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INK SLINGS.

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—Take the State Committeeman office out of Bellefonte and save the party from another fight like this one.

—The frost is on the pumpkin, and that just three days after the poor old pumpkin was shriveling up with the heat.

—Vote for SMITH for State Committeeman and thereby get a man into the office who will be nobody's tool or nobody's fool.

—ZEBBY must have been pretty badly frightened when he sent to Philadelphia to bring kurtz up to help pull his chestnuts out of the fire.

—We are temporarily rid of HARRY THAW, but Mrs. PANKHURST is coming to our shores. Verily, life is just one thing after another.

—The new Democratic tariff bill has passed the Senate and now all that remains is for the House to concur in the changes made in the upper branch of Congress.

—Possibly HUERTA may relinquish his ambition to become a real President of Mexico and leave the country. Few of us imagine that he is sufficiently patriotic for such self abnegation.

—Mr. Attorney JEROME certainly found himself in a pretty plight when he went to Canada to procure the deportation of HARRY THAW and landed in prison himself on the charge of gambling on the streets.

—At the first crack of TAYLOR'S guns ZEBBY flew under kurtz's coat tail and kurtz came running in his rescue behind BRYAN'S picture. A pretty pair of political cowards to be bossing the Democrats of Centre county.

—If the county Democrats are wise they will take the office of State Committeeman away from Bellefonte. If this bone of contention is gone there will be that much less for the Bellefonte Democrats to fight over.

—Mayor GAYNOR, of New York, sailed for Europe right after he was nominated for re-election. Whether his object was to escape from those who nominated him or make arrangements for an alibi after the votes are counted is a mooted question.

—It seems to us that President WILSON appointed Charles R. Kurtz to be Surveyor of the Port of Philadelphia. But if he has to run back to Centre county to poke his nose into every fight that his foils here stir up he won't have much time to put in along the Delaware.

—If the MORGAN firm imagines that the public will believe it abandoned the New Haven and Hartford because that corporation was badly managed, the MORGAN firm is entitled to another guess. The bad management of the road was mainly the fault of the MORGAN firm.

—The girl with the silhouette slouch is the lady who will welcome the Pina cloth a new fabric that is being sent to this country from the Philippines. It is said to be more Diaphanous than the sheers veil and so transparent—well, that it would be a shame to look at the wearers.

—We want to call your attention to the fact that we might have had a nice clean contest between Mr. SMITH and Mr. ZEBBY for the office of State Committeeman had not the *Centre Democrat* at once begun to abuse Mr. SMITH and then let the overflow of its spleen run onto all those persons who think they have a right to support Mr. SMITH.

—Rumor has it that Col. JOHN A. WOODWARD is to be the new postmaster at Howard. It is understood to be the reward for the stand the Colonel took last year, as well as pay for delivering Howard Borough and township to ZEBBY next Tuesday. While we had understood that another man was slated for that job funny things are being done in the name of the Democratic party in Centre county these days, as a gentleman who was promised the postoffice in Philipsburg and didn't get it might tell you were you interested enough to inquire.

—How the people love to be fooled! Down at the fair last week there was a common snake show flamingly advertised as "Wild Minnie." All day long, from the bowels of the canvas pit in which "Minnie" was supposed to be chained, came a groan or a roar, that sounded like a cross between the trumpet of an elephant and the roar of an enraged lion. Of course everybody ought to have known that it wasn't "Minnie." But they didn't until they had flocked into the show by thousands, only to see a hideously garbed man clawing at the flesh of snakes. The roar that had attracted attention to the show came from under the platform and was produced by a boy with an old "horse-fiddle." It was a great fake, but it fooled the people. Exactly such a fake is being worked on the Democrats of Centre county now. DONNELLY and RYAN and GUFFEY and HALL and all the other bugaboos are being held up to scare them into voting for ZEBBY for State Committeeman when probably none of the gentlemen mentioned even know that we have a contest for State Committeeman in Centre county.

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Take it Away from Bellefonte.

The time to save the Democratic party in Centre county is right now. If the warring factions in Bellefonte will persist in fighting those who are not mixed up with either faction ought to take the situation in hand and take the bone of contention clear away from them. No matter which side is right the fact remains that there is a fight and it will continue with disastrous results unless we begin right now to healing up the sores instead of opening them wider.

Mr. ZEBBY has made himself distasteful to many active Democrats in the county through the prominent part he has taken in the fights against them, consequently it is unreasonable to expect them to rally to his leadership. It isn't human nature to enthusiastically work with a man who has openly fought one Democrat for the benefit of another. And unless we have enthusiasm we might as well say goodbye to the future prospects of our party in the county.

If you are supporting Mr. ZEBBY because you were a reorganizer and he was a reorganizer let us call your attention to the fact that that should not be the issue. Reorganization has won in Centre county and in the State and instead of injecting that old fight into this contest again all should be trying to forget it. You must keep in mind that we are all Democrats and we can't get together unless there is a disposition to give and take a little in the adjustment of our differences.

We are reminded of the old German fable of the father who had nine sons. They were continually fighting among themselves with the result that every one of them was suffering something. Finally the father called all the boys together and picked up a bundle of sticks. Anyone of the sticks he could break easily by itself, but then he tied nine of the sticks together, and try as he would he couldn't break them.

So it is with our party in the county. Distracted and divided we can be beaten easily, but if we are united then we can stand against the common enemy.

It will be an empty honor for anyone to win the contest for State Committeeman and have a wrecked and disintegrated party to represent.

The county Democrats can go a long way toward closing up the breach, if they will. They can give this office to Mr. SMITH, of Millheim. Personally he is not antagonizing to anyone. He has taken no active, offensive part in any of the fights of recent years and is splendidly equipped for the office.

If we were elected it would take the office clear out of Bellefonte and remove from this place one of the causes of the trouble. Won't you do your part toward saving the party.

Won't you try to see the situation in the right light and vote for Mr. SMITH.

The One Way to Stop the Fight.

Tuesday, September 16th, 1913, will be an epoch marking date in the history of the Democratic party in Centre county. It will be the day when those who have given a life time of allegiance to the party must decide whether it is better to permit the factional fight that is now rending it in pieces to go on or whether it is better to uproot the cause of the fight and begin the work of getting the factions together and united before another county or general election comes round.

Let us have an end of this Reorganization. Regular, BRYAN, GRIM, PALMER, GUFFEY, HALL, DONNELLY talk, and get down to the business of saving Centre county from the disaster that met Clearfield when her Democratic newspapers started warfare.

What the *Centre Democrat* means and what it hopes to accomplish by pounding men who are needed in the Democratic organization in the county we can't understand. Since it has been under the control of its present editor the records show that it has drawn one and one-half times as much patronage from the county offices as any other Democratic paper in the county. At present its editor is fixed on a \$5,000.00 job in Philadelphia. Surely the Democratic party has treated it well enough to expect something better in return than a persistent determination to drive men out of the party.

There is no use beating around the bush about the matter. Mr. ZEBBY is personally distasteful to a great many Democrats in the county. No matter what the cause may be the fact remains that such is the case. It was not good politics, nor was it well for any future political ambitions that Mr. ZEBBY may have for him to be a candidate at this time. Don't regard this statement as a veiled threat, for it is nothing of the sort. We are talking to you for the good of the Democratic party and we have respect enough for your good common sense to believe that you will understand that it was folly to put Mr. ZEBBY forward at this time. He is a factionalist, he was a leader in the fight last year over the county chairmanship and no matter whether he was right or wrong it is undeniable that he is primarily responsible for much of the trouble that exists in our party today.

If there were any great principle involved. If Mr. ZEBBY were leading any great moral or uplifting crusade it would be a different matter. But there is not. He is a politician, pure and simple, and while we would not detract one whit from his character everybody who knows anything about him knows that when it comes to playing the game of politics he is far from being a saint.

You know he represents a faction in Bellefonte. You also know that there is another faction in Bellefonte opposed to him. And it has the best of reasons for that opposition. What will be the result? If Mr. ZEBBY is chosen our State Committeeman the faction that is opposed to him still have their reasons for opposing him and will keep on fighting. That is only human nature. He fought it last year so it will fight him. And the fight will thus be continued until the party will be distracted, divided, and in the end defeated.

Now the solution is this: Mr. WILLIAM F. SMITH, of Millheim, is a candidate for State Committeeman also. He has never been offensive to any faction of the Democrats in the county. He has not rode over the county electioneering for or against any particular Democrat. He took no leading part in the fight of last year and has always been a good, reliable, intelligent party man. He lives away from Bellefonte, away from the hot-bed of discord and cannot be controlled by anyone. He was put forward by the substantial Democrats of Pennsylvanian and, if elected, will represent the entire Democratic party of the county, in place of a small faction of it. Judged by every comparison possible under the circumstances he is the logical man.

Don't accuse him of being a tool because Col. TAYLOR or the editor of the *WATCHMAN* are supporting him. Don't be prejudiced by such buncombe. They could do nothing else under the circumstances. Who else is there for these men to support? Surely no one would expect them to rally to Mr. ZEBBY who has fought them both on every occasion that presented itself.

Stand Mr. SMITH squarely on his merits. Look at his record as a Democrat, inquire into his fitness, consider the kind of Democrats who asked him to stand as a Democrat—who signed his paper, making him a candidate, read the platform of fairness that he sets forth in his letter and then view the situation from every angle and we know you will agree with us that the best interests of the Democratic party in Centre county, at the present time, demand his selection as State Committeeman.

Let us all get together, before the few factionists, who brought on our troubles and are trying to intensify and keep them up, get us further apart.

Throwing Dust Isn't Argument.

The *Centre Democrat* of yesterday devotes a little more than a page and a third to abuse of P. GRAY MEEK, Col. TAYLOR and the Hon. JAMES SCHOFIELD, but not a reason has it to give you why BILL SMITH, of Millheim, should not be elected your State Committeeman.

P. GRAY MEEK, Col TAYLOR and the Hon. JAMES SCHOFIELD are not running for anything. Mr. SMITH and Mr. ZEBBY are the candidates. They are the men you are to measure in the balance next Tuesday.

We have told you repeatedly that there is nothing in the present contest but the question as to which of the two men would prove the more satisfactory to all the Democrats of the county. By its own confession the *Centre Democrat* admits that WILLIAM F. SMITH is a good clean man and quite capable of being fair. It does not have the same to say of its candidate Mr. ZEBBY.

All this subterfuge of publishing the picture of Secretary of State BRYAN and heading it with "BRYAN Sends Greetings" is only designed to fool you. At first glance the unthinking might be caught by the suggestion that Mr. BRYAN is interested in the contest in Centre county but if you read the article you will find that it has reference to an entirely different matter.

Under the head of "Democrats Do Your Duty" the *Democrat* again devotes two columns of space to rehabilitating the old PALMER-GUFFEY fight of years ago. What has that to do with the contest between SMITH and ZEBBY. It hasn't anything and the *Democrat* is merely using it to call up past differences and inflame your mind over something that has nothing to do with the present contest.

Calling people liar doesn't prove anything. Abusing Democrats who have done far more for the Democratic party in Centre county than Charles R. Kurtz ever could or would do isn't helping to unite the party. Talking about corruption funds has nothing to do with who should be our State Committeeman and when it comes down to that kind of thing this same Charles R. Kurtz has been afraid to deny that he was the fellow who carried the largest "slush" fund that was ever transferred from Elk to Centre counties. The *WATCHMAN* charged him with it the last time he went raving and you have noticed that not a line has appeared in the *Centre Democrat* in denial. You will also notice that in the spasm it had this week it forgot entirely to deny that time and again it kicked about putting up the county ticket and had to be scared or bought into doing it. It forgot to deny that it made a vicious public attack on MITCHELL I. GARDNER, when he was Prothonotary of the county. It didn't forget, because it is guilty and it knows itself to be guilty and can't answer.

Only last year this same man who charges everything and substantiates nothing deliberately held up the county auditors, Messrs. HOY, BRUNGERD and GOSS and practically forced them into paying him several hundred dollars more for publishing the county statement than it should have cost. Call either of these gentlemen on the telephone and ask them whether he didn't refuse to print the statement at all for them unless they circulated it all three weeks in his paper at two cents per copy when always in the past the second and third circulations required by law had been given to a paper with a smaller circulation in order to save money for the county. A pretty way to help the new Democratic county officials give you an economic administration. A pretty fellow to talk about hanging onto the public teat isn't he, when the records show that Charles R. Kurtz has drawn one and one-half times as much from the county treasury since he has owned the *Centre Democrat* as any other paper in the county.

As for the defeat of the county ticket at the time Hon. J. C. MEYER was elected to the Legislature call up FRED SMITH, of Philipsburg, candidate for Sheriff, G. F. WEAVER, of Gregg township, candidate for Register, F. PIERCE MUSSER, of Millheim, candidate for Recorder; JOHN D. MILLER, the present County Treasurer; C. A. WEAVER, of Penn township, candidate for County Commissioner; John D. COLE, of Walker township, candidate for Auditor. They were all on the ticket with the late Hon. J. C. MEYER. They will all tell you that W. D. ZEBBY was the county chairman and that he more than any one else was responsible for their defeat. Because he forgot that there was anyone else on the ticket with Mr. MEYER and left all the candidates for the important county offices without support or funds to carry on their campaign and left them to go down to defeat when they might have been elected had he been fair to them all.

We are not asking you to take our word for this. Call the gentlemen who were in the breach at the time. They will confirm it.

Yet the *Democrat* would deceive you into thinking that it was someone else than ZEBBY who defeated that ticket.

This man ZEBBY not only was more responsible than anyone else for the defeat of the ticket in 1908, but always he has been doing underground work in the party. Ask him who brought out the opposition to JOHN M. KEICHLINE when he was a candidate for justice in the South ward and ask him whether he didn't help defeat this life-long Democrat. Right now he is peddling promises of postmasterships and other offices in order to buy votes for himself and ROBERT FOSTER is whispering more than ever about how he will get the office at State College if ZEBBY is elected.

We could give you scores of instances which unfit Mr. ZEBBY for representing us fairly, but what's the use. The fact that he has fought so many Democrats is enough to prove that he couldn't work in harmony with them and our party needs harmony more than anything else just now.

Why did Charles R. Kurtz leave his office in Philadelphia last Sunday morning and hurry to Bellefonte? Why has he spent the whole week here writing and fighting when the government is paying him for being in Philadelphia? What has Kurtz done, anyway, for the Democratic party in Centre county? Did anyone ever see him holding a Democratic office on an election day even for an hour? Did anyone ever see him working at the polls for anyone? He never spent a day at an election place in his life. No, No! Far be that from him. But he is on the ground the minute a Democratic official is chosen "sucking" for patronage and blackguarding when he doesn't get it.

Certainly he flew to the rescue of ZEBBY because he is ZEBBY'S boss and through ZEBBY expects to boss the Democrats of Centre county.

If you are one of the voters who wants to wear the Kurtz yoke vote for ZEBBY. If you want to do the very best thing for the Democratic party at the present time by securing a State Committeeman who can be bossed by no one vote for SMITH.

—Admiral DEWEY thinks the navy is in fairly good shape at present but RICHARD PIERSON HOBSON knows that it will take at least a hundred new battleships to put that arm of our defences in a state of fitness. DEWEY is only a naval hero while HOBSON is a paid politician.

—The indignation expressed against Mr. JEROME for playing a game of "peny poker" taken in connection with the lionizing of HARRY THAW calls to mind the figure of speech applied to the ancients who "choked on a gnat and swallowed a camel."

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The state forestry commission recently purchased 4,000 acres of land in Clinton and Lycoming counties.

—Six children of Harry Derr, of Montandon were stricken with ptomaine poisoning after eating summer sausage. Prompt medical attention saved their lives.

—Sparks from the engine are blamed for fire which destroyed the portable saw mill operated by Evans Yearick, near Mill Hill. Loss is \$1,500 with partial insurance.

—Thirty gypsies were arrested near the Millha-Snyder line and gave up stolen money and turkeys. Then they were released on promise to leave the region.

—A doe with a broken leg was captured a few days ago at Philipsburg and taken to the sanitarium. It died, however, a few hours later of exhaustion and was buried.

—The old Juniata furnace tract, west of Graf-town, which years ago was bought by the company for \$25,000 was sold for \$1,800 a few days ago. The iron ore had been removed.

—C. M. Schwalb has purchased the Rudolph farm adjoining his summer home at Loretto and will build chicken barns thereon. It is his purpose to have the finest chicken farm in that part of the State.

—Sheltered by a corn shock with his father in a field on their farm near Montoursville, Mahlin Freese, aged 14, was stunned by lightning. The father carried him home and he was resuscitated with difficulty.

—William Force, of Curwensville, whose father was at the Erie station during the war of 1912, is the guest of the government at Buffalo during the festivities incident to the arrival of the Niagara at that place.

—A story of councilman graft has been exciting Punksatwney, but councilmen say the alleged secret meeting was for quite another purpose and had nothing to do with the letting of the contract for paving.

—Curiosity as to whether a whiskey barrel was worth anything led Mike Stakivich, of Browns-town, near Johnstown, to place a mark on the bung hole. A piece of the barrel struck his 10-year-old son Frank, breaking his thigh.

—Striking his head on a rock as he dived into Fishing creek, near Bloomsburg, Albert McHenry, of Benton, was rendered unconscious. Companions dragged him out and sent for a doctor. Although seriously injured he will recover.

—From the few cases reported late last week twelve cases of smallpox have developed so far in that vicinity. But one is in Lewisstown, the others being at Burnham, Yeagertown and Mann's Narrows, near Reedsville. Schools have been closed at Burnham and Yeagertown.

—Mrs. Frank Huff, who was shot last Tuesday afternoon at Penfield and who had been at the DuBois hospital since that time, died Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Two bullets entered the lung and she had grown steadily weaker from day to day until the end came Friday.

—Harry Cromer, of Fort Littleton, out on a fishing trip, cut a hole in a tight shoe to allow room for a toe to protrude. One suffering was relieved only to bring another, for a copperhead snake bit the unprotected toe and the young man has had a serious time with his affliction.

—The fact that a considerable amount of money is missing from the home of Alexander Boring, the Swede Hill merchant, leads police to the theory that he was murdered. His wife and neighbors stoutly maintain her innocence and she still declares she thinks her husband killed himself.

—A year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Williams, of Whiteside, Armstrong county, playing around the kitchen, fell head first into a crock of water with limbs hanging over the edge. There was just enough water to cover the head and the baby was drowned before the mother could come to the rescue.

—Held up by a monster black bear that stood blinking at the lights of his automobile was the experience of Gus Olson, of Benton, en route to his home from the Patterson Grove campmeeting. The animal weighed about 400 pounds. It took to the woods when Mr. Olson started his engine after the stop.

—Frank and Joseph Nevitt were given ninety days each by Judge Woods at Lewisstown for forcing liquor down the throat of 8-year-old Harrison Banks until he was unconscious. His mother, who was a witness to the atrocity escaped under suspended sentence because of her little children at home.

—Percy Crowover, who left his Pittsburgh boarding house for his home at Huntingdon a fortnight ago, has not turned up at Huntingdon yet much to the grief of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Miller. He had been ill and stated he was going home to get well. His mother is having a search of the Pittsburgh hospital smad.

—An old landmark was destroyed recently in the shape of the old mill that stood along the river near Petersburg. The machinery had been removed long ago and it had been used chiefly as a boat house by people having boats on the Warrior Kidge dam. A motor boat belonging to W. R. Wilson, of Altoona, was damaged.

—R. J. Hutchison, of Williamsport, who marched with Sherman to the sea, has carried in his face since that time a minnie ball lodged in the flesh. A few days ago while he was being shaved the barber felt the razor strike something hard. It was the bullet, which was taken out with little trouble and is now preserved as an interesting souvenir.

—Stepping into a tinshop owned by L. B. Reynolds, of Vandergrift, to solicit that gentleman's support for his candidacy for prothonotary, F. B. Hargrave, Esq., of Latrobe, found Mr. Reynolds sitting in his chair apparently reading a newspaper. Not receiving response to his greeting, he went closer and found the man dead. He was 58 years old.

—A heavy electrical storm passed over Lewis-town and that section Sunday evening, bringing the first effective rain since June. Bars on the John Zeigler and Frank Almond farms, near Lockport, and on the Haubeck farms, in Ferguson valley, were struck by lightning and burned, with crops and implements. The house on the James F. O'Mara farm, east of Lewisstown, was struck and damaged. The loss is in excess of \$10,000.

—Lightning played a prank at the store of Geo. K. Kline, in Johnstown Sunday afternoon or evening, when a bolt traveled from the roof to the first floor and set fire to a display of hair goods on a table. The lightning also set fire to a large piece of muslin covering a number of stands and went through the center of the table, making a hole an inch wide and three inch long. The display of hair goods was completely ruined and the Kline store experienced a most narrow escape from a serious fire. The discovery was not made until the establishment was opened Monday morning.

—The Wilbur Coal company of Blairsville, with a capital of \$100,000, has been granted a Pennsylvania charter. This company has been organized for the development of about 1,000 acres of coal lying on the eastern side of the Stonycreek in Somerset county. The incorporators are J. W. Campbell, Philadelphia; James A. Hill, New York; Telford Lewis, Johnstown, and W. P. Graff and F. M. Graff, Blairsville. The work of development has already started. The incorporators who will be the principal stockholders of the new company, are also in control of the Knickerbocker Smokeless Coal company and the Knickerbocker Fuel company, both operating in the Hooversville region. At present these two companies have an output approximately of 40,000 tons of coal monthly.