

Democratic Watchman

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INK SLINGS.

—How senseless it was to long for spring when we enjoyed weather like that of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

—A little more of "the beautiful" fell yesterday morning and put an end to the few days of spring weather we had been enjoying.

—If the ground-hog didn't see his shadow on Monday he must either have been sleeping off a Saturday night jag or need the services of an oculist.

—Another link has broken from the chain of men whose names and fame have attracted attention to Bellefonte which she otherwise would never have received.

—Chicago churches have taken to advertising in the newspapers and on Sunday a million and a-half people attended divine service in that city. Talk about the value of newspapers in a community.

—One of the ROTHSCHILDS has paid five thousand dollars for a specimen of very rare flea. What if the treasure should get loose on the Baron's anatomy some day just after he has had his finger nails trimmed? Do you think he would realize then that he had at last gotten his money's worth.

—City Solicitor MICHAEL J. RYAN, of Philadelphia, on Monday formally announced his candidacy for the office of Governor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. RYAN is a very able man, a sterling Democrat, and has never been identified with any of the factions in the party in this State. His announcement will probably be the signal for others to throw their hats into the ring and it is altogether likely that there will be a number of good men to select from.

—Mr. PALMER's friends are complaining that the burden of dispensing patronage is becoming too heavy for him to bear. Plainly this is a mistake. The trouble is that the recompense for the labor is inadequate. Having established a patronage trading post Mr. PALMER has discovered that it costs more than it comes to. In other words his expectations of returns, in the shape of political strength, have been disappointed. He has favored men, in most instances, who are not able to "deliver the goods," and his capital is about exhausted.

—We fancy that VANCE McCORMICK and others of our state organization are denouncing the candidacy of MICHAEL J. RYAN, of Philadelphia, for Governor, not because they believe what they say about Mr. RYAN but because they are undertaking to make an excuse for turning the force of the state organization in for McCORMICK, himself, or someone else in their personal picking. The WATCHMAN has no favorite to play in the campaign, but it is unalterably opposed to the unfair practice of having the state organization work for or against any of the aspirants who may enter the field.

—An article published in the *Centre Democrat* last week reflecting on the integrity and purpose of the gentlemen who tried to locate an automobile factory in Bellefonte appears like an altogether malicious and unwarranted attack. We know of nobody in Bellefonte who has lost anything yet through the promotion of that plant and we think the future course of those interested in the automobile factory will be such as to guarantee our people against any possible loss. All that Bellefonte had actually given was the site and it will be deeded back to us just as soon as the process of the law makes it possible. On the other hand Messrs. SEIG and HARBOLD haven't run away. They had no reason for so doing. Both gentlemen were sincere in the matter, as is shown by the fact that they have become residents of Bellefonte and are now operating an industry giving employment to fifty or more men that would have been idle had they not been opportunely here to keep it going.

—If State chairman ROLAND S. MORRIS would come out and frankly tell us who he means when he talks of the "bi-partisan Democrats" of Pennsylvania he would escape the contempt all fair minded people must have for a person who is continually harping in innuendoes. Such talk is not good for the solidarity of the Democracy of Pennsylvania and if Mr. MORRIS is not old enough to know it for himself some of his advisers ought to talk a little sense to him. There are a lot of Democrats in Pennsylvania who followed the old leadership of the party, not because they knew personally any of the leaders or had profited in any way from that leadership, but merely because they were Democrats and loyal to their party at all times. Because of their regularity, more than anything else, they refused to desert the nominee of the party made at Allentown, and then, before they knew what had happened, they found the leadership of their party fallen into the hands of a few men who at once began to call them political crooks, "bi-partisan Democrats" and every other opprobrious term that can be applied. Let us tell you, Mr. MORRIS, if the crowd of mushroom Democrats who are flocking about you haven't courage to do it, that there are Democrats up here in Centre county and all over Pennsylvania who will vote for Republicans the first time in their lives next fall unless you make an end of your fatuous talk and get down to the business of healing up the wounds you and Mr. PALMER have already made.

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General James Addams Beaver.

The last of the trio of Governors that Bellefonte has furnished this great Commonwealth was laid to rest on Tuesday. The burial service was as simple and unostentatious as was the early life of this man who leaves behind him a memory of all that was courageous and all that was good.

A soldier, an advocate, a judge and a Christian; in all surpassing the accomplishments of most men, but in the two that count for most a brilliant, fearless, untiring leader.

General BEAVER, we use the military title because he loved it more than "Governor" or "Judge," since he, alone, had earned that one, needs no eulogy from us. That would be a work of supererogation. Rather let us record the profound sorrow this community feels in his passing and point to the comforting thought that, with all the glorious conquests that were his on the field of battle; all the sweets of laudable ambition tasted as he climbed to distinction in his civil profession; all the honors that were thrust upon him by the people of a great Commonwealth, he never faltered as a Christian man. That was the beautiful thing in General BEAVER. That was what made him a conqueror in life; a conqueror in death.

—Colonel ROOSEVELT declares that "his spear knows no brother." No, when the Colonel was buying a canal site he recognized his brother-in-law.

Chairman Morris Promoting Faction.

In a speech at a Democratic banquet in Montgomery county, the other evening, chairman MORRIS, of the Democratic State committee, again sounded the note of factionalism. The obvious purpose of the feast was to promote the interests of Congressman DIPENDERFER, who is a candidate for another term. Less than a year ago Mr. DIPENDERFER publicly declared his purpose to leave the Democratic party and invited other believers in the heresies of Populism to join him in the organization of another party. As a result of his recreancy the Democrats of his district threaten to refuse him a renomination. Mr. PALMER and his personal machine are striving to defeat this purpose of the Democrats.

Every Democrat has an inalienable right to support any other Democrat for the nomination of his party for any office and Mr. ROLAND S. MORRIS, who has never been much of a Democrat, is at full liberty, in his individual capacity, to butt into the politics of a district of which he is not a resident, in behalf of any candidate. But he has neither the legal nor moral right to use the organization of the Democratic party to boost the candidacy of one Democrat against another, much less to force the nomination of a political recreant against the wishes of the Democratic voters of a Congressional district. In all the history of the party this outrage had never been attempted until the present bosses assumed control.

In the present political conditions in Pennsylvania there is a great opportunity for the Democratic party. The return of a considerable number of the so-called Bull Moozers to their former party allegiance will equalize the strength of the Republican factions rather than restore the party to power. Two years ago, if there had been enough brains in the Democratic organization to run a blacksmith shop with one fire, WOODROW WILSON would have carried the State. Last year, but for open and shameless treachery on the part of those entrusted with the work of the State organization, the State would have gone Democratic and a Democrat been elected to the Superior court bench. This year with the Republicans split more nearly in the middle, it will be almost impossible for the Democrats to blunder into defeat. In fact that can only be achieved by downright treachery on the part of Democratic managers. They may be able to destroy hope and prevent victory.

The rank and file of the Democratic party are filled with hope and inspired with enthusiasm. But they will not permit the prostitution of the power of the organization in order to create a personal machine to be used for selfish purposes. Since the inauguration of the Democratic administration the Democratic organization has been perverted into a trading post for the exchange of patronage for votes. The chairman of the State committee has been especially active and offensive in this respect. He must quit it and quit it at once or take responsibility of so wicking the party that even the present demoralization of the opposition will not save us.

The Republican Senatorial Nomination.

Mr. W. D. B. AINEY who anathematizes Senator PENROSE as a "modern political Goliath," is manifestly offering himself as a sacrifice to save the giant's official bacon. He announces himself as a candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination. In this he is presenting to the public either a farce or a tragedy. As a Congressman he has done nothing to distinguish himself. One of his eulogists says "he rarely speaks and has no distinct personality which makes him stand out among his colleagues." He is a genial gentleman, no doubt, and a bitter partisan, and he may, possibly, believe that "the Republican party can be rehabilitated and made progressive." Some men are very credulous.

There is a very decided opposition to Senator PENROSE even in the ranks of the regular Republican party. But there is no regular Republican in the State who so completely commands the allegiance of the Republican machine and the party leaders. Therefore only a man of extraordinary force and unusual popularity will be able to defeat PENROSE for the nomination. If the former Republicans who are now Bull Moozers, were in the equation, it might be different. In that event an amiable gentleman "who cannot get away from the party name," though without distinction might accomplish the result. But the Bull Moozers will vote the primary ticket of their own party and only the regulars will have a voice in the nomination of the Republican candidate to succeed PENROSE.

That being the case it looks as if Mr. AINEY is simply setting himself up as a foil to shield PENROSE. There are regular Republicans who might beat the Senator for the Republican nomination but of course they will be kept out of the running by the absurd candidacy of Mr. AINEY who has no more chance of achieving that result than he has of an election to the Presidency of the Mexican Republic. If Mr. AINEY is sincere in his desire to defeat PENROSE, therefore, he will promptly take himself out of the race and offer his support to some one whose candidacy means something more than a joke. No Republican will be elected but the party ought to present itself in decent shape for burial.

—If the Hon. MITCHELL PALMER gives up his seat in Congress in order that the Hon. JIM BLAKESLIE may occupy it both of these distinguished patronage brokers may be out of a job after the next election.

Senator Penrose's Goat.

In his Pittsburgh speech, the other evening, Senator PENROSE said, in reference to the tariff law: "It is sectional in that it favors sections of the South as against the North. Thus rates substantially equal to the DINGLEY rates are kept on the hair of the Angora goat largely because he is found in Texas, while the wool of the sheep, which is an animal of the same species as the goat, is placed upon the free list." We are glad that the Senator's goat is a "Billy." If it were a "Nanny," the inference might be drawn, with equal plausibility, that the discrimination in favor of the goat was a concession to the suffragettes, militant or otherwise.

As a matter of fact, however, there are a thousand sheep in Texas to every Angora goat and in discriminating against the sheep and in favor of the goat one of the principal interests of Texas is injured while that which is benefited is merely a "side line." Moreover there are more sheep in Texas than in all the Northern States east of the Mississippi river. Besides the hair of the Angora goat has hardly attained the importance of a commercial commodity in this country while the wool of the sheep is practically a necessary of life in the rigid climate of the North. Woolen clothes and blankets are the most efficacious preventive of tuberculosis that has yet been discovered.

In raising such a point against the UNDERWOOD tariff law Senator PENROSE paid scant respect for the intelligence of his audience. A company which can be deceived by such balderdash would be incapable of exercising the right of franchise intelligently and the Senator might as well tell it that the new tariff law is responsible for the unusual weather of the present winter as to hand out to it such drivel as his absurd statement with respect to goats and sheep. The truth is that the political conditions which the Senator has found in his trip to Pittsburgh has "got his goat," and he is trying to conceal his chagrin in preposterous figures of speech.

—We are not worried about the proposed march of COXBY's army to Washington in the near future. The Republican machine can't spare money to finance such an enterprise at this time.

Blunders of a False Teacher.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT, writing in the *Outlook* upon the influence of militarism, says: "A serious and unbiased study of the matter would undoubtedly show that in England, which for a century has not suffered from militarism at all, there has been a serious deterioration in the physical standard compared with Germany, which is the most military power of Europe." This reveals the absolute unreliability of THEODORE ROOSEVELT. In the first place England with a navy nearly three times the strength of that of Germany has not been free from the evil effects of militarism, and in the second place there has been neither mental nor physical deterioration in England within the century last past.

Militarism isn't altogether the mustering of soldiers in camp or on parade. It doesn't depend upon the roster of infantry, the squadrons of cavalry or the batteries of artillery which are maintained. It means the spirit of war and the methods of force. England doesn't maintain as large a standing army as Germany or Russia, for the reason, likely, that her conditions do not require it. But her navy taxes the people to the limit and makes her the most powerful, as well as the best prepared nation in Europe for emergencies. Like the United States she depends upon her citizen soldiery for defense in the event of invasion and her navy is a guarantee of safety under other circumstances.

ROOSEVELT, lusting for blood, would exhaust the resources of the country in maintaining an army of conquest that would make all other peoples tremble while they hated the great American Republic. He discerns glory only in the devastation of war and in the destruction of human life. Such men are a curse to any country and it is to be hoped that we will soon recover from the mental and moral frenzy that makes them possible in this land of peace and plenty. False prophets and teachers of folly, they do infinite harm whenever their voices are raised or their malign influence is felt. We want neither them nor their preachments to divert us from the triumphs of industry.

—If wireless telegraphy attains the success that is promised the old method of electrical communication is likely to become obsolete in the near future. But there is no obvious reason why the old telegraph companies should unload their expensive but worthless plants and equipment upon the government.

Cost of Rooseveltism.

One of the causes which are disturbing our international relations at present is the claim of Colombia for recompense for the seizure of the Canal Zone and the loss of the territory embraced within the boundaries of Panama. After THEODORE ROOSEVELT had paid to his brother-in-law and others \$40,000,000 for the Panama canal franchise, worth a small fraction of that amount, Colombia refused to transfer the concession which had been made to the French company for the consideration, tendered, of \$10,000,000. Thereupon ROOSEVELT organized a revolution in the province of Panama and "seized" the Zone, paying the mushroom government he had created \$10,000,000 for the concession.

No greater outrage had ever been perpetrated by one nation against another. It was an exemplification of the dastardly doctrine that "might makes right," and has been a cause of reproach and a source of dishonor to the government of the United States ever since. Soon after the event, Colombia set up a claim for reparation, the justice of which has been recognized by every civilized government. Now that other powers have, or imagine they have, grievances, this claim is being pressed with such pertinacity as to require consideration and it may be set down as certain that settlement must be made in the near future.

The demand of Colombia is \$25,000,000. The concession might easily have been obtained at the time for \$15,000,000 and as we had paid so enormously for the franchise, that sum might well have been paid. But ROOSEVELT preferred the progress of the bandit and after encouraging the organizing and financing of a rebellion paid Panama \$10,000,000 for something to which it had no title and for which Colombia will have to be paid the larger sum now. It is one of the penalties which the country must bear for having elevated an unfit man to the Presidency and similar penalties will be inflicted upon us at intervals for a generation.

—Now that people are getting into the habit of sending vegetables to Mr BRYAN his salary as Secretary of State and fees from the Chautauque circuit ought to put him into comfortable circumstances by the end of his term.

Taking Care of all Sections.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.
The powers behind the throne in the Republican party have agreed on the ticket that they want to see nominated in the spring primaries for the leading State offices, and the word has gone out to the faithful workers regarding who they are expected to support. Of course there is no "official announcement" of the slate that the leaders have agreed upon, for theoretically the names of the nominees for the party's ticket are to be left to the free selection of the voters in the primaries.

From what can be gleaned unofficially, however, there is no doubt that Penrose is picked to run for United States Senator; Stuart, for Governor; former Speaker Frank B. McClain, for Lieutenant Governor and Henry Houck, to succeed himself as Secretary of Internal Affairs; while the four candidates for Congressmen-at-large will be selected from among men living in the western and northwestern sections.

Under this plan, it will be seen, a careful apportionment has been made with a view not to slight any part of the State. Penrose and Stuart represent Philadelphia and the eastern section; McClain is mayor of Lancaster, and Houck lives in Lebanon, so that these two represent Central Pennsylvania, and the west and northwest will be permitted to name the Congressmen-at-large.

Probably never before have the leaders of the Republican organization in Pennsylvania been so careful to recognize every district in the distribution of places on the ticket, which goes to show that they do not intend that any considerable section shall have a grievance which would be reflected in the total when the vote is counted.

Verily, in these days of three-cornered fights, every vote counts!

"Everybody With Wilson."

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.
President Wilson, in advocating an interstate trade commission, has stolen both Progressive and Republican thunder, and the outcome will doubtless be that the bill to create such a commission will go through Congress by practically a unanimous vote. Such a spectacle is a most extraordinary one in a parliament where the party lines have always been tightly drawn and still are on most questions of moment.

The unanimity of opinion as to the expediency of creating an interstate trade commission is in decided contrast with details in President Wilson's list of reforms, so popular is he with the country, and so convinced are the people that he has found the right remedy for the ills of America.

The present time marks what may very well be the height of President Wilson's prestige during his four-year term, and certainly marks the season of least opposition to him by the rival parties in the Congress of the United States.

A Peacemaking War Talk.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.
The advice of the General Board of the navy upon the programme to be followed in forming the annual bill for naval increase was given to the naval committee of the House on Wednesday by Admiral Vreeland, together with much confidential information upon the situation which would confront us in the event of war.

Some of this confidential information has leaked out and is exploited under a variety of headlines by various newspapers, according to their viewpoint and character, some treating it as the usual "war scare" to boost big naval appropriations" and some as a grave warning of impending hostilities with Japan or other powers.

It is perfectly evident, however, that Admiral Vreeland merely discussed the evident possibilities of the future with no reference whatever to any immediate trouble or danger; pointing out conditions long familiar to all who have given attention to the matter and supporting the recommendations of the board, of which Admiral Dewey is chairman, with the obvious reasons for those recommendations.

The Best Salesman.

From the Albany Journal.
"Newspaper advertising is your best salesman. When times are dull, keep up your advertising and increase your space in the papers from time to time."

That admonition was given by William Laird, of Pittsburgh, to the delegates to the convention of the national shoe retailers' association in New York.

"Advertising gives your customers confidence in you and increases your confidence in yourself," he continued. "It is a profitable investment in every season, and to lessen your advertising space in dull times is ill advised and often costly."

While his advice was given to dealers in shoes, it is equally good for merchants in all lines of business. In busy times there is more business for merchants who advertise freely and intelligently than for those who do not, and in dull times there is less of dullness for them.

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

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSSTONE.

—The University of Pennsylvania has received enough entries to warrant establishing an extension centre at Williamsport.

—Two dogs that gave Clearfield a mad dog scare were killed within twenty-four hours by the dog catcher, one on the east side and one on the west.

—Ten deer of the 120 promised for various forests of other counties have been caught at Westover, Clearfield county preserve. The task is extremely difficult.

—The Rockhill Iron and Coal company is installing at Woodvale an electric plant to furnish power for its mines and to light the villages of Woodvale and Robertsdale.

—Jersey Shore Methodist Episcopal churches united in an invitation to the Central Pennsylvania conference to hold its 1915 session in that place. The Presbyterians second the invitation.

—Finding \$75 worth of pearls in a fish that cost 25 cents was the luck of O. R. Wike, of Lewisburg, a few days ago. The fish was from the oyster bed region and had evidently been feeding on raw oysters.

—Two men of the same name died near Lock Haven on the same day recently. John R. Shoemaker, aged 85 years, and Jacob R. Shoemaker, aged 63 years, both of Swissdale. It is not stated that they were relatives.

—A young spike buck got its head fast in a wire fence near Petersburg and in its efforts to get loose twisted around until its neck was broken. There was venison at the Blair Memorial hospital, Huntingdon, next day.

—William A. Locke, a son-in-law of James Wolfenden, of Lamar, has a contract for clearing 10,000 acres of timberland on Mount Mitchell, near Black Mountain, N. C. He recently secured twenty-three Austrians at Pittsburgh to help in the work.

—Trying to cross the Susquehanna in a row boat at night at an open place near North Bend, William Schroat, of Lock Haven, was thrown into the water and his body carried under the ice. A companion escaped. Mr. Schroat was 45 years old and had been employed on a prop timber job.

—Two farmhands on the farm of Robert Moll, near Millifinburg, were chased up a tree by an irate elk that had escaped from the Centre county preserve and wandered miles from its woods home. It was damaging apple trees, when the farmhands attempted to drive it out of the orchard, and the animal turned on them.

—Fire in the grass, thought to have been started by a spark from an engine, would undoubtedly have destroyed the hotel at Ridgeway park, had not the proprietor arrived on the scene just in time to put it out. He went to the park to look after some repair work and found conditions quite grave at the summer resort.

—James Sullivan, aged 20, a cranesman at the new Latrobe electric steel works, fell twenty feet from his crane to the ground and by some miracle landed on his feet, fell to the ground and rolled over; then picked himself up, unharmed. A doctor was summoned and confirmed the young man's statement that he was not injured.

—Moans coming from the Susquehanna river puzzled searchers for some time until the unconscious form of a man was found at the foot of a pier at Lock Haven. It was pulled to the bridge by a rope and identified as Thomas O'Brien, aged 63 years, who died later at his home, as a result of the exposure. How he reached the place where he was found is a mystery.

—E. B. Campbell, of Indiana, missing one of seven fine Jersey cows for which he had paid \$1,000, traced the animal to Apollo, where it had been taken by Paul King, who hired a liverly rig at Apollo to go after it. The cow, he said at first, he had bought for \$45, but later confessed the theft. The animal was so exhausted from the long journey and lack of food that it had to be hauled home in a wagon.

—Mrs. Axeline Moberg, whose husband was recently killed in the Brisbin Coal company's operations by coming in contact with an electric wire, has instituted a suit against that corporation for \$10,000 damages. She has also sued the Penn Public Service company for a similar amount for failing to have its wires properly insulated. These cases may come up at the May term of the Clearfield court.

—This summer will in all probability see the cutting of the last logs at the big mill of the Hall and Kaul Lumber company, located in the east end of St. Marys, and the passing into history of the lumber business which has been the principal industry of that community for the last forty years. The logs are now being brought out of the Trout Run woods, and when this piece of timber is finished, together with a few small holdings in that vicinity, the buzz of the saws will cease.

—Near Madera, Clearfield county, John Wilkinson is said to have gone to the school house where the teacher, Miss Maude Pooley, had kept his son in after school. The girl pluckily drove him out and locked the door. He came back, broke in the door and knocked the girl down, tramping on her and bruising her in such a manner that she was rendered unconscious and has since been in a critical condition. Her screams attracted a neighbor who grappled with the man and later caused his arrest.

—Another murder, the second within two weeks, has occurred near Latrobe. This one was at an Italian boarding house. John Boria, aged 36 years, was shot dead. The mistress of the house, Mrs. Galdino, rushed into where the shooting occurred and snatched a revolver from Domenico Tessitore, aged 39, who is charged with the crime. He broke from her grasp, but was later caught and committed to jail. The murder of the man found along the road ten days ago still remains a mystery.

—John W. Johnson, aged fifty years, an engineer on the Beech Creek road, residing on Spruce street, Jersey Shore, was killed about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Johnson had made his run to Clearfield and was on his way back with a freight. When near Rock Run he put his head out of the window to see if the injector was working right. He was struck by a ledge of rocks and his skull crushed. The fireman cut the engine and caboose from the train and with his engineer in the caboose hurried to Jersey Shore, but the man died on the way.

—A serious epidemic of small pox has developed at North East, a town of 2,000 inhabitants in Erie county, and an investigation by Dr. J. W. Wright, of the State Board of Health, shows ninety cases of the dread disease. Fifty-five houses were ordered under quarantine and the vaccination of all the inhabitants of the township in which North East is situated began Monday. The first case was reported two weeks ago. Laxity in maintaining quarantine of the first cases reported is blamed for the rapid spread of the disease. Strict precautionary measures will be enforced.

—A fall of 530 feet down the shaft of No. 9 mine of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke corporation, near Creson, on Saturday, proved fatal to Frank Rasko, a miner. He had just brought a car load of coal from the depths of the mine and was later caught from the car by the tangle of timber when someone rang the bell, giving the engineer to understand that he was ready for another trip. As the engineer started the cage of coal was tilted backward. Rasko clung to the vehicle and both fell down the shaft, the coal lighting fairly on top of the body of Rasko, which was terribly mangled. It is not known who rang the bell, but Coroner Fitzgerald will make an effort to learn the truth.