

INK SLINGS.

—Well, it is some fair we have been having this year.

—Let us be thankful that we have a President who doesn't want to "benevolently assimilate" Mexico.

—Here's hoping that the Grangers may have as fine weather for their picnic at Centre Hall as we had for our fair.

—If it is true that Oklahoma has 100,000 acres planted in peanuts the peanut politics of that State is easily accounted for.

—Secretary of the Navy DANIELS may not be up to all the tricks of city life but he can see collusion in bids when they are all alike.

—Maybe Mr. ZEBBY would rather not be State Committeeman than answer the hot shot questions Col. TAYLOR pours into him elsewhere in this paper.

—Ten per cent. income tax is a trifle heavy but if anybody gives us half a million dollars a year we will cheerfully hand back ten per cent. of it.

—Mr. HUERTA quotes the constitution of Mexico as frequently and unciously as ROOSEVELT quotes the Lord's Prayer and violates it quite as often.

—The only real hope of escape from THAW lies in the fact that even fortunes as big as that of the THAW family become exhausted when attacked too frequently and foolishly.

—Isn't it funny, WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, wasn't near as bad a man when he was in the Prothonotary's office handing out patronage to the Centre Democrat as that paper would have you believe him to be now.

—Unless we are very much mistaken the people of lower Pennsylvania will show the editor of the Centre Democrat that he can't assail one of their best citizens and neighbors so long as they have the ballot to fight back with.

—Say, you voters! You who think that ZEBBY should be elected State Committeeman because Charles R. Kurtz wants him. Let us ask you something. Are you squaring yourself for a good swift kick like poor ARTHUR KIMFORT got?

—Read what Col. TAYLOR has to say in his own defense in this issue of the paper. He seems to know more about Mr. ZEBBY than was ever made public before and it looks very much as if he has the candidate's hide nailed to the barn.

—There is a new crop of "come ons" every year. A Bellefonte went to the circus last week and tried to buy an elephant for a nickel with the result that he lost five hundred dollars betting a show man that he could beat him at his own game.

—Judged by the frenzy into which the Centre Democrat has worked itself WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, appears to have committed a great crime because he dared to be a candidate for State Committeeman without asking permission of the editor of that paper.

—Senator PENROSE will probably be real sorry if the Mexican muddle is adjusted without bloodshed. The shipbuilders and armor plate makers will get no graft out of it in that event and may see no reason for contributing to the campaign fund of next year.

—It is all right to fly if you can and the development of the science of aerial navigation, if it can be called a science, may be of the highest value. But birds don't fly on their backs and airmen who do such stunts are inviting disaster and alienating popular sympathy and admiration as a subsequent asset.

—The Centre county fair will close today and as it has been the largest and most diversifying exhibition ever given on the grounds here it proves beyond question that the people have caught the spirit of the enterprise and will help to make it the great, useful institution to agriculture that it should be.

—It is impossible to believe the newspaper statement that Mr. ROOSEVELT refuses to discuss the Mexican situation for the reason that he "doesn't know anything about it." Everybody everywhere knows that Mr. ROOSEVELT knows everything about everything everywhere and anybody who disagrees with him is an "undesirable" and an ignoramus.

—If you can't believe WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, then you should vote for him under any circumstances. But if you can believe him—and we know that his reputation for honesty is as good as any man's—then you must believe him when he tells you that he does not want to be your State Committeeman to represent any clique or faction in the party. He does not intend to be any one's tool or catspaw. We believe him and intend to vote for him.

—It is only a case of the kettle calling the pot black when Mr. ZEBBY or any of his advocates refers to the Allentown convention as a means of making votes against WILLIAM F. SMITH. Didn't Mr. ZEBBY ride all over the county in an automobile advocating GRIMM's election? That wasn't to his discredit at all, but it is to his discredit to now assume that everyone has forgotten it and let on that the nomination of GRIMM was an outrage and that he was one of the fellows outraged.

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The Opposition to Judge Staples.

Our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, the Record, is unable to see why there should be any opposition to the re-nomination and re-election of Hon. CHARLES J. STAPLES, President Judge of the Forty-third Judicial District, composed of Monroe and Pike counties. "He is a just judge and splendid jurist," says our Philadelphia contemporary. "His management of the juvenile courts and care of young criminals have received great commendation, and his executive ability and economical conduct of the business of the courts and counties have pleased his people. He has tried more cases in Monroe county, both criminal and civil, during his term, than any Judge during the same period for forty years and it is largely due to his efficient administration of judicial affairs that Monroe county is out of debt."

We were similarly perplexed by the same problem. Judge STAPLES' administration of the office in Pike county has been equally satisfactory and successful. As a result of expediting the business and shortening and dispensing with the terms of court that county is out of debt and has \$6,600 in its treasury. The only reason thus far given for opposition is that another gentleman, Mr. ROGERS L. BURNETT, wants the job. Mr. BURNETT says that he is 57 years old and unless he gets the office now he is not likely to ever get it. That would probably be a great disappointment to him but hardly a considerable loss to the judiciary and the public. He adds, significantly, that his nomination and election would be in line with the policy of "rotation in office," as Judge STAPLES has had one term while he has not been so honored.

Whether or not our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary has cleared the mystery to its own understanding we are not informed but it has made it plain to our mind. In concluding its interesting speculative observations upon the subject it quotes Mr. BURNETT's endorsement of A. MITCHELL PALMER when he was a candidate for re-election to Congress last year. That is the real cause of the present opposition to Judge STAPLES. Mr. PALMER wants to reward Mr. BURNETT for his past services, not to the party or the people but to Mr. PALMER. If Judge STAPLES had written such an article and in other ways shown servility to PALMER, his re-election would probably have been unopposed. Mr. PALMER wants to be a boss but he is not an easy boss. Servility to him must be complete. He pays his political debts in full but in the currency of public office.

—There hasn't been much doing in ROOSEY news lately.

New Law for Electing Judges.

The announcement by the Secretary of the Commonwealth that a voter may vote for only one candidate for judge of the Superior court at the coming primary election is somewhat of a surprise. There are two Superior court judges to elect and two to nominate. Under the old system of selecting candidates each party would nominate two, in all probability, though at the general election only one could be voted for. The law creating that court provided for minority representation in that way. In the event that there are three vacancies, each voter may vote for two and the three highest will be elected. In that event, moreover, each voter would have the right to vote for two at the primary.

Under the present primary law, however, there are no party nominations for judges of courts of record and no voter may vote at the primary for more candidates than he may vote for at the general election. In other words each voter may go to the polls on primary election day and cast his vote for one of the fifteen candidates who will be on the ticket. Party men may vote for candidates affiliated with the party to which they are attached and in that way the party alignment on the bench may be preserved. But the chances are that party association will be disregarded in selecting candidates for Superior court judge this year, and both judges elected may be of the same party.

The wisdom of this provision of the election laws remains to be determined. Under the old system successful candidates owed allegiance to the party which they represented as well as to the people and understood that while the public memory is short and the popular heart ready to forgive, party leaders are more exacting and many a public official has been restrained from going wrong because of the fear of party condemnation. Possibly the new system will work admirably and the release from party allegiance will improve the public service. But we are a trifle leary of these innovations. We have had a government by parties from the beginning and it has worked well.

Let Common Sense Prevail.

It is time for the Democratic party in Centre county to be aroused. Not for fighting within the party but for the exercise of its good, sober judgment in the matter of who shall be the Democratic State Committeeman for our party.

Under the new election law the dual duty of being county chairman and representing the county organization at the meeting of the State Central Committee is taken away from our county chairman. In the future we will have to elect a County Chairman to have charge of the organization in the county only. We also have to elect a State Committeeman whose duty it will be to represent the party at the meetings of the State Central Committee. Neither office carries any salary.

There are two aspirants for the office of State Committeeman, one of whom will be selected at the primaries on September 16th, 1913. They are: WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim. W. D. ZEBBY, of Bellefonte.

As to which of these men should be selected there is a difference of opinion. The Centre Democrat, in its issue last week, devoted about half its space to urging you to vote for ZEBBY and the other half to black-guarding Mr. SMITH and other Democrats of Centre county. There are two reasons for its attack upon Mr. SMITH. Those of you who remember back as far as 1892 will recall that Mr. SMITH was the gentleman whom the Democrats of Centre county preferred to have as their nominee for Prothonotary rather than Charles R. Kurtz, editor of the Centre Democrat. He is still sore about that. The other is that this same Charles R. Kurtz traded the Democratic organization in Centre county to PALMER, McCORMICK and GUTHRIE for a job in the custom house in Philadelphia and wants Mr. ZEBBY chosen State Committeeman because he, ZEBBY, promises that if elected he will do as PALMER, McCORMICK and GUTHRIE want him to do.

This states the propositions fairly to you. The solution is up to the Democrats of Centre county.

Are you going to elect Mr. ZEBBY because the editor of the Centre Democrat wants to strut around and blow that he bosses the Democratic party in Centre county or do you want to elect WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, who was your Prothonotary for two terms, a mature man, a sterling Democrat and one who has always been interested in the welfare of the party, and can be bossed by no one.

We think it would be better to elect Mr. SMITH. In the first place it would take the office clear away from Bellefonte; away from the hauling and pulling of fighting factions here and give it to a man who would be in position to make up his mind without bias as to what is best for the whole party.

The Democrat is trying to beg the issue and stir up personal prejudices when it says that WILLIAM F. SMITH was against BRYAN. In the first place Mr. SMITH WORKED AND VOTED FOR BRYAN every time he was a candidate and we defy the Centre Democrat to prove that this statement is not the truth. Now to bring home to you the dark lantern tactics of the newspaper that is trying to disrupt the Democratic party in Centre county we want to state this proposition to you. If you are a reasonable, intelligent man it matters not whether you are a friend of Mr. SMITH or a friend of Mr. ZEBBY fairness will compel you to admit that EVEN IF Mr. SMITH was opposed to BRYAN—and he was not—he had just as much right to take that stand as did either Mr. GUTHRIE or Mr. McCORMICK and the latter traveled all the way to the Denver convention to try to beat BRYAN for the nomination. Neither one of these gentlemen will deny that he fought BRYAN every time he ran for office, yet the Centre Democrat is now appealing to the friends of BRYAN in Centre county to stick the knife into a man who supported BRYAN and elect Mr. ZEBBY who it openly pledges wants to be our State Committeeman merely to back up GUTHRIE and McCORMICK who fought BRYAN every time he ran for President. We appeal to your sense of fairness, voters, as to whether you are not being deceived.

THE MOTIVES OF MR. FOSTER.

The WATCHMAN is unable to see why Mr. ROBERT M. FOSTER is an issue in the contest at all. The Democrat, however, has persisted in injecting him into it so that there is nothing left to do but try to set matters right in that direction. You all know that ever since he was in the Legislature Mr. FOSTER has been a chronic candidate for office. He ran for Assembly in 1894. He ran again in 1896. In 1898 he was again running and in 1900 he was running still. The habit grew on him so that each succeeding election he would bob up as a candidate without hope of nomination, but dog in the manger-like, just to worry those who had not had an opportunity and were in the field for the office of Legislator.

Mr. FOSTER was defeated last fall more because he went too often to the well with his pitcher than for any other reason. The voters were tired of his wanting to run for the Legislature every time there was a vacancy.

The editor of this paper voted for Mr. FOSTER for the Legislature and it challenges him or his mouth-piece, the Centre Democrat, to produce a voter whom he asked to vote against Mr. FOSTER. It also challenges anyone to compare the files of the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN and the Centre Democrat in that campaign for the purpose of proving that the WATCHMAN not only put up Mr. FOSTER's name weeks before the Centre Democrat did, but that it also devoted twice as much editorial space in its columns advocating the election of a Democratic Legislature as the Centre Democrat.

Mr. FOSTER is now a candidate for postmaster at State College. There are half a dozen other men applicants for the same office. It is none of our business, none of yours, which one gets the plum. The patrons of the State College post-office are the people who should be satisfied and who should have the say in this matter. Yet this same ROBERT M. FOSTER is running all over Centre county electioneering against Mr. SMITH because he says if SMITH is elected State Committeeman he won't get the postoffice at State College. In other words he means that if ZEBBY is elected he will get the office. How do you suppose the people of State College feel over this matter? Suppose they don't want Mr. FOSTER as postmaster—Do you as a citizen of some other community feel that it is fair to vote Mr. ZEBBY into office so he can ram Mr. FOSTER down the throats of the people of State College. Apply the same principle to your own home and see how you would view the matter?

It must be clear therefore to you that the Centre Democrat is not holding Mr. FOSTER up as a martyr for the good of the Democratic party, but to land him in the postoffice at State College.

A WORD AS TO REORGANIZATION.

Let us present this phase of the controversy to you as fairly and dispassionately as possible. There is no controversy in Centre county over Reorganization of the party. That contest was made last year and reorganization won. The party was Reorganized, new state officials were chosen and no one has questioned their authority since. So why raise a hullabaloo over something that was settled long ago. Mr. SMITH does not want to be our State Committeeman in order to fight our state organization. IF HE DOES THEN THE WATCHMAN FRANKLY ASKS YOU TO VOTE AGAINST HIM. If he wants to be State Committeeman in order to represent any clique or faction in our party; again the WATCHMAN asks you to vote against him. Mr. ZEBBY does want the office to represent a faction. The Centre Democrat says he wants to go to Harrisburg "to support PALMER and his organization" and nothing else. Now if that is his sole purpose Mr. ZEBBY should not be elected. Our State Committeeman should represent the best interests of the Democratic party in Centre county and not go to Harrisburg to be lead around by the nose by Mr. PALMER or any other man.

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The New Day is Here.

From the Johnstown Democrat. When Senator La Follette arises in his place and expresses the conviction that there will be a few more Republican seats in the upper chamber vacant in the very near future he is entitled to very respectful consideration. In predicting what is liable to happen to the Republican party and Republican Senators La Follette has qualified as a prophet. It was six years ago that the Wisconsin Senator warned his colleagues that the time was near at hand when a number of the Republican members of the Senate would disappear from the halls of Congress. There was nothing but ridicule for La Follette then. But his prophecy came true. It was just the other day that the Wisconsin statesman again called attention to the handwriting on the wall. Said he: "I am sorry there is a division on the Republican side. There is a new day coming in this country. If the Republican party will not see it, then its place will be taken by some party that will." Senator La Follette is mistaken in but one little detail. The new day is not coming; it is now here. We are standing in the first flood of light of the long-awaited dawn. There has been a great stirring of the dry bones. We have come to expect and no longer content ourselves with hoping. We demand results. As a people we have come to insist upon government in the interests of the people. There have been backslidings. There will be more. Here and there public servants will fail us. But there is slowly growing up in the public mind a consciousness of the main outlines of the great problems that face us and this realization has been accompanied by a determination to work away until the solutions are found. We are realizing that government is a matter of business, a business that touches every individual citizen. We are coming to understand that tariffs, special privileges, trust controlled methods of transportation, antiquated methods of distribution and extravagance are all burdens upon the public. And so the demand is today not simply for a government that will keep running, a government that follows the established forms, but for a government that performs certain definite services. Six years ago Senator La Follette was a prophet. Today, when he says that a new day is coming, he is just a bit behind the procession. We are in the new day.

Standpatters for War.

From the Allentown Democrat. Senator Penrose is for war with Mexico. So is every standpatter on the tariff question in the country for war with Mexico. Like the drowning man grasps at a straw the standpatters are grasping at the Mexican situation to save their tariff jobs. It might cost hundreds of thousands of precious lives, but what do standpatters care what it costs the nation so long as it will save them their tariff bacon which the Democratic administration is going to take away from them and divide it among those who haven't and these standpatters know that if we have a costly war with Mexico the government must raise the funds to carry on the war and those funds will have to be raised by continuing the taxes, in the form of tariff duties, on the necessities of life. Not only will these tariff duties be continued but it will be necessary to raise them even higher than they now are. Then, for a generation, the people will be paying taxes merely because Senator Penrose wants a war so that tariff exploitation may be continued. See the game?

Penrose and his fellow-standpatters ought to be retired to the shades of private life. Every trust and monopoly in the country is applauding Senator Penrose's demand for war with Mexico. Honest men are not demanding war. They have faith in President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

The Bank Bill Issue.

From the New York American. As to the great questions at issue between the banks and Congress—"Shall the government or the banks control the federal reserve board, and shall the government or the banks issue emergency currency when necessary?" we are certain that no currency act can pass either this or any Congress in the near future that does not vest the control and supervision of the operations of the banks as a whole in a government board. Subject to that supervision and control in the public interest, the business of banking should be left to the bankers.

Not Even a Record.

From the Springfield Republican. The old wool schedule was the keystone of the arch of high protection, as Senator Aldrich declared four years ago. How times have changed! Yesterday free wool was agreed to by the Senate with no one demanding a roll-call. The point of that seems to go on record against the free listing of the article.

Jail 'Em First.

From the New York World. When a few Trust magnates have been jailed for misdemeanors in violating the Sherman law the time will be more appropriate for making such violations felonies instead of misdemeanors.

They're Going to Learn Something.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. It begins to look as though Thaw's visit to Canada will result in having their laws correctly interpreted for those Canadians.

—For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—An increase of five per cent. in steam heat is announced in Williamsport. The state tax of coal and consequent advance in the price of that commodity gets the blame.

—Salisbury is minus a fruit merchant and some of its citizens are minus sums of money furnished him or have bills due from him, aggregating \$500. Harry Block is the man wanted.

—Cresson is expecting to set the \$10,000 ice plant the Armour company is proposing to erect along the main line to re-ice their cars. The town will not, however, get any of the ice.

—James Pensenell, aged three years, was watching a bonfire at Aultman, Indiana county, when the wind blew a piece of burning paper on him. His clothing took fire and his little life paid the forfeit.

—John L. Beary, a Pennsylvania railroad officer located at Sunbury, accidentally killed himself while loading his revolver at his home on Saturday. His wife, returning from a visit, entered the house just as the accident happened.

—Somerset county officials are hunting the men who dynamited the safe in the Equitable Supply company's store at Cairnbrook. The robbers had \$300 cash, a large number of dollar watches and quite a quantity of cutlery as their haul.

—A fine quality of fire clay has been found not far from Renovo and the first carload was shipped last week. A railroad will be built for a mile and a half up Paddy's run to carry the clay to Renovo. The New Jersey company that is buying it has been getting its clay from Germany.

—Sportsmen in the Tuscarora valley and along the Kishacoquillas creek have been holding a game warden to catch the fish and transfer them to deeper water to save their lives. The fish have been caught by hand, which is ordinarily a violation of law, just now condoned for good and sufficient reasons.

—Violet May, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, of near Sington, on last Friday wandered out of sight of the home. When her absence was noticed a search was instituted, when it was found that she had fallen into a near by spring and drowned. She was aged but 1 year, 9 months and 24 days.

—Alice Elizabeth Underwood, aged 17, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at the home of her mother, Mrs. James Glennys, in the Lewisburg Narrows. Miss Underwood is said to have been sent away from home by her step-father and had returned to secure her clothing. Going to her room, she drank the poison and was found dying by members of the family.

—The entire business section of Latrobe was shocked by a ball of fire that descended and struck a tree during an electrical storm last Friday morning. In one stroke every fuse was blown out. Prisoners at city hall asked to be released a day ahead of time in consideration of their shock and all over town users of telephones and electric lights felt the force of the lightning.

—William Howard Hyde, aged not quite three years, found a revolver under a bed at his home in Youngsville and as he pulled it toward him received the charge through his heart. His father had always kept the weapon out of reach of the children, but a relative, stopping there over night, had put the revolver under the bed for protection and forgot to remove it in the morning.

—To be hit by the noon flyer, near Horatio, as he was sitting on the edge of the track, to be picked up after being tossed twenty feet with only three bruises, to awake next day in the hospital at Adrian and to be told of his narrow escape was the experience of Benjamin Marsh, who was sleeping in a drunken stupor while others were exerting themselves to find out who he was.

—More than 15,000 tons of hard coal of the chestnut and pea sizes are being stored below Montandon, by the Lee Coal Storage company, of which H. Eyer-Spyker, of Lewisburg, is the president. Huge piles line either side of a row of siding that has been run into an open field, and a steam shovel that eats up a car load of 100,000 pounds with a dozen strokes of its ponderous jaws does the work of unloading.

—Geraldine Harvey, aged thirteen, was standing near her brother at her home at Swerstown, when he and another lad were examining a revolver, which the latter wanted to sell. An older brother had just refused to buy one and had unloaded it, but the younger did not take that precaution and the accidental discharge seriously wounded the little girl. Had the wound been a trifle nearer the temple, instant death would have resulted.

—Application has been filed for a pardon for J. Fred Dougherty, who was sentenced to from five to thirty years in the penitentiary at Hollidaysburg two years ago for stealing a second hand set of harness. The severity of the sentence was due, it is alleged, because Dougherty had three other convictions for theft or similar crimes ahead of him and he was put away to keep him out of mischief. The application sets forth that the sentence was unreasonable.

—Four daughters of Madison Shober, near Berlin, risked their lives to save the horses in their father's barn when they discovered it to be on fire a few nights ago. They succeeded in bringing the horses out in safety, but could not enter the second time to release a large lot of chickens and ducks that were burned. The year's crops and \$2,000 worth of farming implements were burned, the loss totaling \$6,000. The barn was one of the largest in Somerset county.

—Reports that farmers had requested their time for a month ahead were made by the Department of Agriculture farm counsellors at their first conference in Harrisburg. The counsellors had been at work for a month and visited a score of counties giving advice to farmers on numerous topics relating to farming. It is the desire to keep up the visits throughout the winter as requests made to the advisors indicated that farmers desired to be aided in planning their work for next season.

—Mrs. William J. Wetter, aged 26 years, a daughter of William Davis, former proprietor of the Commercial hotel of Barnesboro, was instantly killed about three o'clock Sunday afternoon when an automobile in which she was riding skidded over an embankment and turned turtle. Mrs. Wetter's neck was broken. Her daughter, Miss Florence Wetter, was the only person injured. She sustained a fracture of her collar bone. Mr. and Mrs. Wetter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Musser and Mr. Hinterthiner, all of Clearfield, had been to Philipsburg and were on their way home. At the intersection of the Clearfield and Morrisdale roads the auto went over the embankment and Mrs. Wetter alighted on her head.

—Reading attorneys are preparing papers for an application to the Board of Pardons for the pardon of Kate Edwards, the Berks county woman who murdered her husband and has for years languished in prison because no Governor will fix the date for her execution. The Board will meet on Wednesday, September 17th, next morning since its vacation, and will have a large number of cases to dispose of. As yet the papers in the Kate Edwards case have not been filed, but it is expected they will be in by next week. Mrs. Edwards was convicted twelve years ago of the murder of her husband and sentenced to be hanged. She made an application to the Board of Pardons for a commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment for life, but Governor Pennypacker declined to approve of the commutation when the Board recommended it. At the same time he failed to fix the date for the woman's execution, and when he left office matters remained in that condition—a woman under sentence of death, and no date fixed for the hanging.