

-Week after next the fair will be in full swing. Fall is coming with a rush, sure enough.

-Locusts are singing everywhere which the wisecracks say is a sure sign of a prolonged dry spell.

-The past week has not been such as to cause much of a revival of the belief that the sun is cooling off.

-Mexico evidently don't want peace but seemingly don't care how many pieces it may have hereafter.

-What EUGENE C. BONNIWELL thinks of PALMER, McCORMICK et al evidently is not what he thought of them this time last year.

-HARRY THAW is right back on the centre of the stage again. With such talents what a head liner he would have made for vaudeville.

-New York we presume will continue to boast of being the greatest State in the Union. And it has good reason for doing so. We know of no other one that has two Governors on its pay roll.

-Word from Washington is to the effect that the Senate has difficulty in finding some one to pray for it. More than probably on account of the little hope for good results that the job promises.

-If all the fellows who have been getting bread and butter through the THAW case, since that misguided young man killed STANFORD WHITE, start in to help hunt him we fear he has little chance of escape.

-The notorious Mrs. PANKHURST is said to be planning a visit to America. If she comes let us send her right through to Chicago and see what happens when she meets up with the women cops of that city.

-Some people may wonder what has become of Bellefonte's former army of loafers. They are probably hunting for a place where they will not be kept so busy getting out of the way of automobiles and motor cycles.

-Singularly enough most of the Judges reveal a want of confidence in the validity of the non-partisan ballot law, having previously filed petitions for re-nomination under that law they subsequently filed under the old system.

-Even if bad enough comes to the worst Mr. HUERTA, of Mexico, is not likely to frighten President WILSON into recognizing his rotten usurpation. With a unanimous public sentiment behind him President WILSON will probably have courage enough to hold his own.

-And still there are men who don't seem to know when they have "bitten off enough." There's Senator PENROSE, who, in addition to "protecting" all the interests of this country has rolled up his sleeves and is proclaiming how easily he can lick all of Mexico to boot. But then there is nothin' like keepin' busy.

-Anyway if Mr. McCORMICK and Mr. PALMER won't allow the Democrats of this county any voice in the selection of their postmasters, they will at least permit them to express a preference as to candidates to be voted for at the fall election. Surely we should all be thankful that we have still some privileges left.

-And now its beginning to look as if each voter, who goes to the polls this fall, had better take a Supreme court with him if he expects to get a vote into the ballot box or counted if he does get it in. A little more sense and a little less "progressiveness" or "reformation" would have been a great thing for the last Legislature.

-We can see no particular reason why great big New York should be worrying, as it seems to be, over having two Governors. Why, there is weeny, weeny Connecticut, which after being afflicted for years and years with two capitals has fully recovered and now believes that as a Commonwealth it is neither to be overlooked nor sneezed at.

-Save this issue of the WATCHMAN you men who dabble in politics. On page 2 will be found the full text of the new Primary law. The changes in our system of holding elections are so radical that it practically makes it necessary to begin all over again to study how we are to elect and when. Place this copy of the WATCHMAN where you can put your hands on it when some point you don't understand comes up. The new law is well worth preserving at least until you have familiarized yourself with its requirements.

-It's an old, old saying that tells us "it always takes longer to correct a wrong than to commit it." And we guess it is fully as true as it is old. It only took the new Surveyor of Customs from the evening of June 19th to the morning of June 20th to announce to the people of this county, through the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, that his "first official act" was the re-appointment, as deputies in his office, of two of Mr. PENROSE's most trusted henchmen. It has taken him ever since trying to make the people believe he was lying when he sent that story out, notwithstanding the fact that those deputies are still doing his work and drawing the salaries that ought to be helping to keep the families of two deserving Democrats.

Democratic Watchman

Penrose and the Mexican Situation.

Senator PENROSE invites suspicion of his motives when he makes himself the mouthpiece of those who are trying to force a war with Mexico.

The good citizens of the United States, irrespective of section, are against war. They hold in aversion the horrors of war. They detest the logical consequences of war. Because of this antipathy to war they are a unit in supporting every movement which aims to avert war with Mexico or any other power or nation. The popular belief is that President WILSON is striving, by the best means, to avert war with Mexico. He is doing all that is possible, invoking every available expedient to compose the troubles impending.

Last week we made reference to the character and purposes of those who want war with Mexico. They are those who manufacture munitions of war, deal in the commodities which are consumed in armies and speculate in the necessities of life and the sufferings of the public in consequence of war. There is no patriotism in clamor for war. It is purely and essentially sordid and selfish. We know that Senator PENROSE is a politician. He has been that all his official life. But we didn't believe that he is a mercenary, seeking the spoils of war that he might live upon the distresses of the people of the country of which he is an official agent. PENROSE ought not to belong to that class.

But facts are stubborn things and Senator PENROSE has been aligning himself with those who occupy the unenviable position of fomenting war with Mexico at a time when the President is striving with all his might and main to avert such a calamity. It is not that the administration is afraid of war with Mexico. Everybody knows that it would be a military picnic involving a trifling loss of life and sacrifice of treasure and a conquest of which we would subsequently be ashamed. In 1846 LINCOLN opposed war with Mexico for the reasons which influence President WILSON to oppose it now. But PENROSE is taking the opposite position now and PENROSE will be the loser. Believe us.

Several of our neighboring boroughs voted against changing their form of government so as to put them into the third class city class, the other day, and the inference is that there was some fear that increase in the price of license might result in an advance in the cost of booze.

Reasons for Prolonging the Session.

The Republican minority in the Senate seems determined to prolong the extra session to the limit. The leaders of the majority fondly hoped to finish up the work of the session by the first of September. To accomplish that result it would have been necessary to have passed the tariff bill during the second week of this month, now past. The currency bill might have been disposed of during this week and next. But the minority would not have it that way. The weather in Washington is almost intolerably hot and legislative work is being performed under exceedingly adverse conditions. But the Republicans don't mind. They are "cutting off their noses to spite their faces," so to speak.

Of course the Republicans suffer with the Democrats in the intense heat of the Capitol. But they are not influenced entirely by a desire to punish their political opponents. There is something more important to them in the delay of tariff legislation. It is conservatively estimated that tariff taxation draws from the resources of the people two million dollars a day. The late Mr. CLEAVE, at the time, president of the American Manufacturers' association, admitted before a Congressional committee some years ago, that the excess tax taken through the DINGLEY tariff amounted to one million dollars a day. The rates have been increased considerably. Therefore two millions a day is a fair estimate.

By delaying tariff legislation one month, the tariff mongers are enabled to rob the public of sixty million dollars. That is a vast amount of money and the beneficiaries can afford to contribute a considerable part of it to corrupt the elections in the near future. There is still a strong hope in certain quarters that the Republican majority in Congress may be restored at the next election and this preparation for a corruption fund is made in view of that contingency.

But the hope will be disappointed. The people are no longer fooled by the tariff superstition. Democratic success last year has not brought disaster and the voters of the country understand why.

—CASTRO is losing out in Venezuela but the only safe place for CASTRO is the grave.

And Now Brother Bonniwell is Sore.

No doubt all of the readers of the WATCHMAN who have followed the fortunes of the Democracy of Pennsylvania during the several years just passed have a newspaper acquaintance, at least, with Mr. EUGENE C. BONNIWELL, of Philadelphia. He will be recalled as one of the original Reorganizers; one of the first of the gentlemen of prominence who predicted the utter extinction of the Democratic party in the State unless it was forthwith rescued from the leadership of Col. JAMES GUFFEY and his friends. The clamor he helped start as early as 1908 resulted in the unhorsing of Col. GUFFEY and his friends in 1912. Then Brother BONNIWELL realized his dream in the fullest, for entirely new leaders were chosen: Great broad-minded, clean, silk-stockinged men (?) whose sole ambition it was to give our party a place in the political history of the State that we could all be proud of. A place far removed from a trading post for patronage; a place on the high plane of respectability where it was no longer to be the political asset of a faction or clique. Far be it from the new leaders chosen in 1912 to want the party organization to further their own selfish interests.

That was Mr. BONNIWELL's thanksgiving psalm when the reorganization was complete.

How about his feelings today? On Friday the Philadelphia North American published a remarkable letter from the gentleman. He has evidently woken up and found his pipe out, for among other things he says, in writing an open letter to the new Postmaster General:

I desire to enter an emphatic protest against the course of your department in this and other offices under consideration. It is not to be denied that every federal appointment in the State of Pennsylvania has been delegated to four men—A. MITCHELL PALMER, JAMES I. BLAKESLIE, VANCE McCORMICK and GEORGE W. GUTHRIE. The Democratic Congressmen themselves have been reduced to the humiliating position of supplicants for these men for indorsements.

As a citizen eager for the advancement of Democratic success and active in its service, I have a right to call your attention to the undemocratic and impolitic result of this delegation. There has never been a time in the history of the Democratic party when a handful of men were allowed to arrogate to themselves the selection of all candidates for office in a State.

It has been the unbroken rule in Pennsylvania that not only was the Congressman the representative of his party, and therefore his judgment the final judgment, but that in the hostile districts the defeated Democratic candidate exercises the same privilege, both as an incentive to the proper type of candidates to lead a forlorn hope as well as because of the fact that he, too, had been selected by the Democracy as its standard-bearer.

If I alone were concerned in this matter I would welcome the course which is being adopted, because its result will mean the certain disruption of the political machine which Mr. PALMER represents. But my concern in Democratic success goes far beyond the overthrow of a political dictator; it is because this course will alienate from us thousands of voters, destroy an incentive to Democratic activity and reduce the present representation in Congress that I make this protest and appeal.

I ask nothing for myself, but I do maintain that it is adding insult to injury to appoint men to office in a district such as this, at the recommendation of a chairman who was not loyal to the Congressional nominee and then expect party unity.

The WATCHMAN has no sympathy for Mr. BONNIWELL. It told him, as well as all other Democrats in the State just what PALMER, McCORMICK, BLAKESLIE and GUTHRIE were after. He helped them to get it and now he wails his lament when it is too late.

Too late did we say? No! State committeemen are to be elected in every county in the State this fall and there is yet time to show this gold brick quartet that the Democracy of Pennsylvania is not to be fooled again. We can select a state committee made up of men of independent views, men who have been personal witnesses of the betrayal of the party by PALMER and his crowd; men who will not be subservient to VANCE McCORMICK and BLAKESLIE and the rest; men who will really work for the best interests of the party as a whole; men who will demand of the State organization that the voice of the Democratic people be recognized and obeyed and that the Democrats of every district be given the right to suggest and recommend the one among them most worthy the political patronage belonging to their locality. By helping to do that Brother BONNIWELL you can retrieve some of your disappointments and do a real service to the party.

Right here in Centre county we have one of these committeemen to elect and we would advise every Democrat to satisfy himself fully as to where the candidates stand before voting for either one of them. If either one of them wants to represent us in order to keep PALMER in the saddle he should not be elected. Because PALMER promised to purge the state organization of every appearance of personal favoritism and the way he has kept his promise may be seen by reading Mr. BONNIWELL's letter.

If the Democratic party in Pennsylvania is to be made personal plaything of the future, as it has been during the past year, then real Democrats will have to form an organization of their own and let him continue to crack the whip over the lick spittles to whom he has thrown the federal patronage as though it were crumbs from his own table.

Tammany Method in Two States.

Little can be said in behalf of Governor SULZER, of New York, with respect to the confusion now pending in Albany. He "has been weighed in the balance and found wanting." He misappropriated funds which had come into his possession, contributed by men who cared more for the principles he pretended to represent than for the man. His eleventh hour defense that his wife was to blame is no help to him. It rather aggravates his delinquencies. It is not only a doubtful pretense but an exhibition of moral cowardice. There could be little heart in the defense of such a man under such circumstances even if the desire were present. Candor forbids the attempt.

But much may be said and ought to be said against the methods which Governor SULZER's opponents are employing against him. Obviously the proceedings in the Legislature were framed up. Guilty or not it was foreordained that he should be impeached. Unfortunately for him his actions and record contributed to the purpose of his enemies. It was an easy matter to find evidence against him. By orderly procedure he might easily have been disposed of. But his enemies were not content with orderly procedure. They demanded results by summary process and short cut. They have refused to submit the matters in dispute to the courts, though they know the courts would be just.

When GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, A. MITCHELL PALMER and VANCE McCORMICK seized the Democratic organization of

this State, two years ago, they were urged to submit the questions in dispute to the courts. Honorable men were aspersed by the action of the usurpers and injustice was the consequence. But they declined a judicial investigation, just as the Tammany forces are doing in Albany now. They knew that they were morally and legally wrong but felt that if they could keep out of court they could get away with the trick. That is a method of criminals. It is the expedient of outlaws. But it is the course adopted by GUTHRIE, PALMER and McCORMICK then and by Tammany now.

—On page two of this issue of the WATCHMAN will be found the full text of the new primary law passed by the last Legislature. It is a complex document and every voter in the county should read and study it carefully. In order to publish the law in full we were compelled to omit the usually interesting features found on page two, but the same will be resumed next week.

—Spring creek is about as low now as it has been in two years, there not being enough water below the falls during the day to carry off the sewerage.

—Speaking of "a time for disappearing" we would suggest that Representative McDERMOTT, of Chicago, might hand in his resignation any time now.

—In the course of time people may reluctantly come to the conclusion that Judge BRUMM, of Schuylkill county, is something of a grouch.

Congress and the Home Folks.

From the Jacksonville (Fla.) Times Union.

It is now universally admitted that the Senate will not vote on the tariff bill before the middle of September. It is generally believed that the bill will not be passed before the middle of October. At any rate it is certain that Congress will remain in session until the hot weather is ended.

If the House will consider the currency bill while the Senate is discussing the tariff it can put that measure through before the Senate finishes with the tariff and the currency bill will be ready for the Senate when it is through with the tariff. The Senate would have six weeks before the regular session—ample time for the passage of currency legislation.

With these two measures out of the way no great amount of business would be left for the regular session and Congress could adjourn by the first day of March.

In this way the legislation of the country would not suffer and Congressmen would not suffer in their chances of reelection. Primaries will be held next year to nominate Representatives and Senators whose terms expire in 1915 and those now in office will be handicapped in their races for re-nomination if Congress should remain in session far into the spring. The spring primaries interfere greatly with legislation when Congress remains in session while they are in progress. Large numbers of Congressmen are absent.

It may do well enough in theory to say that a Congressman may gain votes by staying at his post and doing his duty but no man who has tried it has found that it worked well in practice. The man who goes among the people for the votes gets them. The man who stays at his post loses his post.

So we think Congress should do all it can now so that Congressmen may have next spring an equal show with those who try to supplant them.

Mediation in Mexico.

From the New York World.

Friendly mediation in Mexico logically follows the President's acceptance of Ambassador Wilson's resignation and his emphatic statement that there will be no recognition of Huerta and no armed intervention. A man better known on both sides of the Rio Grande than ex-Gov. Lind, of Minnesota, might perhaps to greater advantage have been chosen to begin the overtures. But the adoption of a new policy is of more importance now than the agency through which it starts.

Ambassador Wilson had no solution of the Mexican problem but the alternative of acceptance by the United States of Huerta or war. The President has not recognized either of Huerta's rights or of Ambassador Wilson's disinterestedness or of the imminence of war.

No one can indorse the contention that Ambassador Wilson contributed knowingly to the murder of President Madero, but the evidence that he was on friendly terms with Diaz and Huerta, who permitted his murder, is overwhelming. It is corroborated in his own official reports.

To give this country a proper standing in Mexico, as the World has said for some months past, the retirement of Ambassador Wilson was necessary. He had been a partisan. Consciously or unconsciously, he had represented interests other than those of the United States. He had held toward one element of the Mexicans an attitude of favor. Towards another he had advocated war and extermination.

Taking plenty of time to formulate a policy of his own, the President, relieved of the embarrassments heaped upon him by Ambassador Wilson, is now in a position to act honorably and powerfully in behalf of peace.

Gov. Sulzer and Justice.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

The peculiar constitutional questions involved afford the Governor a further protection against injustice. The constitution distinctly provides that the judges of the court of appeals, or the majority of them, shall sit with the Senate as a trial court, and as the action of the trial court is irrevocable by any judicial body, it is inconceivable that the judges of the court of appeals would consent to sit with the Senate unless they were first convinced that the impeachment proceedings were in harmony with constitutional law. Nor should the Governor's friends or the public overlook the fact that while each of these justices would possess only the voting power of the individually senators the opinions they would hold as to charges and testimony would weigh heavily with the Senate and the people of the State. Without the participation of the judges the trial of the impeachment charges cannot well proceed. With their participation the Governor is assured of a bulwark against an ill-considered and unfair verdict.

No impartial man will contend that the Governor has so far presented any adequate defense. What he has said amounts merely to a general denial, which does not convince when compared with testimony given before the Frawley committee. If he has the proof of innocence, which he insists he has, he can safely intrust it to a court in which the influence of a universally respected judiciary would be nearly, if not quite, paramount. The more he seeks to obstruct a full and free ventilation of the charges against him the deeper becomes the impression in the public mind that consciousness of guilt is the inspiration of his conduct.

Andy Can Do Something Popular.

From the St. Louis Republic.

If Mr. Carnegie desires to spend a few more millions in the cause of peace, he might subsidize Huerta and get him to retire.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Five new boilers have reached Hyde City, Clearfield, for the rolling mill and it is expected that the plant will start soon.

—A week after being crushed under a wagon loaded with four barrels of gasoline Clifford Goss, aged 6 years, died at his home in Lewistown.

—Fred H. Bennett, printer, living in Williamsport, was found dead on the sofa in the living room of his home last Wednesday morning. Death was due to heart failure.

—A wallet containing \$2,198 was picked up by conductor F. R. King in an empty horse car at Sunbury. It was soon identified by a horse dealer and King refused \$50 reward.

—The Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad station at Sykesville, was burned by an early morning fire, supposed to have been started by thieves who robbed two freight cars standing near.

—Cramer, Indiana county, is threatened with an epidemic of scarlet fever. The disease has been prevalent for several weeks in a mild form but little attention was paid to it until a 10-year-old child died.

—Lawrence Laughlin, of South Renovo, aged 30, married and the father of three children, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of his revolver, while at a lumber camp. He was removed to the hospital.

—Standing in the doorway of his home at Stranford, Indiana county, John Corovitoth was struck by lightning and killed. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Linter, of Blairsville, were badly stunned when their home was struck.

—While walking from the mortuary chapel to the grave of her nephew at the West Newton cemetery, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Beazell, of Webster, Westmoreland county, dropped dead, having sustained a stroke of apoplexy.

—J. L. Thomas, a Puncsuatwney insurance man, had his pockets picked near Rossiter by a highwayman who knocked him down with a club. The foreigner made his escape, but a warrant has been sworn out for his arrest.

—The voters of Renovo Saturday at a special election held in three wards of the borough, authorized the making of a school loan of \$100,000, the proceeds to be put into a large new modern school building on the site of the present Seventh street building.

—The sheriff has posted notices in the Somerset county cemetery advertising for sale the lot and mausoleum of Henry F. Barron, recently cashier of the Farmers' National bank, of Somerset. Whether the last resting place of the dead can be thus invaded by a legal process remains to be decided.

—Ethel Foidy, aged 13, was found by a policeman tied to a post with her hands above her head and her toes barely touching the floor of the front porch at her home in Berwick. A married sister is said to have tied her up because she would not work. Her mother is dead and the father was at work.

—Miss Hazel Baker, an employee of the Huntington Blank Book company, while feeding a press in the printing department, received severe injuries to one hand in trying to adjust a gauge. She was removed to the J. C. Blair Memorial hospital, where two fingers were amputated, one at the knuckle, the other at the third joint.

—Barker Bros., of Ebensburg, have appealed from the action of the county commissioners, raising the valuation of their real estate holdings at the Cambria county town from \$15,000 to \$60,000. Others are likely to follow suit and several big coal land appeals are pending, so that the county court is likely to do a "land office" business.

—A little child setting fire to the fringe on a couch while playing with matches started a fire at Johnsbury that rendered sixteen families homeless and destroyed two general stores, a hotel, a band hall, a bakeshop, a barber shop and meat market. Nearly all the buildings were owned by Catherine Decarie. They will be replaced by brick structures.

—Morrisdale was the scene of two distressing accidents on Saturday. One at No. 3 shaft cost the life of John Catherino, aged 18, who was crushed by a fall of rock. The other was at the railroad crossing at the grist mill, Mahlon A. Baney, aged 23, was riding his wheel when struck by a shifting engine. He was taken to the Philadelphia hospital, where he died the next day.

—Receiving 25,000 volts of electricity through his body last Thursday, H. Girton Meredith, aged 21, was hurled against the wall of the Peñ Central Light and Power company's sub-station in Collinsville, a suburb of Altoona, and his skull crushed. When found he was dead, all the clothing having been burned from his body by the electricity. Meredith accidentally touched a high-tension wire, completing a circuit.

—A strange legal tale has come to light since the death of Enoch Swartz, of Juniata county. His wife had left him because of trouble with her step-children and he had procured a divorce of which she knew nothing. Later they were reunited without marriage. When the estate was settled the question of her status came up, but her claim was allowed by the auditor and her legal standing as his widow was not decided.

—All students of the Williamsport High school are barred from becoming members of any fraternity or sorority by stringent rules passed Thursday afternoon by the members of the Williamsport school board. The rules were adopted following recommendations made by P. M. Bullard, the principal of the High school. No doubt there will be a strong sentiment on both sides of this question, but the fact that the rule has been passed leaves nothing for the students but compliance.

—Mrs. E. W. Young, wife of a former chief clerk for the Northumberland county commissioners, sold her husband's home at sheriff's sale. He had a property in South Danville and she held the mortgage against it. On Saturday she fore-closed, buying it herself. Young is in the Montour county jail a self confessed embezzler of \$700 from an estate of which he was in charge. He told the court he could fix the matter up and his wife will now borrow money on the property and pay back the money taken by her husband in order to get him out of jail.

—The epidemic of smallpox that followed the trail of the Hagenback circus through this State is subsiding, and the original victims are said to be out of danger. There are a number of secondary cases that are yet under quarantine, and altogether the cases numbered about ninety, in seven different counties. The circus left Pennsylvania to get into southern New York, then came back into this State, and all over its route after the discovery of the disease the authorities followed it and kept watch that no more cases developed. In New York every attic of the circus was vaccinated.

—George Curtis, an employee of the Keystone National Powder company, and living on the place across the creek from Emporium known as the Bingman farm, committed suicide Sunday morning. Curtis with his wife and other members of his household were in Emporium in the evening and had, it is said, been drinking. They had trouble while in town and were ordered to go home. They did so and Curtis having had a previous dispute with his wife made an effort to reconcile her and falling to do so threatened to take his life. About one o'clock his body was found, it is reported, near the pump which is just outside of the kitchen door.