

INK SLINGS.

Neither TAFT nor ROOSEVELT will shout much about the "full dinner pail" next fall.

ROOSEVELT seems to be willing to stand for any kind of a Bull Moose but a black one.

Anyway we don't expect to make the trip, but if we do have to go up Salt river in November we'll make WOODROW.

The Chinese have taken to aviation and a great boom in the undertaking business has already begun all over that country.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT and Governor HIRAM JOHNSON, of California, are the Bull Moose nominees for President and Vice President.

Anyway Governor WILSON was not taken by surprise when they notified him at Sea Girt, on Wednesday, that he is the Democratic nominee for President.

When Mrs. GRACE positively denied having attempted to shoot her husband what could that Atlanta jury, being made up of southern gentlemen, do but believe her.

Now that the Colonel has taken to the stump again the enterprising type founder will understand the necessity of enlarging the proportion of cap I's in a font of type.

Judging by the way they look Mr. ROOSEVELT's efforts to reform Republicans are just about as acceptable to most of the leaders of that party as a fresh boil is to a man's nose.

With conditions among the trusts and in the Republican party as they now exist, it has really become a question as to which the creature or the created will have to "go" first.

No, brother workingman, don't get that into your head. The number of Bull Moose we may find will neither increase the amount of meat in this country nor lessen the price of venison.

There is only one bachelor in council so that doesn't just exactly explain why the women get all they ask for whenever they appear before that body in sufficient numbers to look threatening.

An exchange remarks that "something or other has knocked smithereens out of the dinner pail as a Republican campaign emblem." Wonder if it ain't the price it costs the working man to fill it.

The announcement of JOHN ARTHUR JOHNSON that he has permanently retired from the rig might make Senator LORIMER look up a little. The latter had courage enough to stay in the game until he was knocked out.

We haven't heard it confirmed but there is a rumor abroad that on October 15th next every Bull Moose in Centre county is to receive a five dollar bill, a Moose-tooth watch chain and a kick in the tail with a frozen boot.

And now we know why it is that those lucky people who are able to hold Steel trust stock always keep their barrels so tightly bunged up. The STANLEY investigating committee has just reported that 700,000,000 of that stock is water.

Former Governor PENNYPACKER was in town on Friday, sitting with the State Railway Commission, of which he is a member. He said nothing of the Palace of Graft nor did he wear boots. Surely time works wonders in some people.

What this part of the country is now anxiously looking for is a horticulturalist BURBANK, who can breed blackberries with less than 80 per cent. of seeds. We await the progressive platform for a promise that this needed reform will be insured.

If GAMBLE, GHEEN & Co. own Spring creek so completely that they can take all of the water out of it in dry weather and decline to take any at a flood time the borough should present them a bill for walling the stream and putting down pavements that cost, in all, about \$5,000.

The Literary Digest suggests that we vote for TAFT, pray for ROOSEVELT and bet on WILSON. The suggestion is a good one in every respect except voting for TAFT. In the first place, only a gambler would bet against the way he votes. In the second, WILSON is the man the country wants and he is the man to vote for as well as bet on.

When SOLOMON declared there was "nothing new under the sun" he possibly was having a prophetic view of the same old wool the Republicans have used so many years to pull over the eyes of the people whenever the tariff question is to the front. On this matter, at least, Mr. SOLOMON seems to have known what he was talking about.

BILL FLINN or JIMMY GARFIELD telephoned to Dr. LOCKE, a day or so ago, giving him instructions as to what to do with Centre county, in the matter of herding Bull Moose and the Doctor is as busy as a bob-tailed bull in fly time. He is going to take the puttees off THEODORE DAVIS BOAL, put boots on him and run him for Congress. He is looking for a Moose calf to put in the legislative race, but his principal concern is to find a couple of cow Moose that will stand for a good milking every time the funds get low.

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Facts that Will Surprise Some People.

The fact that Col. JAMES M. GUFFEY was a contributor to the BRYAN campaign fund in 1908 to the extent of \$5,000 was given the public in a telegram from Washington, in the daily papers of Tuesday last. That this subscription was made at all, and particularly that it was made after Mr. BRYAN's efforts, at Denver, to steam roller him out of the party, will no doubt surprise many who understand the conditions and feelings that existed in the party in the State at that time.

But surprise or no surprise, the fact that Col. GUFFEY gave this amount of money to the National committee, in addition to the many thousands of dollars he put into the campaign in this State for the benefit of Democratic Congressional, Legislative and local candidates, ought to be pretty good evidence that there is considerable Democracy in his make up, notwithstanding the unfair and untruthful allegations of those who sought his place in the party management, and who now look upon themselves as the leaders and bosses of the Democracy of the State.

The further fact, as testified to by chairman MACK, that Mr. BRYAN requested and induced the National committee to refuse to accept Col. GUFFEY's contribution during the prosecution of the campaign, and after it closed was willing that it should be used to pay debts incurred in his own interest is also pretty good evidence that Mr. BRYAN is not so bitterly hostile to receiving donations from sources he denounces as dangerous to the Democracy, as he would have the public believe.

The still further fact, that after Col. GUFFEY had been subjected to the gross outrage perpetrated upon him through Mr. BRYAN's influence at Denver, and again insulted and humiliated by the refusal of the National committee, (at Mr. BRYAN's request) to accept his contribution, he should still permit the \$5,000 to be used to pay Mr. BRYAN's bills because these were incurred in the name and for the success of the Democratic party, is without question an exhibition of devotion to the cause of Democracy that no other man in the State can point to, and that should bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every man who has ever doubted Col. GUFFEY's Democracy, or given aid and encouragement to the lot of miserable political scavengers whose work for years back has been to denounce the party organization because of his connection with it, and to vilify and traduce him as a Democrat.

After considering these facts, as furnished by the Senate investigating committee, we should think that there are many decent Democrats in the State, who, because of false impressions they had gained from false statements that had been made them, joined in the work of defaming Col. GUFFEY, as a Democrat, will feel like going out behind the barn and giving themselves a good kicking.

Why Perkins Supports Roosevelt.

In his speech in the Bull Moose convention on Monday Senator BEVERIDGE revealed the cause which influences GEORGE W. PERKINS, of the Harvester trust, to support ROOSEVELT. The former Senator informs the public that the ROOSEVELT party is a protest against the SHERMAN law. Under that law he says "no two business men can arrange their mutual affairs and be sure that they are not lawbreakers." What he should have said is that "as the SHERMAN law now stands no two business men controlling rival corporations can arrange the mutual interests of the corporations they control and be sure that they are not lawbreakers." If he had said that he would have been telling the truth.

Mr. PERKINS is the head of the Harvester trust and was a member of the board of directors of the Steel trust until some time after the expiration of Mr. ROOSEVELT's term as President. In his relation to these two corporations he arranged a working agreement between them under which both were able to rob the public mercilessly. So long as Mr. ROOSEVELT remained in power the government refrained from interfering with this public pillage. The result was the multiplication of Mr. PERKINS' vast wealth and the robbery of the consumers of the products of both the Steel trust and the Harvester trust.

No doubt Mr. PERKINS has arranged for a renewal of the agreement between the two trusts in the event of the reelection of ROOSEVELT. It would be worth, to him, all the money he has contributed to the corruption fund which has enabled ROOSEVELT to conduct the most profligate primary campaign in the history of the country. But there is no perceptible reason why the people should contribute to the creation of such a conspiracy. Former Senator BEVERIDGE may see how he could help himself out of the spoils, for he is out of a job now, and big trusts pay big prices for legal talent. But where do the rest of us come in?

Republican Lies Refuted.

"Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad," is proverbial and the adage has never had clearer vindication than in the political campaign now in progress. We have already referred to the absurd perversions of WOODROW WILSON's expressions upon the subject of immigration. Having said, as all thoughtful men of affairs have said, that criminals of Europe are a menace to the tranquility as well as the prosperity of the American people, when they come to this country, some mendacious speakers and writers have asserted that Dr. WILSON is opposed to immigration entirely. Nothing could be wider of the mark. He holds in the highest esteem naturalized American citizens who have entered into the American spirit of progress.

The other day Representative RODENBERG, of Illinois, rehearsed these show-pony slanders upon the floor of the House of Representatives in Washington. He declared that Mr. WILSON had said or written, somewhere or some time, a statement to the effect that Italian immigrants are undesirable, and more to be regretted than Chinamen. Of course Mr. RODENBERG didn't undertake to say when or where such sentiments were uttered by Dr. WILSON. That would be a give-away which could be refuted promptly and effectively. He simply generalized for the purpose of getting the charges into the Congressional Record so that it can be distributed under a Congressional frank, notwithstanding its falsity.

This gave Representative HENRY, of Texas, an opportunity to refute every charge made by WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST before the nomination of WOODROW WILSON and by Mr. RODENBERG and others since. Mr. Henry is one of the most eloquent and ready debaters and he gave the slanders such a castigation as has seldom been heard in either branch of Congress. Mr. HENRY showed that Mr. WILSON is cordially in favor of encouraging worthy immigrants who will participate in the development of our resources and assimilate the principles and policies of the country. Of course Mr. RODENBERG knew that the language he was quoting was both forged and false but he imagined it would "be a good enough MORGAN until after the election," and he uttered it as if he believed it to be true. But Mr. HENRY gives the facts and proves the falsehood and Governor WILSON will be vastly benefited when the people read the speech and they will all get a chance to do so.

It is a safe bet that the ROOSEVELT party in the South will be a white man's party and it is equally certain that it will be a very small one.

Taft Insults Public Intelligence.

After a pretty general expression of popular disgust with President TAFT's exhibition of bad manners and bad language during his primary fight with ROOSEVELT, we hoped that he would refrain from demagoguery and backguardism and try to recover the dignity which belongs to the great office he occupies. There was some excuse for his appearance on the stump and exchanging epithets with ROOSEVELT for Bull Moose had provoked him strongly. But there is no conceivable excuse for his last exhibition of folly, of a different type, of course, but quite as reprehensible. In his speech of acceptance he indulged in a line of talk that would have been creditable to a ward politician.

For example he said in substance that in the event of the election of WOODROW WILSON to succeed him in office there would ensue a period of industrial and commercial depression that would cause much suffering among the people. The tearing down of the tariff system, he intimated, would necessarily close up factories and check the current of commerce to such an extent that universal poverty if not actual starvation would follow. Now if he knows anything he must understand that that was a false alarm given out to deceive the people. The election of WOODROW WILSON, even if it meant the tearing down of all custom houses, could not possibly entail such a consequence in this land of plenty.

A man's politics makes little difference so far as patriotism is concerned and no man influenced by the love of country would inaugurate policies which necessarily meant disaster to his country. Any man elected to the office of President, unless obsessed with an ambition for empire, would see his best endeavors to make for the happiness and prosperity of the people and the desire to save the tax payers from three to five hundred millions a year is not a sign of an inclination to ruin. WOODROW WILSON will be as safe and a much more vigilant guardian of the public interests than the pleasure-loving TAFT and his speech on that subject was an insult to public intelligence.

Taft's Speech of Acceptance.

President TAFT's speech of acceptance reveals the signs of great care and much labor in its preparation. It is a hopeless attempt to justify an administration that has been long since repudiated by the people and to excuse the nomination of a man who couldn't have had the ghost of a chance against any other antagonist than ROOSEVELT. Nobody in or out of the convention which nominated him wanted TAFT to carry the convention primarily. But when it became a question of TAFT or ROOSEVELT, TAFT was preferred by a majority of the delegates as the lesser of two evils, and men reluctantly voted for him because the alternative was so forbidding.

In his speech of acceptance TAFT probably made out as good a case as any one else could with the materials he had to work. He cites every meritorious act of his three and a half years in the office and glosses over the follies which made him the most unpopular President of recent years and probably of all time. His love of leisure and abandonment to the pursuit of personal pleasure appears to have been forgotten while he was fixing his phrases together and in arrogating to himself the achievements of Congress, or rather the Democratic majority of the House, he deliberately and wantonly insults the intelligence of the people. All the virtues he extols were fruits of Democratic effort for improvement and reform.

The principal weakness of Mr. TAFT's effort, however, lies in the preposterous attempt to arraign WOODROW WILSON as a Socialist or ROOSEVELT type. Every student of public affairs and every observer of public men will condemn him as a traducer on that account and while he will not gain a single vote because of it, the chances are that he will lose thousands, as he ought to. WOODROW WILSON is neither a demagogue nor an agitator. He is for progress along constitutional lines but not a destroyer of constitutional forms and when Mr. TAFT undertook to misrepresent him in this respect he invited the popular contempt he is likely to receive at the hands of fair-minded men.

The wool tariff bill which is now up to the President is precisely the same measure he vetoed during the special session and everybody is wondering what he will do with it this time. In any event, however, the wool growers and the woolen manufacturers have been able to cut several juicy melons out of the graft in the interval.

Taft in an Embarrassing Position.

It is practically certain that all the tariff bills which have been considered during the present session of Congress will be sent to the President for approval before the final adjournment. The steel bill was finished on Saturday of last week and the others will be disposed of within a few days. It was necessary to make some concessions to the stand-patters to achieve this result, but it was worth while. Every day that the PAYNE-ALDRICH schedules continue costs the people well onto a million dollars and the Democratic managers are anxious to lighten this burden. If they succeed the beginning of the end of exorbitant prices for the necessities of life will be in view.

At first the progressive Republicans in the Senate were inclined to vote with the regular Republicans to prevent tariff legislation. As the two wings of the party are in the majority in the Senate when they flap together, the chances of effective tariff reform were dubious. But recently the progressives have changed their policies with respect to the matter and by joining with the Democrats have turned the tide. If this course is pursued upon all the tariff bills, and at present that seems more than probable, all the bills will be passed and the excellent record of the present session will be vastly improved. It is already a session of achievement.

Of course there is a reason for this change of front upon the part of the insurgent Republicans and it is not altogether a matter of patriotism. Putting the bills up to the President will put him in an embarrassing situation. If he vetoes them the people will be incensed and if he signs them the beneficiaries of excessive taxes will be indignant and the chances are that the golden flow of campaign funds will be stopped. Even a few months of the tariff graft will be worth a great deal to the interests and TAFT is under agreement to prolong the present law as long as possible. But he will hardly dare to act in the open against the people even for the price the interests will pay.

The ROOSEVELT party has adopted the moe of the Bull Moose as its shibboleth but like the Bull Moose it will be very quiet after the election.

Watson Gets Reward.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

It now appears that the American people, irrespective of party, must pay for the services which James E. Watson, of Indiana, rendered President Taft during the primary campaign. Mr. Watson worked strenuously for Taft delegates and, with a proxy on the Republican national committee, his vote was always cast for the Taft contestants. He co-operated with the crafty tools of the predatory interests, in the parliamentary conduct of the convention and defended the most atrocious acts of the committee in the seating of Taft delegates. Now he is to receive his reward. Not from Mr. Taft, whom he befriended, but from the American people, whom he betrayed. Now Watson is president of the Arizona Land and Irrigation company, May 9, 1912, the commissioner of the general land office issued a patent for 15,040 acres of government land to the Sante Fe Railroad company, which immediately transferred it to Mr. Watson's company. The records of the land office show that April 14, 1911, the Sante Fe made application under the act of 1904 to exchange 52,040 acres on the Mogul Indian reservation in Arizona for 52,032 acres near Prescott, Arizona.

The law allows a land grant railroad to exchange land given it by the government for other government land, provided, of course, it is of equal value. Government experts were directed to make an examination of the lands in question to determine their value. They found that the tracts were not contiguous and that the government lands were far more valuable than the railroad lands. Now that the matter has come to light, Mr. Taft may have to find another way of rewarding this crafty land grabber for his arduous political services.

A Straddle That May Split.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

Those Pennsylvania Congressmen who have displayed a willingness to become candidates of the "Bull Moose" party in Pennsylvania and at the same time desire to cling to the substance as well as the name of Republicanism are going to find the straddling process difficult. That they do not altogether know whether their attempt is leading them may be inferred from the circumstance that none of the Pennsylvania members of the House to whom the following question was asked Wednesday submitted by the Public Ledger has as yet deigned to make reply:

"Which national platform would you advocate in accepting nomination on Third party ticket? Please wire us your attitude in yesterday's conference."

If party ties and party principles are going to mean so little to Messrs. Moore, Vare, Butler, Griest, Lafean et al., that they will be willing to stand at one and the same time on the platform of the national Republican party and on another specifically denouncing that party as hopelessly and irretrievably corrupt, their action will be one of the most curious of this year's already large crop of political immoralities.

Bull Moose Defines Himself.

From the Schenectady Union-Star.

The Rev. Dr. William J. Long, whom Mr. Roosevelt once sought to obliterate with the observation that he was "a nature faker," has not forgotten the Colonel and still manifests deep concern in the course and conduct of the man from Oyster Bay.

Since the christening of the Bull Moose party Dr. Long has been delving in the writings of the Colonel, and in the "Wilderness Hunter," written by Theodore Roosevelt, the good doctor found that the Colonel had written thus concerning the bull moose:

The bull moose lives on the public domain and is a very wasteful feeder. He is of a wandering and flighty disposition. His flesh, moreover, is coarse and stringy; his hide is thick and of a very poor quality. He frequently shows a clumsy slowness of apprehension which amounts to downright stupidity.

The Colonel must have forgotten his description of the bull moose when he told his admirers in Chicago that he felt like one and thus won the title for his new party.

Democratic and Keystone Fusion.

From the Delaware County Democrat.

There is much discussion just now about a proposed fusion of the grand old Democratic party with the esoteric and already almost defunct Keystone party. Henry C. Niles, of York, Clarence Giboney, of Philadelphia, and Frank J. Gorman, also, we believe, of Philadelphia, insist that Wm. H. Berry for State Treasurer and Robert E. Cresswell for Auditor General, both of whom were Keystoneers in the memorable and discreditable Keystone eruption of 1910, are not enough of that ilk for a fair fusion, and want Mr. Cresswell withdrawn and an unrepentant Keystoneer substituted! We are willing to welcome back into the Democratic fold all repenting sinners, but, to our mind, it would be undignified, if not absolutely inconsistent, for the Democratic party, which has a proud record from the foundation of this Republic and is the only party that has lived during that long period of time, to coddle an unrepentant party, which foully and unjustly disrupted the Democracy only two years ago!

Hard to Find in a Fashionable Church.

From the Buffalo Enquirer.

Where do you suppose the superintendent of a Pennsylvania steel mill found a hundred men he needed? The answer is in a mission prayer meeting in Philadelphia's Hell's Half-Acre. It would be hard to find a hundred men of any sort in a fashionable church. However, the mission was serving sandwiches and coffee.

Don't read an out-of-date paper. Get all the news in the WATCHMAN.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Indiana board of trade is looking after a proposed silk mill that would employ 200 girls.

—One hundred and ninety-nine applicants were given provisional certificates in Huntingdon county and 105 failed to pass the required examinations.

—W. P. Roberts, aged 84, a Sunbury undertaker now retired from business, buried 7,400 bodies during his active work at his occupation. He is the oldest man in Sunbury.

—John Rider and Albert Clark, of DuBois, jumped off a freight train directly in front of the Clearfield accommodation at that place. Rider is dead and Clark badly injured.

—The colored man arrested at Latrobe after the finding of a case of valuable jewelry under a railroad discards any knowledge of it. Policeman Stahl has the jewels on his hands.

—Constable Arthur Woods, of Franklin borough, is suffering from stab wounds inflicted by one of a bunch he was trying to arrest. Ten of the number are locked up, including the one who drew the knife.

—J. P. Williams, manager of the Hooven Mercantile company of Wilkes-Barre, died of heart failure while leading the singing at the Kingston Presbyterian church Sunday morning. He was born in Schuylkill county fifty-two years ago.

—Social clubs at Pottsville have been notified to close their bars. It is stated that a test of the law will be necessary to settle the matter. Blairsville is "dry" and the clubs claim that their charters give them the right to sell liquor at their pleasure.

—Elijah Only, aged 98 years, died recently at Philadelphia. The Journal pays high tribute to his christian character. He was a slave in the days before the Civil war and during its progress was servant to Col. E. A. Irvin, of the famous Bucktail regiment.

—Adolph Strohl, who boarded with Mrs. Annie Walls, of Renovo, was arrested at Scranton on a warrant issued on her information, charging him with stealing from her Bible a \$1,000 certificate of valuable stock and forging thereon a transfer to himself. He gave bail for court.

—Eight-year-old Lyman Ambrose, of Huntingdon, found a revolver in his brother's pocket and was cocking it when it was discharged, perforating his intestines and lodging in his back. His recovery is doubtful. The mother didn't know there was a revolver about.

—Somerset and Cambria counties are greatly stirred up over smallpox situation at Holsopple. Twenty cases have been found there. Johnstown authorities are urging all who were at the picnic or theatre at Luna park, attended by one of the victims, to be vaccinated at once.

—Mrs. Harry Cheney and J. L. Harmon, of Huntingdon, were among the refugees driven from Pearson, Mexico, by the rebels to El Paso, Texas. Their host at Pearson, E. E. Eck, formerly of Huntingdon, had been called across the border and was awaiting them at El Paso.

—Engineer F. H. Kemp, rounding a Potter county curve near Rexville, saw a little child on the track ahead. Knowing he could not stop in time to avoid striking the child, he quickly applied the emergency brakes, climbed out on the pilot and picked the little one from the track, unharmed.

—Simon Baird, of Pottsville, is hunting his wife, who was missing a few days ago when he went home from work. He was married not long ago and his wife is said to be only 14. She was married without her parent's consent and they took her home. Her husband started after her.

—Erna Miller and wife, of Sunbury, went out into their back yard a few nights ago to catch some boys who were at their fruit trees. Miller ran into the wire clothes line, cut a gash in his face and fell unconscious. His wife tripped over the garden hose and fell on the brick walk. The boys left and neighbors called the doctor.

—Buried beneath bags of wheat and run over by a heavily laden farm wagon bearing a ton or more of the grain, Chance Conradi, aged 19, a son of Mrs. Mary Conradi, a nurse at the Koser hospital, was fatally injured at the Union school house, near Williamsport Saturday. He died at the Koser hospital two hours after the accident.

—Former Congressman Charles F. Barclay, of Sinnamahoning, submitted to a surgical operation of a quite serious character last week, and his friends will be much interested in learning that he has since been getting along favorably, so far. Captain Barclay received the surgical attention at the Garfield hospital, Washington, D. C.

—Walter Foster, of Huntingdon, was seriously injured at the Atlantic radiator works. His cuff was minus a button and his sleeve caught on the shaft. He was whirled around until all his clothing was torn off, then dropped on the emery wheel. Other workmen didn't know how to shut off the power. Mr. Foster has a chance for recovery.

—Scarlet fever is afflicting young folks in Johnstown. At the home of W. B. Jones, after the death of his 4-year-old son, a 15-year-old daughter, and the nurse, aged 26, and Mr. Jones himself were stricken. Another man is a patient at the municipal hospital. The thirteenth case of typhoid this year was reported to the board of health on Saturday.

—John H. Neil, whose life has been marked by misfortune for several years, culminating in the disappearance of his bride at Pittsburgh, some five weeks ago, died at his home at Derry on Friday. Death was the result of an overdose of a drug thought to have been taken with suicidal intent. He was known as the "Hard Luck" man, and had received much sympathy.

—Over 3,900 guns of all kinds, sizes, sorts and conditions taken from foreigners are stored in the State Game Commission's office waiting for purchasers. The State game wardens and State police have been very active this summer in arresting foreigners carrying guns, and the stock of weapons has been very largely increased. Very few of them are worth anything.

—A thief who entered the home of R. N. Daniel of Coudersport, during the family's absence, ate half a loaf of bread, a quart of berries, eighteen eggs and a can of corned beef. He helped himself to Mr. Daniel's clothing and suit case. Next day that gentleman went to Galston and met his outfit on the street. By a clever ruse he had the man arrested and the county had to buy him a new suit.

—Col. Gibbons Gray Cornwall of the Sixth regiment, N. G. P., and a prominent lawyer of West Chester, committed suicide Tuesday night on a train on which he was returning from New York to his home town to face charges of appropriating bonds belonging to a trust estate. Excusing himself for a moment from the constable who accompanied him he entered the lavatory of the car just before the train pulled into West Philadelphia station. A moment later a report was heard and his body was discovered with a bullet through his head. He was short in his accounts over \$100,000 it is alleged.

—The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times reports a sale of 1100 acres of the Pittsburgh vein of coal in Greene county, Pa., by J. V. Thompson, the Uniontown banker, at \$800 per acre. This coal lies just in front of coal owned by Dr. J. A. Murray, of Paton, who bought it several years ago for \$125 per acre and has since been offered over \$300 per acre by the parties who sold it to him. The deal that has just been made will greatly enhance the price of his coal and make his investment a real bonanza. Practically all of the coal in that neighborhood was originally taken up from the farmers at prices ranging from \$10 to \$25 per acre.