

INK SLINGS.

Next week the Chaw-talk-away.
The month of brides and roses is gone.
One more month for the trout fishermen.
Be sane and you'll surely be safe tomorrow.
What if VILLA gets HUERTA before we get through mediating with him, then where will we be at?
Next week there will be no WATCHMAN issued. Possibly you will be glad of the rest. Surely we will.
Human hair is said to grow at the rate of .1095 of an inch a day. But some human hair doesn't grow at all.
Even if the Colonel's voice is gone and he needs four months' rest he doesn't need the latter any more than the American people.
If as Dr. LUCAS, of England, declares: We will eventually come to a one toed race our corn acreage will be reduced just eighty per cent.
If it is true, as one dry goods expert declares, that the CLAFLIN failure was due to the fact that there is no market for petticoats anymore, blame it on the Sufs.
There are eight candidates on our state ticket, but only two of them take a picture handsome enough to be published by our state organization news bureau, it seems.
Teach your children cleanliness and good manners and they will be started well on the way toward a useful and successful career. Neither the sloven nor the graceless gets far.
Tomorrow, just remember that splendid Fourth of July demonstration we had last year. Possibly the memory will be enough to make you forget that there is nothing doing.
Men may be out of employment, but when Centre county farmers have to pay \$2.50 per day and board for harvest hands it doesn't look as if there were an army of unemployed in this neck-o-the-woods.
The next question of greatest political interest in Centre county is: Who is to be the new post-master at Centre Hall? Surely our very dear friend SMITH, of the Repeater, ought to have that job.
Gasoline is fast pushing the hay motors back to the farm. Even in this community the horse is being relegated so rapidly that it will not be long until there are more automobiles than horse-drawn vehicles.
Every week Dr. DIXON'S "health talks" inveigh against over eating in summer time. If what Republican papers try to make us believe about times being hard is true it seems to us that there should be no reason for the Doctor's alarm.
It will be noticed that the uptown Keystone organ isn't quoting the Philadelphia Ledger so much lately. The Ledger is, and always was a Republican paper and its unfriendly and unfair criticism of President WILSON'S policies are all that are needed to convince any one that it is a decidedly partisan paper too.
Governor TENER was in town Tuesday with a motoring party. We hope his route, coming or going, took him over that road between Bellefonte and State College that the State took over several years ago. And it might have helped had he been delayed by a few blow-outs and broken springs, as so many other travelers are.
Each of the eleven million chickens in Minnesota last year laid an average of five and a third dozen of eggs. With eleven million chickens with a production of seven hundred million eggs it is easy to figure the average per chicken but in so doing we are giving the roosters that must be among them credit for delivering goods that are not supposed to be in their line.
The Clinton county way of conducting a primary election at least casts suspicion on the motives of those who have set out to clean up Democratic politics in the State. Spending \$1400 to get out nine hundred votes and employing one man in every nine to "watch" the other eight sets a mark for using money in politics that we think the most corrupt practices of the past could scarcely equal.
The first fiscal year of the WILSON administration ended June 30th. The new revenue policies of Democracy resulted in a gain of \$33,784,452.07 of revenue over the ordinary expenses of the government. If that isn't making good we would like to know why. If that doesn't give the lie to those Republicans who would have you believe that the Democrats are plunging the Nation into debt we would like to know why.
The State makes laws prohibiting child labor; it makes it a misdemeanor for employers to work men or women more than a certain number of hours a week; it supports hospitals and sanitariums to restore their broken down health; in fact every great movement seems to have for its objective longevity of life for human beings. But what's the use? Few wage workers can save enough to keep themselves when they are old and few employers will take on a man after he is sixty.

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Palmer and the Washington Party.

Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER justifies a somewhat friendly relationship with the Washington party on the ground that its main purpose is practically the same as that of the present Democratic organization. The principal aim of the Washington party in Pennsylvania, he declares, is opposition to Senator PENROSE and that is likewise the influencing cause of the activity of the present Democratic leaders. It is a righteous purpose, no doubt, for PENROSE is a bold, bad man and PENROSEISM a blight upon the body politic. But we imagined that the Democratic party had a broader field of usefulness and higher impulses than the attack upon an individual and that a common purpose in that direction would hardly condone fundamental faults in other directions.

The late JEREMIAH S. BLACK, who as Judge of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania and Attorney General and Secretary of State in the Cabinet of a Democratic President had some standing in the party, once said that "a man couldn't be a Protectionist, and a Democrat," and Colonel HENRY WATTERSON, who has also cut some figure as a Democratic leader, declares that the Washington party is the "He-Goat of Protection." THEODORE ROOSEVELT, who is the Washington party, is unalterably opposed to every principle and policy which makes up the Democratic creed and is to-day the most potent force in the land in opposition to the policies of the WILSON administration. When ROOSEVELT takes snuff PINCHOTT and LEWIS sneeze and even moral support of those men is substantial opposition to WILSON.

The Washington party is a one-man organization and according to Mr. PALMER it must be a one-ideaed aggregation as well. Its one man remains in public life in the hope of destroying the Democratic party and subverting the principles made immortal by JEFFERSON and enduring by the fidelity of the Democratic voters through all the time that has intervened. We are very much in favor of defeating Senator PENROSE and eliminating PENROSEISM but we hope to compass the result without in any way aiding and abetting the pernicious policies of THEODORE ROOSEVELT, who is all there is of the Washington party. Opportunism has advantages but little merit and the politician who relies upon help that comes through the sacrifice of principle doesn't deserve success.

Speaking of "worse coming to the worst," if PERKINS and the "Colonel" are "read out of the party" there will be no party left.

Mr. Patton's Absurd Predictions.

Our distinguished Representative in Congress, Hon. CHARLES E. PATTON, has been indulging in some political "pipe dreaming" that is amusing. In an interview published in a Philadelphia contemporary, the other day, he expresses the hope that the Republicans will carry not only the Northampton-Monroe district but the Berks-Lehigh district. In this absurd prognostication he assumes that the friends of Representative ROTHERMEL will refuse to vote for Mr. DEWALT, the nominee and he is equally certain that the friends of MITCHELL PALMER will cast their votes against Mr. STEELE, the Democratic nominee, to succeed PALMER. Mr. PATTON also claims five other districts now represented by Democrats.

Mr. PATTON is the Pennsylvania member of the Republican Congressional committee and probably feels that it is his duty to give encouragement to the Republicans of Nebraska, Iowa and other States far removed from the Keystone. The voters in those remote sections of the country are not familiar with conditions here and the discordant notes of the calamity chorus are as entrancing to their ears as the songs of the siren were to the grouch who was drifting on the surface of the sea after the siege of Troy. But to those of us within the range of view the signs of industrial prosperity and commercial activity are more appealing than tales of woe and we are not misled by prophets of despair.

As a matter of fact the chances are much stronger that the Democrats will gain in the coming election in Pennsylvania than that they will lose. Even in Mr. PATTON'S district the signs indicate the triumphant election of our capable candidate for Congress, Mr. WILLIAM E. TOBIAS, who enjoys the confidence and will receive the cordial support of all the Democratic voters and a good many others who favor just legislation and good government. We may lose one district but have a fighting chance to gain five, while our four nominees for Congressman-at-Large are reasonably certain to be elected. The cost of living is going down and industrial activity is increasing and these things count.

Perkins, Pinchott and the "Colonel."

As might have been expected Colonel ROOSEVELT stands by Mr. PERKINS in the quarrel brought on by AMOS PINCHOTT and supported by GIFFORD. GIFFORD PINCHOTT has been a close friend of the Colonel and a valued member of the Tennis cabinet during his "corking" period in Washington. But there is a stronger bond which binds him to PERKINS. The head of the Harvester trust financed his campaign for President on two occasions and "wine is stronger than water." PINCHOTT was able to take him away from TAFT, but TAFT had really no claim upon his friendship. TAFT probably didn't contribute more than a thousand dollars or two to the campaign of 1904 when money was needed badly.

PERKINS, on the other hand, was the most "useful" member of the Republican party at that critical time as he was altogether the most "useful" member of the Bull Moose aggregation in 1912. BILL FLINN did fairly well and MUNSEY and others broke local records in the liberality of their contributions. But so far as the records show PINCHOTT was a mere "piker." He may have given a thousand or two of his abundant supply but certainly not more than that, and so far as we are able to recall the gossip of the time and subject AMOS PINCHOTT'S name was never mentioned in connection with the collection of funds. In view of these facts nobody who knows the Colonel could cherish a doubt of his attitude.

"If you read PERKINS out of the party," the Colonel is said to have replied to his informant as to the PINCHOTT purpose, "you may as well read me out too." And that is absolutely true. Without PERKINS ROOSEVELT would be what the late Mr. BLAINE called, "a dead head in the enterprise." He has plenty of money himself but he never wastes any of it in politics. While he was President he didn't even use any of it to pay his personal expenses. His household servants were on the pay roll of the departments and his grocery bills were paid out of the contingent fund. With such habits of thrift how could he get along in the absence of PERKINS? He could hardly tolerate FLINN.

Speaking of the contest for the Democratic Congressional nomination in the Buck-Montgomery district of this State what claim has Mr. DIFENDERFER to such a title? Not long ago he publicly read himself out of the party and invited his colleagues to join him in forming a new party.

One Flaw in the Record.

We are proud of the achievements of the present Congress. It has made a record in constructive legislation that is without a parallel in the history of the country. It has been scrupulously careful in the fulfillment of party pledges. With a single exception no promise of the Baltimore platform has been neglected. The tariff has been reformed in the interest of the consumers. Modern and efficient currency legislation has been substituted for the archaic system under which the Money trust looted the public mercilessly for years. The Trust measures now pending in the Senate, and certain to be enacted before final adjournment, will complete a full measure of faithful service.

But the one failure mars an otherwise faultless record. The platform of the Democratic party pledged the Congress to economy in the administration of the government. Profrugality in public expenditures is one of the potent agencies of expensive living. A billion dollars in expenditures is equivalent to a tax of ten dollars on every man, woman and child in the country. There is no dodging this obligation. Every one has to pay in one form or another and in a family it will take a large share of an ordinary working man's wages. Besides profrugality in government leads to extravagance in private life and these agencies together contribute to the high cost of living.

We would not prolong the session in order to correct this fault but it is a fault and ought not to be continued long. When Congress reassembles in December the pruning knife should be called into service and every item of expenditure cut to the bone. We don't believe in parsimony nor do we recommend an impairment of the efficiency of the service. But we do believe in economy in administration and in the fulfillment of that pledge to the people as completely as any other. The administration is concerned in this equally with Congress and if they pull together and with proper spirit and energy the result will be certain. That will perfect the record.

Sunday was sweltering hot and Monday the kitchen was the coolest room in the house because the cook stove had a fire in it. Some temperature changes, those, for the last days of June.

Democrats Get Together.

It is to be hoped that the Democratic State Executive Committee will not be beguiled into an attempt to "rip" the Philadelphia City Committee. We do not propose to champion the cause of that local committee. It may not have reached the highest standard of efficiency and some of its members may not be above trickery to continue themselves in power. But it has been organized according to rule by men chosen by popular vote to perform that service and breaking in upon its organization by an outside force would be subversive of the fundamental principles of Democracy. In other words, even if a fault has been committed the proposed remedy is worse than any possible evil from it.

The Democratic party of Pennsylvania has a great opportunity before it. With ROOSEVELT actively in the fight for the candidates of the Washington party there are many reasons to believe that it will retain sufficient strength to defeat the Republican candidates if the Democrats are united in behalf of their candidates. Thus far those in control of the organization have not shown a disposition to cultivate harmony. In the BUCKS-MONTGOMERY Congressional district the defeated candidate for the Democratic nomination is trying to organize disaster for his successful competitor. Chairman MORRIS has himself been heaping fuel upon a factional flame. But there is time enough yet to get together.

This result will not be accomplished, however, by the arbitrary and unjust use of force in behalf of one faction against the other. It can be achieved by conciliatory measures in treatment of party questions and the employment of fair methods in distributing the party favors. If the Democratic ticket is elected in November there will be "glory enough to go around" and a good many more favors to dispense than there are at present. Why not, therefore, direct the energies of the party leaders toward composing differences rather than aggravating them to satisfy the absurd ambitions of men who miscalculated their popularity and importance.

Tomorrow will be the first Fourth of July in years that Bellefonte has not celebrated in some way. If it was not directly in Bellefonte, it would be with a picnic at Hecla park. This year, however, there will be nothing doing here, not even an automobile ride for the children. The stores will all be closed and it will be quiet as a Sunday. In the afternoon and evening there will be a dance at Hecla park, which will probably draw a good crowd of young people. State College will have its usual demonstration, under the auspices of the Alpha fire company. There will be a big parade, speeches, races and all kinds of sports with a festival and fireworks in the evening. The only thing lacking there will be fire water.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Central State Normal school at Lock Haven, Monday evening, Prof. Charles Lose was unanimously elected principal to succeed Dr. George P. Singer, who has filled the position since the death of Dr. J. R. Flickinger. Prof. Lose has been superintendent of the Williamsport schools the past twenty years and is regarded one of the best educators in the State. He is well known in Centre county and was frequently one of the instructors at the Centre county teachers' institute. Before going to Williamsport he was superintendent of the schools in Philipsburg.

The CLAFLIN failure emphasizes the folly of trying to monopolize an element which in the nature of things is open to competition. Merchandizing is an inherent right and the attempt to limit it brought disaster. Incidentally the failure proved Mr. MORGAN'S methods misleading.

Of course reform legislation is all right in its way and many an evil impulse has been restrained by wholesome fear of the law. But the moral improvement that comes from the heart is more enduring than that of the head and the better sort is not obtained by legislation.

It is not surprising that a representative of the University of Pennsylvania has discovered a new history of the deluge. That institution teaches economic philosophy which alleges that taxation produces wealth and the new deluge story is easily compared with that.

Admitting all that has been said concerning VILLA'S viciousness in the past it should be remembered that SAUL of Tarsus was a tolerably tough customer before he "hit the trail" and BILLY SUNDAY was no angel in early life.

Now that Greece has two fairly well equipped battleships she can "pour oil on the troubled waters."

That Expense Account.

From the Lock Haven Express (Rep.) The certified expense account of the Palmer-McCormick committee in Clinton county published in the Express on Friday made extremely interesting reading for Republicans and Democrats alike and shows conclusively that primary election votes can be safely catalogued among those things that come under the head of "The High Cost of Living."

There are many Democratic voters today trying to figure out why John Smith's services as a watcher cost only \$2, while his neighbor, John Jones, was handed \$10, and John Brown, a sturdy old Democrat further down the street, didn't get a cent, according to the expense account filed at Harrisburg. It is quite probable that many voters will take a summer's course in some institution that teaches "political science" so that they may be qualified as "disseminators of information" at the November election, as that apparently is a desirable job, bringing \$25 compensation in some instances in Lock Haven and as high as \$50 in Renovo. An official "disseminator" is a sure snap while the fellow who gets an attractive piece of money for hiring watchers appears to be about in the same class as the agent who hires contract labor.

The publication of the expense account resulted in an unexpected surprise party for some of the gentlemen appearing on the roll as in some instances they were generally believed to be on the other side. It will have the further excellent effect of making it difficult to repeat the stunt many of the watchers would refuse a much larger stake than a \$2-bill rather than see their names on the published list.

The system cannot be credited to the ingenuity of the Clinton county Democratic leaders, as the same tactics were pursued throughout the State generally, but not on such an elaborate scale as in this county, where the new management realized that they had to "make good" to Messrs. Palmer and McCormick for favors received. The workers could not go to the voters and offer them money for their votes, as that would be bribery. But the law allows them to hire watchers and they hired them to the queen's taste.

Those Democratic voters who were wondering who got the coin now have their curiosity satisfied. They can now contract voters and figure out the McCormick vote in their respective districts and then tally up the watchers. It promises to be the favorite hot weather pastime for some time to come.

Perkins Will Stick.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Col. Roosevelt is a practical man. He is a leader, not a commissary department. He has never achieved fame as an auditor. He probably detests book-keeping. There is no reason at all to believe that he has a fondness for finances. It would suit him much better to plunge into a political battle knowing that the bills were all being paid and that he need not worry any than to begin fighting knowing it was necessary to live on the country as he marched. Although a brilliant political star the Colonel has never at any time posed as an angel. Roosevelt has even had a very extraordinary faculty for gathering the phalanxes of capital behind him. There's Flinn. And there's Perkins.

The Colonel arrives in New York and hears that Amos Pinchott and Giff Pinchott are proposing to read one Perkins out of the party with him whenever he moves. Perkins is safely rooted in the Roosevelt affections. There are few practical men who would pick out a twenty-times-a-millionaire as a Jonah right on the night before the battle. Amos and Giff Pinchott are nice fellows. But the country is too idealistic, even though a bit presumptuous. They forget that it is the Colonel who reads 'em out of his party.

Roosevelt Malice.

From the New York World. Mr. Roosevelt's attack upon Mr. Whitman is mean, malicious and contemptible. What if Mr. Barnes does favor Mr. Whitman's nomination for Governor by the Republicans? Does that make the District Attorney a Barnes "rubber stamp"? Mr. Roosevelt was nominated for Governor by Platt. Did that make him Platt's rubber stamp? He was nominated for Vice President by Platt and Quay. Did that make him Platt and Quay's rubber stamp?

Mr. Whitman has been District Attorney of New York county for more than five years. There is no office in the State that offers more subtle opportunities to play machine politics. Can Mr. Roosevelt name a single instance in which the administration of justice under Mr. Whitman has ever been swayed by so much as a hair's breadth by political considerations?

Enough is Enough.

From the Washington Star. Senator Lipton should be warned that Uncle Sam does not feel the need of any further opportunities to clamor consideration as a good loser.

Especially for the Victim.

From the Washington Star. Senator Lewis is reported to be tired of references to him as "Jim Ham." Any joke loses its edge after being repeated year after year.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The corner stone of a \$100,000 High school building was laid with impressive ceremonies, at Lock Haven, last week.
Anthony Reclite and Vincent Sharp, charged with attempting to rob Patrick Barry, at Clearfield, last Saturday evening, were arrested and jailed to await trial.
Grasshoppers are making havoc in some parts of Perry county, upon grass and grain. So numerous are they that whole fields are made to look brown as they sit on timothy heads or wheat heads.
Forty persons were naturalized and fifteen aliens took the preliminary steps at Clearfield last Thursday. A representative of the chamber of commerce was present and assisted in the examinations.
The J. E. Thropp furnaces at Everett shut down last week for repairs, and will remain closed for at least a month. From four to five hundred men are out of employment pending the completion of the work.
Thann Higgs, bookkeeper at the Elk Tanning company's tanning plant, Curwensville, was found dead near the bark sheds Wednesday afternoon, with a revolver by his side. He had been in ill health for several years.
Norman B. Ream, a New York millionaire who formerly lived at Ursina, has notified J. B. Davis, a nephew, that he will contribute \$1,000 to the fund for the relief of the sufferers from the storms which desolated Ursina several weeks ago.
William Anderson, of Wells township, Fulton county, was fatally shot by an Italian near Woodvale, where he was employed as a teamster. The Italian who is now in custody believed him to be another person, and it was not his intention to kill the Fulton countian.
Somerset county farmers place the blame for the impure milk that is being sold in Johnstown upon the railroad company and the health department of the city. The former is blamed for not providing refrigerator cars, and the latter for not compelling the railroad to do so.
Miss Annie Herbert had her collar bone and shoulder blade broken, Miss Triphena Polkinghorn was injured internally, Miss Thelma Stewart was hurt about the arms and leg, and Miss Cornelia Rufner had an arm sprained, in a runaway accident at Woodland, Clearfield county, last Tuesday.
John G. Miller and his wife were lodged in the Somerset jail, Thursday, charged by J. W. Phillips, proprietor of a general store at Bakersville, with forgery. It is alleged that Mrs. Miller purchased goods at the Phillips store, and received money in change, for a check afterwards repudiated by the man supposed to have signed it.
J. C. Heilman, a Gallitzin conductor, who was run down by his own train while working in the Cresson yards, Sunday morning, died at the Altoona hospital Monday morning at 10:20 a. m. The unfortunate man had his right leg ground off and he sustained injuries which caused his death. The body was shipped to Gallitzin Monday for interment.
Projected improvements in Portage, the contracts for which will be let next month, will involve an expenditure in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The biggest job of the three large ones will be a \$34,000 public school building. A parochial residence proposed will cost about \$13,000 and the new store building of the Pearce firm will probably cost a like amount.
Twenty minutes after he had gone to the field to plow corn, the body of Charles G. Dick, a well known farmer of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, was found by his brother, James, last Wednesday. Death is believed to have been due to heart disease, as he had frequently complained of an ailment of that nature. He was 54 years of age and a life-long citizen of that township.
Rev. A. C. Steinbarger, of Lewistown, fell twenty feet, and, notwithstanding the fact that he is a man 70 years old, no bones were broken. The accident happened at Open Hearth, where the aged clergyman was indulging himself in the innocent amusement of standing on a limb and picking cherries when the fall occurred, caused by the breaking of the limb. He was severely bruised and suffered from shock.
Orville A. Mayes, aged twenty-eight, employed as a farm hand by Daniel Knepp, a farmer residing near Granville, Mifflin county, was killed at a public road crossing one mile west of Lewistown on Thursday morning at 2:57 o'clock, his horse and buggy being struck by the engine of fast train No. 19. The horse was also killed and the buggy was demolished. It is thought that Mayes was asleep at the time of the accident.
Investigation is being made by state police and local authorities of the killing of Karl Ocanich, thirty-eight years old, a miner, following a dispute between miners at a Bellevernon hotel late on Saturday. Ocanich left the hotel shortly after the fight and was struck down with some blunt instrument. With fractured skull he walked a half mile to his home, said to his wife, "Somebody got me," and fell dead. Two arrests have been made.
The Tyrone Brick and Tile company have just received an order for 300,000 red wire-out brick to be used in the construction of the new government building at Huntingdon. The brick will all be made at the company's plant just west of Tyrone station. At present the company is filling an order for 175,000 brick for the J. C. Blair Co. at Huntingdon. President William Fuoss states that the orders now booked aggregate over 600,000 brick, and the season is still young.
The biggest gas well that has been struck in Elk county in years came in on the Hanley lease, in Highland township, a few days ago. It came in with a roar and a capacity flow of 12,000,000 feet which is nearly a record. The lease, which is owned by a Bradford man, has proven to be a most prolific one as there are 90 wells located on its broad acres. More wells are being drilled on it. Readers of this paper will recall about 10 days ago a well was struck on the lease with a flow of 2,000,000 feet.
Thomas E. Parker, charged with embezzlement and forgery, who escaped by digging out of the Lock Haven jail a year and a-half ago, and who was recaptured and returned to that jail two weeks ago, again escaped Saturday night by sawing the lock off the steel cage in which he was confined, the lock off the door of the cell of John Stratton, held on a statutory charge, the lock off the rear door of the jail, and then completed the job by sawing the lock off the door leading from the jail yard into an alley.
Quick work by constable Miller, of Ebensburg, saved his life at Clover Saturday afternoon. A big Slav named Steve Makorkey, whom he had placed under arrest, made several attempts to reach a long, keen butcher knife, and falling at that grabbed a pickax. Miller's agility overcame the man's murderous intentions and following a short but terrific struggle he succeeded in subduing the man. Constable Miller had a warrant for Makorkey, who was charged with stealing checks from mine cars and substituting his own.
Despairing of securing help in planting his late potatoes and harvesting the wheat on his farm in Henderson township, Huntingdon county, C. B. Emerick, a well known lumberman, applied to Justice David S. Black recently for assistance. Huntingdon's accommodating magistrate came to Emerick's rescue. Hastening to the county jail he released two stalwart young freight riders, who were overjoyed at obtaining their liberty upon no harder condition than going to work on Emerick's farm at good wages and board.