

INK SLINGS.

—Alas! There is no colored regiment to rescue TEDDY at Chicago.

—Anyway the people will never again be deluded with the idea that the tariff should be revised by its friends.

—Between Chicago and Baltimore excitements even the most ardent fan is only casually scanning the scores.

—By this time the Colonel has probably made up his mind to work the recall on his presidential ambitions.

The corn and oats are on the jump And so's the grass and grain Have you offered up your gratitude To the One who sent the rain.

—HARRY THAW continues to be a source of expense to the people of New York though he has already cost a good deal more than he is worth.

—If conditions had been reversed ROOSEVELT would have made Dr. LEONARD WOOD suffer for friendship for TAFT. But happily all men are not alike.

—And this will be the longest day in the year. We hope, however, that it will be crowded so full of happiness for each and everyone that it will seem the shortest.

—Even CHAUNCEY DEPEW's convention joke is a chestnut. He said, "there are at least eighty liars in the convention." Another has said that "all men are liars."

—The House committee which has been investigating Judge ARCHBOLD will recommend his impeachment and thus prove that the present methods of recall are ample.

—Anyway we may be permitted to hope that the disgraceful incidents which have marked the campaign for the Republican nomination for President will never be repeated.

—We can scarcely imagine what Mr. ROOSEVELT would have said and done to those delegates had he really been a candidate for the nomination. You know he said he wasn't and was accepting it only because it was thrust upon him.

—BRYAN got a great head when he appeared as a newspaper correspondent in the ROOSEVELT rally in the auditorium, in Chicago, on Monday night. How happy we would all be if the versatile Colonel would let that old presidential bee of his get drowned in the ink pot.

—The prayers which Rev. Dr. JOSEPH STULTZ offers at the opening of the Republican convention in Chicago each morning are heard in Heaven but heeded very little in that gathering, if telegraphic reports of the outrageous conduct of some of the delegates be true.

—Come along you sultry, sticky weather that sends the youngsters back to the old swimmin' hole, where they get water in their ears and blisters on their backs so large that they can't lie comfortably in bed. It's misery for them, but it's the sweetest kind of misery that boyhood knows.

—Mayor GAYNOR is an eleventh hour candidate before the Baltimore convention. There was a day when New York's chief magistrate might have made good presidential timber, but the infirmities that have followed his attempted assassination should make his unfitness apparent to the delegates.

—Five hundred uniformed and five hundred plain clothes policemen have been necessary to keep order in the Republican National convention hall. Think of it! An officer for nearly every delegate. Surely the wildest gatherings of the Anarchists about the old Hay Market in the Windy city could not have been as unruly and incendiary as this one.

—Mrs. ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH arrived in Chicago ahead of her trunk, with the embarrassing result that she had no one dress to wear to the numerous and varied functions to which she was bidden. She might have put a few extra ribbons on the nightie she undoubtedly carried in her hand bag and been none the more sensationally gowned than most society women aim to be.

—The Burgess of Bellefonte could do the town an inestimable good if he were to employ a few plain clothes policemen for a few weeks and break up the profanity on our streets. It is a shame; the foul language and blasphemy that is heard at every street corner. A few arrests and good stiff fines would go a long way toward putting a quietus to it and Burgess BOWER couldn't render no greater service; especially to the little folks of the town, if he were to start a campaign against it.

—The delay in paying over the money for the land taken up for the new penitentiary site seems inexcusable. The titles were all cleared up months ago, the deeds executed and in escrow and the State has the money somewhere. We can imagine no other reason than that probably some of the depositories of the State's funds are hanging onto the balance with the idea of making the last cent out of it. Meanwhile the men who gave up their farms last April are to lose their season's crops and most likely the interest on the money they should have had long ago. Unless the payments are made soon there may be trouble in getting some of the land holders to accept them at all.

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Getting Ready to Betray the People.

Among the disorganizers who controlled the Democratic State convention at Harrisburg on May 7th, there is already a movement to defeat the purposes of the Democratic voters of Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Ledger of Monday contains this information: "Four national delegates, all of whom are prominent figures in the delegation from the Keystone State, are ardent supporters of Colonel BRYAN. Three of these delegates are allied with the PALMER-GUTHRIE-McCORMICK reorganization faction of the party—ex-Magistrate JOHN A. THORNTON, national delegate-at-large; Magistrate JOSEPH S. BOYLE, of the Sixth district, this city, and JOSEPH HOWLEY, of the Twenty-ninth district, Allegheny county. The fourth BRYAN follower is RYERSON W. JENNINGS, of the Second district, Philadelphia, who is an enthusiastic devotee of BRYANISM and a close friend of the Peerless Leader."

To the names quoted by our Philadelphia contemporary may be added WARREN WORTH BAILEY, delegate-at-large; WILLIAM H. BERRY, Seventh district; B. F. DAVIS, Ninth district, and HENRY H. MITCHELL, delegate-at-large. A. MITCHELL PALMER, delegate-at-large and JAMES I. BLAKESLIE, Twenty-sixth district, are for CHAMP CLARK and therefore the moral influence of the delegation will be for candidates other than the distinguished Governor of New Jersey, whom they are instructed to support.

Instead of striving for the nomination of WOODROW WILSON these controlling figures in the delegation will be working to get him out of the way in order that they may have opportunity to vote for their real preferences. In other words these men, chosen not because of their fitness or on account of party service, are conspiring to betray the trust which has been reposed in them by a misguided sentiment created by false pretense and consistent and continued misrepresentation.

When the earnest and faithful Democratic leaders bound these political hucksters by implacable instructions to support WOODROW WILSON to the end, they builded, not wiser than they knew, but safely secure. But they couldn't compel actual fidelity to either person or principle. The gist of the opposition to Colonel GUFFEY was the enmity of Mr. BRYAN. It began when the Pittsburgh leader refused to acquiesce in Mr. BRYAN's absurd determination to ham-string the party at the Kansas City convention and, gaining strength by the disappointment of each mercenary, culminated in the triumph of the PALMER-GUTHRIE-McCORMICK party pirates at the Harrisburg convention of May 7, this year. It was an unfortunate issue of a long drawn out dispute.

The Chicago Convention.

Up to this hour, (7 p. m. Thursday) the news from the Republican convention at Chicago fails to give any certainty as to who its nominees for President and vice President will be. Turmoil and strife and bitterness, bluff and black-guardism have characterized every moment of its work. Two test ballots have been made. The first on Tuesday on the election of a temporary chairman, which gave ROOT the TAFT choice, 558 votes to 502 for McGOVERN the ROOSEVELT nominee. The second on Wednesday on the question of seating the ROOSEVELT contesting delegates, which resulted in a vote of 510 for to 564 against, both votes showing the impossibility of the nomination of Mr. ROOSEVELT and the uncertainty of the success of Mr. TAFT. All reports point with strong probability to a bolt on the part of the ROOSEVELT supporters, and the nomination by them of ROOSEVELT and HADLEY, of Missouri, against TAFT should he be chosen by the convention as now made up. Should he be the regular nominee the probabilities are that JOHN WANAMAKER, of this State, will be made his partner in distress.

Boss Flinn's Mare's Nest.

Contractor Boss BILL FLINN has discovered a "mare's nest." In other words he has devised a plan which will guarantee the defeat of Mr. TAFT for the Presidency even though the nomination is bestowed upon him by the Chicago convention. The plan is simple but absurd and therefore characteristic. It involves the recall of the Republican State convention and the instruction of the electors of the Republican party to vote for ROOSEVELT for President, instead of the nominee of the convention. The proposition would be interesting if it were not manifestly preposterous. It would be amusing if it were not entirely preposterous.

The Republican electors of Pennsylvania were chosen by the Republican people of the State to cast the vote of the State for the Republican candidate. The personnel of a Republican Presidential ticket is not determined by the convention of a single State. Each State sends delegates in the ratio of its Congressional representation to a National convention which selects the Presidential ticket for all the States. After the selection is made in States other than Pennsylvania the electors are morally bound to vote for the candidate of the party. In Pennsylvania they are legally as well as morally bound for the law provides for the certification of their names, with the policy of the party attached and the names of the candidates nominated by the Republican party.

But even if the plan proposed by BILL FLINN were feasible under the law it wouldn't be possible to adopt it by recalling the convention in the event that TAFT or any other man than ROOSEVELT is nominated. The defeat of ROOSEVELT for the nomination will completely wreck FLINN's scheme, FLINN's candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer would be "recalled" and men who are in sympathy with the National party put in their places. When FLINN gets over the frenzy into which recent successes have plunged him, he will dismiss this scheme. In any event there will be no such action as FLINN predicts.

—The cashier of MOORE & SCHLEY testified before a Congressional committee, the other day, that that firm of brokers "never held a majority of Tennessee Coal and Iron securities," though ROOSEVELT declared that he abrogated the anti-trust law because MOORE & SCHLEY held such a majority of securities." Of course the cashier will go into the ANANIAS club though he probably told the truth.

The Republican National Convention.

The election of Senator ROOT to the temporary presidency of the Republican National convention by a plurality of fifty-six practically eliminates ROOSEVELT from the running, unless the signs are misleading. It may not guarantee the nomination of TAFT for he received the votes of some of the ROOSEVELT delegates and the fourteen scattering votes will not be for him in the final ballot. But it accomplishes the purpose of most of the TAFT supporters, which is to defeat ROOSEVELT at any cost. It is not certain that TAFT himself has had any other reason for remaining in the fight since the Ohio primaries.

But the defeat of ROOSEVELT and the complete effacement of that peace disturber from the public life of the country for all time is a splendid achievement in the interest of constitutional government and national tranquility. We have no idea that he would have been elected, in the event of his nomination, but the fact that he was able to get the nomination, in the face of his record as a grafter and falsifier, would have been an aspersion upon the character of American citizenship and a stain upon the escutcheon of the country. Not only that but it would have impaired industrial and commercial stability.

The vote on the question of the temporary presidency, however, proves beyond the shadow of doubt that neither the convention nor the Republican people want either TAFT or ROOSEVELT. It makes it equally certain that if ROOSEVELT had kept out of the contention either CUMMINS, of Iowa, or LAFOLLETTE, of Wisconsin, would have been nominated. There was hardly a corporal's guard in the convention enthusiastically for TAFT and less than a majority would accept ROOSEVELT on any terms. But ROOSEVELT's lust for power, that he might pervert it to selfish purposes, forced thoughtful men to support TAFT and he may be nominated.

—The method of selling Southern negroes has changed a good deal since the slave market auction block was abandoned but the price paid in Chicago within the past week was a good deal higher. Still the cost of living has increased.

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A Regrettable Settlement.

It is to be regretted that the case of the Commonwealth against the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company, which was to have been tried in the Blair county courts, recently, was settled "out of court." The charge was polluting a stream upon the bank of which the plant of the company is located. The allegation is that the refuse, including acids and other substances inimical to fish life, was habitually turned into the stream causing the death of vast numbers of fish. The case was heard by a local justice of the peace, by whom the defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and the costs of the suit. An appeal was taken to the higher local court where the defendant paid the penalty.

There is a good deal of uncertainty as to the right of manufacturing industries to empty the refuse of their mills and factories into the streams and a judicial determination of the matter would have been of wide-spread interest and much value to the people. It is certain that many fish are killed by this pollution of the waterways but it has been held, pretty generally, that it has been impossible to obtain redress, for various reasons. First it is said the matter is difficult of proof and it is added that the people of communities affected shield the perpetrators of the offenses against the law. The business interests of the communities are impaired by interference.

If the pollution of streams is actually an offense against the law it ought to be stopped. The wholesale slaughter of fish by this means is contrary to public interest for it deprives people of the neighborhood of cheap and nutritious food. The prohibition of such pollution on the other hand, cripples important industries, it is also claimed. Those who object to the pollution insist that the refuse may be disposed of in another way and that the pollution is purely selfish and wanton. A judicial investigation of the question might shed light upon both sides of this contention and therefore it is to be regretted that this case was settled before the judicial inquiry began.

—BILL FLINN didn't exactly electrify the Chicago convention when he seconded the nomination of Governor McGOVERN for temporary chairman, but he made most of the delegates howl.

A Suspicious Movement.

Of course the eleventh-hour candidacy of Mayor GAYNOR, of New York, for the Democratic nomination for President is an ulterior scheme to prevent the nomination of Governor WILSON, of New Jersey. Mayor GAYNOR is an admirable gentleman and previous to the murderous assault upon him some months ago was excellent Presidential timber. But since that lamentable—let us say tragedy—though it failed of its homicidal purpose—he has not shown the mental and physical vigor necessary to discharge the duties of Chief Magistrate of the Republic. In view of that fact he ought to have been left out of the equation.

But he hasn't been for a campaign for his nomination has been inaugurated which compels the suspicion that he has been brought out to keep the large and influential delegation of the Empire State from going to Governor WILSON, and practically guaranteeing his nomination. It is known that certain elements of the Democratic electorate of New York are opposed to Governor WILSON, and it was expected that the vote of the State might be cast against him for a ballot or two. But it appears now as if GAYNOR has been brought out to hold them against WILSON for all time and that is a cause for regret.

New York ought to be for Governor WILSON in the Baltimore convention. New Jersey is, at best, a sort of suburb of New York, and when New Jersey presents so admirable a candidate as WILSON, there is no conceivable excuse for New York voting for another aspirant. Even if it had shown a preference for Governor HARMON, of Ohio, Speaker CLARK, of Missouri, or Representative UNDERWOOD, of Alabama, there might have been no grounds for suspicion. But in bringing out a local candidate, in the person of a physically, not to say mentally stricken gentleman, there can be no escape from doubt of the action.

—A. L. Anderson & Co., the railroad contractors of Altoona, are erecting temporary quarters for their workmen along the line of the Bald Eagle railroad from Mt. Eagle to below Howard, where the track is to be moved, and getting their machinery on the ground to begin operations at an early date. Offices have been opened in the Cooke building at Howard where the headquarters will be. Over five hundred men will be put to work on the job.

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CHICAGO.

The Colonel's heel is on thy shore, Chicago! His Big Stick's at thy temple door, Chicago! He's out to get a lot of gore, And, on the side, to mop the floor With those who seek to check his roar. Chicago! Ho, Chicago! He will not cover in the dust, Chicago! His shining spear shall never rust, Chicago! He's going to have the thing discussed According as he says it must Be handled, or he'll bolt or bust, Chicago! Ho, Chicago! He will not yield the bosses' toll, Chicago! He will not crook to their control, Chicago! Better the roller on him roll, Better to lose his cherished goal, Than knifed at that convention poll, Chicago! Ho, Chicago! We hear the threatened thunder hum, Chicago! The Colonel's bugle, fife and drum, Chicago! He is not dead, nor deaf, nor dumb; Hoory, he spurns the bosses' scum; By heck, now, ain't he going some? Chicago! Hi there, Chicago. —W. J. LAMPION, in New York Times.

Food-Cost and Farming.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. There was a wild riot in a New York market last Wednesday, crowds of infuriated women raiding and sacking several butcher shops. The disturbances appear to have developed from efforts to organize a boycott of the meat shops because of the high prices which they unite to maintain and which they claim they have to charge because of the wholesale prices and the cost of retailing.

These are not the first riots of the sort in great cities where the food cost causes most troubles. They are not likely to be the last. While they cannot be excused, the conditions which provoke them must be recognized. Official statistics confirm the steady advance of the cost of food, which every marketer has noted in his own experience. The chief cause of this increasing cost of food needs to be recognized and vigorously dealt with if we are to avoid the development of troubles of which these New York market riots are only a hint. The chief cause is short supply.

It is easy to denounce the avarice of the great combinations dealing in food products, and there would seem to be ample warrant for blaming them, but at the worst, they are merely taking a cruel advantage of conditions which show an insufficient food supply in a nation most liberally endowed with food producing land, and with every facility for the quick and cheap distribution of such products, and with every facility, also, for trading with other food producing countries.

The high price of food, though in some degree due to financial conditions and trade combinations, must be mainly due to inefficient supply. How to stimulate that supply promptly and vigorously is the problem for statesmen. It cannot be done by denouncing the farmer or the middleman, the meat packer or wholesale produce dealer, the trader or grocer. Men in every calling will be blind and deaf in their pursuit of business profit, for that is the prevailing spirit of business. The only way in which the food supply can be vigorously stimulated is by making its production and marketing a conspicuously profitable and pleasant occupation.

For a long time the life of the farmer in this great farming land has been under a cloud. It is only quite recently that his occupation has become profitable, and even more recently that better communication with the rest of the world has begun to brighten it through telephones, rural free delivery, motors and trolley lines and road improvements. For the sake of more ample food production the profit of farming needs to be maintained while the attractions of farm life need to be multiplied.

A Penn Portrait of—Whom?

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean. Bull-necked and swollen-veined, with raucous voice and starting eyes, this man stands forth today belying his every word in that deed, doing with his left hand that against which he brandishes his right, the prize-fighter of politics, the ruffian of the political arena, dealing foul blows and fair alike, stabbing in the back and striking below the belt, howling, shouting, bellowing, stamping, tempting violence, preaching sedition, countenancing treason—and all in the professed cause of peace, order and tranquility, the people's rights, popular sovereignty and a republican form of government.

Liar, leviathan and hypocrite, a spectacle without precedent or parallel in the Republic—a spectacle to make Burr look the patriotic gentleman and Cockey the sober man of affairs! Where is the man to do this spectacle justice? Where is the historian to write down this counterfeit American, this false pretender, this pious preaching-fraud as he is?

How Can it be Done?

From the Johnstown Democrat. How is the cost of living to be reduced?

This is a more vital question for the American people to consider than who is to be the next President. Under the present system of excessive protection the cost of the necessities has become so high that thousands are losing confidence in this form of government and are turning to Socialism. The Republican theory has always been that the higher the tax on the things eaten, worn and used by the people the better for the people. The Democratic theory is that to reduce taxation is to reduce prices.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—It is taking thousands of men to clean up Johnstown and the trolley lines in that vicinity since the big rain.

—Clearfield's chamber of commerce has word of a cut glass plant that will be located in Clearfield at once. Everybody is pleased.

—Less than one-half the applicants for provisional certificates examined last week by York county's school superintendent passed the test.

—Chief of police Yeaman, of Lewistown, who was thought to be recovering from a recent bullet wound, has had a relapse and his condition is now alarming.

—The first annual report of the Blair Memorial hospital, Huntingdon, shows a total of 331 patients. One hundred and fifty-three operations were performed.

—Two daughters and one son of Martin Rusnak, of Hawk Run, were married in the Roman Catholic church at that place on Monday. The triple wedding was a great affair.

—Friends of former sheriff J. E. Shields, of Westmoreland county, are trying now to get him pardoned out of the penitentiary. His status as county commissioner has not yet been settled.

—Thomas Traford, of Williamsport, who is 83 years old, announces that after twenty years of experimenting, he has been successful in finding a process by which copper may be tempered. Tests are being made and the discovery is said to be worth millions.

—Somerset borough is liable to a fine of \$3,500 for not securing a permit from the State Health Department before connecting a new artesian well with the borough mains. The water had been analyzed by the Department, but the permit had been overlooked.

—Despite the fact that the position pays from \$100 to \$150 per year, and the work can be done without interfering with the regular occupation of the incumbent, no one can be found to fill the office of tax collector in Pleasant township, Warren county.

—Within a few hours three residents of Cambria county ended their lives—Lewis McMenney, aged 45 years, found in the woods near Portage with a revolver in his hand; Levi Yost, aged 45 years, shot himself in his shop at Johnstown; Percival Hartman, aged 66 years, hanged himself in his barn at South Fork.

—The State Water Supply Commission will hold its next session on June 25th, when it is expected that it will take up the application of the Tionesta Water Power company, against which a number of protests have been filed by people residing along the stream, the waters of which it is proposed to take for power purposes.

—William Little, of Indiana, stopped an elopement of his daughter and a young man who were about to leave for Pittsburgh and with them his wife, who had decided to leave him and her six young children. She was persuaded to return home and the young folks were properly disposed of.

—Emory Gregg, near Newport, took his team of horses under an apple tree for shelter from a storm. There was a vivid flash of lightning and when Mr. Gregg recovered consciousness he was pinned under one dead horse with his elbow resting on the other. The saving of his life when both animals were killed is considered almost miraculous.

—Arthur Wetzler, aged 12 years, a few days ago fished out of the Juniata river a mail package that was blown from a Lewisville and Reedville trolley on October 4th, 1911. The find was taken to the Milltown postoffice and the contents spread out to dry. Most of the addresses are legible and the people concerned will receive their long lost letters.

—William McTavish, aged 19, employed as a supply man on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Adams, Somerset county, was run down by a backing train Wednesday evening and instantly killed. Young McTavish was the son of a widow residing at Glen Campbell, Indiana county, and was her only support. The body was taken to Apollo, Armstrong county, for interment.

—John Vignoni, a well known Blair county horseman whose specklers have frequently appeared at the Centre county fair, lost a valuable green racer by reason of the storm in that county Sunday afternoon, a bolt of lightning killing the animal. The same bolt burned the tail from Mac DeForest, another blooded animal that has raced in Bellefonte, but otherwise the horse was not injured.

—Congressman W. W. Greist, of Lancaster, is president of a big electric company, recently formed in Lancaster county by the merger of the Christiana Suburban Electric company and the Edison Electric company, notice being filed in the State Department recently. The capital of the new company is \$1,570,000. It will virtually control every mile of trolley in Lancaster county, extending for miles in every direction.

—These three stories come from Lock Haven: Charles Reed, of Queen's Run, while working tobacco plants saw a big bear coming down the mountain, within easy rifle range, had hunting season been on. Three deer came down to the railroad near Scotchtown and looked at a passing train. Of course, nobody shot them, but anybody could have done so. William Rathberger, of Queen's Run, saw a big water snake trying to swallow a seven-inch trout. He killed the snake and got the trout free.

—The Department of State police has established twelve sub-stations throughout the State, at each of which will be stationed three men to be subject to call at all times. The new sub-stations are at: Beaver Falls, Rainsburg, Indiana, Portage, Waynesboro, Shenandoah, Berwick, Hazleton, Peckville, Newtown, Somerset, Fredericktown. Establishment of sub-stations is designed to facilitate the work of the police and enable them to act promptly in territory not sufficiently provided with police protection.

—Trustees of the proprietors of Kingston township, Luzerne county, recently won a verdict of \$100,864.51 against the Lehigh Valley Coal company, after a trial which lasted two weeks. Years ago a tract of land was given the proprietors—or property owners—of the township, with the understanding that the income to be used for school purposes and in building libraries. The Lehigh Valley company has been mining the coal under this tract, but has not paid any royalties. The jury found that the claim for royalties was proper and directed the big verdict against the company.

—Cherrytree is enjoying an industrial boom, greatest among the activities being the work done by the New York Central railroad. An increase of business has necessitated the enlargement of the railroad yards there to handle the freight business that originates in the coal-mining towns of Indiana county and nearly 100 men are employed in this work. The railroad company is also replacing its old coal bins with more modern ones that will be operated by electricity, which will facilitate the loading of coal into the engine tenders. About 100 houses are in course of erection at Cherrytree.

—Miss Frances J. Overton, of Wilkes-Barre, who has completed fifty years of service as a teacher in the schools of that city, says she acquired her method of teaching from Professor Leshar, who, more than one-half century ago, conducted a school where the St. John's Lutheran church now stands. Miss Overton started to teach when fifteen years of age. At the age of seventeen years she taught country schools, later attending the Wilkes-Barre high school, both teaching and studying. For three years she conducted a private school and in 1877 returned to the public schools. She has served under every city superintendent.