

Democratic Watchman

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INK SLINGS.

—After all it now looks as if we were to have nothing dry in Texas but its rivers.

—PALMER, McCORMICK, TOBIAS and PATTERSON will be in Bellefonte tonight. Give them the glad hand.

—Anyway Col. ROOSEVELT should not be discouraged. He is still six cents to the good in the libel business.

—Anyway, MACKER is saving a lot of gas and wear and tear on that Ford car of his, while sojourning at Fort Lee.

—Even with the thermometer up in the nineties we don't see that things politically are showing any signs of getting hot.

—Denver pays \$100,000 a year for the privilege of being run by a commission, but lots of its people get run by its police for nothing.

—Poor Mexico. In place of enjoying a rest in peace, is now kept busier than ever worrying and working about how it can patch up its pieces.

—Nevertheless we still insist that we didn't better things by getting rid of General HUERTA and then having to accept General HUGH MIDTLY.

—If Philadelphia should get rid of its pigs, as it now hopes it will, the next job will be the correction of its census report to agree with the reduction it has made in its population.

—Go to the Brockerhoff house tonight and welcome the next Governor of Pennsylvania, as well as the next United States Senator, the next Congressman and the next State Senator.

—President WILSON, we are assured, is to have his say on the political situation in this State very shortly and what Pennsylvania will say to Mr. WILSON, in November, will depend largely on what that say is.

—And now we are told that Colonel ROOSEVELT "is fully prepared to go up and down the State crying calamity." And when he does it will be a calamity sure, and one that ought to be spelled with a big C.

—We don't believe there can be anything in the report that the Hon. BOB will be down from State College tonight at the head of that PALMER and McCORMICK club that they formed up there some months ago.

—Possibly it's because of what "hot air" has done for other members of the family that creates the reason for the unbounded faith so many people seem to have in the ultimate success of RODMAN WANAMAKER'S balloon enterprise.

—Mr. TOBIAS, the man who saved our district from the humiliation of having BENSON running for Congress, will be in town tonight. If he never does anything more for the Democratic party than that he deserves its undivided support.

—The sudden silence we are just now experiencing about the awful sins of those old bi-partisans, we heard so much about during the summer, would indicate that many of our supposed politicians are taking their vacation or have retired to a forgettery.

—Probably the reason Senator PENROSE has so far failed to start his campaign is accounted for by trouble he has found in locating a cyclone cellar, a job he has been busy at ever since he discovered the kind of a storm he is to meet in November.

—While we may all decry the army worm just as much as we like there are none of us who will charge it with "soldiering on its job." And just here is where the difference between it and the organization that is claiming to care for the interests of the party in the State, are the most observable.

—It's all the same to him, we suppose, but really there are many of us unable to see why the calamity howler should keep on talking about the depression in all kinds of business while Mr. CARNEGIE'S peace conference is sending out, to all parts of the world, word that it is just now greatly overstocked with "rush" orders.

—Don't come to the rally tonight with an ax to grind. Don't let your cheers have a sort of "I want a post-office" ring to them. Forget your own troubles and ease up those of the visitors. In other words, get back to Democracy and away from: "What do I get out of it," for the night, even if it does carry you back to the good old days of real enthusiasm when men rode miles in any kind of weather, and furnished their own torches, to parade under their party banner and never dreamed that the grand old party they made and built up would have to be re-organized and set going right.

—It is strange how greatly each of us are inclined to see extraordinary conditions at a distance and overlook those right here at home and which confront us every day. Until Mr. HUERTA quit Mexico we all talked and wondered at the wonderful sticking qualities he was displaying, and yet right here in our own county we had over forty Republican post-masters who have been, and still are, discounting him in that business. Not a son-of-a-gun of them but has stuck closer and longer to the Democratic salary, he is drawing, than a burdock burr does to a ram's tail, and still few of us act as if there is anything strange about it.

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Attention, Democrats!

The Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER, Democratic candidate for United State Senator, and the Hon. VANCE McCORMICK, Democratic candidate for Governor of the Commonwealth, will spend tonight in Bellefonte. They are making an automobile tour of Clearfield, Centre and Clinton counties and will motor from Phillipsburg to Bellefonte, arriving here in time for supper at the Brockerhoff house. During the early evening an informal reception will be held at the hotel and later the candidates will address an open air meeting from the veranda in front of the hotel. They will be accompanied to Bellefonte by W. E. TOBIAS, and W. H. PATTERSON, of Clearfield, Democratic candidates for Congress and State Senate respectively and the party will be under the personal charge of County Chairman A. B. LEE, who with a number of other gentlemen, will motor to Phillipsburg to escort them to Bellefonte.

We are not informed as to the matter, but it might be the only chance Centre county Democrats will have during the campaign of seeing and hearing their State candidates and everyone who possibly can should avail himself of this opportunity. If Mr. PALMER speaks he will be worth hearing, not to say that the others would fail to interest you, because he is an orator of national prominence and has had most intimate relationship with our national administration.

Fusion on Local Tickets.

Mr. LEWIS, the Washington party candidate for Governor, having dismissed the subject of fusion with the Democrats on the State ticket, with scant courtesy, the political hucksters are now striving to effect fusion upon some of the local tickets. In nearly every case we notice, moreover, that the advantage is offered to the Washington party candidates. For example in one of the Philadelphia legislative districts where there are three Members to elect, the Democratic State leaders offer the Washington party candidates, leaving one who is of doubtful party antecedents to the Democrats, though the Democrats will be obliged to furnish a considerable majority of the votes to elect.

Of course there are men who have no interest in politics except the selfish ambition to get office. As a rule such men are against the ticket when they are not part of it, and insist upon loyalty when they are. They can consider any kind of a deal and accept any condition which promotes their interests. Fusion with the Washington party in this State would be stultification, that makes no difference to them. The Washington party men from ROOSEVELT down are the most aggressive opponents of the policies of WOODROW WILSON'S administration and if the candidates of that party are elected they will be the bitterest opponents of the Democratic party and President. But that doesn't matter.

Even if there were harmony of thought between the Democrats and Washington party men in Pennsylvania, there would still be valid objection to fusion upon the basis laid down in the new rules of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. Those rules provide that the State Executive Committee shall determine, not only the question of fusion but the terms of the agreement and the personnel of the ticket thus created. In this Congressional district, for example, if fusion were contemplated the local people interested would not have the power of determination. The State Executive Committee would assume the authority and hand over to the people a personally picked ticket. But, none of that for us.

—It was just as well to withdraw the nomination of Mr. JONES as member of the Reserve Board. He is splendidly equipped for such service, no doubt, and would have made an admirable official but the constitution gives the Senate the power to object to any nomination and it is dangerous for one department of the government to try to coerce another.

—The Johnstown Democrat tells us that 68 per cent. of all our national revenue goes to the upkeep of our military establishment. And still brother BAILEY can't make the soldiers work. Isn't it awful, WARREN?

—DRAFER LEWIS and GIFFORD PINCHOT are not creating much enthusiasm in their canvass of the State, but they are pretending to be greatly satisfied and both are easily fooled.

Penrose Must Change His Plans.

Senator PENROSE has certainly blundered most egregiously in predicating his claims to re-election upon opposition to President WILSON'S Mexican policy and the UNDERWOOD tariff bill. The President's Mexican policy has proven so wise and beneficial that fair minded men who are opposed to him in other things cheerfully and generously praise it. No sane man would undertake to condemn it in the light of existing and obvious results. Denouncing the UNDERWOOD tariff law must be equally futile. Never in the history of the country has the promise of industrial prosperity been greater. Asking for support on the ground of opposition to that measure is an insult to popular intelligence.

The merit of legislation is measured by its effects upon the public. Under the PAYNE-ALDRICH tariff law industrial life was rapidly decaying. Men were burdened with high prices and onerous taxes. Factories were closing and industrious men were alarmed at the prospects of idleness and want. Merchants were overstocked with goods and menaced with bankruptcy. For some time after the passage of the UNDERWOOD bill selfish politicians and sordid newspapers spread danger signals to further frighten timid capital. But in a surprisingly brief period the commercial and industrial atmosphere was cleared and the signs of prosperity began to show themselves. Now there are no indications of danger.

As Mr. SCHWAB is said to have declared "there is no stopping business in this country." But there is such a thing as burdening business so that it will not yield to those engaged in it just recompense. During nearly a third of a century previous to the passage of the UNDERWOOD tariff law, the industrial life of this country was robbed of half a billion dollars annually through excessive tariff taxation. This vast amount of money was taken unjustly from the wages of labor and the profits of business and bestowed upon the trusts. The UNDERWOOD law has put a stop to this robbery and the public will not stand for denouncing it. Mr. PENROSE must find a better rallying cry or get out of the fight.

—Incidentally it may be said that neither the Senate in Washington nor the House owes any courtesies to THEODORE ROOSEVELT, but it might be worth while to let him be heard on the question of the treaty with Colombia. The outrage perpetrated on the Isthmus in 1903 was his crime and a criminal defending crime is always interesting.

New Form of the Calamity Howl.

Democratic members of Congress need give little if any attention to the call home to repair their political fences. That is simply a new form of the calamity howl. So long as they are properly attending to their duties in Washington their fences will not get out of repair. The American people are not in the habit of penalizing fidelity to duty. The work of Congress will be incomplete until President WILSON'S trust busting program is finished. While Congressmen remain in Washington striving for this result their friends at home will attend to the fences and they will do it well. The work finished they can return home and receive the reward that follows the fulfillment of obligations.

Those who are anxious to get Democratic Congressmen home to repair fences have no interest in the Congressmen and are indifferent to their fences. Their aim is to take care of the trusts. They understand that if Congress adjourns without enacting the pending legislation recommended by the President the public will resent the recreancy and prevent the re-election of the recreants. This is precisely what the calamity howlers want. They can no longer fool the people with absurd tales of business paralysis and commercial distress. The "War cry" of repair of fences is a despairing last resort. It will fail of its sinister purpose as it ought to.

Democratic Congressmen are doing the best thing for their political fences that is possible by remaining at their posts of duty and hammering away at the work before them. Those of them who represent normally Republican districts were elected to do precisely what they are doing and those who elected them before will do the same thing again if they persevere and succeed and if they persevere they will succeed. The result is inevitable. Republican Senators are growing weary of the tedious and losing game they have been playing through the long session and will soon abandon it. Then the Democrats will complete their work as speedily as possible and go home to their well-earned reward.

—They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.

Wool Prices and Tariff Taxes.

The esteemed Philadelphia Ledger, which is rapidly gaining a reputation as a purveyor of misinformation, declares that the UNDERWOOD tariff law has destroyed the wool industry. "During the last fiscal year," says our contemporary, "14,958,834 sheep were slaughtered. The average slaughter for the seven preceding years was 11,907,021. It is not worth while to enter into argument relative to the effect of free wool and prospective free sugar. In one case the production of wool being no longer profitable, growers are sending their sheep to the slaughter houses and there is a progressive diminution of the flocks."

The price of wool is higher now than it has been at any time within half a century. It is at least ten cents a pound more than it was during the period that the PAYNE-ALDRICH tariff law was in force and considerably higher than it reached during the time the DINGLEY law was in operation. That being true the increased slaughter of sheep can not be ascribed to the removal of the tariff tax from wool. If the writer for the Public Ledger had as much intelligence as a pigeon he would understand this fact. If he understood it and made his statement in the light of knowledge he is morally deficient. In any event he is impaled on one horn or the other of a dilemma.

The growers of sheep send their flocks to slaughter because the price of lamb and mutton allures them to that market. The carcass is more valuable than the fleece and the average sheep grower knows how to make the most of his product quite as well as the banker and merchant. Those who don't understand are employed to write such rot as that quoted from the esteemed Philadelphia Ledger for the calamity howling newspapers but they deceive nobody except themselves. There were more sheep to shear and slaughter this year than last, probably, but it is a safe bet that they were sheared before they were slaughtered and the owners of the flocks took profits "coming and going."

Suggestions to Palmer and McCormick.

In another article in this issue we have admonished Senator PENROSE that he is sailing on a wrong "tack." It is only fair to observe that MITCHELL PALMER and VANCE McCORMICK are making a similar mistake. They appear to think that denouncing Senator PENROSE and Dr. BRUMBAUGH will make "their calling and election sure." There is nothing farther from the truth. No great battle was ever won upon a personal issue and no great victory was ever achieved by vilifying an opponent. Many a candidate has been rescued from defeat because his opponents traduced him beyond the limit of reason. More than one candidate for an important office has been made successful through sympathy thus created.

—No matter how much we like to boast of the good work of those who think they are attending to the interests of the Democratic party, the securing of two Democratic post-masters out of the fifty drawing salaries in this county, don't look like rushing the job, nor does it feel like the victory we thought we had won in 1912.

—The two councilmen who were caught in the police dragnet on Sunday for violating the new traffic ordinance helped make the ordinance so why shouldn't they violate it if they want to. When COLUMBUS offered a prize to the sailor who first discovered land didn't he grab the prize himself because he put it up.

—Anyway we are glad to assure the poor fellows who have been so watchfully waiting at the pie counter that that European war is not for the places they have had their eyes upon.

—Merely for the purpose of corroborating a previous prediction we repeat that THEODORE ROOSEVELT will be the regular Republican nominee for President in 1916.

—If Representative BRYAN, of Washington State, had bent HAMPY MOORE'S manly form over the bench, as he threatened the other day, it would have been simply awful.

—Of course the attempt to convict ROOSEVELT of libel will fail. It would be impossible to get a jury in New York entirely free from degeneracy.

—If all of continental Europe becomes involved in warfare hold onto your grain, you farmers, because the price will go to the sky, maybe.

—It does look as if Congress is going to impair an admirable record of achievement by breaking the record of prof-

Tribute to War Trust.

From the Johnstown Democrat.
Sixty-eight per cent. of the revenues of our government go to maintain our war establishment. True, we are not engaged in a war—but 68 per cent. of the nation's revenues go to war purposes, past, present and future.

If the money wasted upon war were to be spent in the interests of civilization this country would become an industrial and economic paradise. With our war fund we could build good roads, hundreds of thousands of miles; we could improve our rivers and harbors; we could build canals; we could develop water power projects; we could reclaim the waste and desert places. With the money we spend for war we could buy the railroads of the country; we could take over the mines. With the money we spend for war we could make investments that in less than 50 years would furnish an income that would run this Government.

War is the abomination of desolation, it is the great international folly. War wastes. It ministers only to those who deal in death. War is the hope and expectation of the Powder trust, the Armour trust, and all the little trusts that thrive upon destruction. If individuals cherished the delusion regarding war that are cherished by the nations, the individuals would be incarcerated in asylums. One of these days the nation will be awoken to the monstrous folly of spending vast sums for war. We are not always going to be wasters. We will come to see that war is the great robber. We will come to see that each man, woman and child has a grievance against the promoters of the great war delusion.

The day for smashing the War trust has not arrived—but the fight is going on. The pioneers are busy. The sappers are at work. The Baileys and the Tavenners are on the job. Sooner or later we will realize that it is the poor who pay when the nation's funds are wasted.

Sixty-eight per cent. of the nation's revenues go to pay for war. And that in time of peace.
A majority of Congress that would slay the War trust would be worth two and a half billion dollars to the American people in the next ten years.

—On such sums are involved is it any wonder the War trust is on the job? Is it any wonder that Congressmen who oppose the War trust are themselves opposed through all the agencies the War trust has at its command?

Barnes Should Resign.

From the New York Sun.
If Mr. Barnes wishes that "certain beliefs" be maintained, the one and only service that he can do toward that maintenance are sound, but it is his misfortune or his fault that, propounded and defended by him, they are associated in the public mind and conscience with the outward and intolerable system of boss government. If Mr. Barnes has not hungrily closed his eyes to palpable facts he must see that no politician who has not put himself against the old order of politics can be other than a hopeless survivor in the new. The mass of the voters, no matter of what party name, is unalterably opposed to bosses and bosslets. Whatever of sudden or forced conversion of the popular doctrines there may be on the part of politicians, the conviction of the people is sincere and profound. The passion, the ferocity even, of this aversion to bosses, is unquestionable. Even the paltry a drum as Sulzer was followed by multitudes. To beat a boss any weapon is good.

Mr. Barnes is a man of strong character, of intellectual ability, of courage and persistence, but as a boss he is impotent to help, he inevitably injures the political party of New York. By his political history he stands directly in the way of an overpowering public sentiment.

If the Republican party is to grow and not to wane, if unity and triumph are to come to it, he and all the other bosses and bosslets must get out or be driven out.

Step down, Mr. Barnes!

British Fits.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.
While Great Britain continues to buzz with war talk which has been going on these many months, the real thing suddenly materializes in a much more imminent fashion on the Balkan frontier of continental Europe. At the same moment the buzzing of the Irish war bee takes a note which strongly suggests that our British friends may really find some sting in it if they don't watch out. The conference of party leaders summoned by the king, has been fruitless of any decisive result. Yet it was a worthy effort "to lift the matter out of the quagmire of politics." When the bill for the amendment of the Home Rule legislation is brought up in parliament next week it may be expected that a spirit of patriotism and an earnest wish to avoid violence will be in evidence.

It is to be remembered that the British Isles are also suffering from hot weather; that their people, like our own, are subject to fits of war feeling which need only time—an excellent medicine for most national as well as individual maladies, and that, whatever the boasted "war strength" of the Irish factions, it includes no sea power, the British government holding firmly that key to the military situation. True, the controversy threatens to undermine the government itself, but there is probably more noise than substance in that threat.

Nother Marine Disaster.

From the New York Evening Sun.
It looks as though the good ship Charles S. Whitman had gone ashore on a reef in Oyster bay.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The electrical plant of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal corporation at Rossett is now completed, and within another week the current will be turned into the mines of the company.

—F. C. Park, 25 years of age, a telegraph operator on the Conemaugh division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by an engine and killed, Wednesday morning at Parnassus.

—Simon Veatch, the 5-year-old son of George W. Veatch, of Everett, who was bitten by a copperhead snake several weeks ago, had the index finger of his right hand amputated a few days ago, on account of gangrene setting in.

—While substituting for another engineer, Wm. J. McMahon, of Driewood, was instantly killed near Red Bank, last Thursday. The locomotive, baggage car and smoker left the rails and rolled down an embankment, crushing McMahon in his cab.

—More than \$7,000 has already been paid out by the commissioners of Jefferson county, in bounties on noxious animals, and the fund supplied by the State is exhausted. Further claims will be probated and paid when funds are available.

—The Columbia hospital has recently been the recipient of a gift of \$250 from Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, wife of ex-Congressman Thropp, of Everett, for the refurbishing of two rooms fitted up by her, as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Thomas A. Scott, at the time the hospital was built.

—Six hundred dollars, kept by Miss Lettie Leech, of Greensburg, in a tin box at her home, mysteriously disappeared Thursday afternoon, with the departure of a "Mr. and Mrs. Bond," who had been rooming there for several weeks. The loss was not discovered for several hours after the couple had left the house.

—Punishment women are asking the council for an ordinance prohibiting the lurid advertising of the various brands of tobacco on fences and buildings within city limits, and the signs are put up, not to attract the smoker or chewer to some particular brand of tobacco, but to enlist maturing youths in the ranks of tobacco users.

—Negotiations pending for some time in connection with the construction of a trolley line between Somerset and Johnstown have reached a decisive stage. All preliminaries are completed and \$200,000 worth of bonds for financing the line will be sold locally. The promoter of the project is John A. Berkey, president of the new company. The capitalization of the new concern is to be \$1,500,000.

—At the session of the executive committee of the Bituminous Mine Operators of Central Pennsylvania held at Dimelink, Tuesday, it was decided to move the offices of the association from Philadelphia to Clearfield. The association directed its attorneys at Clearfield to gather evidence relating to strikes which have occurred among miners of district No. 2, with a view to bringing suit against the United Mine Workers of America of the district for damages.

—Thomas Ridgley, an 18-year-old boy of West Chester, recently released from the Huntingdon reformatory, was shot through the heart, Tuesday, by Katie Clay, a girl of his own age and the daughter of a near neighbor, in whose house the tragedy occurred. Ridgley died with a revolver in his hand, with which according to the girl's story, he threatened her in his attempt to assault her. The girl says she backed toward a cupboard and took from it the revolver from which she fired one shot.

—While on his wedding trip, the Rev. Frank Burns, pastor of the Methodist church at Pine Flats and Clymer, Indiana county, died last Saturday at Akron, Ohio, aged 30 years. The Rev. Mr. Burns and Miss June Pattison, of Penn Run, Indiana county, were married June 30th at Penn Run and a few days later started on their wedding trip. While in Ohio the Rev. Mr. Burns was taken ill of typhoid fever and died rapidly. He is survived by his widow, his father, two brothers and a sister.

—The worst storm that has visited Shamokin and vicinity in many years swept that region Monday afternoon. Rain descended in torrents, flooding the entire down town districts. Hailstones covered the city streets to a depth of three to four inches, and thousands of window panes and electric lights were broken. Trees uprooted, cellars flooded and telegraph lines thrown out of commission. The mercury dropped from 90 degrees to 50, and remained close to that point until the hail had melted from the streets. The damage to crops in rural sections was incalculable. No loss of life has been reported, although many pedestrians were injured.

—The trustees of the venerable Eldersridge Academy in Clearfield county are considering a proposition on the part of the State to take over the institution and make of it an educational center for Young and Conemaugh townships, Indiana county; Kiskiminetus and South Bend townships, Armstrong county; and West Lebanon and Clearburg independent districts. Representatives of the State have thoroughly canvassed the situation and are strongly desirous of establishing a High school with a vocational department having a four year course in farming and a similar course in domestic science. It is believed the trustees will accede to the proposition.

—Herbert Henderson, a well-to-do farmer of St. Clairsville, Bedford county, disappeared from his home early Friday evening and at last reports no trace of his whereabouts had been unearthed, although searching parties scoured the neighboring mountains all day Sunday. The missing man is married and has several dependent children upon him. No reason can be assigned for his hasty departure unless it be that he had been suffering from malaria for the past week. He is one of the wealthiest farmers in that section of Bedford county and this season harvested some bumper crops. Several years ago he disappeared and was absent from home a short time, giving no definite statement on his return as to where he had spent the few days.

—Farmers in Chest, Clearfield and surrounding townships, Cambria county, continue to complain of the damage done by the deer placed in the Beaver Dam district by the State Game Commission. On the farm of F. J. Nagle, three deer have been pasturing nearly all summer in a fenced field of 15 acres with a colt and it is claimed they have destroyed nearly all the clover and rye on the farm, jumping fences at will and appearing to take fright at nothing. On the farm of C. Thomas in Clearfield township, from two to five deer have been with the cattle all summer. Other farmers complain that after the deer eat all the grain they can, they lie down and destroy as much more. It is said the farmers intend to make complaints to the State Game Commission.

—Monday forenoon a well dressed man, aged about 35, passed a \$20 counterfeit bill on an Altoona landlady from whom he engaged lodging. On the deception being discovered the police were notified. The offender was pointed out at the passenger station where he was waiting to take a train for Johnstown, but gave the officers a lively run through streets and alleys before he was caught. He refused to give his name. Besides the money obtained from the landlady there was found in his pockets six twenty-dollar counterfeit bills on the Exchange bank of Norfolk, Va., nine counterfeit ten-dollar bills on the same bank and one counterfeit five-dollar bill on the Peninsula bank of Detroit. The man's straw hat bore the initials "W. H. B." and the same letters form a monogram on the watch he carried. The prisoner was turned over to the United States secret service officer at Pittsburgh.