

INK SLINGS.

—Vote for your own interests this time.

—WOODROW WILSON and THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

—Tomorrow will be WILSON day. So will next Tuesday.

—Be a Democrat next Tuesday and you'll never regret it.

—Don't be fooled by eleventh hour canards. Vote for WILSON and MARSHALL and be on the winning side.

—One can hear the old Franklins hereabouts humming like two lawn mowers since one of their make won that Los Angeles to Phoenix race.

—If the Bulgars, the Montenegrins and the Greeks keep at it a few days longer there won't be enough of Turkey left for a Thanksgiving dinner.

—If you want the cost of living reduced. If you want government for yourself as well as for the wealthy manufacturer vote for WILSON and MARSHALL.

—The esteemed Blossburg Advertiser surely is a living exemplar of what's in a name. Its issue of last Friday contained five columns of reading matter and twenty-two of advertisements.

—Every other Democrat has just as much right to stay away from the polls next Tuesday as you have. What if they all did it. There wouldn't be much to cheer about, would there?

—TOM LAWSON says "this country is rushing towards hades at a mile-a-minute clip." So it has been TOMMY, old boy, but we're going to put a new driver at the wheel next Tuesday.

—The Legislature will be asked to appropriate fifty million dollars for road building in this State. Are you going to vote to give BILL FLINN control of legislation and a chance to grab all this work.

—While in Congress Mr. PATTON voted against every measure that might have helped you. Next Tuesday will be your opportunity to get even with Mr. PATTON by voting to send JAMES GLEASON to Congress instead.

—The city papers on Monday announced that "President TAFT is back in Washington for the winter's work." WILLIAM does well to get down to it early for he will have only until the fourth of March to get the job finished.

—His autobiographers declare that VICTOR HUGO had an appetite like an ostrich. He ate lobsters, shell and all, reviled in the skin of oranges, and usually dined for three hours in succession. Possibly that is why one of his greatest works was named Les Miserables.

—The betting on WILSON in New York was four to one yesterday. The gamblers don't often guess bad on election results. They bet to make money, not for sentiment sake, and they would not be laying such long odds on the Jersey Governor if they were not cock sure of his winning.

—The United States weather bureau predicts a storm disturbance to sweep over the United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic the latter part of this week. We predict that a bigger one will sweep over the country next Tuesday, and it will be occasioned by one WOODROW WILSON.

—All you men who read the advertisement, in this issue, calling for a ROOSEVELT and JOHNSON mass meeting tomorrow evening will understand that you are not wanted and will not be welcome. Dr. LOCKE, chairman, and WILLARD HALL, secretary, sign the notice and declare "we extend a cordial invitation to the ladies to attend." Men are not mentioned in the notice so it is probably really a tea party and not a political meeting at all.

—The WATCHMAN was the first Democratic paper in Pennsylvania to publicly advocate the nomination of WOODROW WILSON for President. It believed at the time that he was the man of the hour. And now, on the eve of his election to the highest office within the gift of the greatest nation on the face of the Earth, it is convinced that he is the man of the hour, not alone for the Democratic party, but for our Republican form of government.

—On September 24th Mr. GLEASON invited Congressman PATTON to joint debates with him, the same to be held in Bellefonte, Philipsburg, Clearfield, DuBois, Emporium and Bradford, for the purpose of letting each address the same audiences on his own account. Up to this moment, five days before the election, Mr. PATTON has not even replied to the challenge. If your Congressman is afraid of a man who has never been in Congress why vote to send him back.

—Director MORIN, of the city of Pittsburgh, was last week found guilty by the courts of improper management by his office. He is the same JOHN M. MORIN whose name you will find printed on the ballot will be given to vote on next week. He is running for Congressman-at-Large on the Republican, the Washington, the Bull Moose and the ROOSEVELT Progressive tickets. He is on all four, but are you going to vote to send a man to Congress who, within a week, has been convicted in open court, of improperly conducting a great office in the city of Pittsburgh.

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Taft's Unfitness Revealed.

The most convincing evidence of WILLIAM H. TAFT's unfitness for the great office in which he has proved a failure thus far is contained in his absurd "calamity howl," recently published by his authority. It would be bad enough for cheap ward politicians to predict business paralysis as the result of Mr. WILSON's election, in view of the industrial history of the country during the last half century. They are expected to make such demagogic appeals to prejudice and ignorance. But when the President of the United States descends to such miserable expedients in order to get votes, public intelligence is outraged and the decent citizenship of the country is humiliated.

The first great panic which occurred after the close of the Civil war began in 1873 when every department of the government was under complete control of the Republican party as they had been for thirteen years. It resulted in an industrial paralysis which lasted until the creation of a tariff commission gave promise of a reduction in the rates of tariff taxation. It also led to the election of a Democratic Congress in 1874, which greatly expedited the return of confidence and the incidental restoration of business activity. The next great panic set in during the summer of 1891. Business failures occurred in all sections of the country, wages were reduced in all manufacturing industries and in July, 1892, the universal dissatisfaction of wage-earners culminated in the great strike, riots and slaughter at Homestead.

The Homestead strike occurred before the Republican National convention of 1892 assembled and while it was in session the riots convulsed the country. The Democratic convention had not been held as yet but within a short time it assembled and nominated GROVER CLEVELAND. The political revolution which gave him an overwhelming majority of the popular vote and an unusually large proportion of the electoral votes was due largely, if not altogether, to popular dissatisfaction with Republican policies and the industrial and commercial stagnation which they brought about. It will be remembered by all thoughtful men that the campaign was made on those issues. The Populist party was organized by dissatisfied and discontented Republicans and the division of the Republican vote in consequence gave CLEVELAND his victory.

It is hardly necessary to add that the panic of 1907 was not a Democratic affair. In 1896 the Republicans elected the President and obtained a substantial majority in both branches of Congress. They repeated their victory in 1900 and again in 1904 and were in full possession in 1907 when all the banks in the country practically stopped payments and the factories, foundries and mills were abandoned to the bats and bugs. This direful and distressing state of affairs continued until a Democratic Congress elected hope and the certainty of the election of a Democratic President confirmed it. In the face of these facts TAFT's "calamity howl" is as disgraceful as it is unjust.

An Anomalous Condition.

The Philadelphia Republican city committee has not, thus far, endorsed the so-called Republican State ticket. Mr. DAVID H. LANE, who has been a member of the committee for forty-two years, and has been chairman for eight or ten years, declares that such a condition has never been known before. The custom has always been to endorse the nominees of the State convention at the first meeting of the committee after its adjournment. This year the subject was considered as usual. After several failures to pass the endorsing resolution, however, it was agreed to defer action until the candidates should indicate the allegiance to the National ticket of the party.

Of course the candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer have not complied with those conditions. The candidates are the servile tools of BILL FLINN and Mr. VANVALKENBURG and so long as they are supporting the Bull Moose candidates for President and Vice President, Messrs. POWELL and YOUNG do not dare to express a preference for the Republican candidate. They are literally "between the devil and the blue sea." If they declare for TAFT, FLINN and VANVALKENBURG will repudiate them and if they come out for ROOSEVELT, PENROSE and McNICHOL will give them the scalpel. In either event they are hopelessly lost. Defeat gets them "coming and going."

Under the circumstances the Philadelphia Republican city committee is justified in refusing to endorse them and the Philadelphia Republicans and all other Republicans will be justified in voting against them. As a matter of fact, we can't see how any regular Republican can support candidates who are avowedly, or at least inferentially, against the Republican ticket. If they should be elected the first thing FLINN and VANVALKENBURG would require of them would be the denunciation of Senator PENROSE and all his followers and the setting up of a new machine, the main purpose of which would be to keep the regular Republicans all over the State down.

Vote for Wilson

"God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands! Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor, who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking. Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking. For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingle in selfish strife—lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps."

One Point Upon Which There is Agreement.

The TAFT orators and the ROOSEVELT stump speakers are in perfect harmony on one subject. They agree that Governor WILSON, who was inaugurated as chief magistrate of New Jersey in January, 1911, a trifle more than a year and a-half ago, ought to have revoked the franchise of every offensive corporation chartered in New Jersey during the nearly a quarter of a century in which the affairs of that State were dominated by the Republican party. Governor BRIGGS, of New Jersey, who is a conspicuous leader in the TAFT camp and Governor FORT, who is equally prominent in the ROOSEVELT army did nothing in that direction during their terms, but WILSON ought to have done everything in a few months.

In the Legislature of New Jersey during its first session after WOODROW WILSON became Governor one of the branches had a Republican majority. Notwithstanding this fact, however, Governor WILSON in his first message urged legislation to check the creation of vicious corporations. The Republicans in the body refused to follow his advice and he had no authority to take Senators and Representatives by the throat and compel them to act as he desired. But the people of New Jersey understood and at the subsequent election of Senators and Representatives in the Legislature Democratic majorities were returned to both branches and the needed legislation was enacted. Since that New Jersey has been as free from corporation scandals as Massachusetts or any other State.

Former Senator BEVERIDGE, of Indiana, who is filling Colonel ROOSEVELT's engagements and pretends to be delivering ROOSEVELT's personal message to the people, dwells long and speaks earnestly upon this subject. But according to Senator LAFOLLETTE, of Wisconsin, more than two-thirds of the predatory corporations which were chartered in all the States were organized and began their work of spoliation during the time ROOSEVELT was in the office of President of the United States. Why didn't he take steps to prevent such things, not only in New Jersey but in West Virginia, where Governor GLASCO, one of ROOSEVELT's pet politicians, is now handing them out to anybody who will pay the price.

The Cause and the Remedy.

The cost of living is the paramount issue in this campaign. Within the last sixteen years prices of the necessities of life have steadily risen until now even those who are constantly employed find trouble in meeting their ordinary obligations. Various causes have been assigned for this state of affairs and some of them are worthy of consideration. For example the desertion of rural localities and the congestion of population in the cities have some influence upon the price of agricultural commodities. But these are neither the real nor the main causes of the high cost of living. The excessive tariff taxation and the profligacy of administration are responsible.

Mr. VAN CLEAVE, lately president of the American Manufacturer's association, testified, under oath, before a Congressional committee that under the DINGLEY law the people of this country were robbed, by excessive tariff charges, of one million dollars a day. Mr. VAN CLEAVE was a high protectionist and confessed this truth reluctantly. But he underestimated the burglars' capacity of the DINGLEY law. It actually robbed the people of three million dollars a day and took out of the earnings of industry nearly a billion dollars a year. This vast sum is annually added to the cost of living and is the principal cause of the industrial and commercial distress under which the country is suffering.

Even this robbery would not be so oppressive if the burden were equally dis-

tributed. But as a matter of fact, eighty per cent. of it is shifted upon the shoulders of the wage earners. In other words, the luxuries of the rich are taxed at a low rate while the necessities of the poor are taxed to the full measure of the ability to pay. The rich, who escape the burdens, waste at every turn and the poor have to make up the losses, with the result that even when industrial enterprises are active and commercial operations flourishing, the poor are unable to "make ends meet," because the cost of commodities is greater than the proceeds of their labor. The remedy is a reduction of tariff taxes.

One Essential to Success.

The only thing necessary to complete a splendid victory in Pennsylvania, is to get out the Democratic vote. The independent Republicans who intend to vote for WOODROW WILSON and the entire Democratic ticket, and there are vast numbers of them in Pennsylvania, will come to the polls without urging. They are wide awake citizens who realize the importance of fulfilling their civic obligations. If there are any laggards they are Democrats who have lost hope on account of frequent defeats. Every voter in this class should be encouraged to go to the polls and cast his vote for the entire ticket. It will guarantee a victory so complete and enduring as to make every Democratic heart glad.

The campaign has been quiet for that of a Presidential year but there are abundant reasons for the belief that the voters are generally informed as to the issues and hopeful of the result. This being the case it ought not be difficult to prevail on them to cast their ballots on election day. But some may forget, in the multitude of other matters, that voting is the most important duty that any citizen has to perform. If every good citizen would perform this public service on every occasion there would be no cause of complaint that the government is either corrupt or inefficient. But government is the logical and inevitable result of the neglect of good citizens to take part in elections.

In Centre county there has been too much neglect of this paramount duty of citizenship, of late years. The party has suffered on this account and the public service has been impaired for the reason that some of the fittest men have failed of election through the neglect of their friends to vote. Our information is that this year there will be improvement throughout the State, brought about by the hope of a Democratic victory for our candidate for President. Permit us to hope that this county will not be the exception to the rule. Our local candidates expect the enthusiastic support of every voter who believes in good government and the high character of our National and State credit is an additional inspiration to effort.

—Voters remember: If the Democrats had not elected a State Treasurer in 1905 the graft in the construction and furnishing of the State capitol would have amounted, ultimately, to the enormous amount of \$25,000,000. This is not conjecture but the actual confession of one of the participants in the crimes. Within the period covered by the terms of the Auditor General and State Treasurer to be chosen next Tuesday, there will be available for road construction and improvement, \$50,000,000. If the FLINN machine gets opportunity to direct the operations more than \$100,000,000 will be stolen. Isn't it worth while to vote for the Democratic candidates.

—Speaking of the high cost of living it is safe to say that if TAFT had signed the tariff reform bills passed by Congress during the special session of last year a billion dollars would have been saved to the people in the cost of the necessities of life, up to this time.

No Trust Funds Wanted.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Governor Wilson's command that the campaign contribution of Cyrus H. McCormick be returned puts him in a position of greater freedom to serve the people, for it relieves him of any obligation that could in the least be misconstrued. Mr. McCormick is one of the Governor's warmest friends and they were classmates and co-trustees in Princeton University. The contribution was tendered because of Mr. McCormick's intense desire to aid to the limit of his power in advancing the campaign of Governor Wilson, because he believes the Democratic cause is right, and not because of any intention or expectation that it would be a obligation that Mr. Wilson, as President, would keep in mind. The Democratic National committee needs this money and could have used it in the legitimate conduct of the campaign.

Cyrus H. McCormick, however, is associated with the Harvester Trust; he owns a large block of stock in that corporation, hence the vigor of Governor Wilson's action. His refusal to accept the money is not an affront to his friend, but it is notice that the Governor wants to be elected free from any suspicion that he was aided in the slightest by the money of a trust. So he turns back an individual gift of \$12,500 because the donor's source of income is a corporation that is under public accusation. This action of Governor Wilson will strengthen him materially in the public estimation. It means that Governor Wilson intends to recognize no master but the people in whose service he expects to be. To the people alone will he be indebted and their interests he will recognize and uphold. No trust representative will be able to go to Washington and ask a favor at his hands in return for a favor. As the executive head of the Government his conscience will be clear. He will be independent and untrammelled, and as he has already said: "The only boss I recognize is the people."

One of the Taft Pets.

From the Johnstown Democrat. It so happened that since the first attempt of the Democratic House, of Representatives to reduce the tariff on woolens, and thus reduce the cost of living to every man, woman and child in the United States, which attempt was made fruitless because of President Taft's veto, there has been a strike of 30,000 men, women and children workers in the great textile mills of the Woolen Trust at Lawrence, Mass. This strike revealed, to the utter disgust of thousands of Americans of both parties who had previously placed more or less confidence in the principle of protection for protection's sake, but who nevertheless were ready to denounce it at the first opportunity, that those millionaire Woolen Trust magnates who have been going to Congress and obtaining excessive protection on the ground that they were paying "American wages" and giving fair and decent treatment to their employees, have been handling out pure buncombe and working a gigantic double-barreled conspiracy on both consumers and employees.

The revelations springing from that strike have demonstrated to the satisfaction of even thousands of patriotic Republicans in this nation that those Woolen Trust magnates have used the high tariff on woolen goods only to enrich themselves. Having obtained a monopoly on the American market, the Woolen Trust has forced the consumer to pay exorbitant prices for blankets, underwear and all kinds of women's and children's dress goods; and while growing rich beyond the dreams of avarice themselves, they have forced their men, women and even little children employees to accept starvation wages and have treated them almost like animals.

To Avoid all Risk.

From the Springfield Republican. If Governor Wilson should not be the choice of a majority of the electoral college, all the current indications are that no candidate could be. The practical alternative is Wilson's election by the electoral college, or no election whatever; and no election would mean throwing the responsibility for the choice of the next President upon the present House of Representatives, which is deadlocked on such a question under the method of voting prescribed by the constitution. If the American people wish to avoid the complications of a contest over the Presidency in Congress, they will put Wilson's election beyond all possible doubt on November 5th.

In the Way of Redemption.

From the Wilmington (Del.) Evening News. The Republican factions in Pennsylvania are so widely divided and so hostile to each other that the claims of Pennsylvania Democrats that they will carry the State for Wilson are reasonable, not extravagant. And they have a good opportunity of electing a large majority of the State's 36 representatives in Congress. Pennsylvania seems ready to go Democratic this year, something the State has not done in a presidential contest since 1856, when she gave her electoral vote to her "favorite son," President James Buchanan.

The Case of Boies Penrose.

From the Springfield Republican. To be staged as a villain when one might have been an angel! Is this the tune of the reflections of Boies Penrose? The sufficient evidence of Mr. Nugent before the Senate committee makes it clear that very wings would have grown on the Penrose shoulders had he decided in those fatal 10 days to support the column instead of Mr. Taft. But the other side of it is that the country would have missed making the acquaintance of the charming "Bill" Flinn.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—At the point of a revolver, Alexander Molnar was robbed of \$63 in Sharon. Molnar is confident he knows the highwayman and the police are looking for the man.

—As a result of a rear-end collision on the Erie railroad in Beechwood, George Smith, a trainman was injured and several thousand dollars' worth of live stock was killed.

—Johnstown has forty-four cases of diphtheria, five of which were reported on Wednesday. Andy Harley is under arrest for tearing down the placard on his house, in which are two victims.

—A bullet which Samuel Diehl, of New Bloomfield, Perry county, carried in his leg for 50 years has just been removed. Diehl was wounded by a rebel marksman in the battle of Williamsburg.

—Eating apples in an orchard with a herd of cows, a black bear met its doom at the hands of Benjamin Dickerson, of Warren. The cows were not paying any attention to their strange guest.

—Members of Altoona lodge, Hunters and Anglers' Protective association, have adopted a red cap for use while hunting this fall. They expect thereby to prevent accidents which were so common last year.

—The Robertdale postoffice was robbed last week. The postmaster went out about noon for a few minutes and left the door unlocked. Cash to the amount of \$100 followed him out but took some other direction.

—George Dunlap, aged 70 years, made the kitchen fire at his home at Houtzdale a few mornings ago, then fell dead of heart trouble. He had been a resident of that place for over forty years and was highly esteemed.

—A full grown deer held up two automobiles on the road between Williamsport and Montoursville a few evenings ago. The animal was crossing the road and, becoming bewildered by the headlights, stopped in the middle of the road.

—The West Branch Knitting company is compelled to install 140 new machines at its Milton plant, in order to fill orders. Most of them are for underwear work. The company will sell Uncle Sam 250,000 pairs of fine wool hose.

—An 11-year-old son of Charles Rheineck, near Mill Hill, is terribly burned as the result of the thoughtless prank of his playmates. The boys were playing with a lighted torch and "just for fun" they held it close enough to set fire to his trousers.

—Delays in the completion of the state road through the Narrows below Lewistown are causing considerable irritation to people in that section. The road was first promised by June, 1912, and now it looks as though it would not be finished by June, 1913.

—Five men alleged to have robbed the coal company's stores in Oakridge and Fairmont, were arrested by State constables and placed in the Armstrong county jail. The men gave their names as Otto Redding, Edward Redding, Arthur Gaunt, William Neese and Clinton Bowser.

—The American plant of the Harbison-Walker Refractories company at Flemington will resume operations shortly, after standing idle for several years. One hundred brick makers will find employment. The plant and tenant houses are being overhauled and made ready for use.

—Two cases involving large amounts are before the Somerset county court. Mrs. Evelyn Smith asks \$25,000 damages for the death of her husband in the mines near Brothertown. Wm. Miller wants \$10,000 from the Queenanong branch railroad for his farm, which the viewers said was worth \$4,200.

—Frank Getchell, about to be taken to the western penitentiary to serve at least three years for larceny, told Sheriff Cupper, of Lock Haven, where to find a watch he had previously denied having stolen. The timepiece was hanging on a small nail driven in the back of a drawer in the bureau of his room at a hotel.

—Thomas Kilroy, aged 40 years, a miner at Meyersdale, is sorely afflicted. Recently his wife died. His mother came to care for his seven children and in a few weeks she died. Returning from her funeral, he found a little daughter badly burned. Then he was taken ill, fell down stairs and now he is in a nervous collapse, mentally unbalanced.

—The work of laying a track seven miles from the New York Central near Winburne to the new clay fields of the Pennsylvania Fire Brick company, of Beech Creek, is being pushed vigorously and the Philadelphia Journal is expressing regret that the town should be allowing the clay to be shipped to other points instead of being used in the manufacture of bricks at home.

—Fred Neese, a resident of Punxsutawney for seven years during which he has become well known as a freight conductor, was arrested on Monday and taken to Kittanning where he was jailed on a charge that he was one of a gang of burglars operating at Oak Ridge, Fairmont and Hawthorne. Seventeen others were arrested. One or two confessed and implicated the others, among them Mr. Neese. His friends believe that his arrest was a mistake.

—Workmen digging a conduit ditch to carry telephone wires to the city hall at Williamsport uncovered an old tomb stone. As the ditch did not disturb the casket, the work proceeded. A number of years ago, when the city hall was built, an old cemetery was appropriated. Descendants of the early settlers had the dust of friends removed and those graves that were not claimed were covered deep with stones laid flat upon them. It was one of these that was recently uncovered.

—Patrolman M. A. Davis, of the Pennsylvania Railroad force, arrested Russel, Davis at Lewis-town on Friday night as an illegal train rider and following his incarceration in the county prison, and on looking over some papers in his pockets found he had deserted from troop M, Fourteenth United States Cavalry, stationed at Fort Mc Intosh, Texas, on July 28th, 1912. Davis admitted he was the man wanted and said he was ready to return and serve his time. He is only 22 years old, and gave his home as Philadelphia.

—One of the few women employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad will be retired on Nov. 1st. She is Anna H. Criley, agent and operator at Glen Loch. She has been in the service of the company since April 1st, 1888, and all of that time has been employed on the Philadelphia division in the same position. She is being retired on the age limit. At the time Miss Criley was employed by the Pennsylvania 44 years ago, more women were employed than now. Gradually the railroad has been employing men in the positions occupied by women until now there are hardly any employed on the road.

—Although Bedford is a dry town it is not a difficult matter to procure liquor. It is a known fact that whiskey has been and is procurable in the town but an investigation has not been made, as far as can be learned. A few days ago a party of local hunters returned from an expedition on Elyta mountain and reported that not far from the Arandale hotel they discovered a cave, and nearby a handsome black horse tied to a tree; they report many footprints and that the ground was littered with paper sacks and such materials as are used in the manufacture of whiskey. They are positive they have located an illicit still but though they were armed they feared to make a closer examination of the cave. A report comes from another section that at certain hours each day a column of smoke has been seen arising from the location indicated by the hunters. Rumors are plentiful, but whether or not an investigation is being made cannot be ascertained. This is the first moonshine distillery reported in Pennsylvania in years.