

INK SLINGS.

The recent primaries in Centre county cost about 70 cents per vote cast.

The prospects are fine for a wonderful cherry and fruit crop in Centre county.

This week has wound up the bulk of the corn planting in Centre county. It has been the latest planting in years.

If it was as hot in Mexico on Monday and Tuesday as it was here war down there must certainly be what SHERMAN said it was.

After a forty years' struggle Ireland is to have home rule. Here's luck and good sense to the Irish in the government of themselves.

Recent police raids on the red-light district of Bellefonte would not have been so much of a surprise had any one known we had such a district.

If ROOSEVELT wants to come into Pennsylvania to attack the policies of President WILSON he can, but he will only be hurting PINCHOTT by doing it.

Tomorrow will be Decoration day, then commencements, the safe and sane Fourth of July, Chautauqua, Granger's picnic, the fair and winter again. Let's all move to Florida.

Probably Mr. MCCORMICK might now find it convenient to prove an alibi concerning that meeting that determined that all old-line Democrats should be eliminated from the party as "bi-partisans."

In twenty generations every person has had 131,076 ancestors; so statisticians tell us. And that is a very sufficient reason why every person should duck when some one shouts "Low bridge."

If the foresight of some of our leaders had only been as good as their hindsight now seems to be, that Democratic mediation committee wouldn't have, what promises to be, a whole summer's job on its hands.

Anyway we don't hear nearly so much shoutin' in the front pews now about the "elimination" of us untrusty "bi-partisans," as we did a few weeks ago. Have we grown better, or have some people grown more sense?

ROOSEVELT has submitted his evidence of the discovery of the "River of Doubt" to the National Geographical society. Dr. COOK once submitted evidence of the discovery of the North Pole. Let us hope that the Colonel fares better than the "Doctor" in substantiating his statement.

If the question as to who stole that MITCH PALMER expense account statement from the Stroudsburg prothonotary's office keeps growing in importance it will soon rival those sixteenth century conundrums as to "who struck BILLY PATTERSON?" or "who knocked the bull off the bridge?"

Had "elimination" eliminated every time it was called upon to do so by some of our self constituted leaders, it would be a very straggly looking party that we would now have to muster against the bosses, the machines and the gangs that are rallying to the support of PENROSE and PENROSEISM.

If some of these fellows who are up toward the front of the procession waving their arms and hullo-ing so vociferously for everybody to "lay hold and all pull together" would try to do a little pulling themselves the Democratic bandwagon might be gotten out of the ruts they have run it into.

Some of our Republican exchanges are trying to make themselves believe that the Progressive party "is sick." If they will investigate the matter they will discover that he only lost a little flesh while in the jungle and suffered for some time, as poor old JOB did, with boils on his sitting down end. There is nothing dangerous at all in his ailment, nor should it give them hope that the Progressive fight is off.

We gathered at the mountain side Ten thousand strong were we We swore by all the gods of war That Ireland should be free. Then along came twelve policemen They were a burly crew They chased us to the mountain top What the h— else could we do.

We talked up there for forty years And now we're coming down To rule our own old native sod By order of the crown We'll show those burly policemen That we can put it through The job is right up to us, so What the h— else can we do.

The act of the Westmoreland county miner, who plunged headlong into a four hundred feet deep mine shaft after a two year old baby that had fallen into it, and beat it in the tumble to the bottom where his body made a cushion upon which the totlanded and escaped unhurt, reminds us of a similar performance of a thoughtful telegraph lineman. He was working on the top of a fifty foot pole on the corner of a crowded city street one frosty morning when a tool that weighed ten pounds slipped out of his hands. Realizing that it might strike a passing pedestrian on the head and kill him the lineman instantly plunged after the falling tool. Being so much heavier than it was he overtook it when ten feet from the ground, grabbed it with one hand and the pole with the other; then climbed back to his work.

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A Bad Feature of the Primary Law.

There will be no opportunity, with hope of success, to vote for a Democrat for either the office of Supreme court or Superior court judge at the coming election. Section 13 of the Act of Assembly to "regulate nominations and elections for all elective offices of cities of the second class and all offices of judge of a court of record," provides that "the candidates for nomination at any primary for any office within the provisions of this act, to be filled at the succeeding election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected at the succeeding election, who shall have received at such primary the highest number of votes cast for the nomination to the office for which they are candidates \* \* \* shall be the nominees for such office."

The ostensible purpose of this provision of the law was to guarantee the non-partisanship principle professed in the act. As a matter of fact it has produced the opposite result. In the nominations of 1913 WEBSTER GRIM became one of the candidates by the accident of his wide acquaintanceship and personal popularity. But in the recent nomination, though there was a Democrat in the running for both offices, two of the Republican candidates ran in the lead, one in each case because slated by the majority party and the other because of residence in the more populous section. In other words Judge FRAZER, of Pittsburgh, and Judge TREXLER, of Allentown, were chosen by PENROSE and Judge KUNKEL, of Harrisburg and JAMES E. CLARK, of Philadelphia, succeeded for the other reason.

Judge ENDLICH, of Berks county, candidate for Supreme court judge and Judge PRAYTHER, of Crawford county, who aspired to a seat on the Superior court bench are admirably equipped for the respective offices. Learned in the law, of judicial temperament and long experience, they would have adorned the bench. But because of the circumstances referred to they are literally cut out of opportunity to compete in the general election in November. This is a grave fault in the legislation regulating the primary elections. It gives candidates in populous sections and those slated by the majority party undue advantage in the running and denies to others an equal right in the contention for popular favor and political preferment.

In fact, it simply gives the majority party the power to make the ticket its bosses dictate at the primaries, and prevents the minority party the right of having candidates at the general election to vote for. And this kind of a political monstrosity was accepted and supported by men claiming to be "progressive" Democrats.

Home Rule in Ireland.

Unless the signs are misleading the Irish home rule bill will have become a law before this week is ended. It has already passed the Commons twice and under the law the adverse vote of the House of Lords will have no effect upon the third passage. Of course the opponents of the measure will resort to every expedient to prevent the vote. Last week they compelled an adjournment by creating confusion as the vote was about to be taken. Their present plan, according to dispatches, is to break the quorum, but it is not likely to succeed. The government has ample strength to maintain a quorum and pass the measure and that course is likely to be pursued.

For nearly half a century this struggle for a cherished and just principle has been maintained and in almost every instance the failure has been ascribable to the opposition of the Irish themselves. In the pending contest the most determined and troublesome resistance came from the members for ULSTER who have endeavored to make it a religious issue. There being a considerable Protestant element in the population of ULSTER the bugaboo has been set up that an Irish parliament would mean Catholic domination and alien rule is preferable to that in the minds of Irishmen not of that faith in that province. It is a recrudescence of the prejudice expressed at the battle of the Boyne.

This opposition may or may not result in Civil war. The members of parliament for ULSTER freely threaten armed opposition to the home government project and have been preparing for war ever since the passage of the bill became probable. But they represent a comparatively meager portion of the population of Ireland and may be only bluffing to frighten the ministry. However if they inaugurate a war it will be one that will be remembered for while the opponents of home rule enjoy a preponderance of the wealth of the Island they have no monopoly of the fighting spirit. It is to be hoped that such a conflict will be averted without the sacrifice of home rule.

Roosevelt in the New Haven Scandal.

Every scandal that developed during the administration of THEODORE ROOSEVELT shows traces of his participation in it. It will be remembered that when the Steel trust wanted to take over the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in violation of the law, Mr. FRICK, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. PERKINS, of J. PIERPONT MORGAN & Co., went to ROOSEVELT and secured a guarantee of immunity. Now Mr. MELLE, lately president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, declares under oath that Mr. ROOSEVELT's fingers were deep in that noisome pie. The ownership of competing steamship lines was forbidden by moral if not statute law but ROOSEVELT gave assurance that it would not be interfered with.

The Steel trust was a MORGAN enterprise and the New Haven road was under the complete dominance of Mr. MORGAN. In appealing to ROOSEVELT for immunity from prosecution of the Harvester trust during the administration of ROOSEVELT, HERBERT KNOX SMITH, commissioner of corporations, wrote that the "MORGAN interests have been so friendly to us," and proceedings were discontinued. In the New Haven case, Mr. MELLE testifies, that ROOSEVELT assured him that in violating the law "you will experience no trouble from me so long as I am President." Small fry were required to "toe the mark" but Mr. MORGAN and his associate pirates could do as they pleased. They were liberal contributors to his campaign funds and enthusiastic supporters of his ambitions.

Yet ROOSEVELT is now and has been ever since his retirement from office, posing as the champion of the people against the predatory interests represented by MORGAN, FRICK, PERKINS and MELLE. He freely took upon himself the burden of abrogating any laws that interfered with their piratical operations while he was in power, in violation of his oath of office and still hopes to deceive the people by pretending to friendship for them. It has been announced that during the impending campaign he will make several speeches in Pennsylvania. With his record as an ally of MORGAN and his colleagues, he is entitled to scant courtesy at the hands of Pennsylvanians.

If the Mexican troubles are settled before the fall campaign is ended Senator PENROSE will be left in a bad way. The great crops will have knocked all the terrors out of his calamity howl before the campaign begins and there will then be no reason he can possibly give for his re-election to the Senate.

Roosevelt's False Note.

Colonel ROOSEVELT's expressed confidence that the rank and file of the Republican party of Pennsylvania will vote for and elect PINCHOTT to the office of Senator over PENROSE is clearly a note of encouragement to the Progressives of other States. He must know that the rank and file of the Pennsylvania Republicans are for PENROSE. The vote cast for Mr. DIMMICK at the primary was little, if anything, more than an expression of personal friendship for a very worthy gentleman. The rank and file of the party voted for PENROSE at the primary and with practical unanimity will support him at the general election. PINCHOTT's candidacy makes no appeal to Pennsylvania Republicans.

Upon an enrollment of nearly 700,000 Republican voters of Pennsylvania Mr. DIMMICK polled less than 100,000 votes. If each of these voters were influenced to his action by the principle which brought Mr. DIMMICK into the contest and would withhold his vote from PENROSE as Mr. DIMMICK declares he intends to do, or cast it for Mr. PINCHOTT, he would have no effect upon the result in November. The vote for PENROSE indicates that the Republicans who deserted their party for ROOSEVELT in 1912 have gone back to their former alignment, with the few exceptions who voted for PINCHOTT at the primary. The DIMMICK supporters and the PINCHOTT voters combined would not defeat PENROSE.

The only way to defeat PENROSE at the November election is to combine the DIMMICK vote with that of the Democratic candidate and if Colonel ROOSEVELT were honest with himself and candid with the voters of his party he would tell them so. Mr. DIMMICK has said that he will not support PENROSE but has not indicated his purpose further. If he simply refrains from voting for PENROSE or votes for PINCHOTT his political righteousness assumes a negative form which means nothing and accomplishes little. But if he will vote for the Democratic nominee for Senator in Congress and induce those who voted for him at the primary, to do so, he will put PENROSE into the discard surely and permanently.

Baltimore Platform and Canal Tolls.

An esteemed Philadelphia contemporary has gone to the pains and expense of polling the Pennsylvania delegation to the Baltimore National convention upon the subject of tolls on coasters passing through the Panama canal. All of them have expressed approval of President WILSON's present attitude upon the question. Many of them say that they didn't know that there was a provision in the platform endorsing the exemption clause of the existing legislation and others indicate that there was such confusion in the convention when the platform was adopted that no one could tell what it contained. Some of them might have added that they wouldn't have known it contained a "joker" if it had not been pointed out.

There was one man in the convention, however, who knew everything that was expressed in the platform, including the "joker." That man was WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN. He not only wrote the platform but dominated the vote by which it was adopted. The policy expressed in the provision endorsing the tolls exemption, if continued for a few years, would have been worth hundreds of millions of dollars to the Ship trust which owns and operates the favored coasters. The managers of the Ship trust are practical men. They know a good thing when they see it and are willing to pay liberally for favors bestowed upon them. They also knew of the "joker" in the platform and urged the adoption of it in the confusion.

We would not say that there was an understanding between the managers of the Ship trust and the author of the Baltimore convention platform. But it was well known that the ship trust had an extensive and insistent lobby at the Baltimore convention as it had also at the Chicago convention which nominated TAIT and the subsequent gathering which named ROOSEVELT for President, and that all the platforms endorsed the provisions of existing legislation exempting coasters from paying tolls. It can hardly be said that Mr. BRYAN is stupid or that he was fooled into writing such an endorsement into the platform. He is a man of alert mind and not credulous. What he did he did understandingly. And people must consider for themselves the reasons he had for thus apparently trying to aid the Ship trust.

Would Simplify Matters for Some.

Newspaper reports give us the assurance that the Keystone party, or rather what is left of it, purposes placing the names of the Democratic State candidates upon its ticket, which should greatly simplify matters for our up-town contemporary, whose proprietor in 1911 filed a certificate in the commissioner's office certifying that it was the only Keystone paper in Centre county and as such was entitled to the printing patronage belonging to the majority party. We don't know that simplifying matters for individuals of his kind and calibre would better conditions of the party in the least but it would help him to get through one campaign without selling out some one and might give him a chance in the future to point back to one year in which he had given honest support to the party to which he professed political allegiance.

It is asserted that the business men of the town purpose offering a ten dollar premium for the best slogan for Muncy. Judging by the grave-yard quietude that pervades that place and the undisturbed rest its citizens can always enjoy we are convinced that a ten dollar bill would meet with a more enthusiastic reception than all the slogans that could be conjured up.

The esteemed New York World complains that no man has ever been sent to jail for wrecking a railroad. If our esteemed contemporary will have a little patience it may enjoy such a spectacle. The WILSON administration is after the New Haven wreckers hot foot and there will be "something doing" before that incident is closed.

It is to be hoped that the Interstate Commerce Commission will permit C. W. MORSE to testify in the New Haven inquiry. He declares that MELLE has told only half the truth and the whole truth ought to be revealed.

The Captains of Industry are weak on team work. Judge GARY, head of the Steel trust, admits the approach of prosperity while the American Manufacturers' association can see nothing but industrial woe.

The Colonel would probably find it easier to discover a river that could climb trees in Brazil than he will have in figuring out a majority for PINCHOTT in the Pennsylvania Senatorial contest.

The best Job Work done here.

Come Along, Colonel!

Assuming that Colonel Roosevelt still possesses his wonderful ability to sway the sentiment of the voters in a political campaign and that it is his intention, as asserted on what appears to be reliable authority, to come into this State and devote a good deal of his time to advocating the election of the Washington party ticket, regardless of whether that ticket ultimately wins it will be the best thing that can happen for Pennsylvania, viewed from the standpoint of the people as a whole.

It has been proven conclusively in the political history of this and other States that great benefits accrue to the public whenever there are two or more parties, each with a chance of winning, engaged in a contest for control of the government. Such a condition of politics is admitted to be a most healthful one. If the party in power, whether Democratic or Republican or Washingtonian, knows there is no opportunity of its being defeated, it is bound to be far less solicitous for the common weal than when it is convinced that it must fight every inch of its way to retain its supremacy.

The dry bones of a party in control of a State government need a shaking up every once in a while if the people are to get the best kind of government possible, whether or not that party is destined to be retained in power, and there is no more effective way of getting the best service out of the party in control than to give it reasonable grounds for believing it is in danger of losing its grip on the offices.

In the present situation in Pennsylvania we do not know of any person more fit to give the bones a rattle than Theodore Roosevelt. There is no doubt Pennsylvania is better governed since he rattled them in 1912. Without comparing the respective merits of the tickets nominated last Tuesday by the Democrats, the Republicans and the Washingtonians, it will be far better for this State if the present campaign develops into one in which there is a chance for each of the three parties to be successful, than if the situation works itself out so that as election day approaches it becomes apparent only one of the three tickets has a chance to succeed.

An evenly-waged three-cornered fight is what will guarantee the best results in the November election from the people's standpoint. If Roosevelt comes into Pennsylvania and works earnestly for the success of the Washington ticket there is a strong probability that he can win enough support to that ticket to put it in the running. This would detract from the old line Republican strength, which was shown by the primaries vote to be very great, and would go a long way toward dividing the vote among the three parties in a way to make it possible for any one of them to win. On the other hand, as the situation looks now, if Roosevelt keeps out of the Pennsylvania fight the Washington ticket seems doomed to defeat and the Republican strength, as demonstrated in the primaries, bids fair to be maintained sufficiently to make it hardly likely that the Democrats can win.

Those who can see the benefits of an aggressive three-cornered fight, with each party having a chance to win, will welcome Colonel Roosevelt to Pennsylvania.

The Home Rule Bill.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The passage of the home rule bill is a beginning and not an end. Ireland has waged a fight that has lasted 40 years. There are tragic pages in the history of the movement. There have been times when it seemed that home rule would come like a thunder clap upon the wings of political revolution. When it did arrive its companion was religious rather than political discord.

There can be little doubt that home rule for Ireland is the beginning of a federal system for Great Britain. Erin will have its own parliament; its own Legislature that will deal with Irish problems. It will have a State government. Home rule for Ireland will mean the lifting of a great burden from the shoulders of the members of the imperial parliament. Next in line, perhaps, will be Wales. That tight little principality has been considering the matter of formulating a demand for home rule. In fact, the federal idea is taking root in all parts of Great Britain.

Home rule parliaments for Wales, Scotland, England and Ireland and an imperial parliament for imperial purposes would seem to be likely developments in the immediate future. In fact, home rule for Ireland could never have become a fact had it not been that Great Britain had begun to look favorably upon the whole federal plan.

Do this for Your Wife.

From the Dearborn, Mo., Democrat. "To the married man who cannot get along without his drinks, we suggest the following as a means to freedom from the bondage of the habit. Start a saloon in your own house. Be the only customer. You will have no license to pay. Go to your wife and give her \$2 to buy a gallon of whiskey and remember there are sixty-nine drinks in one gallon. Buy your drinks from no one except your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone, she will have \$8 to put in the bank and \$2 to start business again. Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money to bury you decently, educate the children, buy a house and lot, and marry a decent man and quit thinking about you."

The professions of religious ardor expressed in J. PIERPONT MORGAN's will wither somewhat when brought into contact with MELLE's testimony.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The fishing laws in Cambria county seem to be very stringent. Seven arrests were made by the Johnstown fish wardens, and the majority of the offenders were fined \$30 each.

Henry W. Watson, the oldest attorney of the Lycoming county bar, died Sunday morning at the Pennsylvania hospital, Philadelphia. The body was taken to his home in Williamsport for burial.

The 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Remar, of Williamsport, went to prison with the parents, who were arrested for stealing a horse and buggy. He is the youngest lad to be placed behind the bars in Williamsport.

Two young lads in Williamsport got into a wagon and tapped a jug of rye. Both became intoxicated, and the owners of the wagon were locked up for giving liquor to minors. Both owners are in jail to await a hearing.

The Hyde City steel plant of Clearfield, together with the mines, are again in action and about 100 men have resumed their duties at that place after being idle for some time. It is expected that the working force will be doubled.

After serving eight months in the Lycoming county jail, at Williamsport, John Bricker, aged 28 years, a son of the late J. D. Bricker, of Jersey Shore, went to the jail yard and shot himself through the mouth. Death followed soon after.

John Lochrie, of Windber, a well known financier, has purchased 1,130 acres of coal land near Cairnbrook, Somerset county, at an approximate price of \$150,000. Mr. Lochrie gets 4,000,000 feet of virgin timber in the transaction.

A jury in the Blair county court last Friday gave Foster A. Helfrich, formerly of Altoona, but now of Cumberland, Md., \$3,143.17 damages against William J. Orner, a contractor, of Altoona, for the alienation of the affections of his wife.

A couple of young men stumbled over the body of Mike Flynn, an Italian, on a path near Electric park Greensburg, Wednesday night. Several bullet holes were found in his body and it is believed that he was the victim of some jealous Italians.

Miss Helen Bentley, of Williamsport, who disappeared from her home last Wednesday evening is still missing, and all hopes of finding her alive have been abandoned by members of her family. The Boy Scouts of the city have been ordered to search the mountains for her.

Mrs. Sarah Lawless and her four children trapped from Phillipsburg to Danville. Mrs. Lawless was promised a position in Phillipsburg, and when she arrived, was refused. Her money was gone, and she was forced to walk back. The children ranged in age from 6 to 12 years.

Faunt Diefenderfer, aged 14 years, was accidentally shot and instantly killed on Saturday afternoon at Williamsport, when a rifle in the hands of a schoolmate, Herman Confer, was suddenly discharged, as they were racing down a hill, the bullet striking Diefenderfer near the heart.

A large doe and two fawns were killed near Trout Run by a passenger train at 2.55 on Sunday morning. Mrs. Wesley Morris, operator at tower near No. 9 bridge, was notified by wire that the train had hit some object and search should be made. This resulted in finding the mangled bodies of the doe and fawns.

Miss Annie Bilonsky, aged 47, of Johnstown, who with her four children, had been earning a livelihood there, was mysteriously burned to death early Thursday morning. A boarder found the unconscious body in the basement of her home and she was taken to the Memorial hospital, where she died a few minutes later.

Ross Steiner, a printer of Latrobe, and who resided in West Newton, was shot in the knee by a young man named Murray last Friday evening. He did not think the wound was serious, and after bandaging the knee found that he could not stop the flow of blood. A doctor was summoned but Steiner died before his arrival.

John Daughenbaugh, aged 31 years and married, of Mt. Union, is believed to be dying in the Blair Memorial hospital at Huntingdon, as a result of a quarrel with John James, at Mt. Union Sunday afternoon. Daughenbaugh's bladder was penetrated with a .38 calibre bullet and physicians state he cannot recover. James is under arrest.

Robbers entered the home of Mrs. Peter Single, a Slavish woman, of Barnesboro, on Monday night and bound and gagged the woman. They ransacked the house and then placed a keg of powder under the bed and set fire to the house. Passersby noticed the flames and sent in the alarm. The woman was rescued, and the fire was extinguished before much damage was wrought.

Williamsport is to have a battery of artillery and a company of infantry in the reorganization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania which is now taking place. This announcement was made on Monday and the preliminary steps taken. In order not to interfere with the Memorial day arrangements the order will not be issued from Harrisburg until Monday, although it is all ready to issue now.

A. B. McCloskey, who resides at Hyner station, was attacked by a large angry bear Wednesday of last week in his backyard, and his body was badly lacerated. The bear tried to attack a calf and Mr. McCloskey in his effort to chase the bear shot at it, at close range when the bear leaped upon him and threw him to the ground. The neighbors scared the animal back to the mountains.

Charged by the state livestock sanitary board with bringing cattle into Pennsylvania from Ohio illegally, D. E. Stambaugh of Sharon, Mercer county, was ordered to pay a heavy fine and costs by the local court. With the exception of cattle for immediate slaughter, all bulls, cows and heifers above the age of six months are required when brought into Pennsylvania to be accompanied by a health certificate.

Seventeen patients, supposed to have been suffering with slight fever and skin eruptions were examined Sunday by Dr. F. G. Wagoner, of Selingsgrove, smallpox expert and were pronounced smallpox victims. They had been ill in their homes at Mount Pleasant Mills, Snyder county, for three weeks and the sickness spread from two persons to seventeen in that time. The township is under quarantine and Dr. Hunt, of the State Department of Health, will take charge of the situation.

A. L. Anderson & Bros., inc., of Altoona, have been given the contract for reconstructing all the masonry on the bridges on the Western Maryland road between Cumberland and West Virginia Junction, in West Virginia. The firm has also been given the contract for building a new freight line for the Pennsylvania railroad in Schuylkill county. Work on doubling the Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania railroad has also been resumed by the firm, this work having been started two years ago.

Judge Fred B. Moser, of Sunbury, on Monday sentenced former County Treasurer William M. Lloyd, of Shamokin, to serve three years in the county prison and pay a fine of \$19,497, and the costs of the recent embezzlement case, in which he and his deputy, Mark L. Swab, of Sunbury, were found guilty. New trials were refused by Judges Moser and Cummings to both Lloyd and Swab. Swab has not yet been sentenced. The men are charged with embezzling from Northumberland county funds in the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 money amounting to Lloyd's fine. Lloyd is in jail and will appeal to the Supreme court.