

INK SLINGS.

—The circus is gone, but the fair is coming.

—If the Canadians are wise they will hold onto THAW as long as they can.

—Farmers who are plowing say that it is so dry and the dust so thick that they have to send a boy ahead of the team with a sprinkling can so the lead horse can see to keep in the furrow.

—The Washington man who was divorced from his wife and then tried to replevin a set of false teeth he had bought her probably wanted to remove every chance of her "chewing" about it.

—Mr. HUERTA, of Mexico, finds that the new man in the White House isn't brandishing a "big stick," but he has a little old pedagogical ruler way of doing things that seems to meet with the approval of every government on earth except the one that HUERTA murdered MADERA to set up.

—Legislation has evidently legislated all the politics out of politics. Right here in Bellefonte candidates were hard to find to run for half the offices that are to be filled and even the women school directors came within an ace of forgetting to get through the red tape necessary to get their names on the ticket.

—Really there is great hope now of a very speedy ending of the THAW case. Enough of lawyers have already gone to Sherbrooke to clean up what is left of the THAW fortune in a very short time and when that is accomplished the whole nasty thing will be at an end. Truly there is always reason for thankfulness.

—The departure of ex-county chairman ARTHUR KIMFORT from Centre county and the appointment of GEO. L. GOODHART, as dispenser of patronage in the county, makes it look very much as if the Hon. ROBERT FOSTER will land in the postoffice at State College. They say BOB is smilin' a little broader and whisp'erin' a little louder to his friends up there since ARTHUR hit the trail to Montgomery county.

—The "coolness" which the Surveyor of the Port says ARTHUR KIMFORT has been exhibiting toward him lately will probably grow cooler each time our former county chairman thinks of how much nicer a fat job in the custom house would have been than following the plow around that Montgomery county farm. As a burnt child dreads the fire ARTHUR will probably put the acid test on any gold bricks that he might happen to turn up on his new home.

—Well, Well! The latest bit of local political gossip is to the effect that Mr. PALMER and Mr. kurtz have had their heads together and decided to make GEORGE L. GOODHART, of Centre Hall, dispenser of patronage in Centre county. In other words you can't be postmaster any place in Centre county unless GEORGE gives PALMER the "high" sign. Now wouldn't it be funny if he should decide that he will be postmaster of Centre Hall himself. That is, wouldn't it be funny to everyone but our dear Brother SMITH, of the Reporter.

—We can all rest easy. There'll be no war with Mexico, or with any other country, for that matter, until after November 29th. That is the date the West Point and Annapolis football game is scheduled to come off and the individual who would propose that we accommodate some other country with a war when our warriors have an engagement of such momentous (?) importance to settle first, on hand, must be some fellow with wheels in his head, or without proper respect for the honor of the heroes who wear the uniform of our country.

—Talking about good roads, we are getting them fast, but they are not durable. The Milesburg road, and the new Nittany valley road already show up the liability of macadam thoroughfares to speedy disintegration. Observation should teach the State Highway Department that the constant repairs that such roads will require will entail a stupendous expense and that something more permanent should be adopted. To our minds brick, while more expensive to lay in the first place, would prove far more economical in the end, because it could be repaired without an expensive mechanical equipment and would not blow away by degrees as automobiles speed over it.

—We understand that the good citizens of the lower end of Pennsylvania are indignant at the uncalled for attack upon their neighbor, WILLIAM F. SMITH, that appeared in the Centre Democrat last week. They think they know Mr. SMITH better than the editor of the Democrat and they know that when it charges him with being anybody's tool it is willfully aspersing the character of a man they have known all their lives and a man who has stood for clean politics and good citizenship all his life. We wouldn't be surprised if they rebuked this unjust assault with an overwhelming vote for Mr. SMITH. It would be exactly what the editor of the Democrat deserves for jumping into a man merely because he aspires to the same office it had set up its stool pigeon for.

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Murphy, Palmer, Guthrie and McCormick.

The CHARLES F. MURPHY, of Tammany Hall, New York, continues to follow the example of A. MITCHELL PALMER, GEO. W. GUTHRIE and VANCE MCCORMICK, when they stole the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania, two years ago. It was as perfidious a crime as ever was perpetrated. It involved all the turpitude of any other form of robbery, supplemented by conspiracy. But they refused to go into court to test their title, just as MURPHY refused to submit the question of Lieutenant Governor FLYNN's right to exercise the prerogatives of Governor. They coveted power, as MURPHY yearns for control, and they could see no other means of attaining their hopes. So they stole the organization and raised the cry of "stop thief" to avoid pursuit and just punishment.

The validity of their claim was essentially a legal question just as that of the title to the office of Governor of New York at this time is purely a matter of judicial interpretation. In both instances an appeal to the courts was not only the just method of procedure, but it was the only course which could possibly suggest itself to fair minds of honest men. But PALMER, GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK not only refused to invite a judicial decision but resisted with all the force they could command, every attempt to get the question before the courts. Colonel GUFFEY is a bad man, they declared; Senator HALL enjoyed the personal friendship of some conspicuous Republicans and therefore they protested their crime against every principle of justice and equity was justified.

MURPHY is now playing precisely the same game. Because of delinquencies of Governor SULZER he has thrust a Tammany friend into the office of Governor, upon a legal technicality, and refuses to submit the question of title to the courts. He knows that with a just claim he would be safe in invoking a judicial interpretation of the question in dispute as PALMER, GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK fully understood that the courts of Pennsylvania would have been just to them. But he hasn't the shadow of a right to put his emissary in the office of Governor of New York any more than PALMER, GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK had a right to seize the organization of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. In both instances the operation was a criminal conspiracy.

There is one marked difference in the cases, however. The accusations against Colonel GUFFEY were cruelly false. He had been a liberal contributor of funds to maintain the Democratic organization at a time when few were willing to share the burden and possibly he did provide money to elect Mr. GUTHRIE to the only office he ever held before his act of usurpation. But he never betrayed the Democratic party nor any Democratic interest, though GUTHRIE betrayed the party in the office which GUFFEY's money bought for him with his knowledge and consent. The charge against Senator HALL was simply puerile and unworthy of answer. On the other hand the charges against Governor SULZER seem to be amply supported by evidence and therefore MURPHY has the better case.

As a matter of fact, however, MURPHY, of Tammany Hall, and PALMER, GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK stand on precisely the same level. MURPHY has stolen the office of Governor of New York, PALMER, GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK stole the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania and all alike refused to submit their claims to the courts. And they were influenced by precisely the same motives—lust for office. GUTHRIE and MCCORMICK, who had voted for the Republican candidate for President against WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN three times, wanted office and power respectively and there was no way to fulfill their hopes except by their conspiracy to steal the organization. This they did with full understanding of the turpitude of their crime and with the result hoped for.

Is it any wonder that real Democrats of the State lost their respect for those who would be leaders, as well as for the organization that recognizes them as such?

—Senators are devoting themselves to a preliminary study of the currency question, according to Washington dispatches. In other words they are preparing to accept orders from their respective party leaders on that subject.

—Some people appear to think that the solution of the problem of the high cost of living lies in a season at Atlantic City. At any rate the crowds at that popular resort this year have exceeded all previous records.

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Equal Opportunity in Banking.

The Democratic majority in the House of Representatives in Washington has wisely decided against changes in the pending currency bill suggested by the Bankers association, recently in convention in Chicago. Possibly some of the suggestions may have been meritorious and certainly they were all offered with the best intentions in the world. But it is bad policy to let the bankers write the currency laws as it is dangerous to allow the manufacturers or the importers to write the tariff laws. Men are very much alike and selfishness is a forceful element in nature. If burglars were allowed to write the laws against burglary, the burglar's life would become a source of joy forever.

The pending currency bill may not be perfect but it is the product of profound thought and pure patriotism. President WILSON has no selfish interests to subserve in the legislation he recommends. He is influenced entirely by a desire to serve the public efficiently. Besides he is a man of splendid ability and earnestness. The science of government has been a subject of life study with him and he is a master of political economy. Such a man doesn't have to be a banker to understand the currency needs of the country. As a matter of fact, being a banker by profession might impair his usefulness as a legislator or administrator of currency laws. The pending measure is largely the product of his labor.

The bankers of the country, if their sentiments are correctly expressed by those who compose their conventions, are obsessed with the notion that we ought to have a central bank. Centralization is a favorite idea with those who aim at monopoly and the recent financial history of this country shows that the bankers, as a body, are very much inclined in that direction. But the American people are not in accord with that idea. They are slowly but surely drifting back to the competitive standard and that is the basic principle in the pending currency bill. For that reason the people will approve the action of the majority of the House. It means equal opportunity in banking.

—Of course Senator OWEN withdrew his objection to the currency bill after a brief conference with the President. Senator OWEN is one of those practical statesmen who want to be assured that they are considered when things are happening.

Has Penrose Gone Mad.

It is almost impossible to imagine what Senator PENROSE meant, the other day, when he introduced a resolution instructing the President to send an army of invasion into Mexico. Only a few days previously acting President HUERTA, of Mexico, had intimated that President WILSON didn't represent public sentiment in the United States in his effort to peacefully compose the troubles in our sister Republic and that he had private advices from Washington that Congress is not in accord with the administration upon that question. But nobody expected that the ostensible leader of the Republican party in the Senate would give public expression to such a thought.

Senator PENROSE is a candidate for reelection and understands that he has an uphill fight before him. In view of that fact he probably imagines that something sensational will attract favor to him and justly estimates that nothing could be more sensational than a congressional controversy with the President. But such a dispute as he has precipitated by his resolution would partake of the nature of a treasonable demonstration. It is a direct attack upon the government of the country. Sensations of that sort are not likely to command popular favor. In the face of a public enemy or in the presence of a grave danger interference with the plans of the government is treachery.

The response of the Senate to Senator PENROSE's proposition ought to have admonished him against any further exploitation of his questionable enterprise. Nearly all the prominent representatives of his party on the floor of the chamber remonstrated against the movement and protested that the part of patriotism was to encourage the President in his efforts rather than impair his plans. But PENROSE has not been diverted from his purpose. He has since announced an intention to speak on the subject and urge the adoption of his resolution. Can it be that our senior Senator has lost his mind? His actions justify such a suspicion.

—There is no more zealous champion of tariff graft in Congress than Senator LAFOLETTE, of Wisconsin. Even PENROSE isn't serving the interests more earnestly.

Thaw and the Thaw Millions.

Referring to the case of HARRY THAW the New York World of Sunday elaborates an idea expressed in these columns last week. "THAW as THAW," observes our esteemed contemporary, "would receive little attention in the metropolis, but THAW personifying a great fortune devoted to lawlessness becomes an object of prime importance. It is not THAW, it is the THAW money that compels notice. The money thus used cannot be ignored. The creature in whose behalf it is used may interest some people, but in the main he is of no consequence. For several years past the question involved in this controversy has been whether the THAW money was more powerful than the State of New York."

For some years before his murderous attack upon STANFORD WHITE this millionaire degenerate paraded through the red-light regions of the principle cities of Europe and America indulging his beastial passions to the limit. Finally his career along these lines ended in a brutal and cowardly homicide from the just and proper punishment of which he escaped by the corrupt use of the THAW millions and the false pretense of insanity. Now the THAW millions are again brought into view in an attempt by devious methods to obtain his freedom from the institution to which he was committed that the lives of others to whom he may have taken a dislike might be made secure.

Of course HARRY THAW doesn't amount to anything more than any other criminally inclined pervert. But the supremacy of the law amounts to a great deal and the misuse of tainted millions to much more. The THAWs have been pouring a constant stream of gold into the channels of justice with the purpose of corrupting the courts and debauching public life ever since the murder of STANFORD WHITE and in the interest of justice and decency the operation ought to be checked. The most available means of achieving that result is by returning HARRY THAW to the asylum for criminal insane from which he escaped and keeping him there until he is released by death.

—Mr. ROCKEFELLER is said to have shed tears of sympathy when he met the National association of deaf persons the other day. It is to be hoped that such things will not occur frequently. Every time Mr. ROCKEFELLER is moved to sympathy he increases the price of oil and when it runs to tears there is danger that gasoline will soar out of sight.

Calamity Howlers Rebuked.

The trade record for July is the best evidence thus far presented of the commercial activity under the present Democratic administration. The balance in our favor for the month, according to the statistics of the treasury department, was \$21,000,000. Last year our balance was only \$218,000 for the month and three years ago there was a balance of upward of \$2,500,000 on the opposite side of the July ledger. In both those periods we were doing business under a Republican administration and there was no tariff legislation pending in Congress to frighten capital or retard business adventure.

We are not among those who imagine that a balance of trade in our favor is the best evidence of industrial prosperity and commercial activity. On the contrary our idea is that profits are taken both from purchases and sales and when the outward movement of commodities is about equal to the importations the country is doing fairly well. Moreover it is an undisputed fact that when an individual or a country is selling much and buying little, the conditions may be anything but satisfactory. Sales sometimes are made necessary by the poverty of the owner and where poverty prevails there is little purchasing.

But we were admonished before the election of last year and have been told hundreds of times since that a Democratic administration would bring commercial paralysis and industrial ruin to the country and these figures taken from the treasury records prove the contrary. Of the exports during the month in question this year a greater proportion were of manufactured products than during either of the other years and if that means anything at all it clearly indicates industrial activity.

The calamity howler is simply getting it in the neck. The prophet of woe is a false prophet and a fraud of the first water.

—The stories of McNICHOL's contempt for public opinion suggest that since he has taken up race track operations he may be "riding for a fall."

—Meantime our late Ambassador to Mexico is very much surprised that the earth didn't tip up when he was turned down.

Paying the Cost of War.

Industrial depression is almost inevitably the aftermath of war. The withdrawal of men from productive labor to serve in the ranks and the waste of money worse than burned up are always felt. Even our little war with Spain checked business, and not only England, but all Europe suffered when the Boer war bills were paid. Italy wrested Tripoli from Turkey at comparatively little expense in lives and treasure, but the disturbance of industries in northern Italy, the most prosperous and progressive part of the kingdom, has resulted in so much misery that strikes and riots have assumed dangerous proportions. Agriculture was neglected during the war and the cost of living has risen, while manufacturers find trade depressed and claim to be unable to pay higher wages though the demands of the united workers amount to only half a cent an hour of added pay. Taxes are levied around and the trouble has been rendered more acute by keeping conscripts with the colors through fear of general war arising out of the Balkan struggle and the dismemberment of Turkey, which Italy virtually began.

Italian manufacturers find it hard to finance their business operations on account of the general scarcity of money and the high rates of interest. They have stocks of unsold goods on hand and the people are without means to buy. The economic problems of the nation do not differ materially from those of an individual. If a man stops working at some gainful occupation and spends the money he has saved in dissipation, in law suits, in quarrels or other wasteful ways he suffers for it. So does the country that goes to war and neglects the arts of peace for the time being. Moreover, both injure their neighbors to some extent.

The riots in Milan and other Italian cities will be suppressed by military force, but this will not put bread into the mouths of the starving when the factories are shut down for lack of orders. This proves that underconsumption, not over production, is the trouble. Italy's production of wealth has been curtailed, yet goods have been accumulated. When mills shut down labor consumes less and the demand for goods decreases. The revival of trade has to begin at the farm, a fact that city dwellers do not grasp.

Europe will have to pay for the Balkan war, and this is what makes money dear and depresses its stock markets. England and the United States have wasted neither time nor money in preparing for war in the last year and will profit accordingly, though it will feel the effects of dear money for some time. The bank of England has held its discount rates on a high basis for nearly 10 months, a longer period of dear money in that center than has been experienced since the Crimean war some 60 years ago.

The Answer to Huerta.

President Wilson is planning to kill off Huerta with publicity. The administration position will be stated before both houses of Congress. Wilson, while speaking primarily to the men who must in the next instant upon any policy that is to become the established order, will also be speaking to the world at large. Worldwide publicity has made men and it has unmade them. President Wilson is unalterably opposed to the Huerta regime. The hands of the provisional President of Mexico are stained with blood. He holds his power because he controls the army. He represents force. The United States in justice to itself, in justice to Mexico, in justice to the world at large cannot recognize such a manifest usurper.

President Wilson's determination to speak out follows the reception in this country of a message from Huerta in which the provincial President goes out of his way to taunt the present administration. Huerta, with unparalleled impudence, informs the administration that it does not represent public sentiment; that its lease upon power is short and that its stand is not only distasteful to the American people but to the powers. President Wilson, in view of the unusual stand taken by Huerta, has decided upon a bold yet dignified course. He will state his case to the world and rely upon public sentiment to do its work. Cut off from support in Europe, unable to gain recognition in the United States Huerta, in the end, must, if he is to maintain his position, consent to at least the form of an election.

As for the Wilson policy it must be acknowledged that a campaign of publicity is infinitely to be preferred to a campaign that would send our soldiers across the Mexican frontier.

Slavery and Polygamy.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. The report of Dean C. Worcester that slavery and polygamy exist in the Philippines, is not news to well-informed persons in the United States. These evils are hard to deal with under existing conditions in the islands, but it is generally admitted that there has been an improvement since the American occupation of them.

Source of Intervention Talks.

From the Boston Herald. The Bryan-Hearst hostility again crops out in their opposing positions in the Mexican affair. All the newspapers owned or influenced by Mr. Hearst, including the Washington Post, are clamorous for intervention. Mr. Bryan very properly resists this sort of pressure.

—The discovery of the whooping cough germ is all right as far as it goes but what the suffering children need is something that will kill the pesky thing on sight.

SPAULWS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Foustwell has a serious epidemic of diphtheria, besides a number of cases of whooping cough and three of typhoid fever.

—Charles Shaffer and his son Clarence, of Lock Haven, driving an auto had it struck by a New York Central train at a grade crossing.

—Temperance people of Huntingdon have shown their colors by raising \$300 at one meeting to appeal the license decisions to a higher court. —Indiana residents have been advised to boil their drinking water, as the analysis showed danger of typhoid. There are several cases of fever now.

—Windber feels sure that it will be the location of one of the new schools for mining to be established by the United States bureau of mines in the near future.

—Mrs. Mary A. Dumm, aged 75, had probably been dead two days when neighbors forced their way into her home at Saltsburg. She had lived alone for some time.

—L. J. Laughlin, of Renovo, who was accidentally shot through the abdomen on August 13, when his revolver fell from the holster, is dead. A wife and three children survive him.

—Freeman Daniels, a farmer near Jenners, was hanged under eight tons of hay when the mow floor collapsed, letting the hay fall on him. He was unconscious when found and had a narrow escape.

—Snyder county is having an abundant peach crop and passenger trains on the Sunbury and Lewistown division are having trouble to make their schedules on account of the consequent express traffic.

—Robert Mitchell, of Newberry, was arrested for calling a man a "scab." The man to whom the epithet was applied had been working as a strike breaker for the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Newberry.

—Violet Fish, a 15-year-old Punxsutawney girl, is missing from her home. It is thought she left with one of the attractions of a carnival nature that thronged Punxsutawney during the recent firemen's convention.

—George Graden, seriously wounded at a grade crossing at Lock Haven when he was struck by a passing freight while getting away from an express, died of his injuries after several days' fight for life.

—Daniel K. Sellar, a prominent Jefferson county Republican and one of the state inspectors of the dairy and food department, died suddenly at his home near Punxsutawney, of neuralgia of the heart. He was 60 years old.

—W. J. Madison, aged 21, who is supposed to have fallen asleep on the track while waiting on his train, is the third to meet death on the Unity branch within a very short time. The young man was a brakeman and resided at Derry.

—Latrobe is hoping for cool weather for the next few days. A bolt of lightning struck the ammonia condenser at the ice plant and the town is dependent on what the breweries can spare and what can be shipped in until repairs can be made.

—After a note of warning had been received by Isaac Levan, of Newlin, near Bloomsburg, his wheelwright and blacksmith shop were burned to the ground with everything therein. Someone ago his barn was burned, supposedly by incendiary fire.

—Since the hold up of Frank Nauple, the Ashville butcher, between that place and Amshy, an Italian butcher located at Ashville has been missing. A few days ago his place was examined and nothing of value was found. He is now suspected of being concerned in the hold up.

—The exhibiting of a pocketbook containing a sum of money by a patron to a friend in a Huntingdon restaurant gave John Thompson, presumably a hobo, an excellent opportunity to play pickpocket and land in the Huntingdon jail to await trial at court. The pocketbook and contents were intact.

—DuBois doesn't have enough interest in being a city to vote on the plan, the borough being good enough for it. But a largely signed petition has been presented to court and a rule granted to show cause why the number of councilmen from each ward should not be reduced from three to two.

—James Jones, aged 42, an active church worker and one of the most valuable men in the employ of the mining company at Horatio, while examining the condition of the air in No. 6 mine, fell down the air shaft, a distance of seventy-eight feet, and was found dead at the bottom. He is widely mourned.

—A stick of dynamite in his pocket, Robert McGinnis, a Latrobe miner, sat on the porch at the boiler house and put his little battery, used to ignite a charge, into the same pocket. His coat probably knocked against the bench or building and exploded. It was a gruesome sight that greeted those who first arrived on the scene.

—The fifty-fourth annual fair, under the auspices of the Juniata county Agricultural society, will be held at Port Royal on September 9, 10, 11 and 12. The Tyrone band will furnish concerts daily and on Thursday Senator Penrose is scheduled to make an address. On Friday an address will be made by Congressman Frank L. Dersham.

—Twenty-eight horses, valued at a just \$300 each, were burned to death in a fire of mysterious origin which broke out early Sunday morning, and burned for over twelve hours destroying the big stable of the American brewery at the corner of Fourth avenue and Thirteenth street, Altoona. The brewery is owned by Venantius A. Oswald, who estimates the total loss at \$20,000 to \$25,000.

—The Department of Agriculture is tabulating the amount it has expended in the examination and condemnation of live stock in the State. Auditor General Powell has not yet decided whether he has the legal right to reimburse owners whose stock was destroyed by order of the State Department of Agriculture. His decision is anxiously awaited by the department and by the owners of the stock.

—Thinking the current had been shut off while he was standing on a circuit breaker in the Home Electric Light Company's sub-station, Bellwood, last Friday, Joseph A. Singler, aged 27, a line-man of Tyrone, laughingly told his companion there was no danger, when warned to be careful, and the next moment touched a bus bar, receiving 2,300 volts of electricity through his body. He was dead before the switch could be found.

—John K. Cresswell, an assistant track foreman employed by the Pennsylvania was instantly killed at 10:22 o'clock Monday morning some two hundred yards west of Spruce Creek by Harrisburg and Pittsburg express. Deceased, who was aged 32 years, had been in the service of the company for some years and was regarded as a good employee. He resided with his widowed mother and two sisters about a half mile outside of Spruce Creek.

—The State under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, is inaugurating an entirely new and most up-to-date line of work. On October 1 a demonstration car will leave the northern part of Pennsylvania and make a leisurely tour of the State, eventually stopping at Easton for a grand rally. The car will be in charge of Mrs. Jean Kane Foulke, and will have every modern and approved device for demonstrating home sanitation and household economics. It is intended to reach and aid the women of Pennsylvania, especially the farmers wives. Lectures, demonstration and advice will be given freely all along the route. The itinerary will be announced later. Pennsylvania is one of the first States in the Union to take this progressive step.