,000,000. By discontinuing the suits against the Harvester trust Mr. PERKINS saved \$25,000,000 and a sentence to the penitentiary. Why shouldn't they contribute two millions or ten millions, if necessary, to his campaign under such circumstances? These gentlemen have not retired from business. They have not given up hope of future predatory operations and they know that if ROOSEVELT is re-elected President they will be given a new license to plunder the public until their cupidity is satisfied. That it means the subversion of the government makes no difference to them. One form of government is as good as another to men who have no ambitions except to plunder others.

An Eye-Opener.

It ought to prove an eye-opener for those Democratic voters who believe, as well as for those who make the claim that the action of the Democratic State convention on the 7th inst. voiced the sentiment of an "overwhelming majority" of the Democrats to know that out of a total Democratic vote in the State of over 450,000 but 131,164 votes were polled at the recent primaries. Just how a little over one-half of 131,164 votes (for the victorious faction) could be little over half the number cast can be magnified into an "overwhelming majority" of 450,000 voters, we fail to see, and we doubt if any one other than a most bigoted factionist could be induced to believe that such was the case.

Possibly, however, when our friends now with the job on their hands of reorganizing the party, (they have labored so strenuously for years past to disorganize) get down to the cold facts and discover that their late victory was backed by less than one-seventh of the Democratic votes of the State, there may be less shouting in the front pews, and some curtailment of the vociferous claims made of being the sole and only legatees of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. If they are wise they will recognize the fact that a bare majority of 131,164 votes is very far from the number it would take to make even a respectable showing at the polls in November, and pursue a course calculated to heal up the sores they have made, rather than irritate and drive farther from them those who have for many, many years been the hope and back bone of the party.

Profrigidity in Politics.

The Republican primary campaign in Pennsylvania cost about \$2,000,000, according to a Pittsburgh dispatch to the New York World. Of this vast sum \$38,635, was spent in Allegheny county, \$31,344.15 of which was used in behalf of ROOSEVELT. The largest contributor was WILLIAM FLINN, the new Republican boss, who gave \$22,700. Senator OLIVER was the largest contributor to the TAFT fund, his offering being \$7,000. Other manufacturers "loosened up" generously, but no TAFT man approached FLINN in generosity. That municipal contractor who has been milking Pittsburgh for nearly a generation, and has become a multi-millionaire, was bidding for a senatorial seat and probably secured it.

Only a few years ago the country was staggered when it was shown that the late MARK HANNA, as chairman of the Republican National committee, had collected and disbursed between five and six millions of dollars in the campaign to elect McKINLEY President. It was justly reasoned that such profrigidity in politics would soon make our government one of rich men, and that money rather than merit would become the standard in official life. No man, unless very rich, could aspire to public office, it was clearly shown, and the poor man, however capable and patriotic, was bowled out of the equation. But MARK HANNA was an ordinary "piker" compared with those who are managing the Republican campaign for nomination this year.

Of course the offense against civic virtue has not been confined to the Republican party. In our own party there has been altogether too much of this sort of corruption lately. For example, Mr. VANCE C. McCORMICK, of Harrisburg, who appointed to an important office during his administration as mayor of Harrisburg, a man who had openly bought votes for him at prices ranging as high as \$15 a piece, is charged with having hired men at stipulated salaries to run for delegate to the National convention in counties in which he had neither residence nor political interest. He has control of a vast estate, acquired mainly by tariff graft and other governmental special privileges, and dispenses his money with lavish hand to gratify his political ambitions.

In this state of affairs there is grave danger and an important lesson to the voters. In the nature of things all men can't be millionaires and when official honors are made marketable commodities those who are not favored with wealth will be eliminated from the public service as completely as if they were aliens. Princes in wealth and paupers in intellect will control our political destiny as effectually as if the fundamental law set up a property standard in the official life of the country. Poor men who lend assistance to these plutocrats in their conspiracy to subvert our government of equality among men under the law are digging graves in which to bury their liberties.

The Windy Republican War.

The later reports from the centres of activity in the windy war between the President and the "Coinel," fail to clarify the political atmosphere. In other words the news from States which have held conventions, in whole or part, during the present week does not indicate either that TAFT will be nominated or that he will withdraw from the fight before the Chicago convention next month. Of course there is no human probability that ROOSEVELT will be nominated. Popular intelligence forbids even a serious thought on the subject. But it begins to look as if the nomination of TAFT would be equally foolish.

It can hardly be said that TAFT is to blame for the disgraceful campaign in progress. He was almost compelled to defend his administration from the vicious assaults of ROOSEVELT whether they be just or otherwise. But the dignity of the office is entitled to some consideration and the traditions of the White House have some claim to the respect even of Presidents. Under the circumstances, therefore, it would seem that TAFT might better have refrained from the manner of campaign which he has adopted. Public opinion would probably have revolted against ROOSEVELT if he had been left alone in the arena of mud slinging.

Possibly neither of these muck-raking politicians are in the fight at present with the hope of being nominated. But they are determined to beat each other and with that idea in mind are indulging in excesses of temper and speech with the idea of forcing the convention to look elsewhere for a candidate. We sincerely hope that this is true for while either of them would be easy to defeat in November neither is a worthy foe for the splendidly equipped and admirably poised candidate the Democrats will nominate at Baltimore. The defeat of both TAFT and ROOSEVELT would save the country from humiliation.

Leadership that Will Not Endure.

As we have already indicated the Democratic ticket nominated at Harrisburg, last week, is an excellent one and deserves the cordial support of every Democrat. ROBERT E. CRESSWELL, the nominee for Auditor General, is a lawyer of high character and ability. If he is elected to the office for which he has been nominated there will be a house cleaning on Capitol Hill in Harrisburg that will surprise the entire country and greatly benefit the people of Pennsylvania. Every voter in the State knows Mr. BERRY and no eulogy of him is needed. But for his inexcusable course of two years ago, we would have great hope of his success. His election together with that of Mr. CRESSWELL will give the opponents of the Republican machine a majority on the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds.

But if Mr. CRESSWELL and Mr. BERRY are to be elected it will be an achievement of the "Old Guard." The conspirators who controlled the convention which nominated them have little, if any interest in the success of the party. As a matter of fact if there had been only the usual number of favors to be dispensed by the convention, neither Mr. CRESSWELL nor Mr. BERRY would have had a "look in," if we may use that slang phrase. The choice gifts were seized by GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, A. MITCHELL PALMER and VANCE C. McCORMICK, and the others were cast, like "tubs to the whale," where they best fulfilled the purpose of the bosses to punish men for their fidelity to the party in the past.

No party organization based upon such a foundation can prosper or endure. Mr. GUTHRIE has none of the qualifications for the office of chairman of the State committee. But he hates Col. JAMES M. GUFFEY, who resented his treachery to the party when it honored him, and for that reason he is to be delegate chairman and has been elected a DeleGate-at-Large to the National convention. Most of the others upon whom the convention bestowed its favors have no greater fitness and they have proved their temperamental infirmities by keeping up their malignant enmity against the Democratic leadership since the convention. They are influenced by no impulses except vanity and ambition and such leadership will not last.

—It doesn't matter much who Secretary KNOX represents in the Cabinet now but the fact that ROOSEVELT dumped him out of the Cabinet about eight years ago because he was pressing a suit against the coal trust too vigorously, is quite significant as well as true.

Too Much Patriotism.

There is a great deal of perturbation in official circles in Washington over the curtailment of sinecures by the Sundry Civil appropriation bill as it has passed the House of Representatives. The measure lops off a lot of bureau officials, consular agents and other "beef eaters" in the State Departments who have been performing little work and drawing large salaries. It is believed that the saving to the government, as the result of this legislation will amount to several hundred thousand dollars a year. But it will also cut out of the pay-roll a large number of party pensioners who will thus be driven to the disagreeable necessity of earning their living by honest labor.

Among the most vehement of the protesters against this saving of public money is the Assistant Secretary of State, HUNTINGTON WILSON, who has charge of the Department during Secretary KNOX's frequent and prolonged absences. Mr. WILSON issued a statement, the other day, on the subject and protested that the country is certain to go to the dogs unless the Department is given free hand to employ help at pleasures and pay for it as it has been doing for the past four or five years. As an instance he alleges that it was through the State Department that a ship building concern in this country got a contract to build a couple of battleships for Argentina some time ago.

To our mind, however, this is not a good reason for keeping a vast army of government employees on the pay-roll. There is no more obligation upon the government to furnish "drummers" for American ship builders than there is to supply such agents for car shops or grocery stores. We have been coddling our ship builders in various ways, it is true. That is to say we pay them something like a hundred dollars a ton more for armor plate than we would have to pay elsewhere and the people submit because foreign plate makers might furnish inferior goods, though they would not be likely to do so. But we draw the line on the proposition to pay for their "drummers." This is too much paternalism.

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Knox in the Fight.

From the Pittsburgh Post.
 The Secretary of State has taken up the gage of battle and enlisted in the cause of his chief. He has informed the Californians of the perils that confront them and warned them to beware of Roosevelt and the fallacies advocated by him. This is not surprising, for it was believed that when the diplomatic official set out on his Western trip it was his purpose to defend the cause of the President and advocate his case before the people. He has fulfilled his mission by contributing a powerful argument in behalf of the administration and arraignment of Roosevelt as the enemy of American institutions. He has shown that the "new nationalism" is new, comparing it to the arguments advanced by those who sought the destruction of the Union in the days that preceded the Civil war. In his opinion it is a violent assault upon the autonomy of the States, and he warns the country to be on its guard against it.

Theodore Roosevelt is a menace to the stability of our institutions, and it is significant of conditions when a conservative of the standing of Philander C. Knox finds it necessary to enter the breach and remind the country of its danger. The Secretary has inflicted a severe and a telling blow that ought to have the effect of arousing the voters to the sense of the danger. As the Secretary said, this is undoubtedly one of the most extraordinary ante-convention campaigns in the history of the country, and one that is fraught with grave danger to our institutions.

The Kind of a Convention It Was.

From the Clearfield Republican.
 Never in the history of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania was there a better chance to reunite the party under wise, able, clean leadership than at Harrisburg last week. The sentiment of the voters was almost unanimous for real organization behind a man of the calibre of Judge Gordon. All the old leaders were willing to step aside for the eminent Philadelphia statesman, but the parlor beauties and long-time incompetents leading the "reorganizers" would not listen to reason or any kind of program that did not elevate themselves to the leadership and control of the entire party organization.

Instead of being a reorganizing, harmonizing State convention, alive to the splendor of opportunity at hand for the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, it was a blood-letting, get-even, no-let-up, to-hell-with-harmony, take-everything-concede-nothing-while-we-are-at-it-we'll-never-have-another-chance-wild scramble of spoilsmen bent only on personal advancement.
 They resorted to every dishonorable means to befog the issue and win. Misrepresentation, falsehood, promises of place under a Democratic President and everything else usually employed at go-the-limit party conventions was there in abundance. The fight was made on Colonel Guffey, Senator Hall, Donnelly and Ryan and not on Judge Gordon. While every man in the "reorganizers" camp knows in his heart that Judge Gordon is above and beyond the control of any man or set of men, free from any possible alliance with the old machine, and would lead the party honestly and effectively, they did not hesitate to lie like pirates about him as "the candidate of Guffey, Hall, Donnelly and Ryan."

The Outlook Encouraging.

From the Pittsburgh Post.
 Conservative observers are practically of one mind respecting the outlook for the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. The consensus of opinion is that there is a strong prospect of success by reason of the collapse of the Republican organization that has for years held the State at its bidding and dictated to its following. The Republican party has been disintegrated and is confronted by a united Democracy, enthused as a result of the harmonious convention at Harrisburg, and ready and anxious for a show of strength at the polls. The bitterness between the two wings of the Republican party cannot be overcome, and as a result the existing division will continue beyond the coming election.

They Are Democrats, Not Kickers, Is the Explanation.

From the Bedford Gazette.
 The action of the leaders of the Old Guard in pledging themselves, in their defeat, to support the ticket nominated, is highly commendable and particularly so when compared with the action of the other wing after the convention which nominated Hon. Webster Grim for Governor. The utterances of Col. Guffey, Judge Gordon, Chairman Ritter and others of the old leaders, are the declarations of Democrats who are not disposed to ruin because they are not to rule. Their position of readiness to sell as such as to raise them in the estimation of the Democracy of the State.

They Call It a Right.

From the Milwaukee Journal.
 The Pennsylvania Republican state platform this year declares opposition to all special privileges and then endorses the national platform which favors protection that will guarantee reasonable profits to manufacturers.
 Do the Roosevelt Republicans really look upon a prohibitive tariff as a right rather than a privilege?
 Except the Standpatters, there are no such Republicans out this way.

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SPAULS FROM THE KEystone.

—Jersey Shore has a diphtheria epidemic and the disease is attacking grown people as well as children.
 —The Pennsylvania Association of Elks will hold its annual reunion at Mahanoy City during the week of August 19.
 —The Tuscarora Valley Railroad company is offering a reward in the way of a handsome silver cup to the patron who will produce and ship the most milk in 1912.
 —Reconstruction of the Bayless mills at Austin is about completed and it is expected that the force equal to that employed before the breaking of the dam will find work in the near future.
 —Cresson's board of trade is negotiating with the Pennsylvania Railroad company for a lease on the Mountain House grounds. It is the plan to restore its fame and have many picnic parties there.
 —The committee having in charge the campaign to secure from the citizens of Gettysburg \$25,000 toward the college endowment fund of that town announces subscriptions aggregating \$9,000.

—Superintendent Drum, of the Milton silk mill, announces that that plant, which employed 200 persons when it suspended several months ago, will be in operation again within a few months.
 —There is a great rush to enforce the vaccination law in Johnstown schools since the small-pox scare. There is also strenuous opposition, principally from purely Americans, the foreign families falling in line nicely.
 —Steve Alexick, of Latrobe, was struck in the chest by a gushing stream of molten metal and when he turned to flee from the furnace it struck him in the back. His clothing probably saved his life, but he is terribly burned.
 —The Bell Telephone company has paid the fifty cent municipal tax on each of its poles in Johnstown, leaving the Citizens Light, Heat and Power company and the Johnstown Telephone company to carry the question to court.
 —J. E. Shields, former sheriff and present county commissioner of Westmoreland county, is now in the penitentiary. His sentence is a minimum of twenty-seven months. It is thought that he can still hold his office as county commissioner.

—Grace Woodson, aged 10 years, jumped into an abandoned well at her home in Washington, and saved the life of her 3-year-old sister. She held the little one's head above water for fifteen minutes until help arrived, and both were taken out semi-conscious.
 —Captain W. B. Keller, formerly of Johnstown, has resigned as sales agent for a brick company of Renovo, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, to accept a position as assistant to the superintendent of grounds and buildings in the United States bureau of mines at the Allegheny Arsenal.
 —Mrs. Mary Granger, of Pottsville, who killed her 8-year-old son a year ago by cutting his throat with a razor, was acquitted Monday on a charge of murder. Physicians testified that Mrs. Granger was a religious maniac at the time the murder was committed and was entirely unconscious of the deed.

—At Harrisburg Thursday charters were granted to seven electric companies to operate from Clearfield. The charters were granted to I. W. Wrigley, Henry F. Wallace and J. P. O'Loughlin, of Clearfield. Each company is capitalized at \$5,000, and the names are Bigley Township, Bell Run, Boggs Township, Guelch Township, Ramey, Woodward Township and Wallace-ton.
 —Discharging a revolver from an upstairs window at Cambria, Mike Beritt, aged 17 years, was responsible for the death of Joseph Pindo, a 3-month-old babe, who was sleeping in his mother's arms outside the house. A christening was in progress and several boys were excited. The baby's one side was completely paralyzed and he died in the Spangler hospital. The boy is under arrest.

—Daniel Sell, the smallest man in Adams county, his height being only 45 inches, died at his home in Gettysburg recently, aged 69 years. Mr. Sell for many years was a member of the Gettysburg Fire company and was known as the smallest fireman in the State. A few years ago at the state convention at Shamokin he won a prize for being the smallest fireman in the parade.
 —A mammoth ash tree on the property of Dr. Bauman, at Millersville, one of the oldest in the State, was cut down by Albert Mower and Thomas Stuart, of Lancaster. The tree was planted by a Bauman of a generation ago and grew to an enormous growth. Almost 1,200 feet of lumber was obtained from it and it weighed 4,500 pounds. It was reduced to lumber at the Mill Creek saw mill.

—Probably the first marriage ceremony ever performed in the Mifflin county jail was witnessed Thursday evening when Charles C. Chesney and Mary M. Lucas, both of Lewisstown, were married by justice of the peace Allen A. Orr. The groom is a prisoner at the jail, he having received on Wednesday a sentence of nine months imprisonment for selling liquor without a license to minors and on Sunday.
 —Announcement was made Monday morning that the Altoona car shops, which have been on a fifty-hour per week schedule in some departments for several days, will start again working fifty-five hours each week. The men who were only employed fifty hours were mostly repairmen, etc. Several large contracts for cars are now being completed in the shops and the announcement of the fifty-five hour schedule is being hailed with delight.

—The mystery of several diamond robberies may be solved, as a result of the arrest Thursday of Arthur Dorman, of Williamsport, accused of receiving stolen goods. The charge was preferred by W. B. Stuart, from whose home jewelry and money were stolen several months ago. Following Dorman's arrest, the home of Mrs. R. L. Quilin, with whom he boarded, was searched, and seven diamond rings, valued at \$5,000, were found in an old stocking.
 —Building operations, involving the expenditure of more than \$100,000 are under way at Steelton. Included in these operations is the new postoffice building, being erected at a cost of \$30,000. Another building in the course of construction is the \$25,000 Methodist Episcopal church. The foundations have been placed and work has been started on the superstructure. The Harrisburg Gas company's new \$10,000 building is nearing completion.

—J. Anderson Martin, Lewisstown agent for the Hagerstown Brewing company, began serving a six months' sentence in the county prison late Saturday evening. Martin was convicted at the September term of court in 1907 of selling liquor illegally. A new trial was granted and he was again convicted. The Superior court gave him a third trial and later sustained his third conviction. He was fined \$500 and costs and the latter are more than that amount.
 —The Pennsylvania State Grange has arranged for a conference between the organized farmers of Pennsylvania and prominent educators, including the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education, upon the subjects of "The School Code as it Affects Rural Schools" and "The Teaching of Agriculture in Public Schools." The meeting will be held in the House caucus room of the State capitol on Friday, May 24. The Governor will preside. The Grange view will be presented by William T. Cressy, Jerome T. Allman and others.