

INK SLINGS.

-Vote for GRIM for Superior Court Judge.

-Aunt" Emmy PANKHURST seems to be getting on very well with our "Uncle" SAMUEL.

-Good roads will bring your farmer nearer to town and your home nearer your neighbors.

-It may not be benevolently but Mr. HUERTA seems to be determined to assimilate Mexico in some way.

-Next Tuesday will be election day and don't forget to vote for WEBSTER GRIM for Superior Court Judge.

-How many young men and women are there in the town who have spent whole nights dancing in the armory and yet won't take time to spend an hour there with evangelist BOB JONES.

-Our Judiciary is supposed to be non-partisan, and so it should be, but that is no reason why Democrats should not loyally support Hon. WEBSTER GRIM for Superior Court Judge. He is the equal if not the superior of all the other candidates and is the only Democrat on the ticket.

-The WATCHMAN would like to see Centre county give the Hon. WEBSTER GRIM a splendid vote for Superior Court Judge, not only because he is the only Democrat on the ticket, but because he is the equal in legal ability of any of the other candidates and the superior in many of the other attributes that are needed to qualify a man for the bench.

-The Grangers of Pennsylvania have been fighting for thirty years for equalization of taxes; that is, to make the corporations pay their share. Now that there is a chance to make the corporations build the roads of the State it seems strange that the Grangers should all be opposed to issuing bonds for that purpose, bonds that the corporations would have to pay.

-We think it is only expressing the popular wish when we say everybody wants good roads. It is only a plain statement of fact when we say that we can't have good roads unless somebody pays for them. Next Tuesday every voter will be called upon to record his judgment as to who ought to pay for the roads. If he votes for the bond issue he will be voting to make corporations pay for the roads. If he votes against the issue he will be voting to tax himself for them.

-Those persons who are against the road bond issue because the macadam roads now being made are apparently not durable should remember that nothing worth while has ever been found out without experimenting. We would never have known that macadam roads are not durable had none been built. Good roads are only in their infancy and it is quite possible that more money than has ever been spent before will have to be expended yet before the last thing in economy, comfort and durability has been found in road building.

-The idea of the non-partisan Judiciary Act was to insure the presence on the bench of men of all political beliefs. Next Tuesday you will be called upon to select two of four candidates for the Superior court bench, but remember that WHILE TWO ARE TO BE ELECTED YOU CAN VOTE FOR ONLY ONE. As all of the nominees are Republicans but Mr. GRIM there will be no way of getting a Democrat on the bench unless all Democrats vote for him. His qualifications are all that could be desired and he should be chosen. His election depends, however, on his getting more votes than at least two of the other candidates.

-The clamor for good roads has become too general and too justifiable to think the building of them will be dropped if the bond issue is not authorized at the election next Tuesday. The demand for good roads will continue insistent and Legislatures will vote the money to pay for them and when such appropriations are voted it will mean that either our public schools, our hospitals and our colleges will be pared in their appropriations or else we will have to pay more taxes. Sure as the sun rises tomorrow roads can't be built without money and the only way the State of Pennsylvania has for raising money is by laying taxes. Will you vote for the bond issue and make the corporations pay the increase or will you vote against it and stand to pay more yourself?

-If your house is old, and tumbled down and you find no more comfort in it and you want to build a new one and haven't the money, what do you do? Continue to suffer the discomforts of the old house and work away in such a habitation until you have saved enough to build a new one. Some men might do that, but the wise man would put a mortgage on his place and build the new one at once. Then he could work on in comfort and save the money to pay the mortgage. He would have the use of the comfortable, new house all the time he was working to pay for it. The new road bond issue is exactly the same proposition, except better. We all want good roads as quickly as possible and we want them now when we are alive and well and able to enjoy them.

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Joining Hands with the Standard Oil Company.

We are without knowledge of the identity of the individual who has charge of the preparation of the matter that is being sent out from the Democratic State headquarters for publication in the Democratic press of the State, but we do know that if the party has to depend upon that stuff for either its arguments, its enthusiasm or its hope, we will need pray the Lord's mercy on our prospects in November.

Of the five pages of closely type written matter that reached this office on Tuesday last—just two weeks before the election—LESS than three lines were devoted to any issue to which the party has been committed and in these three is found the only reference that is made to either the fitness of our candidate, Mr. GRIM, for the position for which he has been nominated, the importance to the party of his election or the duty of Democrats to go to the polls and cast a ballot for him.

All the rest of these pretended "Democratic campaign arguments" are devoted to an effort to defeat the "good roads" proposition—an issue that every local tax-payer in the State, be he Democrat or Republican, has an interest in and an issue that is not, cannot or should not be made, a political one. It is a plain simple and direct issue as to whether corporations shall be compelled to aid in the building or betterment of our public roads or whether the local tax-payers shall continue to bear all the burdens these impose, just as they have been compelled to do since the organization of the Commonwealth.

Strange as it may appear the arguments furnished by this Harrisburg editorial factory, why the amendment to the Constitution (No. 1), should be defeated, and thus prevent any hope of the success of the "good roads" movement, are almost identical in expression, in reasons given and in results predicted, with those sent out by the Waverly Oil company—an off-shoot of the Standard Oil company—from Pittsburgh and which reached us in the same mail. In fact the similarity of the two are so nearly identical that one can readily believe that the same interests, the same influences and the same individuals are back of both of them.

We have placed on file both of these circulars and would ask Democratic voters who can find the time to call and examine them. They can then understand the real motive some people have for their opposition to the bond amendment and the anxiety the "Standard Oil company" is showing for the defeat of that amendment.

If you want to vote as the Standard Oil company desires you should, you will vote against giving the State the authority to tax the capital stock of corporations for road purposes. If you favor making these corporations aid in maintaining our public highways you will vote FOR amendment, No. 1.

Under any circumstances Democrats should protest earnestly against being placed in the position of joining hands with corporations on this question.

Bugaboo Without Teeth.

The Money trust is still raiding the low rate government bonds. The managers of that treasonable combination are determined to force the price of the two per cents below par. They had almost succeeded once but Secretary McADOO checked their operation by a timely note of warning. He admonished them, substantially, that the government will not permit such a condition of affairs. He didn't indicate very clearly how the administration would proceed to achieve its purpose. But the admonition accomplished the end for the time. The money magnates know that McADOO means business and put a reef in their plans.

The two per cents were issued for the use of National banks to secure circulation. The proposed new currency law takes the power of issuing currency from the banks and thereby removes from those bonds one important element of value. But they are government bonds, nevertheless, and the resources and honor of the government are pledged for their redemption. An attempt to depreciate them, therefore, is a crime against the government. Blowing up a fort or mining to destroy a fleet of government ships would be no more treasonable. Secretary McADOO will not permit or tolerate an attempt at either.

Vote for Webster Grim.

Of the four nominees for Judge of the Superior court WEBSTER GRIM, of Bucks county, is easily the best equipped for the office. A lawyer of recognized ability his long distinguished service in the State Senate has given him an insight into forms of legislation which none of his associates on the ticket has had opportunity to acquire. In many cases the interpretation of law is determined by the legislative intent. These distinctions are difficult problems to the average mind. But one who has had much experience in the making of laws easily discerns the nicer points and comes to a wise conclusion. The language of a law does not always express its full meaning.

All other considerations aside, therefore, WEBSTER GRIM ought to receive the support of a majority of the voters irrespective of party. But there are other considerations worthy of attention. The purpose of the framers of the constitution of the State was to divorce the courts from politics. That the people are still in that frame of mind is proved by the universal demand for such legislation as would make the office of Judge non-partisan. But the machine politicians practically defeated that purpose by enacting a political trick into law. In view of that fact WEBSTER GRIM ought to be elected for the double purpose of defeating the trick of the machine and fulfilling the wishes of the people.

If two of the Republican nominees for Superior court Judge are elected minority representation on the bench in this State will be practically at an end. The Republican machine managers are now devising means to accomplish this result. They are striving to so divide the vote of the party on two candidates as to elect both of them. Of course this is bad faith to the people of the State and perfidious treatment of the nominee of their party faith to be sacrificed. But these men care nothing for honor or obligation. They want political advantage at any price and imagine that complete control of the courts is an immense political advantage. Minority opinions from the bench are sometimes embarrassing.

The only certain way to defeat this perfidious conspiracy is for every Democrat in the State to vote for WEBSTER GRIM. Where he is well known he will command a considerable Republican vote notwithstanding the efforts of party leaders to prevent it. His reputation for ability and rectitude will guarantee that. But he deserves the vote of every Democrat for various reasons. His election will promote the principle of a non-partisan judiciary, it will continue minority representation on the bench and it will insure the public a capable, earnest and honest man on the bench. We sincerely hope that every Democrat in Centre county will do his share toward this result.

President Wilson and Mexico.

In his treatment of the Mexican question President WILSON has revealed the highest quality of statesmanship. There were many disturbing elements in the situation which might have led to serious consequences. The retiring administration had left a confused state of affairs which was difficult to deal with. But every exigency has been met and it looks now as if the troubles will be composed within a reasonable time without great cost or any sacrifices of life or honor. Mr. HUERTA will ultimately be obliged to surrender the government to the people and that is all the President has contended for.

President WILSON might easily have settled the Mexican question temporarily by adopting a make-shift policy. HUERTA might easily have been tricked out of his usurped place and power as he tricked himself in. But such a settlement would simply have invited future troubles and that sort of diplomacy doesn't appeal to the President. He is determined to establish a permanent friendship between the governments of the United States and Mexico and that can only be achieved by pursuing fair means to a just end. In other words the people of Mexico must be drawn to us by admiration for the spirit of justice rather than driven by force.

It may be set down as a settled fact that the elimination of HUERTA from the public life of Mexico is an essential prerequisite to such a settlement of the disorders in that unfortunate country. The blood of his predecessor will cry for revenge so long as he is in a conspicuous place and there can be no peace while such voices are in the air. That is the reason why President WILSON wants Europe to keep her hands off for the present. If HUERTA is recognized by Europe the elimination becomes difficult. Without such recognition it is comparatively easy. President WILSON has arranged that there will be no recognition.

-The best Job Work done here.

Mr. Creasy and the Road Question.

While WILLIAM T. CREASY was a Representative in the Legislature a proposition to appropriate a million dollars for road building was pending. Mr. CREASY then said it would be impossible to take that amount from the general revenues and introduced a bill to levy a special tax of one-tenth of a mill upon all corporations to supply the money. Now he declares that an amount from five to eight millions may be taken from the revenues without impairment of the interests of the State or the public. What is the cause of this change in his views upon the subject? The ratio of receipts and expenditures have not materially changed since.

It is the consensus of intelligent opinion that comprehensive plans for road building can only be carried out by providing an ample fund. It is universally agreed that an adequate system of road construction is making provision for posterity. Any sensible man understands that expenses incurred for posterity should be paid for, in part, by those who will be benefitted. There is no necessity for graft or extravagance in the construction of roads under the proposed plan. The bonds can be issued and disposed of as the money is needed and interest will run only against bonds that are sold. Even if it were expedient to draw from current revenues there would be no saving by the operation.

Mr. CREASY has a grievance against the present Governor, with or without reason, but the good roads movement should not be held up indefinitely on that account. The term of the present Governor expires before the Legislature can possibly make provision for either the issuing of bonds or the disbursement of the funds in the event that the constitutional amendment is adopted. Therefore there is no necessity for Mr. CREASY to carry his quarrel into the matter of road building. On the other hand, if Mr. CREASY and those associated with him in his present fight had supported the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1910 the present Governor wouldn't be an element in the affair at all.

Miss OLGA NETHERSOLE is amazed at the "altness" of the American girl, and small wonder. Miss NETHERSOLE declares that the American girl of "today is the mother of tomorrow." That scarcely gives them time to get marriage licenses.

Wise Little Girl of Nine.

The nine year old girl who wrote to Congressman PALMER in behalf of her father's ambition to be postmaster recently, deserves a favorable response to her unique petition. She has the real PALMERIAN instinct. She wants something and goes for it with all her energy. Moreover she knows where to go, and how, for an office. "In my prayers at night," she writes Mr. PALMER, "I ask God to help my dear papa, and I hope and trust you will make my papa postmaster." What more pathetic plea could be presented? And what a clear understanding this little miss reveals of the mysteries of politics and the disposal of patronage? If she had been twice as old she could hardly have done better.

There is a tradition of a military genius who on the eve of battle instructed his followers to "trust in God but keep your powder dry." The implied profession of christian faith sounded well in the ears of those who supplied the sinews of war, and the admonition with respect to the powder indicated that some dependence must be placed in secular agencies or forces. The nine year old girl appreciated the potency of prayer, no doubt, but she also had a marvelous grasp of the practicalities in approaching the pie counter. Prayers might help her dear papa in some things but Mr. PALMER alone could get him the postoffice. Faith may move mountains but it doesn't make a practice of issuing commissions to postmasters.

We sincerely hope and firmly believe that the father of this infant prodigy will get the postoffice in question. He deserves at least that much recognition for training his child to a full appreciation of providence. Another child and of even maturer years might have written to the President or the Postmaster General. But not this meager bundle of wisdom. She addresses the only dispenser of patronage with a registered trade mark and while she directs her prayers elsewhere she knows exactly who can make her papa postmaster. Mr. PALMER is the man and to him she appeals. If the father of this child has half her discernment he will have PETROLEUM V. NASBY skinned a mile within a year.

It would be funny if Governor "Hi." JOHNSON, of California, should undertake to "wrest the Progressive leadership from ROOSEVELT." That is to say it would be fun for everybody except JOHNSON.

After Four Weeks.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The new tariff has been in effect for just four weeks.

It has been attended by no disaster. Mills are still busy. Factories are crowded with orders. The railroads are face to face with a car shortage.

The demand for labor is strong. Retail trade is flourishing. Mining and manufacturing and industrial life generally are in a healthy state.

There is no real sign in any direction of that everlasting smash which was so freely predicted by the prophets of woe who found their inspiration in high tariff dream books.

As a matter of fact business is good. Trade is expanding. Market conditions have seldom been more favorable.

Prices may not yet have shrunk appreciably, but they are bound in due course to yield to the influence of freer competition.

Already the effects of this freer competition are visible in certain cases; they will become more generally visible when the readjustment actually takes place.

That nominal prices may remain pretty much what they have been is not unlikely. But real prices are certain to yield.

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The statement of Mr. Bauwens that Wisconsin is merely scratching its land and not farming is probably the truth. It has been so easy to make a living without putting brains and expert knowledge to the business that farmers have followed the line of least resistance. In the future this will not be the case. Farming is going to be as much a business for experts as is the making of steel rails.

The Next President.

From the Philadelphia Record. There was an informing touch of self-revelation in President Wilson's Congress hall speech on Saturday when he said: "If you think too much about being re-elected it is very difficult to be worth re-electing."

There have been Presidents of the United States who made their first term in the Presidency a four-year battle for a second term, forgetting a paramount duty to the nation in the furtherance of personal ambition. The tendency in this direction may not spring altogether from selfish or unworthy motives; but it has been so common as to create a strong sentiment favorable to limiting the holding of the Presidential office to a single term.

It is a matter for the people to determine for themselves, as they did at the outset. A big man may endeavor himself to the country by high and conscientious service that he is bound to succeed himself in spite of himself as a result of general popular acclaim. There would be such instances. If Woodrow Wilson shall continue to the end of his term steadily impressing himself upon the confidence and good-will of his countrymen, as he has so far done, he will have no need to bother about a re-election.

Canada and Our Navy.

From the Hartford Times. "The Japanese navy," says the Montreal Star, "could never attack British Columbia without bringing the American navy to our rescue." Which prompts the Toronto Globe to recall that its Montreal contemporary opposed reciprocity with the United States as "a menace to the integrity of the British Empire." This represents the attitude of a large part of the anti-reciprocity element in Canada. They are bitterly opposed to anything that they think may be of benefit to the United States, but are only too glad to look to this country for assistance in time of need.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The first heat of steel at the new plant of the Latrobe Electric Steel company is to be turned out in the near future.

-Eight hundred miners are out on strike at Rossett, on account of a decision rendered by the arbitration board at Clearfield.

-Gray & Son have completed extensive improvements to their glass plant at Falls Creek and will begin work this week with one hundred men.

-Williamsport hospital has thirty-six typhoid cases, only four of which are from the city. Most were brought from lumber camps in the northern part of the county.

-Mrs. Harry Hooker, near Penfield, was preparing to go into the yard to shoot mark with her boy when the revolver accidentally discharged and in an hour she was dead.

-The Dumbleton Brothers, putting down holes back of the Gold Stream dam, not far from Philipsburg, found rich deposit on hard and soft clay. It is probable the find will be developed.

-A hunter near Mt. Union shot a gray squirrel and wounded one. The squirrel started to run away and a gray fox caught it. The hunter shot the fox while it was stopping for the squirrel and so got them both.

-Dead eels in the Susquehanna above the mouth of Bald Eagle creek bear out the contention of Lock Haven people that the contamination complained of by Williamsport people is farther up the line.

-Mary Frank, aged nine years, who put bolts, spikes and stones on the railroad track at Bakerston, "to see if the engine would get broke" is to be examined as to her sanity. She is said to show signs of derangement.

-A fall during a picnic in Idlewild in the summer is blamed for the death of Ethel Pabel, recently of Derry, now of Irwin. The young girl, who was 15 years old, injured her hip in the fall and unsuspected trouble developed.

-A drop of water caused the death of Walter Bestant, of Jerome. He was in a mine case descending when the drop fell on his neck and he reached back to wipe it off. He reached just a little too far and was struck by a timber.

-Craig & Gould, on a 500 acre tract of land near Brian, are putting in a slope to tap a fine body of "B" coal. The vein is over four feet thick, and a very fine quality. They expect to be ready to ship coal by the first of January.

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