

INK SLINGS.

Come over here! Come over here! And see the Centre County Fair, Etc. —To us it looks as if Col. ROOSEVELT'S greatest need just at this time is an asbestos collar. —Let come what may, Mr. TAFT will still be entitled to the distinction of being known as the great Vetotaller. —No matter how true it might be, if PENROSE were to tell all he knows it would be so astounding that few people would believe it. —This ought to be a bumper season in the laundry business. Just look at the political linen Republican statesmen have furnished for the wash. —As a Senator Mr. PENROSE may not be marching in the first rank, but as a lid lifter he's clear over the hill ahead of the rest of the procession. —Some people have their progressiveness on so crooked that it is difficult to distinguish between them and the political crooks they profess to be fighting. —Crookville, Ohio, is reported as unanimous in its support of the Bull Moose ticket. Judging by the name of the place we can see nothing strange in that fact. —Miss MAURICE RASSMUSSEN, the prize beauty of California, says "the plaster-faced New York women never smile." How can they without cracking the plaster. —Democratic voters should remember that Wednesday next—September 4th, closes the Registry. It is the last day they can have their names placed upon that list. —Talk is cheap, but the billion dollars expended by the Congress just gone home, to pay for the 25,000,000 words it claims to have used, is not a convincing proof of the fact. —True, the Standard Oil company may not hold formal title to the Republican party, but the profits show that it has paid for it many times more than it has ever been worth. —There being only a few people left in the land that ROOSEVELT hasn't placed in the liar class it seems strange that he should be so crazy to become the President of a Nation of liars. —A beautiful hypocrite is ROOSEVELT. Haranguing like a wild man against the trusts and being forced to admit that \$100,000 of the Standard Oil money was used to elect him in 1904. —The public now can have some hope of a reduction in the price of breakfast foods. The interstate Commerce Commission has just ordered the lowering of freight rates on excelsior. —Do you think an ex-President who is asked to go on the stand and make oath to his statements before they will be believed is the kind of man you would like to have for President again. —From the industry that Senator PENROSE is exerting to get his confession before the people, there is every reason to think that some one has been hinting to him about chances for immunity. —WILSON'S speech to the farmers at their Williams Grove picnic yesterday was one of the kind that will make reasonable men think and the harder they think the harder they will work for him. —Heretofore we were firmly of the belief that Senator PENROSE had much the best of it in his fight with the Bull Mooses. We have doubts now. Ex-Governor PENNYPACKER has come to his defense. —And now we are told that Mr. ROOSEVELT purposes replying to ARCHBOLD'S statements, in a lengthy letter to the public. Evidently he has no faith in the belief that "the least said is soonest mended." —Your share of the tariff taxes levied in this country is \$90. You pay it not for the support of the government, but for dividends on the billions of dollars worth of watered-stock in the great corporations of the country. —At least Detroit councilmen can save that city the expense of heating its council chambers this winter, by holding their meetings in the county jail. That's where a quorum of them will be by the time cold weather sets in. —After reading the speeches of some of the Republican Statesmen, now on the stump against WILSON, one would think that that party had placed its hope entirely in the weapon SAMSON used in his fight against the Philistines. —What an amount of fun we all would have missed had Senator PENROSE accepted ROOSEVELT'S request for his support about six months ago. And what an amount of light on the question of who has been furnishing the funds for Republican campaigns would still be "hidden under the bushel." —Congress has adjourned without having accomplished much in the way of relief to the country. Much good legislation was planned and passed by the body, but President TAFT declined to permit it to become the law. In other words he has stood in the way of all remedial legislation. It is a certainty that nothing can be done for the relief of the people with TAFT in the presidential chair and the only hope lies in the election of WILSON.

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Roosevelt Reaching the Limit.

Colonel ROOSEVELT cannot always impose upon public credulity as he has been able to do thus far. His denunciation of men will not, for all time, be sufficient answer to accusations against him. Evidence cannot, in every instance, be overcome by assertions. Hitherto his countercharge appears to have closed the incident. Mr. WHITNEY, a distinguished citizen of Massachusetts, attributed to him certain remarks upon the tariff question. Mr. WHITNEY'S statement was corroborated by half a dozen other gentlemen of character. But Mr. ROOSEVELT denounced them all as liars and the public condemned them for falsifying the President of the United States.

On another occasion Mrs. BELLAMY STORER alleged that Mr. ROOSEVELT had commissioned her to make certain representations to the Pope of Rome. She corroborated her statement by documentary proof, including letters of ROOSEVELT and a statement from Archbishop IRELAND. But ROOSEVELT said they were liars and the public accepted his denial as decisive. Later the late Mr. HARRIMAN declared that ROOSEVELT had entered into certain agreements with him and supported his declaration with abundance of circumstantial and documentary evidence to convince any reasoning mind. But ROOSEVELT replied that Mr. HARRIMAN was a liar, an undesirable citizen and a malefactor of great wealth and that ended it.

There are dozens of similar charges and answers and Mr. ROOSEVELT has been able to get away with the cheese in every instance. But he can hardly hope that public credulity will accept such a reply to the charges of Senator PENROSE and the testimony of Mr. JOHN D. ARCHBOLD. Senator PENROSE is a professional politician and Mr. ARCHBOLD may be a malefactor of great wealth. But neither of them has ever been convicted of falsification and besides they are supported in their charges by ample, even overwhelming, evidence. ROOSEVELT admits that the Standard Oil company contributed but adds that it was without his knowledge and against his protest. But the money was taken and spent before his protest was issued, and was never paid back.

—Of course ROOSEVELT has a "frame-up" to meet every accusation which will be brought against him. A high class crook always covers his tracks. But as LINCOLN said "you can't fool all the people all the time," and ROOSEVELT is due for a scorching. He ordered CORTELYOU to return money which he knew had been paid to Mr. BLISS and the order came after the money had been spent and he knew it had been spent.

Flinn Working Penrose's Friends.

It begins to look as if BILL FLINN will succeed in his scheme to use the PENROSE machine to destroy PENROSE. He is not only getting all the Republican candidates for Congress, State Senator and Representative in the Legislature to sign articles of allegiance to the Bull Moose outfit, but he is tying Senator PENROSE'S closest friends to the support of the Bull Moose candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer. If ROBERT L. YOUNG and Senator POWELL are elected they will spend more energy knocking on PENROSE than in performing their official duties, YOUNG is the creature of VAN VALKENBURG while POWELL is owned body and soul by FLINN.

Possibly Senator PENROSE'S friends who have been nominated for office imagine that they are fooling FLINN by signing his pledge while they intend to support PENROSE in the event of their election. But in that event they are assuming a difficult role and a dangerous attitude. Men are not able to betray pledges as they used to do and even if a foolish promise is made it is dangerous to betray it. Public sentiment has become resentful as well as assertive and while no reasoning man believes in the integrity of FLINN most citizens will insist upon the fulfillment of agreements with him. A pledge to support the Bull Moose party is simply a promise to aid FLINN in his fight against PENROSE.

Now that Congress has adjourned and PENROSE is released from his public obligations as Republican leader in the United States Senate conditions may assume a different aspect. But thus far it looks as if FLINN has everything his own way. There are a few candidates for Congress who have not completely surrendered, notably LAFFAN of the Twentieth district and FOCHT of the Seventeenth. They are machine men, plain and simple, and may take chances of offending FLINN. But it will require a good deal of nerve to adopt that course and yet it may be as wise as the other because everybody will know they are insincere if they "take the pledge."

Roosevelt and Campaign Contributions.

In his denial of the testimony of JOHN D. ARCHBOLD that treasurer BLISS of the Republican National committee in 1904, had made an application to the Standard Oil company for a second contribution to the great corruption fund of that year, Mr. ROOSEVELT declares that the money was not needed for the reason that at the close of the campaign there was a surplus of \$100,000 in the treasury of the committee. The first contribution to Mr. BLISS was \$100,000 and the second application was for \$150,000, making an aggregate equal to the contribution which the monopoly had made during the campaigns of 1896 and 1900. But the Oil monopoly declined to make the second contribution.

It may be true that there was a surplus of \$100,000 in the treasury of the Republican National committee at the close of the campaign of 1904 but it is absolutely certain that the committee and Mr. ROOSEVELT himself were constantly soliciting funds up until within a day or two of the election. In fact the letter to "Dear HARRIMAN" was written within four days of the election and in response to it Mr. HARRIMAN raised, by bulldozing Wall street, \$250,000 for the use of the committee and Mr. HARRIMAN estimated, subsequently, that the money "changed 50,000 votes in New York city alone." If the committee didn't need money at the close of the campaign, why this almost hysterical appeal to HARRIMAN?

Another idea occurs to our mind in connection with the contributions of HARRIMAN and the Standard Oil conspiracy. ROOSEVELT didn't write his letter forbidding the acceptance of contributions from the Oil conspiracy until after the second request had been refused and he didn't denounce Mr. HARRIMAN as "an undesirable citizen and malefactor of great wealth," until after HARRIMAN had refused the request of the Republican Congressional committee to contribute to the corruption fund used for the election of Republican Congressmen in 1906. Mr. BLISS told Mr. ARCHBOLD that a refusal of the second request might cause resentment. It is certain that HARRIMAN'S refusal in 1906 did cause resentment.

—You fellows who congregate about the post-office every Sunday morning needn't worry because it is to be closed in the future. There are plenty of other good places to go. The churches, for instance, will all be open as usual and a cordial welcome will await you there.

The Tariff Tax Burden.

Chairman UNDERWOOD, of the House committee on Ways and Means, declares that during the session of Congress just closed tariff legislation passed the House "which would have saved the people of this country approximately \$650,000,000 annually if they had become laws." They failed to become laws because the Republican majority in the Senate refused to concur in some instances and for the reason that the Republican President exercised his veto power in other cases. In other words the Republican party has put a burden of \$90 a year upon every man, woman and child in the country in order to bestow nearly three quarters of a billion dollars of unearned bounty on contributors to its corruption funds.

It is almost inconceivable that such a wrong should be perpetrated by men of sane minds. But it is done under the delusion that the people will not understand. When a man buys what appears to be a suit of woolen clothes for fifteen dollars he imagines that he is getting the worth of his money. He is getting clothes made of shoddy worth half the price and paying the other half into the Wool trust treasury for distribution among the woolen manufacturers who have had no part in the matter except to fix the price. Without the tariff tax he would get a real wool suit for fifteen dollars or a shoddy suit for seven-fifty.

It is conservatively estimated that there are five persons to a family in this country and therefore a tariff tax of \$90 a head makes the average family tax \$450 a year. Of course some families of five don't pay that much because they don't buy fifteen dollar shoddy suits for the reason that they can't afford such luxuries. But others pay more because they buy \$20 or \$25 shoddy suits and the average is \$450 a family. This in itself is the bulk of the high cost of living for it includes the over-payment on all the necessities of life. But the Republican party needs money to buy votes at the coming election for the indications are it will get few that are not paid for in some kind of currency.

—Some of the by-products of oil are a fine lotion for the hair. Money is the principal by-product of Standard oil, but it has been making the fur on the Bull Moose look like a moth-eaten camel's hide lately.

George W. Perkins.

Manifest Mr. GEORGE W. PERKINS is in a wrong sphere. His home is in Heaven. We have heard of other men who are not "in politics for their health." Mr. PERKINS is neither in politics nor business for his health. The sole object of his endeavor is to guarantee the health, prosperity and happiness of others. He is afraid that the poor will suffer from want and the rich from discontent. He aims to take the burdens of both of their shoulders and carry them upon his own back. It is a beautiful ambition, a magnificent altruism. But he wants to accomplish these results through government action with ROOSEVELT and himself in the role of government.

We have reached these conclusions with respect to Mr. PERKINS after carefully reading his own statement of himself. You don't have to prove his goodness. He admits it. At the age of fifty years, having discovered his own character, he gave himself over to the Bull Moose party and entered into "a solemn covenant with the people," to abolish poverty, extirpate disease, eliminate suffering, destroy all evil, remove discontent and spread prosperity, happiness and contentment throughout the land. The Steel trust and the Harvester trust will be the anointed agents of his benevolences and THEODORE ROOSEVELT the partner in all his triumphs of justice and battles for the Lord.

Such brazen impudence. GEORGE W. PERKINS in 1904 stole \$50,000 from the policy holders of the Equitable insurance company and gave it to the Republican campaign fund to bribe voters to support ROOSEVELT for President. Thus far, though he acquired millions of dollars through the favors of ROOSEVELT, he has made no restitution. In the primary campaign this year he collected vast sums of money with which to buy negro delegates in the Republican National convention who had been instructed for TAFT to vote for ROOSEVELT. That was a crime against the conscience of the country which marks PERKINS as an enemy of justice who is better fitted for service in the penitentiary than in office.

—Of course Governor PENNYPACKER has butted into the dispute between PENROSE and ROOSEVELT and he denies that Mr. CASSATT and others named by ROOSEVELT selected KNOX for Senator to succeed QUAY. Yet that is about the only thing alleged by ROOSEVELT which is supported by relevant circumstantial evidence. KNOX was making trouble as Attorney General and his transfer to the Senate saved the Pennsylvania railroad a lot of mental anguish.

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A Belated List.

Although it is but nine weeks until the election and less than one week until the closing of the registry in the country districts, the list of our county committee for the year is made public for the first time in this week's issue of the papers. The gentlemen named for the positions of district committeemen, and whose duty it will be to see that the Democratic vote is fully registered and the other work of the campaign properly performed, are all worthy citizens and should have the interest of the party at heart sufficient to get to work at once. Most of them have been committeemen for years, and although certain of the Democrats of the county, including the gentleman who acts as chairman of the county committee demanded last year, a "reorganization" of the party, the old fellows, who have been doing it heretofore, are still looked to to see that it is done. And it will be necessary for them to go at that work very quickly. The chairman has given them but five days to attend to their first job—that is the registration of the voter—and it will take every minute of that time for them to see that this work is attended to. They should particularly remember that the name of every voter who cast his first ballot last fall, must be upon the registry, or there is no way under any conditions that he can vote at the coming election. The closing day of the registration for this county is next Wednesday, September 4th.

—The dragnet which Senator PENROSE has cast into the pool of dirty Republican politics may catch a lot of people besides ROOSEVELT, but it is certain to catch him and that was what PENROSE had in mind. —Democratic voters should remember that Wednesday next—September 4th closes the Registry. It is the last day they can have their names placed upon that list.

Facts that Flinn Can Verify.

Now let Flinn give the inside figures on the amount the late A. J. Cassatt Henry C. Frick and the State Liquor Dealers' Association put up to have P. S. Knox appointed by Pennypacker to fill the vacancy in the U. S. Senate caused by the death of Matt Quay. About half a million dollars had been taken from the State treasury to pay Quay over in 1901 and it was represented in the vaults at Harrisburg by "cats and dogs" collateral. Cassatt, Frick and the Liquor Dealers' Association made up the deficiency and Knox was the man they picked for the job. That is Cassatt and Frick picked him. The third party to raising the money was given assurance of protection at Harrisburg.

Flinn wanted the place but Penrose gave none of it. Dick Quay wanted it but could not raise the money required to make good what was taken from the State treasury to elect his father. It was offered to a certain man in Pittsburg, but he considered the price too big for a short term, not being satisfied Penrose could control the nomination and election for the full term two years later. Penrose was in a hole for a time, but finally saw a way out. He had Charley Snyder, of Schuylkill, introduce in the Legislature a bill to take granting of liquor licenses from the courts and create excise commissions to handle the liquor question. The liquor interests were frightened to death. They did not want any excise commissions handling licenses. Their experience with excise commissions in New York was sufficient. They were satisfied to leave the question with the courts. They flew to Penrose for protection from the Snyder bill. Of course Penrose could protect them if they did the right thing. That treasury deficit was discussed. The liquor people agreed to raise half of it and permit the people who raised the other half to name Quay's successor. All they wanted was protection from hostile legislation. The deal was closed and the Quay deficit made good. Cassatt and Frick named Knox.

The Nation's Hip Pocket.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Prior to the Spanish war our naval strength consisted of 10,600 seamen and 982 officers. Today the naval pay roll shows 44,000 petty officers and seamen, at a cost of \$18,757,660; 3,500 apprentices under training, \$741,650; 300 retired enlisted men, \$297,000, and 1,185 enlisted men in prisons undergoing sentence for military offenses, \$406,666. There has been inserted into the pending naval appropriation bill a provision for 4,000 additional seamen.

To provide for the health and comfort of the officers and men of the navy during the fiscal year of 1912 cost the people of the United States over 35 millions of dollars. Of this sum over 10 millions was required to pay the officers on the active list and nearly three millions more for the retired officers. Each man in the navy receiving an honorable discharge is given a bounty. This item alone costs the government over \$520,720. For each officer or enlisted man who dies from wounds or disease contracted in the time of duty, his beneficiary is entitled to a pension equal to one-half his pay.

Our navy is a very costly institution and yet our jingo statesmen are clamoring for more battleships, more seamen, more officers, which means additional increase in the cost of living. This enormous expenditure must be paid by the labor of the American people. The people do not realize this, because they pay it indirectly in the increased cost of living. And they pay it several times over. It is estimated that for every dollar that goes into the United States treasury, five dollars are extracted from the people.

True As Gospel.

From the Clearfield Spirit. As Democrats we have won every presidential election since the Civil War during the months of August, September and October, but after election the Republican candidates to our surprise were in possession of the offices, except when Grover Cleveland put one over on two separate occasions by the assistance of Republican dissensions. And here we are again with a lot of "blow hards" doing the same old stunts over again, claiming everything in sight and doing nothing but blow at a time when work and not words can only count for winning votes on election day.

—We must get this intoxicating idea of the certainty of winning hands down out of the heads of candidates and leaders and all get together as Democrats and hang together or our candidates will hang separately. —In 1908 Bryan Lost Cleveland. From the Cleveland Press. The Press reporters interviewed 1,513 Cleveland men this week—on street corners, street cars and in hotel and theater lobbies, and asked them whom they favored for President. "Wilson," was the answer of 764. Six hundred and three named Roosevelt. Only 146 chose Taft. Wilson was the favorite in 11 of 16 places where the poll was taken.

No Pink Tea Job.

From the Johnstown Democrat. It is just as well that too enthusiastic Democrats should restrain themselves a bit by the sobering reflection that Taft has an office holding army of 500,000 behind him and that every member of that army has anywhere from three or four to a dozen friends and relatives who will help him to hold his job. This is not going to be a pink tea. Every Democrat will be needed at his post with the best fighting weapon he can command and with all the reinforcements he can bring.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Dr. W. H. Zweigart, of Lewistown Junction, is threshing a 1,500 bushel crop of wheat from less than forty acres. —Sunbury's Civic club reports a barrel of flies killed by energetic youngsters of that town in a prize contest just closed. —The Mann axe factory at Yeagerstown will shortly add to its already large plant and make it the largest in the country. —Mines in the Punxsutawney district are working full time and their prosperity is in some measure due to the West Virginia strike. —Indiana banks have been notified to watch for swindlers in the shape of check raisers, and also to keep their eyes open for a counterfeit \$20 gold certificate. —DuBois has been very good this summer. During July only three arrests were made that required a hearing and so far in August the number is the same. —Churches at Carbondale are closed on account of smallpox, teachers' institute is called off and the opening of schools postponed. There were thirty-one cases early in the week. —Johnstown cornermen want \$85 a month; they get \$75 now. Their desire brings a possibility of much discussion, as other men on the force will ask a proportionate raise. —The chestnut blight is becoming more noticeable through York and Adams counties. In the woods of Emanuel Roth, not far from Hanover, nearly every tree is dying because of it. —The Moffitt county Democrat made its initial bow to the public last week as a successor. Quite a number of names were suggested. The McVeytown Journal. May its career be long and illustrious, meeting the needs of the community of whose life it is a part. —Conductor Charles Kuhn, of the passenger train wrecked on the Ligonier Valley railroad some time ago, is still in the Allegheny general hospital. He can now use his left arm, but his right arm and both legs are still in casts. —An audit recently completed shows a shortage in the Northumberland county treasury of \$25,453.43. Former Treasurer Lloyd, it is said, will blame deputy M. L. Swab for the deficit and the case will be threshed out in the courts. —The greatest production of hay per acre reported this season in Lycoming county is that of Charles Williams, above Hillsboro, who harvested thirty-one tons from seven acres. The field was at one time the bottom of a mill dam. —Vintondale has a typhoid scare, following its diphtheria epidemic which is just passing. Quite a number of cases are reported, chiefly among foreigners. One death, that of a 7-year-old child, has resulted from the diphtheria epidemic at Windber. —The New York Central station at Clearfield was robbed at an early hour last Tuesday morning. The safe was blown open and relieved of about \$80 in money. No clue to the robbers has been secured, but they are believed to be professional yeagmen. —Owing to the numerous public events which are to occur during the month of September, it has been decided to postpone the reunion of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, until next year, when it will be held in Altoona. —Franklin Enos, one of Garrett's oldest citizens, fell from the roof of his home, which he was shingling, and broke his neck in the fall. He was highly esteemed and his death is greatly mourned. For twenty-nine years he had been superintendent of the Lutheran Sunday school. —John E. DuBois, who is about to develop one of the largest timber operations in the country, in Oregon, will take to that State many of the men who are employed at his Elk county operations. The Oregon operation has been postponed for several years past for the opening of the Panama canal. —Albert Leizon, of Flinton, Cambria county, wishes to know the whereabouts of his daughter, a girl 18 years of age with a scar on the middle of her forehead and a black spot on tip of nose. His wife, Frances Leizon ran away with the girl on August 5th. \$50 reward will be paid if she is returned to her father. —Joseph Galick, "king of chicken thieves," is in the Lycoming county jail. He was caught at Northumberland and his right wrist and side, filled with bird shot, were damaging evidence against him. Other links in the chain of circumstantial evidence are strong and the police believe that he will confess. —Dashing at full speed into an excursion train on the Williamsport and North Branch railroad near Hughesville, a fine team of horses belonging to Irvin Kramer, a Muncy farmer, were so badly injured that they had to be shot. Several windows in the coaches were broken and passengers had a bad fright. —Announcement that Major General Daniel Sickles may attend the Bucktail anniversary in Meadville, August 28th, adds new interest to the event. General Sickles, now eighty-five years old, is the only living corps commander of the Union side of the great civil conflict of 1861-5. He lost a leg at Gettysburg. —Charles Eiseaman, of Clarion, and William McEwan, of Mars, telephone linemen, working at Punxsutawney, are in the hospital at that place with excellent chances for recovery. The wires they were working with came in contact with a feed wire and they received a charge of 2,000 volts. They were both injured by their falls and burned by the wires. —A big Cadillac, owned by Harry Brown, of Huntingdon, driven by Miss Vera Hatfield, of Pittsburgh, crashed into a telegraph pole after tearing down twenty-five feet of line fence. The machine is junk. Miss Hatfield and John Madigan have bruises. Miss Dorothy Posthwaite is likely internally injured and Carl Brown is badly cut from a trip through the wind shield. —What is considered a most important capture of petty thieves was consummated at Lewistown, Monday night, when patrolmen Davis Bowers and Markey of the Pennsylvania railroad force arrested Nicholas Call, 23 years old, of Crescon, and Raffle Limarbo, 16 years old, of Harrisburg, with a large amount of loot in their possession which has since been identified as stolen property. —There is a vacancy in the office of county commissioner in Westmoreland county, according to a recent opinion handed down by Judge McConnell, the imprisonment of former sheriff Shields in the penitentiary barring him from holding the office. Judge Doty concurs in this opinion, but the two judges have not yet come to an agreement as to how the vacancy shall be filled. It is thought that Mr. Shields may appeal the case. —Bishop and Mrs. William Perry Evesand, recently of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, sailed last Thursday from New York on the steamship Ivernia, Cunard line, for Naples. After a short stay there they will visit the Straits Settlements in Bombay, India, on their way to Manila, where the bishop, who has just been appointed missionary bishop of southeastern Asia, will take charge of mission work for the Methodist Episcopal church. —The State tuberculosis sanatorium at Crescon is expected to be ready for the reception of patients early in October, according to the plans of the State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, who recently made an inspection of the buildings. Ground for the new buildings was broken in 1910, and the work rapidly pushed by the contractors. The buildings represent the last word in sanatorium construction, both in design and utility. Dr. Dixon having taken advantage of every known factor which has proved of value in the modern treatment of pulmonary diseases.