

Democratic Watchman

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INK SLINGS.

—Senator PATTERSON sounds quite as well as it looks.

—Good bye, Mr. BENSON, it's into the discard for you.

—Well it don't appear to have been unanimous for any one except Mr. Dis-sension.

—Anyway there is promise enough of warm weather at least to allow us to lay aside our ear muffers.

—Well, we've all seen the political menagerie! Now for the big show that is to come off in November.

—One of the strange results of our present marriage system is the fact that the bride never gets the "best man."

—It's to be hoped that Mr. McCORMICK will take a rest of a few weeks before he starts out again with that muffer of his wide open.

—Ferguson hasn't had a Representative in the Legislature since JOHN T. McCORMICK was there, but it is going to have another when DAVID MILLER goes down to add dignity to that body of law-makers.

The PENROSE candidate for Senate carried Centre county over AL DALE, an eminently respectable citizen of the county. Surely Centre Republicans do as many funny things as Centre Democrats.

—Ferguson township certainly did the handsome thing for her candidate for the Legislature. But then Mr. WILLIAMS has no reason to feel sore at any of his neighbors because Worth township voted unanimously for him.

—The Mexican sentiment must be catchin' about Washington. Only a few days ago a clerk in Mr. BRYAN'S office declared war against a Consul from some place or other and it was with considerable difficulty that both parties were prevented from rushing to arms.

—Possibly neither Mr. PALMER nor Mr. McCORMICK will continue to consider the "elimination" of the old line Democracy from the party ranks as the only hope of Democratic success this fall. But there is no tellin' what fool ideas may be attached to the brains of some people.

—Centre county gave CROISTER a majority of 768 while Clearfield county gave PATTERSON a majority of 1096 which makes PATTERSON our nominee for Senator in the district by a majority of 328. A very small balance in favor of the Clearfield county man in so large a district.

—And now the difficulty will be to undo the work of the factionists whose chief effort has been to divide the party and drive out of it the many good Democrats who don't believe the way to win is to "eliminate" from its ranks every fellow who doesn't see everything just as some people think they should.

—McCORMICK sure was the popular boy with the voters of State College. To get 96 of the 102 votes polled is a sure sign that every one of the numerous would-be postmasters were hustling for him, but if you listen hard enough you can hear BOB whispering to VANCE who really pulled the big job off all alone.

—RYAN carried only seven precincts in Centre county. They are the South ward of Bellefonte, Snow Shoe borough and both precincts of Snow Shoe township, South Philipsburg, Unionville, and the west precinct of Rush. He tied McCORMICK in Taylor, but didn't get a vote in Milesburg, Penn township or Middle Walker.

—The total vote in Centre county doesn't indicate that the masses regard the preferential primary as the greatest political boon they have been given. In fact so few of them take advantage of it that it would not be worth the additional expense it entails were it not for the satisfaction of having it available when it is needed.

—Of course Mr. McCORMICK will be too polite to ask State Committeeman ZEBBY who was looking after his interests in the South ward of Bellefonte. That is ZEBBY'S home and it is common rumor that he claims to carry it around in his vest pocket. If there is anything in the rumor ZEBBY was probably hot on election day and left his vest at home.

—We are proud of every Democrat in Centre county who helped keep BENSON'S majority down as low as it was and every-one of them has reason to feel proud of himself. We regret, however, that a man like BENSON could have carried the county at all and we feel sure that those who helped him do it will never publicly boast of their work. If there ever was a candidate whom the Democrats of Centre county ought to have rebuked it was the one who insulted them by publicly declining to honor a man whom they had honored.

—Of course Col. TAYLOR didn't get as many votes as he should have had in Centre county, but he received more than we expected he would get in these days of "When you see a head hit it." We often wonder when our home county treats home candidates in this manner what ones of the individuals who do it will be candidates next and whether they will think it strange that those whom they have thrown down for strangers do not enthrone over their candidacy. Those Democrats who have a hope of filling the county offices in the future are the men whose fat is falling into the fire each time a thing of this sort occurs.

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Flinn and Van Valkenburg Found Out.

Though the primary campaign is ended, and it was one of unusual interest, there is within view the promise of another political quarrel of less general but quite as intense a feeling. It is the impending movement to dethrone Mr. E. A. VAN VALKENBURG, sub-boss under WILLIAM FLINN, of the Washington party. This movement is indicated in a recent statement made by Mr. WILLIAM F. DEAKYNE, of Philadelphia, until recently treasurer of the Washington party committee of that city and of the Progressive League. During the closing period of the primary campaign Mr. DEAKYNE associated himself with the supporters of J. BENJAMIN DIMMICK, after having resigned his offices in the Progressive organizations.

"For some time it has been very plain to me and others, friends of mine, interested in the Progressive movement," said Mr. DEAKYNE, "that the Washington party county committee was being used for selfish ends. In this connection I have long since realized that the Washington party was being dominated by E. A. VAN VALKENBURG, editor-in-chief, and JAMES S. BENN, city editor of the *North American*, chiefly for material to advertise that newspaper more than for the success of the cause of progressivism. Almost from the inception of the progressive movement in this State," he continued, "the high-handed actions of VAN VALKENBURG has caused many sincere minds to look askance."

This may be sad but it is not surprising to those who know VAN. He has always been selfish and whenever possible dominating. But there is pathos in what follows in Mr. DEAKYNE'S narrative. There was a revolt threatened but "the cooler heads, in order to head off a disruption that would have harmed the progressive cause, proposed that an appeal be made to ex-State Senator WILLIAM FLINN the head of the Washington party, to squelch the VAN VALKENBURG coterie of newspaper politicians." Shades of Moses, what a spectacle was thus created. BILL FLINN sitting in judgment upon questions of political ethics. Surely here was a DANIEL summoned to the performance of a grave duty.

As to the result listen to Mr. DEAKYNE. "Twenty-four men met Mr. FLINN by appointment in my office. Every one of us was opposed to the VAN VALKENBURG methods. We protested to FLINN and he promised us that he would 'straighten VAN VALKENBURG out.' We objected to VAN VALKENBURG remaining in sole local control of the movement. But nothing was done. VAN VALKENBURG only grew more dictatorial and then party trading began. The strong men that stood behind the Washington party were driven away one by one." FLINN probably advised VAN to go as far as he liked and make as much as he could out of it for himself and FLINN. That would be characteristic of the coarse Pittsburgh boss.

Mr. DEAKYNE continues: "We were forced to believe that FLINN wanted VAN VALKENBURG to hold the reins and drive the party at his (FLINN'S) dictation. There is no telling what deals FLINN has in contemplation. Nevertheless it is patent that the party is being used to the detriment of the cause of good government." Nothing could be more certain. That is what it was organized for. FLINN had been trying for years to break into high official life and had subsidized VAN VALKENBURG as an auxiliary in his enterprise and taking advantage of ROOSEVELT'S popularity they used the Washington party to promote their selfish purposes. That they have been found out is fortunate.

—Those Senators who are talking against the repeal of the toll exemption clause in the Panama canal legislation may delay the result somewhat but they will accomplish nothing else. The mind of the American people is made up on that subject. They prefer to maintain the honor of our government rather than provide subsidies for the ship trust.

—Scientists are predicting the extinction of the sturgeon, one of the most valuable food fishes. But so long as the Pennsylvania Legislature continues to assemble at regular intervals there will be plenty of lobsters, though probably not of the edible variety.

—If the wheat crop comes up to present expectations it will be as hard for the calamity howlers to keep up their cry as for a Wall street magnate to pass through the eye of a needle. That's a mixup but it goes.

—Mr. MELLON'S testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission had the merit of frankness. It also shot some holes into the halo of the late J. PIERPONT MORGAN, who was his confidant in the transactions.

Bryan, Berry and W. B. Wilson.

There is no conceivable excuse for WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, a citizen of Nebraska and Secretary of State in the President's Cabinet, for having come into Pennsylvania to participate in a factional contest for party nominations. There can be no reason for such an impropriety unless it be that he wants to bring the administration of President WILSON into public contempt. Local self government is a fundamental principle of the Democratic party. The interference of Mr. BRYAN in our primary contest was a direct violation of that basic tenet. If the administration, of which Mr. BRYAN is a part, were not Democratic, his action might be tolerable. As it is Democratic, it is atrocious.

WILLIAM H. BERRY was State Treasurer of Pennsylvania for a period of two years. In two years there are three hundred and twenty-six working days. During his term he spent less than sixty days in his office, but he drew pay for every working day during the time. For five weeks during the recent primary campaign he was absent from his duties as Collector of the Port at Philadelphia. Unless the office is an absolute sinecure he was cheating the government out of the time thus spent away from his duties. He draws \$8000 a year for his services and if it is a sinecure he would resign if he is an honest man. Dishonesty reveals itself in various ways. Drawing unearned money is one of them.

There was some excuse for Secretary of Labor WILSON participating in our primary campaign. He is a citizen of Pennsylvania and entitled to a voice in the selection of officials. But there is no excuse for his traducing those who had helped him in his political ambitions before. When he was a candidate for Congress in 1906 the party managers gave him no cause for complaint. In 1908 they left nothing undone to compass his election and in 1910 they helped to bring him victory. But ever since that he has been in the van of the army of vilification against them and in the recent primary campaign he went out of his way to malign men who had been kind to him.

—We are not surprised that Colonel ROOSEVELT'S river runs up hill. Anybody might discover a river that ran down hill and the up hill current is essentially ROOSEVELTIAN.

Roosevelt's Abnormal Ambition.

That THEODORE ROOSEVELT hopes to get the Republican nomination for President in 1916 may be accepted as a certainty. His statement that he will accept it only upon certain conditions is bosh. He is obsessed with the ambition to serve another term in the office. He aims to enjoy a distinction that has not fallen upon any other American. Others have had two terms and he wants something more than others. Therefore he will strive to get the Republican nomination as earnestly as he did in 1912. He has no more interest in principles than a goat has in the Ten Commandments. If he fails to get the nomination he will wreck the party as he did in 1912.

ROOSEVELT'S South American exploration was simply a feature of his campaign. He may or may not have discovered a new river but he will insist that he did discover one until after the Presidential nominations are made in 1916. With this claim of achievement he will appeal to the voters to restore him to power that he may have another "bully" time for four years. If his ambition is fulfilled he will cavort like "a bull in a china shop." If he were in the office now the country would be deluged with a war in Mexico. If he gets into office again there will be war with somebody, justly or unjustly, in order that he may gratify his desire to kill and conquer.

Of course the nomination of ROOSEVELT by the Republican convention in 1916 doesn't mean his election. If he had been nominated in 1912 he would have been defeated for the reason that most of those who voted for TAIT would have voted for WILSON, though the Democratic candidate was then comparatively unknown and altogether untried. But it will be different in 1916. Now WOODROW WILSON is known quite as widely as ROOSEVELT and is respected more. His management of the difficult and delicate Mexican situation has marked him as a master mind in statesmanship and guarantees his re-election regardless of who the Republicans nominate or what alliances ROOSEVELT makes.

—If Argentina will discover a way for eliminating HUERTA and establishing civilized government in Mexico we will feel disposed to forgive her for inventing the tango.

—The best Job Work done here.

An Evil to be Avoided.

We sincerely hope that one feature of the primary campaign just closed will never reassert itself. We refer to the activity of the Democratic State committee in the interest of one faction in the contentions. That is the essential evil of boss politics. The State committee is the parliament of the party. It has been created and has hitherto been maintained to conserve the interests of the entire party. Never before in the history of the party has it departed from this just policy. In the convention which nominated Justice MESTREZAT for the Supreme court bench the officers of the committee refused to express a preference among the several candidates, in obedience to this obligation to be impartial.

This year the headquarters of the Democratic State committee were made the propaganda of one of the factions of the party. All the machinery of the party was invoked to help one part of the party to defeat the other. The chairman of the State committee traveled with the candidates of one faction and maligned those of the other faction from every stump. The employees of the committee spent all their time and energy in preparing and distributing literature in the interest of one faction and against the other. Even the funds of the committee were misappropriated to the use of the faction favored by the party machine and the Federal officers were dragged into the service of the faction.

Such a spectacle is reprehensible in every way. In all the years during which WALLACE and RANDALL or GUFFEY and KERR contended for leadership no such thing was thought of. In those days the contention of leaders was upon a fair basis each faction enjoying equal opportunities to present its case to the people and when the contest was ended both factions came together in support of the ticket chosen. But since demagog and hypocrisy have assumed control the new order has come in and its demoralizing influence will be felt for years to come. Let us hope that we have seen the last of it and that men of a higher sense of honor will assume control.

—Besides, if you don't accept the story of ROOSEVELT'S up hill river you'll have to accept membership in the Ananias club.

Facts About Mexico.

The failure of HUERTA is the best evidence of the intelligence of the people of Mexico. He is a usurper and intelligent people will not tolerate a government forced upon them. This accounts for his defeats wherever his force encounters the rebels. It also justifies the Mexican policies of President WILSON. If he had recognized HUERTA that tyrant might have been able to keep up his false pretense of government for a considerable period of time. As it is he has failed at every step and each day brings the people of that country nearer to a stable government chosen by the people and of the people.

As we have previously said no intelligent people will tolerate an alien government. If President WILSON had intervened in Mexico the government thus established would have had no more sympathy with the people than that of HUERTA. He is not an alien but his government is. It is the creation of force and fraud. Any government created by foreign intervention within the territorial limits of Mexico, whoever might have been placed at the head of it, would have been regarded in the same light. An enduring government must be not only just but fairly chosen by the people governed. That proposition proves itself.

The people of Mexico are moving forward under the guidance of progressive civilization to a government which will meet the requirements of advanced civilization. It may be necessary to eliminate VILLA as well as HUERTA before this great result is achieved. It is not impossible that CARRANZA will not serve the purpose. But the consummation is essential to the development of civilization and it will come as certain as fate. There will be no steps backward in the future of the western hemisphere. Every indication is for advance and at this time Mexico happens to be the theatre of operations.

—HUERTA might have held RICHARD HARDING DAVIS a few days longer-just to test the patience of the American people.

—The weather on Sunday was ideal for motoring and very few owners of machines failed to take advantage of it. Not only were Bellefonte motorists out in force but scores of cars from other places passed through Bellefonte on trips to various points.

—Senator PENROSE was in Bellefonte last night.

To Serve or to Harm?

From the New York World.

Our neighbor the Sun is in a great state of agitation because the President in his tribute to the dead sailors and marines said that "we have gone down to Mexico to serve mankind if we can find out the way." Would the Sun feel happier if he had said that "we have gone down to Mexico to harm mankind if we can find out the way?"

Unless the World has misread President Wilson's Mexican policy, it has been directed from the outset toward the simple proposition of serving mankind. Had Mr. Wilson had any other purpose he would have recognized Huerta and the practical principle of government by assassination. Had he had any other purpose he would never have protested against government by foreign concessions. Had he had any other purpose he would never have declared that the United States would take no territory by conquest. Had he had any other purpose he would have given the Huertistas the moral support of the United States until they were overthrown by assassination, recognized the next high beneficiary of murder and given Mexico over to indefinite anarchy so far as we were concerned.

Huerta's insult to the American flag, which caused the occupation of Vera Cruz, was a definite outcome of the President's refusal to recognize the Huerta government. That may appeal to the Sun as ridiculous "altruism," as it appeals to the Tribune as ridiculous "idealism," yet we think that a great majority of the American people agree with the President about it.

Trevelyan said that George III could never "forgive a politician for taking the right course unless it was from a wrong motive." Would the Sun be better satisfied with the President if he had acted from a wrong motive.

The Tail Goes With the Head.

From the Altoona Times.

Republican stalwarts who had dared to hope that time would mellow Colonel Roosevelt's disposition and heal the wounds inflicted by the Old Guard at Chicago are disappointed. The Colonel has disposed of peace talk by declaring that if he runs again for President it "must be on a Progressive platform which the Republicans must accept." No half-way measures, no temporizing to the demands of expediency, will satisfy his ardent nature.

Ever since the party suffered its decisive defeat the vanquished leaders have been endeavoring to patch up a truce with the insurgent element, and it has been frequently predicted that the Republicans would be compelled to nominate the Colonel in 1916 and thereby pull the props from under the Progressive party. But the Colonel refuses to fall in with this handy arrangement. If the Republicans want him as saviour they must accept him as he is, or professes to be. The Progressive tail goes with the Progressive head.

Whether the Roots, the Barnes and the other reactionary leaders will be ready to do as the Colonel desires remains to be seen. The rank and file of the party, however, may prefer the fleshpots to principles, and the prospect of four more lean years may be a spur to revolt.

Proves Too Much.

From the Springfield Republican.

Among his arguments to prove that the United States can do what it will in the Panama canal, Mr. Knox includes the fact that "we alone have stood for whatever of criticism has come from the manner of acquiring the Canal Zone." That is an argument which proves too much; it would justify the thief in feeling a property right in what he had taken because the odium incurred in taking it—possibly some of the big corporations do come to feel some such claim for having to bear denunciations of their methods, but the public has never been disposed to concede such claims. If his reasoning were sound it would be a very simple matter to clinch our case at Panama by incurring more "criticism," and to insure that happy result it would only be necessary to insist upon interpreting the treaty to please ourselves and refusing to arbitrate it. That would insure enough odium to satisfy a pachyderm, but unfortunately neither the law of nations nor the opinion of the world regards the odium incurred in acquiring property as a sound title.

Unspoken Speeches Costly.

From the Harrisburg Patriot.

Unspoken speeches in Congress may not be as valuable as those that are uttered but they are much more costly. A "few remarks" which Senator La Follette obtained "leave to print" in the Congressional Record will cost the tax-payers of the country more than \$8,000, it is estimated.

Mexican War Won't Be in It.

From the St. Louis Republic.

We shudder to think what will happen when T. Roosevelt hears that A. H. Savage Landor has called him a "charlatan" and that an American traveler has referred to him as an amateur explorer.

He Can't Live Forever.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

The administration is said to be of opinion that Huerta will be down and out before the mediators can complete their plans. Sure! He's likely to die of old age.

As a Gentle Hint.

From the Indianapolis News.

It would be a nice thing, too, if some of Senator Huerta's admiring friends would, as a token of their respect and esteem, give him a convenient traveling kit.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Tinsville has just dedicated a fine new Y. M. C. A. building. The building and grounds cost \$25,000. The association has an endowment fund of \$25,000.

—Walter, the 13-year old son of Preston Bossler, of Allentown, has been missing from his home for several days and his parents fear that he has been kidnapped.

—The Lilly mines, which had been idle for six weeks, were again in operation Monday morning. A large number of men went to work under the 1912 wage scale.

—Fire of undetermined origin badly damaged the Sunbury Central High school. Valuable records were saved but thousands of dollars damage was done to school books.

—Fire was discovered in a Philadelphia and Reading mail car near Reading. The flames spread rapidly and the fire was not extinguished until a large quantity of mail was destroyed.

—Glenn Campbell, Indiana county, was visited by a \$100,000 fire on Friday morning. An entire business block and several dwellings were destroyed. The origin of the fire is not known.

—A large rubber manufacturing plant will be erected in Indiana, by Harry McCreery, of that place. He bought the Allison farm of 164 acres, and is having homes erected for his employees.

—Frank Retta is dead at his home in Lestie, Somerset county, as a result of being struck on the head with an ax by Dan Casino. Casino's son was the only witness that testified against his father.

—Owing to the recent robberies in New Florence the members of the borough council will appoint a police officer for that place. Several robberies have been committed in the past two weeks.

—The people of Clearfield have been very generous in regard to helping pay the debt of the Clearfield hospital. The money subscribed amounts to \$6,466, and \$6,000 is yet needed to clear the debt.

—Barto in Berks county has just fifteen houses, but in these houses there are twelve pianos, six own their own automobiles, and all but one are Democrats and the one Republican is the present postmaster, H. F. Tyson.

—The body of John Solomon, a Gallitzin miner, was found on the railroad tracks near Portage on Sunday morning, badly mangled, and lifeless. It is believed he tried to board a freight train and was thrown under the wheels.

—A buffalo, belonging to the Kit Carson shows, which exhibited in Latrobe on Saturday, broke loose and ran pell mell through the town. Cowboys on ponies pursued, and after a lively chase, finally succeeded in capturing the animal.

—A spreading forest fire in Mosquito valley, near Williamsport, threatened the farm houses in the vicinity, and men and women went out to fight the flames. They were out till late in the night, and early in the morning were called out again.

—James Reckner, aged 18, of Boswell, while operating a motor in a mine at Jenners No. 2 on Wednesday afternoon, was instantly killed, when the machine picked the switch. Reckner tried to get off and was thrown, his motor running over him.

—Three prisoners attempted to escape from the Clearfield county jail. A rope made of bed clothes was hung from a window in the attic of the jail, and was discovered by the guard. Several deputies were notified and the escape was frustrated.

—While fastening a spanner on a trolley car near Latrobe on Saturday evening conductor Harry Roy received a full force of 1,250 volts of the trolley current. Through the quick action of the motorman, who used the first aid method, his life was saved.

—A number of boys were playing with matches in a pile of shavings at the Windber Lumber company and set fire to the building. The flames destroyed part of the plant, and had it not been for the quick work of the employees the whole plant would have been destroyed.

—A. L. Lichtenwalder, of Lock Haven, a one armed man, was attacked by two burly hoboos, last Friday morning while loading his produce wagon for market. He had fifty dollars on his person at the time and fought the hoboos until several men appeared, the hoboos made their escape.

—James Hill, of Jersey Shore, is in a serious condition at the Lock Haven hospital as a result of being stabbed by Orville Schade, at Hyner, on Tuesday afternoon. Hill was stabbed in the knee and a stiffening of that joint is feared. Schade is locked up to await the outcome of the injury.

—The banner dentist bill for Pennsylvania was paid by a Clearfield business man on Monday when, on getting out of the chair and asking for his bill, he was presented with a modest request calling for \$100. He refused to make payment and will frame the receipted bill and keep it for a relic.

—While taking two patients to a Philadelphia hospital to be operated upon for appendicitis Dr. R. S. Patton became seriously ill at Sunbury. Physicians diagnosed the case as the same disease. The physician was taken to the hospital with his other patients and had his own removed.

—The Natural Gas company was sued for \$76,000 in the Westmoreland county courts on Thursday, by James J. Lemon, of Arnold. Lemon had the gas pipes placed in his house, and owing to a leak an explosion occurred, and his wife was killed, while he and his daughter were badly burned.

—The residence of Allen Dillon, of Patton, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The blaze started in the attic where several cartridges had been stored. These soon exploded, and through the quick work of Mr. Dillon, all members of the household, who were sleeping, were rescued.

—In an attempt to extinguish the fire on the roof of his house, which was caused by the lightning, Lew Neal, of McIntyre, Indiana county, fell from the roof to the ground. The fall was broken by hitting a grape arbor, before landing on a cement pavement. He is in a serious condition at the Indiana hospital.

—Yegsmen gained entrance to the J. C. Herman & Co. cigar factory at New Cumberland, blew the safe open and secured \$400 in United States revenue stamps. The crooks worked so rapidly that they got away successfully, although a burglar alarm had sounded a warning signal as soon as they entered the building.

—The jury in Commonwealth vs. Joe Lovi, the Robertdale Italian, who was indicted for the murder of his friend, Dominic Casoli, returned late Saturday night a verdict of "not guilty," and Lovi was accordingly acquitted. He was alleged to have shot Casoli to death on the night of March 28th, in an Italian brawl at Robertdale. However, the witnesses for the Commonwealth failed to prove that it was Lovi who had fired the fatal shot.

—On account of the increasing demand for products of the Patton silk mill, improvements amounting to \$30,000 to \$50,000 are contemplated in the very near future. It will be necessary to construct a large addition to the present plant. Work will probably be started within the next two months on the addition to the plant. A total of 100 will be added to the working force. It is proposed to install a 200-horsepower engine in the new plant, with three 30-horsepower boilers. There will be 50 winding machines, 10 doublers, 23 twisting machines, 11 reeling machines. New ribbon looms will be a feature of the addition.