

INK SLINGS.

Get your fly screens in place before the flies get in. If the thought of doing it makes you hesitate, don't do it. Its awful for a town to be too small for the large circus and too large for the small one. Anyway you look at him King NICHOLAS, of Montenegro, is some potentate. HARRY GREEN is some philosopher on the fecundity of the fly and he advises swatting them early and often. California evidently wants to be Progressive on parade, but reserves the right to fall back on "State Rights" in practice. The farmer no sooner gets through worrying about getting his fields seeded down than he begins to worry about the seedlings coming up. The Borough's street physicians performed a highly successful operation for curvature of the spine on the Water street crossing on Tuesday. Incidentally, clean-up day doesn't apply exclusively to your back yard. There are some anatomical garbage piles that a horse wouldn't hurt once in a while. This is the time of year when the neighbor with a promising young garden is apt to lose some of his friendliness for the neighbor with a promising brood of young chickens. If you don't like to swat the fly read how a facetious writer in the Millheim Journal advises exterminating him. The method is fully described in the fifth column of this paper. If you want to know the man who put the dust in the duster just buy one of the dollar-fifty variety and take a drive over the Centre county roads, after a dry spell of a week or more. JACK JOHNSON is at last on trial in Chicago. Nine indictments are piled up against him and if the law can put him down for forty-five counts he can be sentenced to forty-five years in the pen and \$90,000 fine, or both. A few car loads of crushed stone, a steam roller loaned by the State Highway department, plus a little labor, has transformed the Slough of Despond back into a splendid Main street in what was otherwise the thrifty looking town of Centre Hall. Incidentally, council, Judge ORVIS, Dr. SCHMIDT and Burgess BOWER might have an eye on the bad boys while they are chasing the bad girls off the streets at night. We fancy that the lure of the bad boy is quite as harmful as the will- ingness of the bad girl. While we don't think they ought to want to, women should have the right to vote if they do want to. But women who perform like those English Suffragettes should be put in a place where they can't vote and left to starve themselves, if they want to do that. Dr. SCRIPTURE, the eminent neurologist, of New York, has just published a paper in which he declares that "two fisted" or ambi-dextrous persons never dream. What a lot of horrors they escape and then they never have to waken up to find themselves still a ten dollar clerk after dreaming of being a multi-millionaire. JAMES J. HILL suggests that Congress adjourn for ten years and give the country a chance. It might not be a bad thing after this one gets through re- vising the tariff downward. But why restrict it to Congress? Wouldn't we all be better off and happier if Legislatures, councils and local gossiping societies all acted upon Mr. HILL's suggestion. Our Lemont correspondent remarks that "the whippoor-will has come to furnish music to brighten the evenings." The Lord help our poor friend WILLIAMS if he is so unhappily surrounded that the dolorous song of the whippoor-will sounds joyful to him. If you have never heard one, it makes a noise like AD. FAUBLE singing a solo in a Catholic church. "Spondylotherapy" is the name of a new practice in medicine. It means that if your liver, or your heart or your lungs or your gizzard is out of order Dr. So and So will take an ordinary tack hammer and by pounding on a certain vertebra of the spinal column cure you in a jiffy. It is a new and very wonderful discovery and, of course, has to have a wonderful name, but it is not likely to be so generally practised as to cause an advance in the price of tack hammers. Strange! Representative JACK FLYNN, "gangster," "PENROSE-ANNEX," "JIM HALL'S man" and all the other bad names you want to call a really good Democrat, won quite a victory on the floor of the House Monday when he succeeded in saving his party enrollment bill from being buried in committee. The bill is designed to prevent one party from raiding the primaries of another and is regarded as the best reform bill before the Legislature. Strange, that FLYNN, who has too much respect for himself to be bossed by such political pimplers as are aspiring to direct the actions of the Democrats in the Legislature, should be the father of reform legislation and one of the very few Democrats in the House who can accomplish anything.

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Unfulfilled Pledges.

It is questionable which of the two bodies, the members of the House and Senate at Harrisburg, or the three or four men who now imagine themselves to be, and act for, the Democratic State organization, are deserving of severest censure for failing to make good the many and positive pledges given the public when candidates for the positions they now occupy. Both of these bodies got into power through specific pledges:—The former, that they would enact such legislation as the people demanded and as their respective party platforms professed to favor; the latter, that the Democratic people of the State would, in case of their success, be consulted on ALL matters in which the party had an interest or which had any connection with its welfare or success. We all know how utterly the men chosen to make our laws have failed to show that they are a particle better than the discredited Legislators who have preceded them, and when they adjourn, some time about the middle of the year, they will not have a particle more to point to in the way of good work than the veriest machine bossed crowd of law makers that has ever disgraced the State. And it is about the same with those who are now recognized as the managers, the leaders and the bosses of our own State organization. They succeeded to the places they now fill, after a campaign of the most profuse promises that they were seeking "only the harmony of the party," and that if they were entrusted with its management everything affecting its welfare, in any way, would be submitted to the Democratic people. That in fact it would be a party controlled by its voters and not by bosses—that the men who made up and constituted its strength would dictate its actions and choose its representatives; that from the day of their accession to power there would be an end to any secret manipulation of party interests, any back-room business, any "bossism" or any dictation from any source. The Democratic people were to have a full knowledge of everything being done, and to be given a voice in every party action. In fact, they, the Democratic people, were to be the party bosses. Have they been? Has there been, or is there now, any effort being made to harmonize the party, to lessen factional differences, or to consult and advise with the Democratic people about anything that is being, or is to be done for the party good? We refer to these matters more particularly that those most interested in them may reflect over, and understand, how much more consistent it might appear to the ordinary looker on in our demands for the fulfillment of legislative pledges, if we were to require the carrying out also of the political pledges of our own leaders. A Hall of Fame has been started at the University of Wisconsin with the view, probably, of perpetuating the memory of Senator STEVENSON. A Creditable Appointment. While there may not have been any general demand on the part of the Democracy of Pennsylvania that President WILSON should select for the important post of Ambassador to Japan, Mr. GEO. W. GUTHRIE, acting chairman of the Democratic State organization, there are but few Democrats within the State who will not approve of, and cheerfully acquiesce in that appointment. In the first place, it will secure to the government a most creditable and conscientious representative; for think what we may of Mr. GUTHRIE's deservings, there are none but will concede that he has both the dignity and ability requisite for the position, nor will any doubt that he will do his very best to fill the place to the entire credit as well as the best interests of the country he represents. In the second place, there are a goodly number of the party who really believe he was entitled to some appointment and will be pleased that he has been so prominently fixed; while the many others, who doubt the justice of giving the best places to those who have done the least to build up the party, will be gratified to know that he is so placed that his future neglect of party duties, and his natural instincts to create divisions and build up factions, will not be as effective in demoralizing the Democracy of the State as they have been since his uncalled for and open opposition to Mr. BRYAN in each of his different campaigns. All in all, from the WATCHMAN'S way of looking at things, the President has done well. He, the country, Mr. GUTHRIE and the Democrats of Pennsylvania, are entitled to congratulation for this last, and ought to be generally acceptable, appointment.

Roosevelt a Corruptionist.

The testimony of President MELLE, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, with respect to profits on sales of shares in his own road may not have been surprising to the frenzied financiers who manage the money trust, but it was certainly interesting to the general public. It had been ascertained that Mr. MELLE had "raked off" a matter of \$102,000 in transactions in the securities of the corporation of which he was the executive head and an investigation was instituted. He admitted both the operations and the profits but justified both by setting up the defense that he had contributed, out of his personal funds, more than that amount to the ROOSEVELT campaign fund in 1904. It will be remembered that near the close of that memorable campaign ALTON B. PARKER, the Democratic nominee for President, asserted in a public speech that the ROOSEVELT campaign was being financed by certain corporations interested in sinister legislation and questionable administrative actions. Mr. ROOSEVELT indignantly denied the statement and denounced Mr. PARKER as a malignant falsifier. Subsequently it was proved that the big insurance companies had contributed funds belonging to their policy holders through Mr. GEORGE W. PERKINS and now Mr. MELLE testifies that at least one of the predatory railroad corporations indulged in the same practice at the expense of its shareholders. In the face of such disclosures can it be possible for THEODORE ROOSEVELT to further impose upon public credulity by the false pretense that he was then, is now or ever can be in opposition to corporate corruption? Mr. PERKINS stole the money of the insurance policy holders in order to purchase the election of ROOSEVELT just as Mr. MELLE looted the shareholders of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad for a similar purpose. And these shrewd business men knew that the money was wisely invested, not in the interest of those from whom it was stolen, but for the personal advantage of those who committed the robbery. The evidence of Mr. MELLE proves ROOSEVELT a corruptionist. We have no idea that Japan will inaugurate a war with the United States and if it does we will be sorry for Japan. Nevertheless sand-lot statesmanship is hardly as bad as new nationalism and whichever horn of the dilemma gets us we are in for a painful operation. Tariff Bill Moving Forward. The House of Representatives in Washington has made unexpectedly rapid progress with the tariff bill. While it cannot be said that there was any restraint upon the freedom of speech little time was wasted in oratory and it may be predicted that within a few days the measure will be under consideration in the Senate. There is danger, of course, that it may be held up in the Senate committee. But present signs fail to indicate such a result. The Senators realize that the people demand tariff revision and correctly estimate that it is foolish to antagonize public sentiment all the time. Since TAYLOR'S veto of the tariff bills last year the people have been robbed of nearly a billion of dollars. Even if reduced rates had not decreased the cost of living, therefore, the country would be that much richer now, for with nations as with individuals a penny saved is a penny earned and money taken from the earnings of the people in excess of the amount required for the expenses of government makes for poverty in proportion to the sums taken. But the decrease in tariff rates will decrease the cost of living very materially. If that were not true there would have been no fight to retain the high duties. In view of these facts the country is to be congratulated upon the certainty of the speedy passage and approval of the UNDERWOOD bill. In the solidarity of their representatives in Congress there is equal reason for congratulating the Democrats. The splendid equipment of the party in statesmanship and leadership is a complete answer to the accusations that have been current for years that the Democracy is a discordant mob incapable of constructive work. While the Republican leaders were fighting, bickering and back-biting the Democrats under the magnificent leadership of UNDERWOOD have gone forward to victory. Really the Republican leaders in Congress are too severe on each other. Yet we are almost inclined to believe they are telling the truth. Besides the gubernatorial nomination is a long way off and the early worm always gets the worst of it in the long run.

A Grave Irregularity.

The proposed investigation of the charge that a bill recently signed by the Governor was "juggled" through the Legislature will be interesting if it is thorough. The bill in question relates to tax collectors in Wilkes-Barre. To make it available for its purpose at once it was necessary that it be signed by the Governor by a certain day. According to gossip current in the Legislative lobbies at Harrisburg it was not passed finally until after that time. But the Republican machine is equal to such emergencies. The bill was signed in advance of passage but unfortunately the one signed was not the one passed. In other words the bill as passed contained matter not expressed in the bill signed. We can imagine no greater outrage against popular and orderly government than this. The fundamental law of the State prescribes certain forms for the enactment of laws. Bills must be read in place, referred to committees, considered in the committees to which they are referred, reported out and "read at length on three separate days, considered and agreed to" in each of the co-ordinating branches of the General Assembly. Then they must be approved by the Governor or returned without his approval. It is notorious that few of these requirements are complied with. But hitherto the mandate that they be sent to the Governor for approval after passage has been respected. According to the best evidence attainable this was not done in this particular case. The passage of the measure through the Legislature was retarded for some reason and as political exigencies required that it be signed before it could be run through the Legislature, it was signed in "sketch" form and afterward passed with amendments. The situation is both novel and interesting. It involves a measure of moral turpitude upon the part of somebody that is amazing and we hope a searching investigation will be made. Other investigations that have been occupying time and energy at Harrisburg are trivial compared with this one. It may blaze a trail to the penitentiary. In the advertising columns of today's WATCHMAN will be found an advertisement of the school board of the borough of State College asking for bids for the erection of a new five room high school building. The school facilities there are so crowded that the board is compelled to provide additional facilities, and the members have now decided to go ahead and do so, notwithstanding the fact that the citizens have on several occasions voted against a bond issue to raise funds for the purpose of erecting a high school building. In the neighborhood of five hundred Sophomores and Freshmen struggled, writhed and wriggled and twisted in their annual flag scrap on the campus at State College last Saturday afternoon. The Freshmen were the victors because they out-numbered their opponents almost two to one. Owing to the hot weather the fire hose was called into service and water was sprayed upon the battling students to prevent them from being overcome by the heat. No casualties of a serious character occurred. Tyrone must certainly be a dead town, according to the correspondent of the Altoona Times, who stated that last week a real live groundhog strayed into the town and wandered around an entire day on Bald Eagle avenue without being disturbed or alarmed and the next day took in the sights on Pennsylvania avenue until late in the afternoon when he was clubbed and captured by a number of citizens. Quiet as Bellefonte appears to be such a thing could not happen here. The trial of pugilist JACK JOHNSON under the White Slave Act is in progress in Chicago and it is safe to say that if he gets full justice the black peril will be harmless for some time to come. There are several murder cases scheduled for trial at Pottsville this week and still there is a large-sized suspicion that all the Schuykill countians who deserve hanging haven't been found out. President REA, of the Pennsylvania railroad, predicts a considerable increase in freight rates in the near future, but probably he is only tuning the people's ears to an unpleasant sound. Speaker ALTER is doing his best to please all interests in the Legislature and it must be admitted that in jugglery he is developing a high order of talent. Don't miss the Old Maid's club meeting in Petrikin hall tonight. It will be worth far more than the 25 or 35 cts. admission that will be charged.

Vice President Marshall's Warning.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Vice President Marshall has committed an offense against plutocracy. He has publicly warned the wealthy that unless some concession be made to radical sentiment, events of an unpleasant nature may happen. What these unpleasant events may be he did not specify beyond suggesting that repeal of all inheritance laws might be one of them. Predictions of revolution to follow neglect of reform are not so infrequent as to attract much attention. What is unusual is for an official in so prominent a place as Mr. Marshall fills to publicly express himself so. In doing this he has sinned against plunderbund interests. Plutocracy does not discriminate. The man who publicly warns it against possibility of a revolution is in its eyes as reprehensible as one who tries to foment bloody uprising. Mr. Marshall's address was delivered at a time when the plutocratic interests of New York are working against an attempt to inaugurate a slight measure of relief for the plundered masses. There is pending in the Legislature a measure known as the Salant-Schaap bill which provides for a referendum on the question of cutting in half the tax rates on buildings in New York city. There is little doubt that if submitted this measure will carry New York city by a tremendous majority. Taxes on unimproved or slightly improved property will be increased and many of the owners will be forced to build and increase housing accommodations for the congested population of the East Side. But even this slight step toward the single tax is too much for the predatory interests. They are bitterly fighting it. Even if the majority of New York voters do favor it they are determined that the will of the people must not prevail. High rents may force hundreds of thousands into foul, disease-breeding tenements and may cause the untimely death of thousands of helpless infants, but the respectable members of the allied real estate interests of New York will not tolerate the slightest measure of relief nor even consent to letting the people vote whether or not there shall be relief. Here is an example of bourgeois obstinacy which fully justifies Vice President Marshall's mild and cautious warning. His reasoning cannot be refuted by ridicule or vituperation. The Shame of California. From the New York Evening Post. California, whose stern adherence to the gospel of social justice, unlike charity, does not begin at home; California, whose fervent acceptance of the new nationalism is now being mitigated by as pretty a case of States rights disease as has been recorded in recent years; California, which feels that her own interests are superior to those of the nation, and when it comes to an issue between the constitution of the United States and the control of the strawberry industry in the neighborhood of Florin, Sacramento county, the constitution must go hang; this high-spirited State, which has now assumed an attitude of "What-are-you-going-to-do-about-it" to the rest of the country, is preparing to commemorate in its exposition of two years hence the completion of the Panama canal. The money that is building the Panama canal has not come exclusively from the neighborhood of Florin, in Sacramento county. The citizens of Minnesota and Vermont have not refused to pay their internal revenue taxes on the ground that their good money was being spent on a canal which did them not the least bit of good, whatever it might do for the development of the Pacific coast and the rebuilding of San Francisco. The peevish complaint that it simply will not give up its own rights for the sake of the country at large comes with ill grace from a community which experienced the lavish outpouring of the nation's bounty in the time of calamity seven years ago, and which is now, through the nation's magnificent enterprise, preparing to harvest a prosperity that surely, surely will exceed the interests involved in the Florin strawberry patches. Is He a Benefactor? From the York Gazette. It will certainly be regretted by many that Dr. Friedmann in contravention to his several assertions that he was not interested here to commercialize his remedy for tuberculosis, has sold his rights and formula to a syndicate for a large amount of money and stock. From the professional side, his action will appear unethical and contrary to many noble examples in the past. Still, criticism must be considerably minimized by the announcement of the purchasing firm to the effect that the very poor will be treated free of charge at the various institutes and that fees will be graduated to hit the purses of others. This puts a much better aspect on Dr. Friedmann's character. The chief thing is to prove the efficacy of the remedy and this has not yet been established. If the serum turns out to be a useful specific for the white plague and the pledge to the poor is kept, the benefaction of Friedmann's career will outweigh all other considerations. Don't Swat the Fly. From the Millheim Journal. Don't swat the flies this year when they make their annual visit to our prosperous land as there is a much easier way. After chasing the insect around the room three times, grab him by the left hind foot, then secure a postage stamp. Stand the fly on his head on the stamp and throw brick bats at him for 27 minutes. If, after that operation, the fly can still do the turkey trot without music, shoot both barrels of a shotgun right in his face in order to put out one of his eyes. Then, as a finishing touch, hit him three times across the small of the back with a sledge hammer and call the garbage man.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The Dicks-Miles wholesale produce firm at DuBois has contracted for the erection of a fine new business building to be completed by the latter part of August. Breezewood has been having a smallpox scare. Churches were closed and sore arms were epidemic, but the dreaded disease did not make its appearance. H. K. Crisman, of Philadelphia, went to DuBois recently to take his aged mother to his home. While at that place he took ill and died of neuralgia of the heart. Barnesboro citizens are favoring the municipal water plant idea and are trying to find a remedy for the threatened shortage before the summer drought comes. Will Emery, digging for bait at his home in Philipsburg, dug up a British coin of the year 1797, which probably was the property of one of the early settlers of that place. At a recent meeting of the Clearfield fire department it was decided to try the secured district convention for 1914, provided the business men are willing to aid with the finances. One hundred green headed bullfrogs and two gallons of bull spawn have been placed in the trout dam of the Crystal Springs Hunting camp, in the mountains of Clearfield county. Miss Orpha Sloppy, a New Millport school teacher, lost a handbag containing \$175 a few days ago. Little Miss Louise Turner found it and took the trouble necessary to find the owner. Two of the drying sheds of the Clearfield Clay Working company's plant were recently destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$3,000. The plant, however, will still be able to get out its orders. Because the ordinance granting a franchise to the People's Gas company of Pittsburg didn't contain a provision caring for the streets that would be torn up by the company, the burgess of Somerset promptly vetoed the measure. Heat generated in a box of clean woolen waste caused a \$1,000 fire in the American Natural Gas company's quarters at Indiana. The firemen were meeting in their rooms in the next building and the blaze hadn't much chance. Punksatwey citizens will have a meeting on Tuesday to consider forming a company to build a trolley line from that place to Rosser—a distance of six miles, through a populous country. It is expected that Rosser people will subscribe liberally. The handsome country home of Charles M. Schwab, of Loretto, was damaged to the extent of \$2,000 by fire which started from an overheated stove in the kitchen. Servants were preparing for the coming of the family within a short time. Herbert Oldham, aged 17, went to the cellar at his home near Nanty-Glo in the dark, lit a match then tossed it away. It fell into a can of gasoline kept there to be used for cleaning purposes. In the explosion that followed he was so badly burned that he died at the Johnstown hospital. Leaping from a coal wagon, Monday, 9-year-old Lionel Livingston, of Williamsport, darted directly in front of C. W. Scott's auto and was thrown with great force. Mr. Scott took the boy in his car to the Williamsport hospital, where he is reported injured internally and in a very serious condition. Several State College students visiting near Lock Haven, came upon an 8-year-old girl near town. The child had fallen and severed an artery in her left arm on a glass jar she had broken in the fall. One of the students rendered first aid and saved the child's life by stopping the flow of her life blood. She was greatly weakened, as it was. After being ground under the wheels of several trains the mangled body of a Northumberland man was found on the Pennsylvania tracks at Milton between 12 and 1 o'clock Friday morning. The horribly cut and crushed remains were discovered by a brakeman. Hulsizer came near being killed several years ago, when a train hit his wagon at a railroad crossing at Milton. Dr. B. H. Warren, for years head of the Pure Food Division in this State, has been appointed by the municipal authorities of Atlantic City to enforce the pure food laws of that place. He will get \$200 a month until November. It is said that Dr. Warren has been given cart blanche to rigorously enforce the laws, and that some of the dealers are beginning to overhaul their stocks. More than 150,000 salmon fry were distributed in the eddies on both sides of the Susquehanna river, from the railroad bridge at Williamsport to Sylvan Dell last Friday. The fry were small, having been hatched Thursday, but they will grow rapidly. It is said that they will grow to twelve inches within a year. Later in the week and blue gilled sunfish fry will be placed in the river. Scarcely had the galleons used to haul Dominick Petrell been cleared away from the Westmoreland county jail then two colored men were brought in, charged with a similar crime. One of them is said to have driven a pick into the back of Alex Martin, also colored as he lay prostrate in the road. Witnesses say that all three were drunk but in their versions of who did the actual killing. Rev. W. M. Grant, Ph. D., who was pastor of the Presbyterian church of Northumberland, and who was tried for heresy by the Presbytery of Northumberland and acquitted, but later deposed from the ministry by the General Assembly has been received into the Congressional Ministry in New York State. The friends of Dr. Grant will be pleased to hear of his change. It proves that Dr. Grant is not a Unitarian. After almost 25 years, W. C. Wolfe, of Lilly, Cambria county, has received assurance that he will recover \$2,250 for a house destroyed by representatives of the State board of health following the Johnstown flood of May 31, 1889. He also will receive interest on this sum. To obtain reimbursement, Mr. Wolfe, through T. J. Itell, of Johnstown, and James Stranahan, of Harrisburg, had a special bill enacted by the Legislature of 1905. He obtained judgment against the State and Governor Tener has just signed a bill appropriating \$2,250 to pay the judgment. The Northumberland county court Monday appointed commissions to inquire into the sanity of Morris F. Rosser, of Sunbury, and John Sabo, Mount Carmel, both of whom are charged with murder. They were ordered to report their findings next Monday morning. Rosser, on February 11 last, shot and killed William J. Kerstetter, Sunbury's police chief, when the police official went to his home to take him to an insane asylum for treatment. Sabo went to the home of Miss Maggie Horwitz at Mount Carmel, called her outside and asked her to wed his brother, who had become infatuated with her. She refused, and he is alleged to have sent a bullet into her head. Placing the value of his seven-year-old son's right foot at \$20,000, James H. McKee, of Watsonstown, a musician in the band of the Twelfth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, has brought suit against the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad Co., seeking to recover that amount, the boy having had his foot ground off by a draft of cars on the defendant's road. On July last, when the band was returning from the annual encampment at Gettysburg, the boy with his mother, were at the station awaiting the home coming of the husband and father. Seeing the military train approaching, the boy ran across the tracks to meet his father. A locomotive with a draft of cars, unseen, bore him down.