

INK SLINGS.

—Let us hope that one circus doesn't make a summer, so far as Bellefonte is concerned.

—"The Thin Blue Line" appears more pathetically thin with each recurring Memorial day.

—This week last year was just as beautiful, though a trifle warmer than this week has been.

—The catastrophe on the St. Lawrence suggests that ships, like people, oughtn't to keep going when they can't see whither they go.

—It wasn't a bad band they picked up for the Memorial day parade, at that. And why, when so good a one is gotten together it is gotten apart instantly?

—From the way the country looks now the hay will be made before the corn is worked the last time. Clover is in blossom and wheat is shooting into head.

—A few years ago the North American essayed to run the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. Now the Ledger seems to be the inspired mouth piece of our organization.

—It would be much nicer to have a platform built so that you would be eager to scramble up onto it, than one you stand on merely because, after all, you think the fundamental principles of Democracy best.

—The distilleries of Peoria, Ill., in thirteen years, have paid the government enough revenue to build the Panama canal. Think of it! And the booze they made would probably float the biggest ship that will ever go through the canal.

—Secretary BRYAN is evidently not in sympathy with the watchful part of President WILSON's policy of "watchful waiting" with regard to Mexico, else the Ypiranga would never have succeeded in landing that cargo of arms for HUERTA.

—Our candidate for Senator expects to be very busy with his campaign, but not too busy to put his "O. K." on all the applications for places at the public pie counter. MITCH wants to be sure that none of us disreputable "bi-partisans" get our lunch hooks in.

—A. A. DALE Esq. was the Memorial day orator at DuBois. We hope there were enough of the Clearfield county Republicans present at the service to appreciate what kind of a man they might have had to rally to for the Senate had the machine not ordered otherwise.

—No one imagined Auditor General POWELL to be the man of varied accomplishments he evidently thinks himself to be. He feigns to know more about the business of every industry having relations with his Department than men who have spent a life-time in their management.

—The thirty-four thousand young women in this country who are studying nursing may some day become a wonderful blessing or a wonderful burden to it. A nurse is a nurse only when she is of real helpful service in the household into which she is called. When she is anything else she is a nuisance.

—We have a suspicion that Pennsylvanians would promptly have rallied to the WATCHMAN's motto of "State Rights and Federal Union" had ROOSEVELT really undertaken to throw the federal army into the anthracite coal fields in defiance of the courts and Harrisburg, as he said he had planned to do.

—Now whom do you suppose the Johnstown Democrat is taking a crack at when it concludes a swan song for "Uncle JOHN" ROTHERMEL in these words: "However, he could not have got away with the investigation which he carried to such eminent success had he been addicted to golf or to social diversions."

—There is an old post card maxim to the effect that if booze interferes with your business cut out the booze. The same logic might be applied to the contemplated action of the Presbyterian church in barring members who belong to clubs that have "side-boards." If the church interferes with your clubs—You finish it. We won't.

—Now that the WRIGHTS have proven that Dr. LANGLEY really did know what he was about when he was supposed to be "dippy" over a flying machine, some thirteen or fourteen years ago, might it not be well for them to go back a bit further and satisfy the world as to the flying ability of the machine that made DARIUS GREEN the subject of so much jingle.

—The meeting of the Democratic State Committee at Harrisburg, yesterday, did for the party what its state conventions have formerly done. It is a question as to whether this form of representation is as representative as was the old convention form. In those days the gatherings at Harrisburg represented all elements of the party and they were in the nature of a general pow-wow and interchange of opinions. Under the new system but one committeeman from a county is delegated to pass, finally, upon the pronouncement of party principles and matters of like importance and there cannot be the same incentive for a general gathering of Democrats as there was under the old system.

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Palmer's Indiscrete Statement.

Now that the Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER is the nominee of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania for Senator in Congress, it is the duty of every Democrat in the Commonwealth to give him hearty and earnest support. He was not the choice of all the Democrats but at the primary he received a majority of the votes cast and as majority rule is a fundamental tenet of Democratic doctrine, he is the candidate of the party. The WATCHMAN takes this early opportunity, the first since the result has been official, to declare, to assure him, his colleagues on the ticket and the public, that it will strive with all its force and energy to compass the success of the entire ticket.

But Mr. PALMER appears to be trying to make it as hard as possible for consistent, conscientious and self-respecting Democrats to give him that cordial and earnest support which is essential to success in the coming contest. In Washington, the other day, he gave out an interview in which he expressed a spirit of bossism which is literally intolerable. In the Philadelphia Ledger of last Friday a Washington dispatch states that Mr. PALMER "said that until after the election he would relinquish the distribution of federal patronage in Pennsylvania to State Chairman ROLAND S. MORRIS. After chairman MORRIS selects the candidates for appointment, Mr. PALMER will give them his formal approval and recommend them to the President."

Why should chairman MORRIS select the candidate for appointment to federal offices in Centre, Clearfield, Schuylkill or any other county? In the present Congress there are ten Democrats in the Pennsylvania delegation besides Mr. PALMER and each of them ought to have the same power in the selection of appointees as Mr. PALMER. In any event Messrs. DONOHUE, LOGUE, DIFFENDERFER, CASEY, LEE, ROTHERMEL, LESHER, DERSHAM, BAILEY, BRODBECK, and CARR should have a voice in selections for their own districts while citizens of the several counties are entitled to some consideration. No Senator in Congress for this or any other State has ever before undertaken such a mastery over the patronage of the administration as is expressed in that statement.

The Democratic party has never tolerated bosses. Democratic voters have never yielded to the mandates of the party dictator. And the party and voter will not change in habits of thought and action. Every appointment that ROLAND S. MORRIS makes in any county outside of the one in which he lives before the November election will cost A. MITCHELL PALMER and his associates on the Democratic ticket scores or more of votes and it ought to be so. Mr. MORRIS is neither known to nor a representative of the Democrats of Pennsylvania and his assuming the character of boss office broker is an impudent assurance which will and ought to be resented.

Under Mr. CLEVELAND the official patronage belonging to the party was distributed upon petition of the Democratic people of the locality or district to which the office belonged and to those whom these same Democratic people believed best entitled thereto. Then there was no dictator nor one man business about the job.

—It seems that WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER's vocal glands get paralysis every time that multimillionaire is summoned to testify as to his operation in high finance. A good stiff punch in the neck, figuratively speaking, with the iron fist of the law, might make those too sensitive glands more useful to humanity.

—CARRANZA appears to be anxious, now that he has found out he doesn't count for much, to be represented at the mediation at Niagara Falls. Probably it would be as well to admit him but work will go on in any event.

—If the Interstate Commerce Commission, by its examination of MORGAN & Co's books, is able to find out where the missing \$12,000,000 went to its labors will not have been in vain.

—Whether ROOSEVELT's river runs up hill or down is of little consequence but measuring the man by his last public statement it is certain that his "punch" is diminishing in force.

—Of course there will be a lot of disputing as to responsibility for the disastrous shipwreck off the Canadian coast, but the truth must be ascertained in the end.

—If King ALFONSO has the least symptom of hospitality in his system he will stage a bull fight for the Colonel during his sojourn in the capital of Spain.

—It begins to look as if the threat of rebellion in Ulster was only a bluff.

Roosevelt's Treasonable Enterprise.

Colonel ROOSEVELT's sworn statement to the effect that in 1902, during the Anthracite coal strike, he had in contemplation a project to send an army into Pennsylvania and seize the coal mines, is clearly an appeal to the socialists, the anarchists and the lawless of all descriptions, for support of his future ambitions. His only confidant in the enterprise was the late Senator QUAY and his plan was to subordinate all civil authority to a military despotism. He had already issued instructions to the general chosen to conduct the operations to disregard courts and pay attention to no orders or processes except those coming from himself. It was a daring and dastardly form of treason.

We are sometimes lost in amazement when analyzing the methods introduced into Mexico by PERFIRO DIAZ, late military despot of that Republic. His justification was the pretense and assertion that the vast majority of the people of that unfortunate country were illiterate and hopelessly benighted savages, incapable of self government and constantly in need of a strong repressive force. Admitting such estimates as just, however, thoughtful men refused to condone the usurpation and injustice of DIAZ. But what must be said of a man who held in mind a purpose to debase the American government into a similar satrapy? It is almost inconceivable. Yet ROOSEVELT swears that it is true and there is no one to contradict.

Never in the history of civilized government has there been a more glaring conspiracy to plunge a people into anarchy. The late Senator QUAY was a spoilsman and a plotter, but it may be assumed that he balked at this treasonable enterprise for Governor STONE declares that the plot was never brought to his attention. ROOSEVELT states that QUAY was to induce STONE to ask ROOSEVELT to intervene in order to make the subsequent operations possible. Obviously QUAY didn't perform his part, however. He would lose the treasury trade on information obtained as a Senator or perpetrate an ordinary political crime. But he balked at treason. Only THEODORE ROOSEVELT was equal to such perfidy.

—Secretary BRYAN has also learned that the cargo of arms and ammunition discharged from German ships at Puerto Mexico were manufactured in the United States. This fact is only important in that it gives assurance that in the event the guns are aimed at American soldiers, they will be effective.

Our One Political Prediction.

We are not in the habit of predicting future political events. It is a hazardous enterprise. Guessing the weather or betting on stock values is easier. But we are disposed to take chances upon one prediction. It is that THEODORE ROOSEVELT will be the regular Republican nominee for President of the United States in 1916 if he is then living. He personally despises the vast majority of that body of the electorate which calls itself regular Republican. He has applied to most of the leaders of that organization the most opprobrious epithets and condemned the rank and file as party reprobates and political criminals. But he wants their nomination for President and will get it.

The regular Republican party is controlled absolutely by predatory corporations, selfish monopolies and sordid trusts. Those sinister interests want a man in the office of President of the United States whom they can use. JOHN PIERPONT MORGAN would never have attained half the power he wielded during the years of his ascendancy in Wall Street, if THEODORE ROOSEVELT had not been his servile tool. All his lesser satellites from MELLEEN, late of the New Haven railroad, to PERKINS of the Harvester trust, are for him now as they have always been. They could use him in any way they liked. He abrogated laws of Congress and prostituted powers of administration to serve them as against the people.

ROOSEVELT's pronunciamentary, issued on the eve of his departure for Spain, the other day, was simply a proclamation of his purpose to seize the regular Republican nomination for President in 1916. He knows and everybody else knows that that party can do nothing without vast supplies of money and its only source of revenue is the trusts and monopolies. ROOSEVELT has called MELLEEN and PERKINS and their kind in every section of the country to come forward and buy the place he covets for him and we predict they will do what he wants. They need him as he needs them and the dynamic force of predatory desire will bring them together in one final effort to loot the public.

Mr. Bryan Surprised.

The Hon. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN was greatly surprised, the other day, according to the news dispatches, when he found out that a couple of German ships had gone into the port of Puerto Mexico and discharged their cargoes of arms for the use of the HUERTA government. Mr. BRYAN had imagined that he had made arrangements with somebody to have these ships return to the German port whence they came and there unload. They arrived at Vera Cruz the day the American marines landed there and were warned off. Within the shadow of an impending war it didn't seem to our naval officers expedient to allow arms to be supplied to our prospective enemy. Mr. BRYAN then assumed control of the matter.

Mr. BRYAN is a great diplomat, no doubt, and an able statesman, but apparently addicted to somnolence. He must have been taking a nap during the proceedings of the Baltimore convention when the provision approving a generous subsidy to the Ship trust was written into the Democratic National platform. He was certainly in a prolonged embrace of Morpheus while those German ships laden with munitions of war were floating around the coast of Mexico searching for a place to land or else he would have prevented the landing. Possibly, however, he was absorbed in the study of the Chautauqua programs during the period and forgot the menace which he is being paid to avert.

Our distinguished Secretary of State is a masterful warrior on the bloodless battlefields of politics. His antipathies are intense and he can fight a private citizen no longer able to contribute freely to his individual campaigns with great valor. He is a whole host on the stump in a mimic war between party factions in a State of which he is not a resident. But when it comes to a test of mental strength and agility among men of affairs, the stolid German or the crafty Mexican greaser can tie him in knots. If the course of events the Niagara Falls mediation fails and American soldiers are compelled to fight their way to the Mexican capital, his incompetency or failures will provide means for killing thousands.

—Another term of court has ended and the case of Gamble, Green & Co. vs. the Borough of Bellefonte, has not been brought to trial. And in the meantime low water or no water that much-talked-of splash board calmly reposes on the breast of the dam, but as long as the usual summer stench from Spring creek does not outrage the nostrils of the borough officials, what does it matter?

Big Business and Commerce.

That so-called "big business" is striving to depress industry and commerce, no longer admits of doubt. These Captains of Industry are influenced to this course by two objects. They want to force an increase in freight rates so that the railroads may levy an additional tax on the public which will amount in the aggregate to hundreds of millions of dollars. Then they hope by continued calamity howling to restore the Republican party to power and renew their license to loot through the medium of tariff taxation. Both of these nefarious projects ought to be defeated. A fair share of the burdens of government ought to be put upon the shoulders of those who are able to bear them.

The other day a committee of Philadelphia business men visited the President in Washington for the purpose of discussing the business conditions with him. They told him that industrial life is languishing and commercial life stagnant because the low rates of the UNDERWOOD tariff law are flooding the country with low priced products of pauper labor abroad. In 1909 industrial life languished and commercial life stagnated though the practically prohibitive Dingley tariff law was then in operation. The same men were then engineering a panic for an entirely different reason though one that was equally selfish. The election of President WILSON checked their operation after five years of business paralysis.

If the country is being flooded with the low priced products of foreign labor the fact might easily be converted into a blessing to the people. Low priced goods means decreased cost of living unless manipulated markets defeat the laws of trade. Unhappily while these Captains of Industry are complaining of stagnant commerce they are manipulating the markets so as to deprive the people of the advantage which low prices and wholesome competition would insure. They are stifling trade in order to justify their calamity predictions and hope thereby to restore the Republican party to power and resume their dastardly operations of looting the public.

Our Mexican Problem.

Huerta's hoards of sand is crumbling day by day. The capture of Tampico gave the Constitutionists an important port on the Gulf of Mexico, completed their conquest of the north, drove Huerta's defense back on the line of Mexico City, and deprived him of important sources of revenue. There are no signs that any foreign power is coming to his aid, and the fall of his regime seems to involve little more than arranging an exit which will be safe and not too disgraceful. Now the reconstruction work must begin. If the United States, acting as the first friend of the Constitutionists, can supply the plans and practical methods for such a system of public instruction as has been put into force in the Philippine Islands, then Mexican civilization may in time be made over and faced toward the future. It is essential, however, that the old merciless exploitation of the people be stopped. This will involve some such purchase and redistribution of the land as has been accomplished in Ireland and New Zealand. The concessionaire problem is one of great diplomatic delicacy, but may be approached by means of a just franchise tax policy and rigid requirements as to conditions of employment. These measures will not appease the blood-and-iron fanatics, but the United States can do more for Mexico by carrying them to successful establishment than by leaving a trail of death and glory from Chihuahua to Campeche. Tyrannies rise only to fall, and the life of a nation must be based on justice. Is our idealism equal to the task?

War's Costly Sequel.

It would be well for those warlike souls who insist that it is the duty of the United States to intervene in Mexico to spend a few moments in counting the cost; not only in the immediate expenditure of blood and treasure, in loss of life and diversion of thousands from channels of productive employment, but in the burden of pensions that must be borne for years to come.

In the 48 years that have elapsed since the close of the Civil war the nation has spent, and spent gladly and ungrudgingly four and a quarter billion dollars on account of pensions growing out of that struggle. The Spanish-American war was not much of a war as wars go, but the annual pension list arising from it is now \$29,000,000, and is likely to become larger.

War with Mexico would mean a tremendous augmented pension roll, and as experience with Civil war pensions has proved, 50 years hence the people of the United States would still be paying millions of dollars every year on account of a conflict which would be as much ancient history to most of those then living as the last Mexican war to men of the present day.

It is a tremendous burden to place upon posterity and can be justified only by unescapable necessity.

Roosevelt and the Tariff.

It was not to be expected that Mr. Roosevelt would be pleased with anything the President has effected; he would be as likely to express his disapproval of anything done by Mr. Taft, were he President. But as Mr. Roosevelt was a low-tariff man until his ambitions led him to adjust his opinions to suit those of the Republican party, we ought to get a just estimate of the present tariff from him, which we do not. He says the reduction of the tariff has not helped matters a particle, and not the slightest progress has been made in solving the Trust problem. Of course this is not true, whether one approves of the measures now in process of preparation or not. There is no doubt that progress. Mr. Roosevelt is confident that only the Progressive tenets "will secure good results instead of fine phrases." But the only Progressive tenet on the subject is that Mr. Roosevelt should be President and should have ample power to deal with each business concern by itself. His own judgment or discretion is the only rule of administration that Mr. Roosevelt has formulated.

Not Cowards, are They?

What has become of the Wilson Democratic leaders in Wisconsin? Where are the gallant men who led the Democrats of Wisconsin to victory a year ago when the choice was between Wilson and an old-style Bourbon Democrat who would have filled the office as President as well as and not unlike a Tory Republican? Are the Democrats to let the election in this State go by default to men who while calling themselves Democrats differ little, if any, from Tory Republicans? The Wilson Democratic leaders in Wisconsin are not cowards, are they? The Wilson Democratic press of Wisconsin is not afraid to stand up for its great leader upon whom the present and future of its party rests, is it?

At Niagara.

Formally they are dealing not with the active agents of Mexican revolution, but with the weakening resistance to it. They are dealing with the passing order and not with the coming. The success of the Niagara conference depends upon the decision of Mexicans who have declined to be represented at it.

J. B. Put the Can in Candidate.

There is life in the old guard yet. Because an Ohio newspaper tauntingly referred to Joseph B. Foraker as politically dead he has angrily announced himself as a candidate for the United States Senate.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The mill of the Buffalo Flour Mill Company, of Milton, was totally destroyed by fire on Decoration day, entailing a loss of \$7,500. How the fire started is unknown.

—Mrs. J. Gilso, of Westmoreland City, dropped dead Wednesday afternoon after running a quarter of a mile to get out of a storm. She was 25 years old and is survived by her husband and one child.

—James Green, a trackwalker, of Williamsport, befriended a man on Saturday night and gave him a night's lodging in his shanty. When he arose Sunday morning he found the man gone and with him \$12 and a gold watch.

—Johnstown's new Y. M. C. A. building erected at a cost of approximately \$250,000, was formally dedicated Sunday afternoon, the principal address being delivered by Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College.

—A strange woman appeared in Williamsport the other day and worked a swindling game on the banks at that place, securing \$100. She used the name of a well known physician of Williamsport and after getting the money left the city.

—Dr. George D. Nutt, an eminent surgeon of Williamsport, and dean of the Williamsport medical fraternity, died at that place on Saturday morning at the age of 67 years. He was known as one of the State's most successful and skillful surgeons.

—William Carmichael, of Lockport, on Thursday discovered the body of an unknown man lying on a small island in the Conemaugh river. The man wore a heavy sweater and two shirts, and it is believed that he died sometime during the winter months.

—When the trustees of Lafayette College held their next stated meeting on June 16 a sub-committee, named a few weeks ago, is expected to submit a preliminary report offering candidates for the presidency of the institution to succeed Dr. E. D. Warfield.

—Mrs. Frances Pacifico, of Big Run, was shot on Saturday night by Pasquale Badia, an Italian, who was under the influence of liquor. While drunk he had a desire to kill some body and told a friend so on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Pacifico died soon after in the hospital at Pottsville.

—Mrs. Clarke B. Else and her sister Esther Sloatman, were drowned in the Susquehanna river at Williamsport, when the canoe in which they were upset. They sank immediately and efforts to rescue them proved unsuccessful. The bodies were recovered near the place where they went down.

—Harry Smith, of Johnstown, while working on a new building, fell forty feet into a pool of water one foot and a half deep. Monday afternoon. Besides bruises to the shoulder and arm, he had a gash cut in his head which required one stitch. His escape from other injuries is regarded as miraculous.

—Charles E. Tedrow, 52 years of age, was struck by lightning and instantly killed on the public road between Rockwood and New Centreville, Somerset county, on Friday afternoon. He had been working on the road and sought shelter under a giant locust tree, which was split several feet by the force of the bolt.

—Refused a marriage license recently at the clerk's office at Greensburg because he was 75 years old and believed to be unable to support a wife, Theodore Merlong was found dead at his home in Smithton, Westmoreland county. Grief over the refusal to permit him to wed is believed to have caused the old man's death.

—Caterpillars are now at their worst in Loyalsock and Eldred townships, Lycoming county, trees along the road being loaded with the pests. No one seems to be paying any attention to them or is making any attempt at extermination. In another week the trees now carrying nests by the dozen will be stripped bare of foliage.

—When rescuers tried to save Dominick Kauts, who had been struck by a train near Johnstown, and whose life-blood was oozing away, on Sunday morning, a trackwalker tried to prevent them. The people, however, took the bleeding man to the hospital after he lay on the track for twenty minutes. He died soon afterward.

—With the initial expenditure of \$75,000 Harry McCready, one of Indiana's progressive citizens and business men, has started work on the erection of a rubber plant in that town that will give employment to a large number of skilled workmen and place Indiana on the map as one of the large rubber factory centres in the country.

—Curvesville, Clearfield county, is without a first-class hotel, the doors of the Park and the Central having closed Monday. Following the refusal of a renewal of the liquor licenses, the proprietors Monday refused to serve any meals and the hotel buildings will be used for other purposes. The Park hotel has been conducted by Dorsey Griffith.

—E. L. Erhard, of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, has sold two tracts of coal, comprising 176 acres, to the Kiskiminetus Coal company, which has purchased other mineral rights in that locality within the last few months and now controls in the neighborhood of 1,000 acres of coal. The consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$8,700.

—Mrs. Annie Hengst, of Hollidaysburg, who recently masqueraded in men's clothing, turned highwayman and attempted, with drawn revolver, to make Henry Ebaugh, cashier of the Pittsburgh Supply store, stand and deliver his cash box, was sentenced Monday by the Blair county court to undergo four months' jail imprisonment. The explanations assigned for the woman's conduct were that her mind had become deranged by drugs and sensational moving pictures.

—The Board of Trade of Scranton has announced the successful organization of a new plan of civic development by which "the Scranton million dollar investment company" has been formed. This company will invest in manufacturing which go to Scranton. Subscriptions of \$145,000 more than the million of stock wanted has been subscribed, the local banks took \$200,000. The officers of the board of trade say they could have sold \$2,000,000 of stock without difficulty.

—"Yellow" Lydick, a notorious Indiana character, broke into a hotel in that town and after fortifying himself with strong drink, left, taking with him a number of bottles and jugs. Becoming sleepy he decided to make a bed and instead of getting into an occupied house he broke a window leading to the basement of the county jail. The sheriff awakened by the noise, on going to the basement found Lydick asleep and he will be tried at the June term of court on several charges.

—The Blairsville College for Women, one of the most prosperous institutions in the State a half century ago, has been sold at auction sale for \$11,000. The purchasers were the bondholders, local men, having had the welfare of the institution at heart for a number of years. The bondholders held claims of over \$20,000 against the college, which was responsible for the low price at which it was sold. The total indebtedness of the college is \$33,000. The college was founded in 1851.

—Through the efforts of Constable W. W. Pettinigli, a Lock Haven hotel man a few days ago secured \$25 on an old board bill, which he had given up getting. The dead beat was a traveling man from Lewisburg, who at the time tendered a check in payment; the check proved to be worthless. Promises were made by the traveling man to settle the bill, but he never made good. The matter was placed in the hands of Constable Pettinigli, who went to Lewisburg and placed the fellow under arrest. He then managed to scrape up the \$25 and \$9.84 in costs.