

INK SLINGS.

—Don't forget the shower of dollars that we are expecting about December 20th. Make it a deluge.

—After the first of January next the price of this paper will be \$1.50 per year, even when paid in advance.

—Christmas turkey might be beyond your reach, but the "stuffin" and the cranberry sauce are still available.

—Christmas is less than two weeks off. Have you done that shopping or are you still putting it off until the last moment.

—Of course it is awful to have to pay five cents for a guaranteed fresh egg, but which is worth most, such an egg or a Cremo.

—Right now is the time to tell that friend of yours to send in his dollar for the WATCHMAN, because next year the price will be \$1.50.

—Anyway, we haven't heard of any country printers who are preparing to dodge either the spirit or the letter of the new income tax law.

—Dr. SARGENT, physical director of Harvard, says that "the United States are supreme in the business world because its youths are supreme in the athletic world." In other words Dr. SARGENT would have us understand that he is really and truly "Uncle Dudley."

—The wicked Republicans of New Jersey are accusing the reform Democrats of trying to steal a seat in the Senate. Manifestly this is a slander. The only Democrat in New Jersey who could be accused of anything that is improper, is "Jim" Smith, and he is not meddling in politics.

—Governor TENER introduced former Gov. PENNYPACKER to a Harrisburg audience, the other day, by saying "he was the most constructive of all our Governors." Yes, he constructed the thirteen million dollar scandal, the penny-a-mile excursions and the fairy tale about QUAY being a greater statesman than CLAY.

—Governor TENER will go out of his \$10,000 a year job as Governor to become president of a base-ball league, at a salary of \$25,000 a year. President TAFT went out of his \$75,000 a year job as President to become a professor at Yale at \$5,000 a year. Is Governor TENER getting too little now? Was President TAFT getting too much when he was our chief executive? We think not. These are merely examples of the inconsistencies that confront us in every walk of life.

—Last week the WATCHMAN suggested Justice MESTREZAT of the Supreme court, as a man upon whom all factions of the party in Pennsylvania could probably unite as a candidate for Governor. On Tuesday the bosses of our party, PALMER, McCORMICK, MORRIS and BLAKESLIE met in Washington to discuss the situation and word comes from the meeting that they considered Justice MESTREZAT for United States Senator. The gentleman would prove a credit to the party in either office but the WATCHMAN is of the opinion that he could render the greater service as Governor.

—About the cheapest things you can buy nowadays are county newspapers. By the same axiom about the poorest creatures you find nowadays are owners of county newspapers. During the last twenty years the price of newspapers has gone steadily downward, notwithstanding the fact that the price of everything entering into the production of these papers has nearly doubled, therefore the time has come when newspapers must either anticipate a visit from the sheriff or advance the price. We certainly don't count on the former, hence the announcement that after January 1st, 1914, the price of this paper will be \$1.50.

—Judge EUGENE C. BONNIWELL has made the open charge that our Democratic State organization refused to respond to the appeal of Hon. WEBSTER C. GRIM for aid in his recent contest for a seat on the Superior court bench. Chairman MORRIS does not deny the accusation and we understand that the course of indifference to the success of the only Democratic nominee on the ticket is explained by the State Committee on the ground that the judiciary is now non-partisan and should not be made a party issue. If this be so Mr. GRIM might well inquire as to why the State Committee made a political issue of the fifty million dollar bond proposal and at the same time could not see any advantage to the party in having a Democrat on the Superior court bench.

—The Johnstown Democrat thinks Mr. PALMER might have destroyed himself had he supported Hon. WEBSTER GRIM for Superior court Judge and, for that reason, he was justified in withholding the support of the Democratic State organization from the only Democrat running for the office. To say the least, our esteemed contemporary is rather brazen in its insinuation that Mr. PALMER had a right to use the organization of a great party as a personal weapon of offense and defence. For such a statement from the Democrat is substantially an expression of Mr. PALMER's own view of the matter and we regret to see it given such publicity. Should Mr. PALMER become our nominee for Governor, as the Democrat so very much hopes, we fancy that he may need the support of Mr. GRIM.

Democratic Watchman

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

VOL. 58. BELLEFONTE, PA. DECEMBER 12, 1913. NO. 49.

Bonniwell Charges Perfidy.

Judge BONNIWELL, of Philadelphia, is rather severe in his criticism of Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER and his nice little chairman, Mr. MORRIS. Always noted for candor the Judge probably feels that he has now, more than ever, a right to express his opinions of the managers of his party for he has just successfully emerged from a contest for the bench and a Democrat who carries Philadelphia is "going some." Moreover the Judge is somewhat of a Progressive himself and likely feels in some measure responsible for the present management of the Democratic party in the State. He managed Mr. BERRY's primary campaign in 1910 and subsequently directed his campaign as the Keystone candidate for Governor.

Judge BONNIWELL formerly lived in Kennet Square, Chester county, and still retains the esteem and affections of his old neighbors in a high degree. In order to show their appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him by the people of Philadelphia the Democratic citizens of Kennet Square tendered him a complimentary dinner last Monday evening. At the conclusion of the feast he was called upon to make a speech during which he said "we have aristocrats in Pennsylvania in temporary control of the Democratic party," and added that a triumphant Democracy alive to its duty, will purge its State organization of men who are not in harmony with the leadership of President WILSON."

That is pretty straight talk but only a prelude. After the Judge got warmed to his work he continued: "we all know that had there been any capacity exercised in the conduct of the last State campaign the electoral vote of Pennsylvania would have been counted for WOODROW WILSON. For the moment we are obsessed with a leadership both vain and incompetent. And that is literally the truth. In the history of Pennsylvania politics no campaign was ever so stupidly managed as that of 1912. Mr. PALMER, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. BLAKESLIE paraded around giving dinners to a few of their most servile followers and though the Republican party was split in the middle and we had a most popular candidate, they lost the State.

Stupidity in party leaders is a crime but without turpitude. Thus far, therefore, Judge BONNIWELL has shown the unfitness of PALMER and MORRIS for leadership though not actually perfidy. But listen. The opponents of the uniform primary law have two objections to it, he said. "The first and foremost," he continued, "is the election of JOHN W. KEPHART as Judge of the Superior court. As a matter of fact the primaries had nothing to do with his election; it was because the Democratic State Committee refused to take any action to support WEBSTER GRIM, who was the Democratic nominee for that office, and in fact permitted him to be defeated because his nomination was not to their personal liking."

There the proof of treachery is made plain. These ambitious recreants have stolen their way into power lost one campaign by gross stupidity and another by treason. Yet they have taken care to fix themselves in place. Each one of them has crept into an office, thus putting a reward on perfidy. It is small wonder that Judge BONNIWELL is indignant and speaks plainly in protest to his neighbors. But he is himself largely to blame for the conditions that exist for he helped to create them. He joined with these office thieves in the robbery which first placed PALMER and GUTHRIE and BLAKESLIE in position to betray the Democratic party and sacrifice as good a candidate as ever was nominated.

Judge BONNIWELL should be man enough, however, to stand up and take his own share of the bringing about of the unfortunate condition that now confronts the Democracy of Pennsylvania.

—Of course we wouldn't for anything in the world cast a suspicion upon the motives of so good a man as Controller PRENDERGAST, of New York. But in the manner of his announcement that he has returned to the Republican party we are reminded of the admonition against "Greeks bearing gifts." ROOSEVELT is willing to have the Republican nomination stolen for him in 1916 and a friend at court is marvelously helpful in such enterprises.

—The Progressive candidate for Governor of Massachusetts spent \$92, 625.00 in his campaign. These Progressives will be great reformers but they don't decrease the cost of political campaigns.

—Mr. HUERTA of Mexico is said to be very busy now but the indications are that he will have plenty of leisure in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

On and after January 1st, 1914, the subscription price of The DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN will be \$1.50 PER YEAR.

A similar advance in subscription rate, we understand, has been adopted by the several other newspapers of the County.

Subscriptions paid in advance, at the time this notice goes into effect, will be continued until date of expiration without additional charge, but no renewal or no new subscription will be accepted after the first day of January, 1914, at a less rate than \$1.50 per year in advance.

The advance in the price of paper and increased cost of operation necessitates this action.

P. GRAY MEEK.

"Roly" Needs Spanking.

Plainly speaking the Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER will have to lay his nice little State Chairman, Mr. "ROLY" MORRIS, across his knee, and everybody knows what follows that operation in a well managed nursery. "ROLY" appears to have a genius for making mischief. A short time ago he put "MITCH" in bad by sending out a begging letter containing the name of the Congressman. Last week we eulogized Mr. PALMER from blame for the incident. Mr. PALMER's name was not printed on the letter-heads to influence contributors to liberality. It was put there to advertise Mr. PALMER. He loves the lime light and no paper has gone out of the headquarters since he obtained control without his name on it somewhere.

"ROLY" has been behaving badly since, however, and his latest offence is clearly beyond condonation. Having broken in to a pulpit some where in Philadelphia, recently, he expressed his opinion of State wide primaries and primaries of other widths and naturally everybody who heard him or read his remarks jumped at the conclusion that it was Mr. PALMER's opinion, rather than his own, that he was expressing. Then the President declared most emphatically for not only State wide but country wide primaries and Mr. PALMER was compelled to repudiate the views expressed by "ROLY." Explanations are abhorred at best and under the circumstances in which Mr. PALMER found himself they are atrocious. Of course Mr. PALMER protested that the views expressed by his nice little chairman are not the views entertained by himself upon the subject of primaries and equally sure he declared that he had never said a word against primaries of any sort. That is one advantage Mr. PALMER enjoys over most other men in his station. He isn't hampered by consistency or restrained by conscience. As a matter of fact when the State-wide primary bill was pending in the Legislature he opposed it most vehemently until an amendment was adopted which excepted Democratic "party offices" from its operation in 1912. He was afraid to go to the people then and no doubt "ROLY" imagined he was still of the same mind.

Two Big Birds and One Stone.

Mr. BRYAN availed himself of an opportunity to "kill two birds with one stone," in Philadelphia, the other evening. He was a guest of the Delaware Society of that city and though most of the dignitaries of the State were present, Mr. BRYAN was the principal speaker. Former Congressman HANDY was toastmaster and in introducing Mr. BRYAN referred to him as "the next President." That was a ball right over the plate and to say that the batter swiped it is putting it mild. He put it over the fence for a home run and landed it so deep in the tall grass that it hasn't been found yet. But the game went on just as if nothing had happened. Great achievements don't disturb Mr. BRYAN.

Whatever Mr. BRYAN's intentions or hopes for the future may be his present policy is to make the distinguished gentleman who sits at the head of the cabinet table, and speaks occasionally when Mr. BRYAN wants to keep quiet, believe that his Presidential ambition is dead under a door nail. This he proceeded to do. The published report of the incident says that he spoke without emotion, but he was certainly emphatic. He much prefers to have the work to which he was once willing to dedicate his life performed by another he declared, substantially, and, between the lines you can read plainly by "one who is willing to make Mr. BRYAN the power behind the throne." He

was even enthusiastic on that point, apparently.

But Mr. BRYAN achieved another triumph in the speech in question. The Democratic Senator in Congress for Nebraska has been "cutting up," so to speak, lately and the distinguished Secretary of State tipped him a wink that could be seen plainly by a blind mule. Senator HITCHCOCK's term expires in March, 1917, and at the preceding November election his successor will be chosen. Now that Senatorial seat is the one object in this wide world which Mr. BRYAN covets. From boyhood he has cherished the fond hope of donning the toga and striding down the aisles of that illustrious chamber. In this reference he conveyed a hint to Mr. HITCHCOCK which ought to bring that gentleman into line.

Partisanship in Panama.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries are more or less alarmed because of a rumor that political influences will have something to do with the management of the Panama canal. The source of the rumor seems to be the personal organ of Governor METCALFE, published at Panama. "It is ridiculous to suppose," declares this semi-official publication, "that with all the pressure for patronage being brought to bear on him, President WILSON will not use the forthcoming canal organization as a means of reciprocating, as far as possible, the assistance of constituents who helped to place him where he is." The newspaper adds that "past administration s did likewise."

If there is opportunity to strengthen his party in the organization of the Panama canal, without impairing the service, it is not only the President's right, but it is his duty, to avail himself of it. The past administrations to which the organ of Governor METCALFE refers are those of ROOSEVELT and TAFT. Of course ROOSEVELT's action could be a criterion for no sane man. Utterly destitute of principle he paid personal debts with public patronage and prostituted every function of administration to the service of his lust for power. But TAFT paid some respect to the proprieties in distributing the favors of office as was shown in his selection of Justices of the Supreme court.

Therefore the policy pursued by President TAFT in administering the affairs of the Isthmian canal may justly be regarded as a precedent by his successor in office, and if President WILSON can serve his party, incidentally, while serving his country well, there is no valid cause for complaint in his doing so. We are all in favor of good government but in the hearts of most of us there is a firm belief that civic righteousness is in no way outraged by putting capable Democrats in office. The President hasn't done that, invariably, in Pennsylvania. At least he hasn't, in all cases, named the men whom the Democrats in their communities would have chosen. But we hope he will do so in Panama.

The State Fisheries Department announces that the fishway at McCall's Ferry, nearing completion, will restore shade to the Susquehanna river. We sincerely hope this expectation will not be disappointed but feel obliged to admit that the picture of the thing published in papers recently is not calculated to inspire faith.

—With more light on North Allegheny street and two new lights on Spring street to brighten up the hitherto dark alleys spooning parties will soon be unable to find a safe rendezvous in Bellefonte, and will be compelled to strike the trail for the open country where the darkness is not so penetrable and curious loiterers fewer and far between.

Population and Food.

From the Philadelphia Record.

In considering one of the many phases of that ever-growing problem of the cost of living it is worth noting that six States of the Union, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, occupying a small and compact territory, contain, according to the census of 1910, 24,337,000 persons, while the 19 States lying entirely west of the Mississippi River have a population of only 23,361,000, or nearly a million less than the other group. A very large part of Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut is a mountainous and rugged country, quite unfitted for agriculture and not capable of supporting a large population on the produce of the soil. For a portion of the means of sustenance we must look to the Western plains, where large crops can be raised at a much less expenditure of energy than in the older States.

It thus becomes almost a source of regret to find that the East grows much more rapidly than the West, as this increasing surplus of population adds daily to the problem of securing a good livelihood. It is the practice of our Western friends to refer to the Eastern States as "worn-out and decadent, and the truth is that the rate of growth, greatly accelerated by immigration, is much more rapid with us than with the purely agricultural States. During the decade from 1900 to 1910 Iowa actually declined in population, while Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and other States made but small gains. The lure of Canada and the Far West has taken millions of their most energetic citizens.

Obviously it is impossible to keep the East from growing, because this has become the great manufacturing region of the country. A less difficult problem is to build up the West and increase the productivity of its farms. Clearly an equilibrium between supply and demand in the two sections has not yet been established. There is, apparently, however, no reason why it should not be eventually, when all the bright minds now at work on the problem have taken a better grip on it than they now have.

From Armageddon to Amalgamation.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

The amalgamation of the Republican and Progressive parties is being anxiously discussed in view of the Congressional elections next November. Controller Prendergast of New York, a leading supporter of the travelling statesman who personifies the Progressive cause, furnishes the text in the observation that, "The time has come when there should be less talk of Armageddon and more of our own United States"; an utterance which he elaborates by pointing out that the nomination of both Progressive and Republican candidates for Congress will mean the return of another overwhelming Democratic majority to Congress.

Just so, but rather more so if professions of high principle are abandoned for the golden opinions everywhere and the work of the Congress steadily commencing itself and refuting the dark prophecies of disaster, Republican amalgamation is by no means a disturbing big word—hardly more terrible in fact than Armageddon.

The Tariff and Prices.

From the New Bedford Standard.

There are other factors in the present life of the world which have more to do with making prices than the tariff which has just been supplanted, or the tariff which has supplanted it. One is the fact that under modern conditions of business and transportation the price of many articles is fixed by far wider than merely local influences. There is hardly a corner of the globe where a product which is of general use cannot be expeditiously carried to the best market that is offered. The erection of a tariff may serve in a measure as an obstacle to a flow of products in any given direction, and the removal of the tariff may accelerate that flow; but, after all, so many conditions surround the whole business that the tariff rate may easily be of the least importance.

The attention of this country has so long been concentrated on the tariff as a politico-economic issue that a great many persons are unable to realize that prices are not made by tariffs alone or by the lack of tariffs alone. Nevertheless, such is the truth and it will be well when the nation comes to an adequate comprehension. That, however, is not a reason why the tariff may not again become a politico-economic issue.

The Wise Course For Diaz.

From the Harrisburg Star Independent.

The Huerta government has ordered General Diaz off of the retired list of the federal army and placed him, theoretically, in the active service.

As Diaz was chased out of Mexico by alleged friends of the Huerta party who tried to put a dagger through his heart, it is hardly likely that his patriotic sentiments are strong enough to induce him to report now for actual military duty. In event of his failure to do so, he will be declared a deserter, which would make it all the more likely that his head would be separated from his shoulders should he ever attempt to return to the Mexican capital while Huerta is in control there.

Considering everything we would recommend to General Diaz that he seek the retirement of some quiet European watering place until the Huerta regime crumbles under its own weight.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The announcement is made that all property stolen in Williamsport during the month of November was recovered by the police.

—Harry Graham, a Clearfield lad who has been in the habit of sealing rides, had his left leg cut off when he fell from a fast freight train. He is recuperating in the Clearfield hospital.

—Lewis J. Harris, who borrowed a horse from a liveryman and sold it, will spend fifteen to eighteen months in the eastern penitentiary, according to Judge Whitehead, of Lycoming county.

—The working hours of the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops in Renovo and Altoona were reduced last week from fifty-five hours a week to forty, and many men were laid off.

—Justice of the Peace E. C. Probst, of Muncy, is in hard luck. Four children are ill of typhoid fever, and a few nights ago his summer home along the Susquehanna was destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$1,000.

—The falling of flaming rafters awakened the family of George Appleman, of Rohrsburg, just in time to escape with their lives. The town has no fire protection and the bucket brigade had a stiff job to save their property.

—Mrs. Sarah Johnson, aged 91, of Clearfield, who has lived all her married life within a block of the court house, goes to market every morning and selects the beef for her own breakfast and also assists with the house work.

—Mrs. Andrew Deiler, aged 69, of Funxutawney, prepared her husband's breakfast a few mornings ago, called on a neighbor and returned home to resume her household duties. A little later she fell dead from heart disease.

—While trying to learn new fancy steps at the Indiana State Normal one of the girl students fell and broke a leg. The dancing of the new steps has been forbidden at the school for several months, but it is said the girl was learning.

—J. V. Hepburn, a New York Central fireman, had taken a tight hold of a stanchion on his engine just before he was stricken with apoplexy. It was necessary to pry his fingers loose before he could be taken to his home at Clearfield.

—Two teams of fifteen men each warred on rodents at Kirby, Washington county, for two weeks. One team killed 3,892 and the other 3,089, the winners being tendered an oyster supper by the losers. The hunts are an annual necessity.

—Natural gas will be shut off at Emporium after January 1, and coal will be used as fuel. It means the shutting down of an industry, the Novelty Incandescent Lamp company's plant. Failure in supply is assigned as the cause by the gas company.

—Mrs. Annie Koeler, wife of J. O. Koeler, who is 2000 to be hanged at Clearfield, claims that she influenced him to give himself up and is suing the county for the reward offered for his apprehension. The commissioners refused to give it to her.

—Jacob Estep, Mapleton's oldest resident, was found dead in his chair last Friday afternoon by a neighbor who called to see him. The old man was aged 87 years and lived alone. His Bible was lying on the floor at his feet when the neighbor found him.

—A county superintendent of schools will be elected in Armstrong county next year. So as to bring out the best man, at a meeting of the school directors held at Kittanning last week, the salary of the county superintendent was increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year. The new officer will be elected in May 1914.

—Two strangers giving their names as Charles M. Hill and L. M. Stark, took two or three friendly drinks with Samuel Casker, of DuBois, a few evenings ago. They watched their chance, knocked him down and robbed him of \$65. They made off but were captured and sent to jail. Sixty dollars of the money was recovered.

—There was a rude awakening for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monaso, of New Kensington, when the tailor shop under their sleeping apartment was destroyed by dynamite. Although the gentleman does not know of an enemy, the work was evidently malicious. The building is badly damaged and the escape of the occupants is considered marvelous.

—When an officer called at the Jersey Shore lock-up to take Harry Klosser, an 18-year-old lad, to jail, he found him almost naked. The lad had confessed to an attempt to rob a residence and when taken to the lock-up had torn his clothes to make ropes to hang himself with. All of them broke and the lad was given other clothes—but not to hang himself with.

—Johnston brothers, of McVeytown, hold the season's record for the capture of raccoon, better known as ringtails. The catch for the season aggregates thirty-one, with a combined weight of 750 pounds. Eight of these were captured last week, three Tuesday and five on Wednesday night, the eight weighing 202 pounds. "Coon" hunting is the prevailing sport in the mountains at this season.

—The Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad was sold at Coudersport, Friday, at foreclosure sale, for \$5,000,000 by the Protective committee representing the holders of the first refunding four per cent. bonds. The purchase was Alvin Krech, president of the Equitable Trust company, of New York. This sale will undoubtedly be followed by a reorganization, take the property out of the hands of the receiver and remove the control from Buffalo to New York.

—Justice B. F. Isenberg, of Huntingdon county, has won on a claim on the county of Huntingdon for \$1,348 for bounties paid for scalps of noxious animals. Huntingdon county received \$6,293 as its share of the State appropriation for bounties. The money was ordered paid by the Auditor General's Department, after an investigation in which it was found that the "Squire had collected for the killing of twenty wildcats, ninety-eight minks, 559 foxes and 62 weasels. This makes him the champion bounty collector of a dozen counties.

—Suit for recovery of \$145,000 in fines was brought against the borough of Coudersport by the Attorney General's Department acting for the Department of Health. It is charged that the borough failed to observe a decree of the Governor, Attorney General and Commissioner of Health, directing it to cease discharging sewage into a stream draining into the Allegheny. A fine of \$500 and penalty of \$50 per day for each day of failure to observe the decree is claimed. The suit is for the largest sum ever demanded in a similar proceeding.

—Five years in the penitentiary for Joseph Qualiter, of Mount Carmel; three for Walter Wad-Lan, of Shamokin; and four for John Brennan, of Shamokin, with heavy fines and costs, were the sentences imposed by Judge Moser, of Northumberland, when the trio pleaded guilty to smuggling saws into the county jail at Sunbury to release Fred Nye, before he was hanged, and sixty other prisoners. It is alleged they planned to kill Warden W. W. Barr, but the alleged confession of Michael Pock, an accomplice, and the finding of saws in Nye's cell thwarted them.

—Daniel Ryver, a former resident of South Philipsburg, was killed in a barroom altercation at the Central hotel, Curwensville, Saturday night. He had been drinking heavily and finally refused to pay for a drink. When the bartender insisted on the pay Ryver used insulting language, and the bartender slapped his face. Ryver picked up a glass and threw it, hitting the bartender in the face. The latter then jumped over the bar and struck Ryver one blow below the ear, which caused his death. The bartender gave himself up and was taken to the Clearfield jail Sunday morning.