

INK SLINGS.

-In that war down in Haiti, like in politics in Pennsylvania now, the difficulty is to know on what side the soldiers will be tomorrow.

-From the number of times we see it mentioned our old acquaintance, the "vital issue," must still be alive and in active business in numerous places.

-While others may be bothering about the payments of Mr. HUERTA's debts this government has, at least, the satisfaction of knowing he owes it nothing.

-The Philadelphia Inquirer asserts that the "Republicans of Missouri are confident." Whether of being licked or otherwise this Philadelphia prophet sayeth naught.

-We don't see why the women should bother so much about getting a United States Senator. There seems to be nigh on to a majority of old women in that body now.

-While we may not be overflowing with sympathy for Mr. HUERTA, we still have the right to hope that his experience as a vacator will be much more pleasant than it was as a dictator.

-It is some consolation, at least to the most of us, to feel that we will not be sued for the return of \$306,000,000 as those distressed directors of the New Haven railroad company now find themselves to be.

-Anyway it would only be in keeping with the truth of history if New England's late Ambassador to the Balkans, would hereafter appear on the official list of diplomats as GEORGE FIRE D WILLIAMS.

-They have gone to raising skunks down in parts of Lancaster county and nobody expects that this new industry will change the atmosphere in the least, politically or otherwise, in the section in which it is carried on.

-It is true that both the North and South poles have been discovered, but the whereabouts of the fellow who can lead the two factions of the good old Democratic party into harmony, still seems to be as great a mystery as ever.

-A head line in the Philadelphia Record of Monday last referred to "A blow at this Port." A careful reading of the article, however, soon convinced us that it had no reference whatever to our distinguished friend, the honorable WILLIAM H. BERRY.

-Col. ROOSEVELT imagines himself entitled to much glory for his discovery of the river of doubt in South America, but if GIFFORD PINCHOTT can make his discovery that Pennsylvania is a doubtful Republican State good, as a finder out of new things Mr. ROOSEVELT will have to occupy a back seat.

-Senator JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, of Mississippi, admits that long continued residence in Washington is not agreeable but declares that the Democrats in Congress will continue the session until its work is finished. Talking that way would indicate that Senator WILLIAMS understands what the spirit of '76 means.

-Mr. BRYAN says that the Democratic party has become so progressive "that there is neither need nor room for another progressive party." In this State it has progressed in bossism until both the principles and traditions of the party are left so far behind that they may never catch up to the procession again.

-Hill, high lo, a lee i lee o!" No, we are not trying to yodel. We are only attempting to get the attention of our progressive Democratic friends, that we can remind them of the fact that they haven't done a thing, so far in this county, to organize the party or to prepare for the fight the PENROSE people propose making this fall.

-The return of that unearned salary to the Treasury by Congressman WITHERSPOON may encourage old man DIOGENES to light his lantern again and renew his search about Washington for an honest man—a job he gave up in disgust years ago. And this, too, may be the reason WITHERSPOON's colleagues are so busy berating him for the act.

-While the necessity still continues, we don't see that those most interested, are caring whether a "Mediation committee," to settle the Democratic factional troubles our leaders have created, is appointed or not. But then we have HUERTAS, CARRANZAS and VILLAS, all of whom think they must be pacified before peace can come to the party.

-Our friend, or to speak more correctly, our one time friend Mr. WES. SMITH, now "all swelled up in anticipation of being made the postmaster of Centre Hall, complains that "the WATCHMAN is attempting to belittle" his paper, the Reporter. Just as if it was fool enough to bother with a job he himself accomplished and completed a number of years ago.

-Secretary of State WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN made two speeches on the Pennsylvania Chautauqua circuit last week, one at Waynesboro and one at Gettysburg, for \$250 per, an increase of \$50 per over what he received last year for appearing on the Chautauqua platform; and still the calamity howlers claim that the business condition in Pennsylvania is growing more distressing every day.

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### Forceful Appeal to Mr. Palmer.

The esteemed Allentown Democrat of recent date makes an eloquent and forceful appeal to Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER to permit or compel his organization to issue a platform for the party. What Mr. PALMER has promulgated as the platform does not satisfy our contemporary. It is merely the opinion of nine men, hand-picked, who are presumed to speak for the three hundred thousand or more Democrats in Pennsylvania," continues our contemporary. "You, Mr. PALMER," it adds, "know full well that you would not have dared submit that 'platform' to the State committee because it would have been rejected as un-Democratic." These are grave accusations but they appear to be well supported.

The so-called platform written by three or four men in a secret conference held in Washington was submitted to nine servile followers of Mr. PALMER and Mr. McCORMICK, who were pledged in advance to approve it. It declares for local option, the initiative and referendum, women suffrage and a lot of other populist heresies. It ignores or condemns principles and traditions of the party which have been fundamental for more than a century. And when Democratic candidates and Democratic members of the committee asked that it be read before the State committee that had been called for the purpose of promulgating a platform, the organization bosses adjourned the committee to escape the obligation which was plainly before it.

As the esteemed Allentown Democrat justly says, this is no way to organize a party victory. "No political steam roller not even the famous TAFT steam roller which flattened THEODORE ROOSEVELT in 1912—was ever more skillfully manipulated than was the Democratic organization roller at Harrisburg several weeks ago. MATT QUAY in his palmy days, never rode rough-shod over the will of the great majority of his party more deliberately and cruelly than the Democratic State machine ran over the will of the majority of the Democracy of the State. Senator PENROSE never defied the sentiment of the majority of his party more deliberately than the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania defied a majority of the Democrats of the State several weeks ago."

As we said in a previous reference to this subject, our complaint is not so much against what is contained in the secretly made paper which has been put out as the Democratic platform. Men alter their views upon questions and the Democratic platform should express the sentiment of a majority of the voters upon every subject discussed. We have no quarrel with any man on account of his opinions upon the liquor traffic or his views upon the initiative, referendum or recall. But the Democratic party hasn't favored these things in the past and no three men under the canopy of heaven have a right in secret session and on alien territory to declare the sentiments of the Democrats of Pennsylvania.

Our up town contemporary, that makes the claim of being the "ONLY Democratic paper published in Belleville," has never yet been sure enough of its Democracy to place the Democratic ticket at its mast head. If the Democrats of the county were compelled to depend upon it for such information as they all should have, they wouldn't even know that their party had a ticket or purposed making a fight at the coming election against the longer domination of PENROSE and PENROSIEM in Pennsylvania. It is quite probable, however, that if another obscene and filthy confession should turn up, it would find space, at once to give it in full with display heads, and in big type, with much self congratulation on the surprising enterprise it was showing. To it, dirt seems to be more acceptable than Democracy.

A Chicago judge has set aside the jury's verdict giving Miss GEORGIA JAY \$20,000 as heart balm in her breach of promise suit against HOMER RODEHEAVER, BILLY SUNDAY's silver-throated choir master, on the grounds that it is excessive and would practically beggar the defendant for years. The judge is willing, however, that Miss JAY shall have half that amount and will award such a decree if both parties sign an agreement to that effect. Ten thousand dollars in cold plunks for his escapades with Miss JAY is enough to give RODEHEAVER a rasping sound in his throat when he starts out on his singing campaign with BILLY SUNDAY in Philadelphia but it likewise may have the effect of making the fair recipient sing like a jay-bird.

A Mitchell Palmer and Vance C. McCormick, Democratic candidates for United States Senator and Governor respectively, are expected in Belleville over Friday night, July 31st. No public meeting has as yet been arranged.

### Draper Lewis Opposed to Fusion.

Mr. WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS, Washington party candidate for Governor, is not favorable to fusion with the Democrats on the State ticket. "Nothing going," was his rather disdainful answer to an inquiry upon the subject, the other day, and it is not altogether surprising. The candidacy of Mr. LEWIS, so far as he is personally concerned, is based on principle. It is a protest against the arrogant bossism of the Republican party inaugurated by CAMERON, developed by QUAY and perfected by PENROSE. Fusion with a party which tolerates the more flagrant and atrocious bossism of VANCE McCORMICK and MITCHELL PALMER, and for their personal benefit, would be as absurd as it would be inconsistent on his part.

Of course BOSS FLINN of Pittsburgh is ready and willing to fuse with anybody and the proposed fusion would be especially welcome to him for it would eliminate from the ticket the only two candidates who are not able or are unwilling to finance their own campaigns. Mr. LEWIS is not a wealthy man, as wealth is rated now, and Mr. CREAMY could hardly expect Colonel GUFFEY and Senator HALL to "pay his freight," as they have hitherto done. Presumably the delinquency of LEWIS and CREAMY would put a burden upon FLINN and for that reason he is willing to fuse. With McCORMICK and FLINN's Pittsburgh friend, PERCY SMITH, substituted for DRAPER LEWIS and CREAMY the only financial "lame duck" would be Mr. PALMER and the proceeds of the patronage pie counter may be depended upon to take care of him.

The Democrats of the State are not likely to take cordially to the proposition either. A fusion with the Washington party would imply an endorsement of the Washington party's attitude on the tariff, the isthmian canal tolls, the Mexican question, the currency law and the pending trust legislation. Upon all these questions the Washington party policies, as interpreted and expressed by Mr. ROOSEVELT, are diametrically opposite to those of President WILSON. The true Democrats of Pennsylvania are earnest and enthusiastic supporters of President WILSON and would be likely to resent any bi-partisan bargain which would sacrifice him on the altar of the ambitions of McCORMICK and PALMER.

Mr. MELLE, late president of the Hartford railroad, says the interstate commerce report is "politics." An entirely wrong diagnosis. It is simply a summary of the frauds perpetrated by J. PIERPONT MORGAN, WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER and himself.

### President Wilson's Great Achievement.

No other President of the United States ever undertook as difficult a problem as that which has been brought to a practically successful issue by President WILSON in the Mexican affair. As was clearly revealed by the seizure of VERA CRUZ, it would have been an easy matter, comparatively speaking, to send a conquering army to devastate that unhappy and unfortunate country and levy largesses upon the people and penalties upon the property until nothing was left to the victims of greed and conquest. But President WILSON had no greed to gratify and no inclination to conquer. His purpose was to pacify the country and restore prosperity and happiness to the people of Mexico.

This beneficent result has been practically achieved by the resignation of HUERTA and his self-expatriation. The work is not entirely completed and difficulties are likely to be encountered in reconciling some of the figures in the National drama to disappointed ambitions. But they will be neither as formidable nor as difficult to handle as the problem which has been solved. Both CARRANZA and VILLA will be compelled to yield to the just conditions which will be presented to them. The guarantee of amnesty to the honest but misguided adherents of HUERTA is all that is asked of CARRANZA and moderation in his demands in the way of rewards for his work is what is required of VILLA.

In view of these facts it may be assumed that the pacification of Mexico has been assured and President WILSON is to be congratulated upon the great achievement. His policy has been vindicated and his efforts rewarded. Not only that but he has set an example to all the governments of the world which will make for the betterment of humanity for all time. The spirit of conquest, the passion for war, the lust for power is rebuked in this peaceful process and the Latin-American people are admonished against the seizure of government by force and the maintenance of authority by fraud. President WILSON has not only established peace in Mexico but put an end to revolutions in South America.

### Party Traitors in Control.

The Democratic State committee has organized what it calls the "PALMER and McCORMICK League," in Philadelphia. The ostensible purpose of this organization is to assist the Democratic committee to get the voters to the polls. Its real purpose is to usurp the functions of the city committee and ultimately take its place in the Democratic organization. Two years ago a similar purpose was expressed in the organization of the WOODROW WILSON League, created by the same parties. It cost the party a good deal of money and lost it a good many votes but served as a vehicle for several selfish and mercenary political crooks to keep themselves in the lime light during the campaign.

Chairman B. GORDON BROMLEY, of the Democratic city committee of Philadelphia, is proceeding with the work of preparation for the campaign in that city, notwithstanding the conspiracies to cripple him. He was asked about this new organization, the other day, and said he would welcome co-operation from the League but will promptly expose any sinister purpose upon its part. "The WOODROW WILSON League was no help to the party," he declared. "On the contrary," he continued, "it hurt the campaign. It hampered the efforts of the city committee and confused the voters. WILSON should have polled 100,000 votes in this city. Had there been no WOODROW WILSON League and had the city committee received the aid and encouragement of the State committee, the WILSON vote would have reached those figures."

WOODROW WILSON was the most popular candidate in this State that the party has had within a quarter of a century, yet his vote was nearly 100,000 less than that of the nominee four years previously. The reason of this is plain. Those in control of the organization had more interest in the disposition of the spoils of the victory which was certain than they had in the success of the party in the State. The WOODROW WILSON League was organized to discredit the Democratic city committee and it sacrificed the party in order to achieve its purpose. This year similar processes will produce the same results but the pigeon brains that engineered the disaster will continue in control of patronage.

An esteemed contemporary is demanding a "safe and sane" Sunday on account of the numerous accidents that are reported after each Sunday. "The Sunday death list is really becoming appalling," it adds, and suggests that carelessness is becoming a national characteristic.

### Base Ball War Avoided.

The country is safe—"the government at Washington still lives." The threatened base ball war has been averted and our National pastime will continue to thrill the hearts and divert the minds of the anxious public. But it was a narrow escape. The dogs of war were straining the leash and ready to fly at the throat of happiness. At the psychological moment, however, the right word was spoken and the danger disappeared, let us hope forever. The weather is too hot and heart-maladies too common for such shocks as that caused by the reports of an impending base ball war.

The cause of the trouble was one KRAFT, who is claimed by the Nashville team of the Southern League and the Newark team of the International League. The Newark club pays the higher salary and naturally KRAFT prefers its payroll. But under some sort of ruling the National Commission holds that he must accept the salary rating of the Southern association while the Players Fraternity insists that he has a legal right to the salary of the International League. Both sides in the contention got hot under the collar, the fraternity ordered a strike of all big league players unless the commission would yield and the commission declared with equal emphasis that it would never yield.

The strike has been averted, however, through the good offices of one of Newark's patriotic citizens, who volunteers to "pay the freight," so that KRAFT may get the bigger salary and play with whichever club he likes best. This will be satisfactory to the country, of course, but it is true, nevertheless, that the system of employing base ball players is a rather coarse species of slavery. The players are bought and sold like "sheep in the shambles," and though they are well paid for their labor, it involves a sacrifice of personal liberty which must go hard with them.

Huerta was influenced by the loftiest patriotism in everything he did, according to his own statement, but most people believe that he is a prejudiced witness and that his testimony is incompetent.

### Exit Huerta.

From the New York Evening Post.  
In seeking to maintain himself he (Huerta) showed great resource and some admirable personal qualities. But in the end even his proud and fatalistic spirit saw that his power was but as a rope of sand. His armies had suffered a series of crushing defeats. In his own country the forces of rebellion were proving to be too strong for him. But the chief cause of his downfall was perfectly clear to his own mind. He avows it in his parting attack upon President Wilson. The soldier had been pitted against a scholar. Arms yielded to ideals.

This is really the deep significance of Wilson's triumph. He early laid down a Mexican policy based on sheer idealism—fantastic idealism, it was sneeringly called. Its essence was that he would not recognize a Mexican Government based on usurpation and murder. For this there is no warrant in international law, it was said, and there is not. Precedent was against it, so it was charged, and the charge was true. Nevertheless, the idealist clung to his position through good report and through ill. His appeals Huerta were brusquely rejected by that chieftain. But the scholar-President did not waver. Reporting to Congress Huerta's refusal, and the flat failure of the mission of John Lind, he calmly left the whole issue to time and the slow grinding of the mills of the gods, asserting that the steady pressure of moral force would break down the barriers of pride and prejudice, and that "we shall triumph as Mexico's friends sooner than we could as her enemies—and how much more handsomely, with how much higher and finer satisfactions of conscience and of honor!" This day is that saying fulfilled in the ears of his countrymen.

### Waste and Hospitality.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.  
It is an old epigram that it is the cost of high living and not the high cost of living, which makes the trouble for the present generation. President Wallace, of the Domestic Science clubs, put a new twist to the idea the other day when she told her audience that it was feeding the garbage can, and not feeding their families, that kept people poor. Then she added a few words about the folly of display in entertaining and said that she knew only one family which did not provide a better dinner when it had guests.

Mrs. Wallace must live in that vulgar, showy Manhattan. There are still a few old-fashioned homes in this borough of homes where, if a friend drops in, he will be kept to dinner or Sunday night supper, and nobody will be sent to the delicatessen shop to meet the emergency. But that simple and hearty style of hospitality is more rare than it used to be, and that largely because the women who would like to practice it are really good housekeepers, whose garbage pails are neither a feast nor a scandal and who, to prevent such a result, cater for their families with something like the French accuracy.

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### Watchful Waiting Wins.

From the Johnstown Democrat.  
Watchful waiting has triumphed. Up to the present moment the administration's Mexican policy has been abundantly vindicated. There has been no war. There has been no harvest of race hatred. There has been no great sacrifice of American lives. There has been no great pouring out of national treasure such as would have been necessary had the jingoes had their way.

"Watchful waiting has triumphed—but wait," say the Tory papers. "Rivers of blood will yet flow in Mexico. The United States will be forced to intervene. There will be war, war, war." It is true that the President is not yet out of the woods. It is true that the Mexican problem has not yet been solved. It is true that there may still be in store many anxious moments for President Wilson and his Secretary of State. But the big fact is that watchful waiting, the derided policy, the scoffed-at policy, HAS triumphed.

President Wilson's disasters and his defeats are all ahead of him. There are none behind. That is the big point. If having succeeded up to the present moment is any sign of future failure there is no reason for alarm. If the fact that the President has been right up until the present moment, that his policies have been vindicated by events is any reassurance there is reason for satisfaction. The critics of the administration declared with one accord that Huerta would never yield to watchful waiting. But the President has been right in Mexico. Since that is the case let only those who are indeed foolish declare that it will always be night in the land south of the Rio Grande.

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### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Clearfield will put in a strong plea for next year's convention of the Central District Firemen's association. The convention this year will be held at Patton on August 19, 20 and 21.

Seventeen cases of typhoid fever, supposed to be caused by infected milk served by a Clymer dairyman, have been reported from that place to William A. Simpson, medical inspector for Indiana county.

It is estimated that at least 15,000 visitors witnessed the review of the Third brigade, Sunday afternoon, at Selingsgrove. Sunday morning church services were well attended, and were held by all the regiments.

Officials of the Valley Mold and Iron company have confirmed the report that the concern has under consideration the construction of a big plant similar to the one in Sharpville to supply the eastern trade with ingot molds.

Reports gathered by the State bureau of agricultural statistics show that in thirty-one counties 3,900 sheep were killed by wild dogs, entailing a cost on the counties of \$22,000. Crawford county was the heaviest sufferer showing a cost of \$3,500.

Two daring burglars robbed the store of Thomas Sabula, at Latrobe, in the early morning hours Wednesday last week. Among the jewelry stolen were nearly one hundred watches that had been left for repair. The value of the goods stolen is estimated at \$2,000.

Declaring that her foot was burned by a hot water bag while she was undergoing an operation and while she was under the influence of an anesthetic on November 5th, 1913, Mrs. Harry S. Bubb has brought suit against the Williamsport private hospital for \$5,000 damages.

Lycum county, according to a recent report of State Superintendent Schaeffer, leads the State in the activity of its Parent-Teachers' associations, which raised and expended \$3,935.52 for the improvement of the schools of the county, in addition to the State appropriation of \$88,701.74.

Bryan Gibney, a well known citizen of Wheatfield township, Perry county, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn, Wednesday morning. His body was still warm when found by Mrs. Gibney shortly after 10 o'clock. Mr. Gibney was 55 years of age, and has been in ill health for some time.

The Johnstown city council has ordered the city solicitor to prepare an ordinance appropriating \$20,000 with which to put the wires of the Citizens' Light, Heat and Power company into underground conduits, with the understanding that the city will collect the money thus expended, by due processes of law.

The F. A. Godcharles company, manufacturer of nails, conducting for more than a quarter of a century one of Milton's leading industries, has decided on voluntary liquidation of its affairs. Plans have been agreed on to wind up the affairs of the concern. Ex-State Senator Frederick A. Godcharles, of Milton, is the company's operating head.

Dr. Martin Griffith, of Monessen, Pa., awaiting sentence for manslaughter in connection with the death of Prof. W. L. Robinson, the music teacher whom the physician assaulted and mutilated when Robinson was attempting to assault Mrs. Griffith, sailed on Saturday from New York for London, where he goes to obtain a degree from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Another giant gas gusher was struck on the P. R. Smith farm near Ridgway Elk county, Friday. The well, which registered more than 8,000,000 feet, was struck at a depth of 2,700 feet. This is the fourth big well struck on his farm, which has made the owner a fortune. The other three wells struck average more than 4,000,000 feet. The income from the well will be about \$600 a day.

Harry R. Everett, aged 24 years, a clerk in the car shop offices of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad offices at Williamsport, was drowned on Saturday evening about seven o'clock, in the Susquehanna river at a point about a mile below Linden bridge. He was bathing in the river with three other young men, but stepped into a hole and sank before help could reach him. The body was recovered.

The Newton Hamilton camping meeting will open on August 13th and will continue for twelve days. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. C. Collins, of Newport. Mr. and Mrs. E. Wenzel, of Bellwood, will have charge of the music. The camp hotel is now open for the entertainment of guests. It is conducted by David Sims, of Mt. Union, who had charge last year. The Mt. Union band will give concerts both Saturday evenings during the meeting and a sacred concert on Sunday afternoon.

The first baby ostrich ever hatched in a northern climate emerged from the shell at the Bloomsburg farm of the African Ostrich Farm and Feather company, on Saturday, July 11th. For the previous forty-two days the incubator that contained twelve eggs had been carefully guarded. When the attendants heard a knocking in the shell, they gave help, releasing the baby ostrich, which weighed forty-five pounds. The youngster appears quite healthy and the attendants have strong hopes of raising it.

Miss Irene Bailey, a popular and esteemed young lady of Reedsville, Pa., was instantly killed by a train at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a few days ago. Miss Bailey had a married sister living there whom she was visiting. She and a young man with whom she was returning from an entertainment to her sister's home, waited for the passing of a long freight train, and as soon as it had cleared the track they rushed over to be caught by a passenger train running the other way. Both were killed. Reedsville is mourning for her.

The indefinite suspension of the use of Shaft No. 1 of the Buffalo and Susquehanna operations near DuBois, made it necessary to bring to the surface the shafts which have been used in the mines for hauling the cars of coal to the main headway. Some of them had not seen daylight for seventeen years. They seemed blinded by the light and thoroughly bewildered by their new surroundings. All attempts to lead them into a field of grass were resisted. It is the intention of the company to put them to pasture for the summer and then use them for other work.

Mifflin county will have an additional industry in operation within the next few weeks that will comprise an investment of \$50,000 of individual capital, and employ 100 men. It will be known as the John H. Miller Sand company, located near Burnham, with mines furnishing the best grade of white glass sand, self-slacking. Six thousand feet of 44-inch gauge railroad, operated under electric power, will bring the sand from the mines to the ridge house at the washeries near Burnham, where it will be run through the entire process of cleaning, that assays 99 1/2 per cent. pure, on the gravity system into the cars for shipment.

Woodland, Clearfield county, was the scene of a disastrous fire on Sunday night which totally destroyed sixteen residences and business places before it was gotten under control. The local fire apparatus, two chemical engines, refused to work, and assistance was called for from Clearfield. An engine company, one hose company and hook and ladder company were sent by special train. They mastered the flames in a short time. The fire was started by a dealer giving an exhibition with the fireworks left over from the Fourth of July. Among the principal losers are: Alex Dugan, J. M. Palmer, A. Powell, S. Jaffe and A. E. Wooldridge. Dugan loses five properties. The loss will aggregate \$30,000. There was very little insurance.