

INK SLINGS.

-Roquefort cheese is made from sheeps milk so it is wrong to guess at its ingredients by the smell.

-Any way LORIMER would probably never have been in the Senate had the women of Illinois been given the franchise sooner.

-As makers of love verses Governor SULZER, of New York, and Miss BLANCHE NEVIN, of Lancaster, are in classes all by themselves.

-State-wide primaries are now the law. No more state conventions. No more nice little trips to Harrisburg for the faithful.

-Tuesday was St. Swithin's day and as it did not rain those who believe the old proverb will be looking for forty days of dry weather.

-The Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER seems to be breaking his political neck in Washington about as consistently as egoists usually do.

-Between the heat and the auto the population of the country is being reduced almost as fast as if we were engaged in a terrible war.

-The Manufacturers' association appears to believe that the weight of evidence is measured by avoidipous. It has sent 1200 pounds of documents to Washington.

-Chautauqua is in full swing. Everybody seems to be enjoying it to the fullest as well as the thirty gentlemen who obligated themselves to make up whatever deficit there would be.

-Specialists advise us that fried chicken is a splendid brain food. Almost we would be persuaded to put credence in the report if there were not so many poor preachers pounding the sacred desk.

-The crop reports are embarrassing to the calamity howlers and those who want to create a panic for political purposes. With bumper crops a panic is impossible for the reason that people must eat and farmers will spend the money they get for their products.

-Of course we have no desire to dig up unpleasant memories, but we just can't resist the impulse to ask Bro. WARREN WORTH BAILEY, of the Johnstown Democrat, whether he was sore, or sulking or working for the good of the Democratic party when he was putting in those big licks to defeat Secretary WILLIAM B. WILSON, when he was an aspirant to succeed himself in Congress.

-Of course it's everybody's business if Secretary BRYAN goes on a lecturing tour in order to replenish the family exchequer. If Uncle SAM doesn't provide enough salary to keep his Secretary of State in grape juice and other necessities why certainly he should lecture or do anything else that is legitimate on the side. Up this way fellows in that predicament usually do a little life insurance business.

-From our point of view Sunday ball playing, Sunday horse racing, or Sunday fishing are no worse than Sunday golf playing, so long as they are purely amateur and not indulged in for money. Yet Sunday golf playing is becoming so prevalent as to appear a serious entering wedge with which to split open the old-fashioned notions of the sanctity of the Sabbath. Of course it is largely an individual matter, every person being a law unto himself, but we deplore the latter day trend that is making Sunday more a day of revelry than of rest; more a day of pleasure than of prayer.

-Democratic county chairman KIM-PORT made no certifications to the County Commissioners on Tuesday as required by law. While it will probably not prejudice the opportunity the Democrats may have of naming tickets for the fall primaries on September 16th, owing to the fact that the new law was signed too late for the State Department to send out instructions to the various counties, yet that would probably have made little difference to the chairman. Incidentally, it would be interesting to know what the chairman proposes doing about his successor. Under the rules of our party in the county his term will expire on Jan. 1st, 1914, and his successor should be elected at the fall primary, or the county committee should be called together to provide for the vacancy that will occur on January 1st.

-PALMER and McCORMICK's state re-organization butted into Clearfield county's fight on a county chairman and W. A. HAGERTY Esq., re-elected by a vote of 92 to 6. The State Committee actually sent letters over GUTHRIE's signature to the committeemen in Clearfield county and VANCE McCORMICK sent them the Patriot for two weeks before the meeting all beseeching them to vote against Mr. HAGERTY. But the Democrats of Clearfield county already knew what the Democrats of Centre are gradually finding out, that PALMER and McCORMICK are not re-organizing for the good of the party, but for the good of themselves. We congratulate Mr. HAGERTY and we congratulate the Democrats of Clearfield county for taking such a decisive step in rebuking the meddling silk-stockinged gentlemen who imagine they own everything with the word Democrat attached to it.

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The Crowning Outrage.

According to our esteemed contemporary, the Clearfield Republican, the Democratic State Central committee has been cutting up some "high jinks" of late. There has been more or less of a faction fight in the party of that county for some time. In this quarrel alleged party leaders outside of the county have been "butting in" more or less offensively. Mr. VANCE C. McCORMICK, who rarely votes the Democratic ticket when the "interests" need his help, has been conspicuous in this respect and some of the officers of the committee have made pilgrimages to the county at irregular intervals when they imagined they were needed by the party wreckers. But in the recent affair all disguises were cast off.

The chairman of the Democratic county committee of Clearfield county during the successful campaign of 1912 was W. A. HAGERTY, a lawyer of ability, a gentleman of character and a Democrat of the most substantial type. But Mr. HAGERTY has not been enamored of the new party leaders. Always faithful to party obligations he couldn't quite understand why party wreckers like GEORGE W. GUTHRIE and VANCE C. McCORMICK should be made party dictators. Moreover Mr. HAGERTY resented some corrupt party traffic between those gentlemen on one side and a few party re-creants in Clearfield county on the other. For this independence in thought and action he was to be punished by defeat for re-election and in pursuit of this purpose, according to the esteemed Republican, letters were mailed to every county committeeman in the county, from the headquarters of the State Central committee at Harrisburg, imploring them to vote against Mr. HAGERTY for chairman.

In the entire history of the politics of Pennsylvania there has never been so dastardly an exhibition of political bossism. It may be recalled that years ago party managers were denounced more or less vehemently for secretly trying to influence the results of factional fights in sections of the State in which they had no local interest. The late WILLIAM A. WALLACE, of Clearfield, during his long and honorable career as party leader, suffered especially from such accusations. But even the suggestion of interference by the State committee, in a local quarrel, while he was chairman or leader, would have been denounced by him as an outrage inexcusable and unpardonable. But these party factionists do it.

-Speaking of the Balkan war it may be remarked that interest in the future of professional ruffians is never enduring and the average observer is growing tired.

Opposing the New Primary Law.

The so-called Democratic club of Philadelphia is preparing to test the constitutionality of the State wide primary law recently enacted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. This club is composed of Democrats in that city who rarely vote the Democratic ticket but constantly knock on the party organization. These gentlemen hope to acquire control of the organization within a year or two by trading in federal patronage and they are afraid the new primary law will defeat that purpose. It provides for the election of party offices by the vote of the people and these dilettante politicians are not popular with the people.

On the last legislative day of the session Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER published in the Harrisburg organ of the party wreckers an appeal to Democrats in the General Assembly to defeat this primary bill. It is in line with what the reformers have been demanding for years and Mr. PALMER's opposition to it caused much surprise. He was unable to accomplish his purpose, however. Only a very few of the Democrats in the Legislature followed his advice and they are only near-Democrats at best. The real leaders of the party held their promise of enacting a reform primary law and succeeded in getting a measure which will put into the hands of the people absolute control of the party organization.

BILL FLINN's opposition to the law is easily accounted for. During the recent campaign he held in the chairmanship of the Republican State committee a man who was almost openly opposed to the Republican candidates. The new primary law will prevent the recurrence of such an absurdity in any party. Under it the Republicans will elect their own chairman and the Democrats and Bull Moosers will enjoy the same privilege, as they ought to. But those who recently stole the Democratic organization and used it for personal aggrandizement and to get offices for themselves do not want such a condition of affairs. It would not inure to their advantage.

Why Daniels is Unpopular.

The reasons for the wide-spread criticisms of Secretary of the Navy DANIELS are plain. The Secretary has been tramping, rather heavily, upon the toes of some of the pet interests. He has been investigating the causes of the high prices of armor plate and that is an unpardonable crime. The Carnegie Steel company and the Midvale Steel company have been looting the treasury by collusion for many years. During CLEVELAND's last administration an attempt was made to stop it and the projectors of the Midvale Steel company were induced to equip a plant capable of competing. But soon afterward the Midvale was "taken in" by the others and competition ended.

The plan adopted by the armor plate makers was to make the same price for plate and then by arrangement with the naval authorities divide the work equally among them. During ROOSEVELT's first administration Congress authorized the Navy Department to create a plant in order to check the robbery. But the MORGAN concern which had been "so friendly" to ROOSEVELT didn't want a government plant and it was never created, though the prices were largely increased subsequently. One of the first things Secretary DANIELS determined upon was to stop this robbery and for that he has gotten himself very much disliked by the Steel trust and its sycophantic satellites and hence the ridicule that has been so insistent and the criticism that has been so severe.

In a report to Congress the other day Secretary DANIELS shows that by erecting a plant of capacity to make 10,000 tons of armor plate a year the government will save \$1,400,000 on work now required and though he hasn't suggested the creation of the plant, "a wink is as good as a nod to a blind mule," and the interests probably think that DANIELS is preparing to deprive them of their franchise to loot. Probably he is. At least he is letting the people know what is making the expenses of the government so high in order that they may make recommendations. We are not in favor of government activities in that direction, as a rule, but the robbery of the people must be stopped.

-Meantime Colonel ROOSEVELT is enjoying himself in the wild and woolly west, partaking of the hospitality and the adoration of the Rough Riders. But his campaign angels are on the job where they can do the most good.

Colonel Mulhall's Testimony.

In his statement to the effect that the American Manufacturers' association had been perniciously, as well as corruptly, active in politics and legislation during the past several years, Colonel MARTIN MULHALL added little, if anything, to the store of public knowledge. Every observing citizen has long understood that that organization was simply a conspiracy to debauch the politics of the country in the interest of graft and grafters. Membership in that organization ought to be as odious as association with pirates or burglars. But Colonel MULHALL's testimony is not altogether without interest, nevertheless. Some of the details of the operations of these are worth reading.

For example most of the time in which Colonel MULHALL was in the employ of the manufacturers' association endeavoring to defeat legislation in the interest of labor he was a member in good standing in one of the labor organizations and striving with main and might to keep the labor vote solid for the Republican party. This proves that the Colonel was a "many-sided man," as was said of BEN JOHNSON by one of his flatterers. It also shows that the labor agitator who deals with politicians is a fraud and traitor, nine times out of ten, for MULHALL is a fair sample of the type. He is neither better nor worse than the average and those who deal with them are of the same moral fiber.

Of course we all knew at the time that the efforts of the Republican machine to settle the anthracite coal strike of 1902 was purely a party game and that the subsequent settlement of the affair by ROOSEVELT was converted into a victory for the Republican machine with the consent and co-operation of ROOSEVELT. The late Senator QUAY needed the votes of the coal regions in the Senatorial fight then pending. If he could have secured them through the efforts of MULHALL he would have been satisfied. But he was quite as well satisfied to get them through ROOSEVELT as he did. And his concern and that of the machine was not for the coal miners. It was for QUAY and the Republican party.

-President WILSON is doing fine but the reports that he spends time playing golf may seriously impair his popularity in certain sections.

Mr. Palmer's Change of Heart.

The protest of Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER that no Democrats have been "outlawed" in the scheme of the new bosses to organize a personal machine reveals a wholesome sign of temperamental improvement. He admits that most of the favors of the administration have been bestowed upon men who voted against the Democratic nominee for Governor at the last election for that office but adds that Secretary of Labor WILSON and Fourth Assistant Postmaster General BLAKESLIE voted for GRIM and therefore the regular Democrats have no cause of complaint. Both WILSON and BLAKESLIE were on the Democratic ticket that year and could hardly have been recreant enough to bolt.

The truth of the matter is that until Mr. WILSON fell under the hypnotic influence of Mr. PALMER at Washington, he was a pretty regular Democrat. He was ambitious, no doubt, which was laudable, but he invariably worked in harmony with the Democratic organization which conducted two successful congressional campaigns for him. When he came under the spell of PALMER, however, he adopted different ideas of duty and his ambitions took on another slant. He wanted to be chairman of the House Committee on Labor and because there was a hope PALMER could get that favor for him he turned upon his old friends and "outheroded Herod" in the bitterness of his fight against them.

As for Mr. BLAKESLIE "the least said is soonest mended." During what must be regarded as a lapse from reason he was nominated on the State ticket at Allentown and was most determined in his refusal to withdraw from the ticket in order that fusion might be effected. The editor of this paper, then Secretary of the State committee, importuned the candidates to adopt that course and when a meeting with that purpose in view was held in Philadelphia, Mr. BLAKESLIE protested vehemently against withdrawal. He was not loyal to his associates on the ticket, however. Everywhere he went he spoke against the party organization and openly admitted that his purpose was to get himself elected State chairman.

But even if Mr. PALMER's opinion that the division of favors has been approximately fair is admitted, his personal acrimony since the inauguration of the President refutes his statements that no Democrats have been "outlawed." Unless he has been misrepresented he told the chairman of the County committee of an adjacent county that no man would be considered for appointment to office if he was supported by the editor of the leading, if not the only Democratic paper in that county and it was plainly intimated to Democrats in this county that no men would be appointed unless they were endorsed by a certain individual. If this is not outlawing Democrats we can't imagine what is.

-It may be remarked, incidentally, that LAMAR, "the Wolf of Wall Street," is the logical product of Legislation procured through such lobbies as that maintained by the Manufacturers' association. By the same token MULHALL is much the same type of man and the wonder is that they weren't working together.

-The tariff bill is now fairly before the Senate and the question of how long the looting of the public will continue depends upon the disposition of Republican Senators to prolong the debate.

-Representative MANN of Illinois is also bitterly opposed to the proposed currency bill. But then MANN would oppose the Ten Commandments if introduced by a Democrat.

-Automobilists and others who travel the state road between Bellefonte and Milesburg aver that it is badly in need of repair. It is full of holes and ruts and is about as rough as any piece of public road in the county. A force of workmen could make the needed repairs in a few weeks and inasmuch as this piece of road is now under state supervision the men in charge of this district should see that it is properly kept up. The longer it goes without repair the more it will cost to fix it in the end.

-A terrific rain and wind storm passed over portions of Centre county late Sunday afternoon. Bellefonte escaped even the rain but lower Bald Eagle valley got a part of it and Nittany valley from Hecla down and the lower part of Pennsylvally suffered most. Fences were blown down, outbuildings unroofed, one or more barn roofs blown off and shocks of wheat strewn all over the fields. Considerable corn and oats were also flattened to the ground. Clinton county crops were also badly damaged.

-Have your Job Work done here.

For a Criminal War.

From the Harrisburg Star Independent. The New York newspaper that is trying to foment war between the United States and Japan is doing everything in its power to arouse race passions in the breasts of white citizens of the United States. Day after day it prints matter that is designed and calculated to arouse prejudice and hostility to the Japanese, and nothing is too low or too high for its purpose. The other day it printed one of its characteristic articles, which took the shape of a prediction uttered by a nun dying near Rome.

According to the rules of newspaper writing it said that the nun had made a number of predictions and that all that she had foretold had come to pass. That gave color to the prediction about the United States. But although it has never regarded truth or honor in "getting results" it had not the hardihood to say positively that the prediction had been made, but employed the evasive "it is said." The story is that Sister Maria Benedetta prophesied before her death: "Trouble is coming from the east. The Yellow Peril threatens the world, but it is against America that the danger is directed. Prepare to defend yourselves to the last gasp. Before two years are past -before the end of 1914-yellow invaders and negroes will be throwing dice for the last American girl in Central Park, New York, amid the smoking ruins of the great city, given up to the idolatrous cult of the Golden Calif. But true-hearted Americans will make a brave stand for their race in the interest of their country. I see a great battle upon a vast plain by a great lake. I cannot see how it will end."

Anybody with first sight, not to speak of the second sight which the nun was positively to have possessed, can see that the prediction is a mass of nonsense, and contradictory at that. But the motive sticks out of it like quills out of a porcupine. It is to arouse the ignorant, the masses, the superstitious, the dollar patriots, and make them force the hands of the federal government and drive the United States into a criminal war for more circulation and more notoriety for a notorious newspaper. But, thank heaven, there is still common sense and plenty of journalistic decency and sanity in the country.

No More Conventions.

From the Pittsburg Post. The approval of the state-wide primary bill abolishes the party conventions. There will be no more button-holing of delegates, because the delegate has ceased to exist. The function of nominating candidates will be performed by the voters direct. The control of the situation heretofore exercised by the political boss will be impossible, for the boss will find it necessary to control the people if he is to exert his influence in the manipulation of nominations. In brief, may be said, the people have come into their own, and from this time henceforth will take charge of the important duty of selecting the candidates to be passed upon finally at the polls.

Under this new system the first primary will be held on the third Tuesday of September, as will be the case in all odd numbered years. In the even years the primary will be held on the third Tuesday of May. This will be a unique experience for the voters of Pennsylvania, most of whom never have known any other method of making nominations other than the old way of letting somebody unknown to them agree on delegates who, by a farce primary, would be authorized to attend the state convention and ratify dictated nominations. Then the people would go to the polls and vote for a ticket that had been set up for them.

The new law is a marked advance in the right direction. It gives the voters control from beginning to end. May be the politicians will find a way to continue their grasp, but under the state-wide primary it looks gloomy for them. Congratulations to the voters of Pennsylvania.

Just a Bank.

From the Boston Post. The resounding crash of the First-Second National bank of Pittsburg, with its \$30,000,000 deposits, suggests again the little question: What is a bank? This institution was intricately entangled, through its controlling officers, with huge irrigation and traction schemes, besides the attempt to control immense systems of water works all over the country. The load killed it. These are increasing evidences that it is best for a bank to be just a bank, as it is for a railroad to be just a railroad.

Lamar's Function.

From the New York Herald. Mr. David "Lamar" whose extemporaneous impersonations of various statesmen have recently added to the gaiety of nations, is characterized in out-of-town newspapers as "a stock breaker." This is an error. Mr. "Lamar" has never had any connection with the New York stock exchange. His talents have been exercised in Wall street not as a stock broker but as "a stock breaker."

The Man to Break an Ice Strike.

From the Houston Post. If we comprehend Marse Henry's estimate of him, the President is a man of such temperamental frigidity that he can frappe a slather of hot scotch by stirring it with his finger.

Militants Think It Is.

From the Indianapolis News. It doesn't seem as if an English suffragette ought to be arrested if she didn't throw anything worse than a petition at George.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Elliott Poway, of Saville, was badly bruised and cut when he was thrown on the knives of a binder he was riding when the team scared and ran away.

-Dynamite has been used to kill fish in Hicks' run, near Ridgway. Police are hunting the guilty parties and there is great indignation about the case.

-While eating dinner at Reich's Mills, Frank Reedy, in charge of the mill, choked to death on a piece of beefsteak. A doctor arrived too late to be of service.

-Seven ladies whose ages totaled 566 years composed a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Mary Hanger, of Indiana, a few days ago. The oldest was 91 and the youngest 80. All were widows.

-Beaverdale has an epidemic of scarlet fever, there being about a score of cases. New ones are being reported daily and there has been one death. Several quarantine breakers have been arrested during the past week.

-Forty-six cases of whooping-cough are now under quarantine in Huntingdon, with a number of cases possibly not reported. There is concern lest the public schools may not be able to start on Monday, the first day of September.

-Eagles Merad had its first drowning of the season when Clarence Watkins, of Baltimore, bathing out of hours and in a forbidden part of the lake, was seized by cramp and drowned. His companion tried to hold him up but his strength failed.

-Barney Monahan, a section laborer in the Avis yards, crawled under a train while his companions were crossing over to go to another part of the yards. After a time his body was found, a shifting engine having struck the train before he was clear of the track.

-E. W. Reed, of Ralston, is in the Williamsport hospital with a porcupine quill in his abdomen. It pierced him while in his bunk and when he tried to pull it out it broke off. Since then it has apparently been traveling, and it will take an X-Ray photo to tell which way it is headed.

-The Altoona Coal & Coke company has a strike on its hands at Coupon. Three hundred men quit work last Thursday because of the plan to work a single shift while the operators want to work three shifts as soon as another heading has been finished.

-Judge Harry Alvin Hall Monday issued a bench warrant for the supervisors of Fox township, Elk county, to appear before him and tell why they failed to improve the roads within their boundaries this spring and summer. The roads in that township have been the despair of motorists and drivers all summer.

-The Pennsylvania Glass Sand company, who have a plant at Mapleton, will soon have in operation an additional plant capable of producing 500 tons of dry sand per day and with a storage capacity of 5,000 tons. This new plant is being erected east of the Vineyard station on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad near Ryde.

-Rev. Paul Ketterman, Lutheran pastor at Lilly, has sued a doctor and his wife, of that place, for \$50,000. He says the woman charged him with slandering her and that his work as a pastor was greatly hindered. A church committee recently investigated the woman's charge and found the minister "not guilty." The suit followed.

-The West Virginia Pulp & Paper company controlled by the Luke interests, which have large operations at Tyron, has just closed a deal with interests controlled by ex-Sheriff Henry G. Davis and the heirs of Stephen A. Elkins on 10,000 acres of Virginia timber land in the Gaudley Mountain section of West Virginia, on the Upper Elk, for \$750,000.

-Walter Tubbs, of Unionville, aged 49 years, was killed one day last week while at work in Hagarty's saw mill, near that place. The edger, through which he was pushing a board, got out of order and threw the board with terrific force against his breast, causing internal injuries from which he died a few hours later. The deceased is survived by five sisters.

-"Jack," a bear dog valued at \$50 belonging to some days ago and bit a number of other dogs. For several nights he worked before being detected and when his owner shot him an analysis developed the fact that he had rabies. A general dog quarantine was ordered, as it was not known how many he had bitten.

-It is believed that a personal enemy was responsible for the dynamiting of the home of Samuel Heckman, a lumber mill worker at Masten, a village in the northeastern corner of Lycoming county. He and his wife, who lived in a one story frame house, had just retired when an explosion threw them from their bed and wrecked that part of the house. Strangely enough they escaped without injury. The explosive had been placed without cover, which sent its force downward and their lamp had been extinguished, which fact prevented fire.

-Bert Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cox of Williamsport, received a shock from 25,000 volts of electricity while working on a pole about ten miles from Bloomsburg Friday, and died that evening about 7 o'clock. Cox was working on a pole and just above his head ran a high tension wire carrying 25,000 volts. While at his work his hammer slipped and he fell backward, his head coming in contact with the high tension wire. When contact was made a flame 15 feet high shot from the unfortunate man's head and he dropped from the pole. He was aged 28 years and leaves a wife and two children.

-Albert Fisher, a private in Company D, Twelfth Regiment Infantry, Williamsport, in camp at Selinsgrove, was drowned in the Susquehanna river, two miles from the camp ground, Thursday. The body was found at noon and appearances had been in water 12 hours. Fisher's rifle was found not far from where the body was discovered. Fisher had been a member of Company D, for a number of years. He had been a rolling stone with no fixed habitation. He has a brother in Lock Haven and a sister in Harrisburg it is said. He has been employed from time to time about various hotels in Williamsport.

-An unique robbery was pulled off in Latrobe a few nights ago. Ratners, a hat dealer, was having a dollar sale and had a number of dollar bills stuck in hats in his display window. They were left in overnight and somebody took one without breaking into the store. The plate glass was pattered together at the angle and the thief scraped some of the putty off, put a piece of chewing gum on the end of a wire and stuck it through the crack. One of the bills stuck to the gum and didn't drop until it was close to the floor. Some more putty was then scraped off and the bill taken through. For some reason the fishing stopped before any more were taken.

-From Huntingdon and vicinity come reports of the terrific storm on Sunday evening. The steel flag pole erected on the Fourth of July on Reserve hill, Huntingdon, was bent; lightning struck in a number of places through the county, trees were torn out, orchards damaged, ripening grain destroyed by hail. Near Mapleton the farms occupied by A. T. Coder and J. G. Harpster were hit. Coder's grain was scattered and partly threshed. Apple and cherry trees were destroyed and a large truck patch completely uprooted. Harpster's corn-crib was demolished, his wheat field, garden and orchard desolated. The Chautauque tent at Huntingdon was hastily reinforced and stood the storm finely.