

INK SLINGS.

—Today is Good Friday.
—Anyway the dog has it on man, in the fact that he has no bother with knees in his pants.
—Centre county farmers have begun plowing, but it is pretty wet sod that many of them are turning over.
—Gen. COXEY expects to have 600,000 men in the second "army" he will lead to Washington. Sometimes, however, expectations are not fully realized.
—And now it is said the next fight of the women will be for the same wages that are paid to the men. Just as if they weren't getting them all the time.
—Three more days and the Lenten season will be over, then it will be back to their old habits for a lot of fellows who really have been good since Ash Wednesday.
—If the temperance people could persuade every one to enlist for service in the Navy Secretary DANIELS might do the rest and make the country dry by one official order.
—OSCAR UNDERWOOD has defeated HOBSON in the primary contest for United States Senator from Alabama, which insures the elimination of a blathering jingo who has become decidedly tiresome to the American people.
—The unfavorable symptoms that have lately developed in Mr. VANCE McCORMICK's Democracy, are now attributed to a lack of healthy exercise when it was younger and needed something invigorating and strengthening.
—If the so called party organizations are to make the party nominees—as they all seem to be doing—there will be a great many of us left in the dark as to the necessity of going to the expense of holding a primary election.
—Rumors are to the effect that some Bellefonters are trying to break into some sort of a county base-ball league. It is quite possible that there are enthusiasts who have saved up a little money since they finished paying the funeral expenses of the last league we were in.
—The capture of the bandit who robbed the Union National bank in Altoona a few weeks ago is a most wholesome sign and the severest penalty the law can impose should be speedily meted out to him. It is only by such examples of the certainty of the punishment for crime that the criminally inclined will be deterred from trying to go the Altoona bandit one better.
—The advent of CHARLES F. ROWLAND, coal operator and trolley magnate, of Philipsburg, in the political arena is one of the sensations of the week. CHARLEY wants to go to Congress from this district and is handsome enough to look well on Pennsylvania Ave., but inasmuch as this is the time that the Democrats intend to elect the Congressman from the district we fear that the genial gentleman from over the mountain will have to change his politics or stay at home.
—By a vote of 46 to 19 the Lycoming county Democratic committee decided on Saturday last that it had had enough of "re-organization" to do for awhile, and that hereafter it would depend more upon its Democracy than its factionalism for party success, and then proceeded to elect H. A. SPOTTS, a real Democrat, county chairman, over A. J. MILLER, a "re-organizer," with the vote stated, Centre county Democrats will elect the same kind of a chairman at the May primaries, and his name will be ARTHUR B. LEE.
—If all of Mr. McCORMICK's claims to the nomination for Governor are exaggerated to the extent that his own paper, the Patriot, exaggerated the McCORMICK meeting in this place last Thursday, it is about time for ROOSEVELT to gather him into the Ananias club. Last Friday morning the Patriot announced that there had been a crowd of five thousand to greet the would be Governor at Bellefonte the day before. What a lie! There was no time during Mr. McCORMICK's stay here that the crowd numbered even two hundred and the Patriot's attempt to swell it out of all semblance of itself only leads us to discredit like stories of the enthusiastic crowds that are supposed to be greeting the candidate in other parts of the State.
—E. R. BENSON, of McKean county, who is asking the Democrats of this District to nominate him for Congress, has flooded Centre county with copies of the Mt. Jewett Herald. The paper devotes most of its space to exploitation of the thirty-one year old statesman(?) from McKean county. But it hasn't a single excuse to offer for his betrayal of the Democratic party and his slap at the Democrats of Centre county when he bolted the caucus of his party and later refused to vote for the late Hon. J. C. MEYER for Speaker of the House. Mr. MEYER was the Member from Centre county and had been honored by his fellow Members at Harrisburg by being made their choice for Speaker, but the fresh youngster from McKean refused to vote for him and admits that he voted for a Republican in preference. It seems to us that it takes considerable nerve for him to come asking Democrats of Centre to vote for him now when he refused to vote for one of their most honored members only a few years ago.

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Mr. Wilson's Reward and Rebuke.

HENRY H. WILSON, of Beaver county, who was appointed United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, has been forced to resign. The charges against him, according to a statement issued by himself since his resignation, are that he participated too earnestly in a social session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Erie, recently, and that he indulged too freely in the cup that cheers and inebriates, during a still more recent visit in Philadelphia. The real reason for the attack upon him, however, he adds, is that the Democratic leaders wanted him to fill the subordinate places in the office with men unfit for the service, in order to promote the political ambitions of VANCE McCORMICK and MITCH PALMER.

The appointment of Mr. WILSON was his reward for more or less sinister services to the so-called reorganizers at the time they seized the Democratic State organization. It will be recalled that on that occasion the committee was nearly evenly divided, the reorganizers having won by one vote which, with three others, have since been admitted to have been purchased. The members of the committee for Beaver county were in Canada at the time and unable to attend. Mr. WILSON appeared in the meeting with a proxy dated Beaver Falls, the day before the meeting. When he presented it to the resident secretary of the committee the fact was pointed out to him that the gentleman whose name was signed to the paper was in Canada at the time it was dated and couldn't have signed it at Beaver Falls on that day. WILSON declared that it had been mailed to him. There it was shown to him that the signature was not that of the gentleman, whereupon he got the paper in his hand and withdrew the application for substitution.

Such service to the new party bosses was entitled to generous reward and Mr. WILSON was promptly taken into favor. He was made a delegate to the Baltimore convention and admitted to the inner circles of the party chiefs. After the inauguration of the President he was among the first to be considered for party favor. He became a candidate for United States District Attorney and was mentioned for other important and lucrative offices and finally shifted into that of the United States Marshal. Naturally, after the experience at Harrisburg, the bosses felt confident that he could be depended upon to do anything they might ask and when he refused to prostitute his office to the service of VANCE C. McCORMICK and A. MITCHELL PALMER, they were disappointed and he was disciplined. Happily for them his habits afforded them a medium of attack. But they knew his habits quite as well before his appointment as after. If he had been obedient, habits would have cut no figure.

In view of all the circumstances it is difficult to conjure up a feeling of sympathy for Mr. WILSON. "The laborer is worthy his hire," it is true, and the service performed by Mr. WILSON was important at the time. An hour before the committee met there was a pledged majority of ample proportions to defeat the reorganizers. But conversions more sudden than that of Saul were made and by vastly different processes, and the Beaver county vote was worth a lot in spoils yet in the bush. Mr. WILSON took long chances in presenting a bogus proxy but he was collaborating with PALMER and McCORMICK in purifying the Democratic party and he ought to have been recompensed as liberally and as enduringly as GUTHRIE and BLAKESLIE were paid.

—Col. H. S. TAYLOR on Tuesday sent to the State department at Harrisburg his nomination papers as a candidate for Congressman-at-Large. Centre county and Central Pennsylvania has never been represented at the national capital with a Congressman-at-Large and Col. TAYLOR's aspirations for this office should receive the united support of the Democracy in this section. He is well known throughout the central part of the State and would make a very creditable representative in Congress.

—That the acrimony in the contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor imperils the success of the party after that event is true. For the acrimony that has been engendered Mr. VANCE McCORMICK can be held responsible. He has been traducing better men than himself ever since his purchased election to the office of Mayor of Harrisburg aroused in him the ambition to be Governor of the State.

—Now that Premier ASQUITH has himself assumed the duties of the office of Secretary of War the officers of the British army may be taught to understand that it is a soldier's duty to obey.

Mr. Bryan's Rigid Economy.

We are glad to learn that WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN has gone through the Department of the government at Washington, of which he is the illustrious head, with a pruning hook. For years we have freely reprobated the profligacy of administration at the National capital and insisted that when the Democrats "came into their own," the most rigid economy would be introduced. That this promise has been fulfilled we are now able to state with confidence. Secretary of State BRYAN declared before the House Committee on Appropriations, the other day, that during the last fiscal year he had been able to cut down the expenses of the State Department to the extent of \$120,000.

Of course this isn't much and out of the more than a thousand millions which are expended in the administration of the government it will hardly be noticed by the disbursing officers. But it shows the right spirit. It indicates that Mr. BRYAN is willing to practice what he preaches. He might easily have spent as much money as his predecessor and nobody would have complained in view of the high cost of living. But he didn't. Whenever he detailed one of the clerks or messengers of the Department to act as coachman or footman for his family, Mr. BRYAN deducted the time from the department pay roll and paid him out of his own pocket. What a beautiful example of official rectitude!

In view of this record of probity we decline to believe that other report which comes from the same source that Mr. BRYAN has asked Congress to provide him with a coachman and footman and equip them in appropriate uniforms or livery. The grand Commoner wouldn't think of such extravagance in style and expense. No farmer in Nebraska or in any of the other prairie States would think of employing a coachman and footman either for his automobile or his hay wagon and Mr. BRYAN prides himself in the fact that he is one of the plain people. He has money, of course, because he is industrious and thrifty, but he is not ostentatious. Therefore he wants no footman in livery. "Perish the thought!"

—We admonish the Philadelphia contemporary that seems determined to accomplish it, that looking for a job for GIFFORD PINCHOTT is a waste of time. A man who can force the campaign committee to pay the expenses of a secretary and valet while he is on a stumping tour is amply able to take care of himself. PINCHOTT is a new-comer in Pennsylvania but he's no infant.

Solution of a Vexed Problem.

The announcement of the candidacy of HENRY BUDD, of Philadelphia, offers a solution of one of the vexed problems which confronts the Democrats of Pennsylvania. A. MITCHELL PALMER, his competitor for the party favor, is capable, and so far as we know has been faithful to party obligations. But he has developed such a passion for factionalism that his nomination is likely to widen the breach already threatening the destruction of hope. Instead of a party leader he has become an arrogant factional boss. Such a man could hardly be elected even though the Republican party be disorganized and demoralized. If he could be elected he would do the party more harm than good.

As HENRY C. NILES said in his speech at the RYAN dinner in Philadelphia last week, a National Democratic victory should stand for something more than the spoils of office. Mr. PALMER has prostituted the splendid triumph of the party in 1912 to that low level, so far as Pennsylvania is concerned. He has distributed the favors of the party, not on the basis of fitness or in reward for service but as currency in the discharge of personal political obligations or reward for servility to selfish factionists. The nomination of such a man will not only defeat the party but it will widen the chasm which separates the elements and increase the bitterness of the quarrel.

The nomination of HENRY BUDD will have the opposite effect. He is among the foremost lawyers of the State and a polished and scholarly gentleman. He has been a life-long Democrat, ever ready to put his shoulder to the wheel and assume the burdens of campaign labor. Free from factionalism, envy, and that most odious of all small vices, vanity, his nomination will be an inspiration to the rank and file of the party all over the State, while his election will be a sedative that will cure the irritation from which the party is suffering. HENRY BUDD is above factionalism and beyond the petty jealousies which are destroying the chances of victory. He should be nominated.

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Palmer and Penrose.

Out of the controversy between Senator PENROSE and Congressman PALMER concerning the spoils of office some public good ought to come. Senator PENROSE asserts in the most unequivocal terms that postmasterships have been sold by the Democratic organization of this State, that officers of the Democratic State committee have been involved in the transactions and that he will prove the assertion by a Congressional investigation. Congressman PALMER replies in language equally positive that he will welcome such an investigation if it is made to cover some period previous to the inauguration of a Democratic President when Senator PENROSE was the dispenser of patronage and distributor of spoils.

We have always believed that spoils of office composed the principal asset of the Republican machine of Pennsylvania. It is a notorious fact that while THEODORE ROOSEVELT was President and MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY the party boss, office brokerage was practiced as openly as any other trade or business. But Democrats invariably and unannouncedly condemned such traffic as immoral and subversive of civic righteousness. Therefore when it was charged that PALMER had taken the place of QUAY in the business of selling postoffices, the Democratic electorate of the State was shocked from centre to circumference. But an investigation by the Postoffice Department, to a certain extent, proved the accuracy of the charge.

The newly appointed postmaster at Wrightsville admitted that he had signed an agreement presented by an agent of the Democratic committee, that he would pay a certain amount in cash for the commission. He was promptly and properly removed. The candidate for the postoffice of Gettysburg and the slated candidate for the office in York made similar admissions and their appointments have been held up as a result. Senator PENROSE declares that the traffic has been in progress all over the State—a matter that has not, and we hope cannot be proven.

We have no doubt that the charge against PENROSE might be easily proved. His party is a party of spoils. The corruption fund which has kept it in power since 1896, when VANCE McCORMICK contributed to its success, has been obtained by graft in legislation and dealing in offices. In fact Mr. PENROSE had become so adept in the traffic that he could defy detection. But that doesn't justify Democratic leaders in following an evil example. That Mr. PALMER did adopt the practice is practically admitted, however, but he did it in such a bungling manner that the attention of the whole country was drawn to it. His methods remind one of a blacksmith repairing a watch with a monkey wrench.

Because Senator PENROSE has been guilty of these nefarious practices his party was defeated in Pennsylvania two years ago and he is now about to be buried under an avalanche of public indignation. If he is to be punished why should Mr. PALMER escape some penalty at least. The vice of one man doesn't become a virtue when practiced by another. The traffic is the evil and punishment for it ought to be meted out to all who indulge in it. We are glad that PENROSE is to be punished but insist that Mr. PALMER should not escape if he is caught in the same disgraceful work.

—It looks as if the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia has nothing to do but play politics. Mr. BERRY has been campaigning with VANCE McCORMICK for three consecutive weeks. But Mr. BERRY has the record as the champion absentee official. During the two years in which he drew salary as State Treasurer, he spent less than one hundred days in Harrisburg.

—Those who hoped for an irreconcilable quarrel between President Wilson and Speaker CLARK have been disappointed. Both courageously pursued the course their consciences pointed out, and each respects the other because of the fact. Such men differ, honestly and earnestly, but they don't quarrel personally.

—It seems to us that Congressman BAILEY from the Nineteenth Pennsylvania District, is getting an awful lot of newspaper notoriety for all the impression he has made on the statute books up to this writing. But being a newspaper man, himself, he is probably acting as his own press agent.

—Mr. PALMER seems to be on the defensive all the time and it is bad policy to nominate a candidate who has to be defended.

—If you always want to have the best take the WATCHMAN and you'll have it.

Line-up of Anti-Wilson Forces.

From the New York Globe.

Those opposing tolls repeal have one or the other of two ends in view. First, and most active, are the subsidy chasers. The coastwise shipping Trust enjoys an absolute monopoly. No foreign vessel can carry freight or passengers from one American port to another. Competition from the outside is prohibited. One would think that protection so complete would be deemed sufficient. But the natural history of monopoly shows that its appetite grows the more it is fed. So the owners of the collars are asking a specific privilege equal to about \$10,000 every time they put a ship through the canal. The money might as well be voted directly from the public treasury. If ships are to be lifted at public expense over the continental divide at the Isthmus, then the railroads have a just claim to have their trains lifted at public expense over the continental divide in Colorado and Montana.

This selfish special interest, which succeeded in sneaking a "joker" plank into the Baltimore convention, is being helped by those in the Democratic party who do not wish the Wilson administration to be successful. Hearst and Tammany as to this matter are in complete accord. So Hearst's newspapers for months have been pounding away in the effort to split the party in Congress, and Tammany's Congressmen, under the lead of Fitzgerald, Cannon Democrat, have received orders to remember how Murphy was treated at Baltimore.

Poor Champ Clark, still sore in all his bones and gangrened with jealousy, has at last been induced to make an exhibit of himself. A small man and a vain man, he is of the opinion that a wrong was done to him when his party turned to an able man and a more available candidate. He thinks he would have been elected, whereas it is almost certain that Theodore Roosevelt would be President today if Champ Clark had been nominated. "I am praying for Clark," blurted out Kermit, more candidly than wisely.

The struggle is on to wrest the leadership of the Democratic party from Democrats of the new and better school. The Panama issue is merely a mask-a-mask whose dropping happily has been forced.

The Pay of Judges.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.

The son of Justice William R. Day, of the United States Supreme court has resigned from the federal bench because the salary is too small. Young Judge Day says he believes he has a future to look forward to and he cannot see that his salary in many cases are entirely too low. There has been some betterment of judicial salaries in Pennsylvania in recent years, but they are not yet as high as they should be. There are countless instances of men in every way equipped to go on the bench who have declined to accept such honors because they could not afford to sacrifice the education of their children and the comforts of their families.

Money will never be the sole consideration that prompts lawyers to go on the bench. The honor will always remain the paramount attraction, but there are cases like this one of Judge Day which point clearly to the fact that it is not reasonable or proper that the distinction of the office should be relied upon too confidently. Places on the bench should be sufficiently well paid to warrant acceptances by the most distinguished lawyers without the financial sacrifice that many high class men now make.

The Man in the White House.

From the New York Sun.

We are mistaken if Mr. Wilson's unprepared little speech about himself as an ordinary human being temporarily President of the United States does not win for him new friendship in a great many quarters. The speech was charming in its spontaneous frankness, modesty and manliness.

It is a personal respect and confidence of the people are perhaps quite as desirable sometimes as mere political approval. In his occasional departures from conventional utterance President Wilson reveals a very attractive side of a remarkable personality. We beg leave to remark that in recognition of this attitude of confidence and trust the newspaper people of the country might add greatly to the happiness of the President's life in the White House by refraining from such unwarranted speculations about his family affairs and misrepresentations of the same as have recently occurred, undoubtedly to his discomfort.

Villa Sure to be There

From the New York Sun.

According to moving picture operators from the stricken field of Torreón, General Villa makes them work under fire to get realistic effects. Whether this is true or not, it may be assumed that the distinguished outlaw will be the most conspicuous figure on the films whether they show the firing line in full eruption or a counterfeit presentation of it.

Too Absurd for Consideration.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

No sane American believes that the President or any of his advisers is in favor of the tolls repeal for any other reason than that right is right and wrong is wrong. This idea of English compulsion is too absurd to warrant any credence whatever.

—They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—All the mines in Patton and vicinity are in operation, the men having decided at a mass meeting held Monday evening to continue working.

—An unknown man plunged down the steps of the Williamsport city hall on Wednesday evening, fracturing his skull and receiving injuries which resulted in his death an hour later.

—Joseph Hughes, aged 28 years, unmarried, was caught in a slow moving belt in a Derry manufacturing establishment and hurled to death. It is supposed he was trying to oil the machinery.

—James Rodgers, a Somerset county farmer, whose place is located on Cub run, still uses oxen for plowing purposes and thinks they are better than horses. At least he gets excellent results.

—Emma Kossick, charged with stealing a ring and other articles from a home in Grass Flat, was placed in the Clearfield jail on Saturday. She is only 15 years of age, and her home is near Grass Flat.

—Williamsport's old High school building, together with most of its furniture, was destroyed by a mysterious fire last Saturday forenoon. The new structure is almost complete and work on it will be resumed.

—Frank P. Hilliard, a well-to-do lumberman of White Pine, Lycoming county, had his head severed from his shoulders and his body was cut through when he fell upon a circular saw in his sawmill. His foot slipped as he was turning a log on the carriage.

—The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hierbrik, of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, fell into a tub of hot water during the temporary absence of his mother from the room on Monday last and was so badly scalded that he died within a short time.

—A stranger created something of a sensation in the Punxsutawney National bank last Saturday afternoon by demanding \$3,000, adding after a moment, "Jesus sent me." He was arrested and later delivered to his friends. It is said his mind has been unbalanced for the last three years.

—A fine hunting lodge located in the wilds of Clinton county, near Cross Fork, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday night, has called the meeting at the invitation of the Civic club of Lock Haven. The conference promises to be of unusual importance.

—A thief entered the butcher shop of Joseph Unverdirben, at 12 E. Eighth street, Altoona, Wednesday noon of last week, and stole \$200 from the cash register, leaving a note on a paper bag stating: "You big fool, you ought to have more sense than to let \$200 in your cash register on the first of April, especially when there are so many men suspended in the shops."

—The commissioners of Cambria county have been advised by their solicitor that under the recently enacted bounty law they have no discretion, but must pay bounties on the pelts or heads of noxious animals and birds, when proper affidavit is made to them for certification to the county treasurer. About \$300 worth of claims are now ready for presentation, but more will follow.

—Iva and Susie Katen, aged 14 and 12 years, respectively, daughters of Grant Katen, of Sleepy Hollow, while on their way to school in South Philipsburg last Friday, were attacked by an unknown man, supposed to be about 30 years old. The screams of the girls, one of whom was badly kicked by her assailant, attracted the attention of a man and woman, and the human brute ran into the woods and disappeared.

—In one of the shortest wills ever entered of record in the office of the prothonotary of Northumberland county, A. D. Blasser, who was a wealthy retired Herndon farmer, gives his \$35,000 estate to his wife in these words: "I give my wife, Elizabeth, all I have." The will was made October 2nd, 1913, and witnessed by Robert Riehoffman, Herndon, is named as the executor.

—The St. Mary's Gas company struck a big gusher near Crolyland Monday when a depth of 1645 feet, a capacity flow of 1,700,000 feet was obtained. That section has never been tapped and as the company practically controls all the land in that vicinity they have, in fact, a regular gold mine. They are badly in need of it too, for the supply of fluid has not been very strong for some time past. If the territory proves good they will have a supply of gas for years to come.

—A curious case is soon to be tried in Somerset county. It is an action brought under the act of 1715 by a man who paid the whole of a mortgage for \$1,600 except the last installment. This, he says, he offered to pay together with \$5 for the purpose of paying expenses in going to Somerset and 40 cents fees. Satisfaction on the mortgage was refused, he says, and the money rejected. Whereupon he brings suit under the old statute to recover the full amount of the mortgage, \$1,600, as provided by the act.

—The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad company has let to the Miller Construction company, of Lock Haven, a contract for a large amount of new work at Cresskield, on the Indiana branch of that system. The work consists of building more than a mile of double track through the Cresskield yards to Cummins, together with additional track in the yards at the former point. It is said to be the intention of the B. R. & P. company to double-track the entire Indiana branch within the next two years.

—A deed transferring 8,000 acres of coal land in Perry township, Greene county, was filed for record in Waynesburg last Friday. It was the largest single transfer ever placed on record there. The deed was from Josiah V. Thompson, of Uniontown, to the St. Paul Coal company, of Pittsburgh. The consideration was \$1. This is the land which Mr. Thompson has been reported as having sold to H. C. Frick. A mortgage for \$1,165,000 from the coal company to Mr. Thompson was filed for record. The deed and mortgage bear the date of April 1st, 1914.

—The State Health Department received a report from its agent at Farrell, near South Sharon, Mercer county, announcing that he had discovered a case of smallpox in that town, a child of two years of age, being the sufferer. The State agent is at a loss to account for the appearance of the disease in the family, but says that the mother recently received a letter from a town in Virginia where smallpox prevails and that seems to be the only thing to account for the appearance of the disease in this particular family. A case of smallpox has also been reported to the department from Corry, Erie county, supposed to have been brought in from Southern New York.

—Secretary Kalkbuss, of the State Game Commission, has had numerous complaints of dogs running deer and killing them, and has given orders that all such shall be killed. Last Friday Game Warden Baum killed a dog near McAllisterville and had the owner fined \$25, the animal having been caught in the act of running deer. The same day Warden Baum found that a man named Wamer, near McAllisterville, had permitted his three dogs to run a deer down and drag it to death. The dogs were killed and the man was fined \$50. Wamer said he knew the dogs were running deer, but took no interest in it. Some time ago several of his dogs were killed for doing the same thing.