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INK SLINGS.

-Rain is what we need most just now. -Uphold the President. Vote for the men for Senate and Congress who will support him.

-Recent enrollments indicate that Moose are gradually becoming extinct in Pennsylvania.

-If it has cost us eight and one-half million dollars for that little adventure to Vera Cruz, how much might we have had to pay had a hasty President ordered our troops to go further?

-Send WILLIAM H. PATTERSON to the Senate to be sure you will have a man in Harrisburg who will not fall under the PENROSE blight, should the latter happen to retain the boss-ship of his party.

-Mr. VILLA's army is deserting him, so the latest reports from Mexico state, and without an army we fear Mr. VILLA will become nothing more than he once was, a common bandit and cattle thief.

-The North American may be a very great paper, as some of the candidates for office on the State ticket would have you believe it to be, but real Democrats haven't much use for a journal that nearly every day has some new aspersion to cast on President WILSON.

-Its hard luck, of course, for the cotton growers of the South that they can't sell their crops on account of the war abroad. But all the hard luck isn't falling to the lot of the cotton growers. Every industry in the country is bearing its share, but making less noise about it.

-Next season probably Penn will start her foot-ball schedule with Philadelphia High, Manual training and some of the other schools in that class. There don't seem to be any College teams in the State that she can lick consistently enough to figure on them as practice games.

-MAX LINDNER, a "movie" comedian who was drawing a salary of \$70,000 a year, was killed in the battle of the Aisne several weeks ago. Talking about the waste of war and dropping sentiment in the discussion there is some loss when an earning capacity of \$70,000 a year is destroyed in an instant by a bullet that cost only the fraction of a cent.

-England's Indian troops had their "prayer mats" with them when they landed in France to help the Allies in their fight against Germany. The way the shells are reported to be raining out of the big guns over there and the terrible destruction they make it would look as though a soldier is either too busy shooting or being killed to have time or opportunity to use a "prayer mat."

-Governor GLYNN announced to the newly assembled New York State Democratic committee that, henceforth, he will be the leader of the party. Then it was that CHARLES F. MURPHY picked up his hat and beat it back to New York. Only the future will disclose whether the Tammany chieftain was merely putting one over on the party in the Empire State or whether he really was unhorsed.

-The Meadville Messenger has bolted the regular Democratic nominee for Congress in the Erie-Crawford district and will support the Progressive candidate. It announces, as one of its reasons, that Mr. LIEBEL was a traitor to BRYAN in 1908. We fear that the Messenger is bringing skeletons out of the closet that might be very unnerveing to other candidates on the ticket, as well as spectres of its own inconsistency.

-There is no good reason for anyone voting against Mr. TOBIAS for Congress. He is qualified in every way to make a splendid representative for this District and he is pledged to support the policies of President WILSON. The middle of the stream is no place to change horses and the country should do nothing to hamper the plans of our great President until they have been given a chance to work out. Mr. ROWLAND would go to Washington to oppose those plans therefor Mr. ROWLAND should be kept at home.

-The Rev. R. E. McCLEURE, of Blairsville, is of the opinion that "praying and resolving alone won't defeat PENROSE." And we are of the opinion that the Rev. McCLEURE is about right. They are only a means to an end. Votes are the things that will defeat PENROSE and unless the men who are entitled to cast them get to the polls on November 3rd he will not be defeated. Resolve to go to the polls right now, then pray for back-bone enough to stick to your resolution. If your faith amounts to anything your prayer will be answered and you will have done something really worth while for Pennsylvania.

-HARRY SCOTT is for PENROSE. Ask him. He won't deny it. Centre county voters want no more of PENROSE, therefore they should not vote to send Mr. SCOTT to the Legislature. Whether PENROSE should happen to be re-elected to the United States Senate or not he will still be the boss of the Republican Machine in Pennsylvania for a time and being so he will dominate every Member of the next Legislature who is not a Democrat or a Progressive. If you want to completely retire PENROSE the only way to do it is to beat him at every turn and Centre county can do her share by sending DAVID W. MILLER to Harrisburg. He is not for PENROSE and Mr. SCOTT is.

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Trade With South America Improving.

The good effect of President WILSON'S Mexican policy is being felt in all sections of South America. Senator ANTONIO E. PERAZA, president of the City Council of Havana, Cuba, while in Philadelphia, the other day, bore substantial testimony of this fact.

Soon after the Civil war the government at Washington, under control of the Republican party, began revealing a lust for conquest. Attempts were made to annex Santo Domingo and other helpless South American governments and apprehension took the place of confidence throughout South and Central America.

Incidents following the Spanish American war contributed to the fear and the "dollar diplomacy" inaugurated by McKinley and pursued through the administrations of Roosevelt and Taft failed to allay or even mitigate the suspicions.

But President WILSON has dispelled all fears from that source. He has shown that the government of the United States, so long as it is under the control of safe and sane administrators, has no craving for territory or aspiration other than to be a helpful neighbor to her weak sisters in the South.

Of course commerce between the United States and South America will increase in volume under the changed conditions and the people on both sides of the line will be happier and more prosperous.

Lewis' Withdrawal a Corrupt Deal.

RICHARD R. QUAY, of Pittsburgh, son of the late Senator and supreme party boss, persists in his declaration that the withdrawal of DEAN LEWIS as the Washington party candidate for Governor and the substitution of VANCE C. McCORMICK, was a corrupt deal out of which BILL FLINN, of Pittsburgh, drew or expects to draw some profit.

Of course so far as Mr. McCORMICK is concerned there was no corrupt consideration given or promised. He has plenty of money of his own and is willing to spend ten times or twenty times the salary of the office to secure the election. But he wouldn't spend the money corruptly. It is a safe bet that every penny of the considerable sum spent in his primary campaign was squandered within the limit and under the sanction of the law and it is possible that if a less sum had been used he might have been defeated.

The only cause of complaint which lies against Mr. McCORMICK in the matter is the stultification involved. He is a Democrat and the Washington party principles are the antithesis of Democracy. In accepting the nomination for Governor of the Washington party, therefore, he subscribed to the declaration of principles of that party including its denunciation of Democratic principles and its expressed opposition to the policies of President WILSON whom Mr. McCORMICK professes to love and admire.

Work of Congress Complete.

Opinions as to the merits of the CLAYTON bill, the last of President WILSON'S trust busting measures, differ widely, and six Democratic Senators voted against the conference report upon it on Monday. Senator REED, of Missouri, and Senator VARDAMAN, of Mississippi, protest that its teeth have been abstracted by amendments made in the Senate and LANE, of Oregon, MARTINE, of New Jersey, THOMAS, of Colorado, and JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS voted to recommit for unexplained reasons.

Of course such Senators as WILLIAMS, of Mississippi, are entitled to respectful consideration and it may be safely said that his opposition to any measure has substantial foundation. But to the lay mind it would seem that the CLAYTON bill as completed in the conference committee is an improvement on the existing legislation with respect to the matters of which it treats. It forbids price discrimination, though the SHERMAN law did that. But it also limits interlocking directorates, the greatest evil of all, and prohibits the destruction or lessening of competition by holding companies.

Senator REED, of Missouri, and VARDAMAN, of Mississippi, are radicals and it is not surprising that they should object to a measure that Senator ROOT, of New York, could accept. They are Populists rather than Democrats and agitators more than statesmen. But the measure will soon be a law notwithstanding their opposition and thus the greatest legislative program ever undertaken by a President has been completed.

It is possible that the world's series may share the front page with the European war but we doubt it. Base ball is not as absorbingly interesting as it used to be.

Paternalism Run Mad.

There is no reason in the demand of the South that Congress be held in session until legislation in the interest of cotton planters is enacted. Of course we all sympathize with those who are deprived of a market for their products by causes for which they are not responsible and could not avoid. But supplying markets is no part of the duty of government. When the government protects the life and property of citizens, it has fulfilled its obligations. It can't undertake to father and mother every family in the land and to serve one citizen at the expense of another is a positive injustice and a grave evil.

This demand for help in the disposal of the cotton crop is an expression of the Whig sentiment which prevailed in the South before the Civil war. It is the spirit of paternalism run mad. If the wheat growers of Minnesota or the corn producers of Iowa were to demand that the government assume the burden of taking their products to market we would all say that they were foolish. When the Populists proposed, a few years ago, that the government advance money on farm products stored, they alienated hundreds and thousands of Northern voters, but made a favorable impression in the South. That is because the principles of the Whig party are still cherished there in spite of professions in the Democracy.

Paternalism is the antithesis of Democracy which makes for self-reliance, independence, manhood. Equal opportunity is all that Democracy asks and all that any one has a right to claim. The cotton growers are entitled to security in life and property while cultivating their soil and growing their crops and the wheat and corn growers have the same claim on the government. But neither has a right to go further in their claims for the government can't go further in behalf of one without doing harm to others. This fact is so palpable that it needs no support. It is equally certain that no government has a right to harm citizens and no just government will do so.

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

Roosevelt a Disappointment.

Whether Colonel ROOSEVELT has "lost his punch," as some close observers declare, or is less sincere in his professions of reform, as others believe, it is certain that his speech in Philadelphia last week was disappointing. He denounced PENROSE, all right, and railed against LORIMER, of Illinois, and BARNES, of New York. But as an esteemed contemporary expressed it "the popular phrases and alluring doctrines which he so eloquently and forcefully presented in previous years were conspicuously absent."

The truth is that there is a growing suspicion among thoughtful men that Colonel ROOSEVELT doesn't want to defeat PENROSE or eliminate BARNES and LORIMER from politics this year. They reason with some plausibility that with the offensive bosses in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois eliminated this year there would be no reason for ROOSEVELT in 1916. The country would be safe without his guardianship and he doesn't want that impression to get abroad. What ROOSEVELT believes himself and wants everybody else to think is that unless he gets a "third cup of coffee" within the near future, the country will go to the "demition bow-wow" with a celerity which is startling to think of.

In any event ROOSEVELT didn't make much of an impression with his first speech in Pennsylvania this year. He made several speeches in Maine and the vote of his party slumped off to less than half of its poll in 1912 and people are beginning to think that results will not be different in Pennsylvania whether he makes one speech or a dozen within the State. He can no longer arouse enthusiasm or sway public opinion by startling declarations. Like other celebrated public characters he wants to come back but can't unless the Democrats make it easy for him by stupidity such as has been revealed in this State by the so-called leaders now in control of the organization.

It doesn't like PENROSE but declares that because he competed for the nomination against him he is stopped from participating in any organized movement to defeat him. If WILLIAM H. BERRY had been influenced by the same interpretation of honor four years ago WEBSTER GRIM would have been elected Governor and PENROSE and PENROSEISM eliminated from the politics of Pennsylvania then.

Of course the Governor's trip to San Francisco was an expensive luxury but that was what the money was appropriated for. The pretense that the purpose was to exhibit the resources of the State at the Panama Canal Exposition is absolutely false. The Governor and his friends must have a junket once in a while and junkets are always costly.

Some very foolish person started a rumor the other day that an extra session of Congress will be called between October 15th, the time fixed for adjournment and December 1st, the date of the beginning of the next session. We have had a continuous session of about seven months and nobody will deny that the body has earned a brief vacation.

Do nothing by your vote that will embarrass the administration at Washington. The times are too grave to be trifled with. Send only men to Congress who will support President WILSON. Vote for the Democratic candidates for Congressmen-at-Large, for Senate and for District Congressmen.

All the participants in the European war are telling thrilling tales of atrocities being perpetrated by all the others but as a matter of fact this war is just about like other wars and General SHERMAN knew what he was talking about.

VILLA protests that he has no ambition to be President of Mexico but his action indicates that he would have no objections to bossing the President of that unhappy Republic.

In refusing to grant a change of venue at the suggestion of the "Colonel," it may be predicted that one Albany Judge has gotten himself disliked in a certain quarter.

A vote for DAVID W. MILLER for Assembly will be a vote for just the kind of a man who will best represent you in Harrisburg.

At this distance it looks as if all the water courses in France are "Rivers of Doubt." Have your Job Work done here.

Progressives and President.

Of course, it does not matter to the President, or to anybody else, what the Progressives say about him. He will not lose any sleep and the public will not lose any confidence in him because Progressives are declaring that he has been betrayed into the hands of the money power, and that he is little better than a tool of Wall street.

Nevertheless, this ranting by the Progressives has its value. It shows how absurd it would be for the Democrats and the Progressives to fuse. The Progressives are giving no support to the administration. On the contrary, they are nagging at it and abusing it constantly. With few exceptions they are just as rabid Protectionists as the Republicans are, and apart from the tariff a coalition of Democrats and Republicans against the Progressives would be at least as logical and sensible as a combination of Democrats and Progressives against the Republicans.

The very fact that the Democrats and the Progressives aim at many of the same things explains the bitterness of Progressives toward the Democrats. The Democratic party is actually doing the very things that the Progressives have simply been making a loud noise about. The more the Democrats go on doing what they have been doing for a year and a half the less chance have the Progressives ever to get control of the government. The consciousness of this explains the animosity of the Progressives to Mr. Wilson.

Of course, the Democrats do not go so far as the Progressives, for they do not go beyond what is safe and sane, and the Progressives are deeply imbued with the impracticable notions of the Populists, and some of them are not free from Socialism. But all the reforms that are practicable, and in the interest of all classes of the community, are being effected by the Democrats, and Progressives recognize that the wind is taken out of their sails—that as a third party they have no reason for existence—and their hatred of the Democrats is proportionately great.

They know, as well as anybody else, that the President has not yielded a point to the corporation and financial interests, and probably they know that their own wild notions, if reduced to the form of statutes, would destroy business. The Democratic success is removing all reason for the existence of the Progressive party, and enough of the Progressives have relapsed into the G. O. P. to destroy any chances the Progressives can have imagined that they had of carrying the country, and therefore they rage at Woodrow Wilson and imagine vain things.

Will not Weaken President. That the change in point of view of the nation since August 1 must be of advantage to the party in power is generally admitted. Lines of attack on the administration record, which had been carefully opened up, are now completely blocked. Certain liabilities of the President are now revealed as assets. A gibe at "watchful waiting" today would be more likely to make Democratic votes than Republican or Progressive votes. All criticism of the foreign policy of the administration is suspended. Mr. Roosevelt has publicly announced an abandonment of his assault on the President along that line.

The sufficient answer to criticism of the foreign policy of the United States is at peace with all the world. Americans prefer the answer of the "inexperienced" Bryan to the Japanese "Ambassador," "There can be no last word between friends," to the experienced Von Bethmann-Hollweg's professional sneer at a "scrap of paper." The nation must take pride in the scrupulous observance of the Hay Pauncefote treaty, in the matter of the canal tolls, now that a great European power has made a mockery of the treaty neutralizing Belgium. One can no longer sneer at "amateur diplomats," in view of Gerard's splendid service at Berlin and Whitlock's masterly rescue of unfortified Brussels from the German guns.

The country is not likely in the coming elections to weaken seriously the President's influence either at home or abroad. He must remain President of the United States throughout the war period, and in him rest the world's best hopes of peace as soon as conditions render it advisable for him to again offer his friendly offices. He will need the strong and undivided support of his countrymen in order that he may speak at the opportune moment with such prestige that the powers in conflict will listen to his counsel.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Philip Cimo and Clayton Hosten, convicted murderers of Clearfield county, have been sentenced to be electrocuted at a time to be fixed by the Governor.

-At the general election next month the voters of Lilly will decide the question of increasing the indebtedness of the borough to the amount of \$30,000 in order to construct a new school house on the site of the present structure.

-According to investigations set on foot by the Johnstown Board of Health 35 cases of typhoid fever there were caused by infected milk while 16 cases were due to infected wells or springs and drinking unboiled water.

-The churches, schools and places of amusement in Seward, Cambria county, have been closed on account of the presence of an epidemic of diphtheria. Twelve families are affected and thus far there have been two deaths.

-J. S. Reitmeyer, of New Columbia, Union county, has a freak of nature at his home in the shape of a duck, alive and healthy, with four fully developed legs. When the feathered oddity walks the extra legs trail along the ground.

-A drunken man smashed the glass in the window of a Lock Haven pawn-broker's place of business the other night and at a later hour some bold adventurer took advantage of the situation to acquire several watches, some rings and other articles.

-When the Suffragists who have been canvassing their Johnstown sisters for support entered one home the fair mistress said: "I haven't time; I'm putting up pickles." Another said: "You'll have to excuse me, for I have hot cakes on the stove."

-During the progress of a fire that badly damaged the residence of Thomas Tobin at Nant-y-Glo, three of his children who were ill of diphtheria lay upon cots on the street for a considerable time. Later on they were returned to their damaged home nobody being willing to run the risk of taking them in.

-South Fork's water supply is gone—gone to the same extent as if it had never existed, and at the present time there is mighty little prospect of relief. While water for domestic uses no longer exists, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has a large pipe line which would become immediately available in the event of a fire.

-While picking apples at his farm east of Mill-creek a few mornings ago, Dr. J. M. Reimann, 27, for twenty-seven years pastor of Trinity Lutheran church of that place, fell a distance of fifteen feet, sustaining a fracture of the left arm between the wrist and the elbow, as well as injury to the joint of the left hip.

-The search for aged Mrs. Edward Caluse, of Clyde, Indiana county, who disappeared from her home some three weeks ago, has been abandoned. The searchers found no clues whatever except a human foot that was brought in by a dog from the mountains ten days ago. Hope of ever locating the body has been abandoned.

-Ray James, who stole a number of revolvers and knives from a Clearfield gun store last December, but was able to hide the evidences of his guilt until a few days ago when he relaxed his vigilance and sold some of the stolen goods to persons in and around Woodland where he now resides, has been arrested and admits his guilt.

-Clifford Cohan, aged 21 years, a resident of Williamsport, has confessed that he set fire to his mother's residence the other day, at his instigation, the motive being to secure \$500 insurance recently placed on the household goods. The young man and his mother were arrested and taken before Judge Whitehead where they plead guilty and were remanded for sentence.

-William Myton, a young farmer living near Cottage, Huntingdon county, was kicked by a horse and thrown with considerable violence against the side of the stable in which he was working, striking his head. At first he suffered no inconvenience but became unconscious later and has been in a critical condition since. It is believed the blow ruptured a blood vessel in the head.

-Mrs. Alice Wherry, aged 60 years, who arrived in Cresson last Friday with her son, Dr. C. M. Wherry, of the State sanatorium, was taken ill Saturday afternoon and died a few minutes later. Her daughter, Miss Wherry, of Chester county, dreamed Friday night that her mother had died and left on Saturday morning for Cresson, arriving some twenty minutes after the elder lady's death.

-Norris Harvey, a butcher who lives near Williamsport and who attends the curbstone market, Saturday reported that he had been a victim of pickpockets at the Milton fair last week. He reported that a wallet containing \$212 in bills and \$500 in notes had been taken from his pocket while he was walking on the Midway in the middle of a crowd of people. Other cases of theft were also reported.

-The residence of Hanson Floyd, located about a mile north of Hyner, Clinton county, was destroyed by a fire which caught from a stove while the members of the family were out. The flames communicated to the barn, which was burned likewise, with the year's crops, although the stock and some farm furniture were saved. All the furniture was consumed with the house, as well as \$350 in cash, all the money Mr. Floyd had. There was no insurance.

-On account of the date set for the holding of the annual reunion of the survivors of the 22nd Penna. Cavalry falling on the big day of the Bedford county fair, the reunion association has changed the date for holding the reunion to Thursday, October 15th, 1914, at Everett. The address of welcome will be delivered at 10 a. m., and will be responded to by a member of the regiment. A business meeting will be held at 2 p. m. and a camp-fire at night.

-The Pennsylvania State Synod of the Presbyterian church will be held in Erie, October 20-24, and there will be a large attendance of delegates from all over the Commonwealth. One of the interesting sessions of the gathering will be that held on Wednesday afternoon, the second day of the convention. At this time the work being done by the men of the church will be discussed. Rev. W. F. Weir, D. D., of Wooster, Ohio, will be the principal speaker on that occasion.

-By action of the State Game Commission the counties of Warren, Forest, Clarion and Jefferson have been added to the list of those in which deer hunting will be prohibited for a period of years. In all nine counties have been closed to deer hunting. Somerset, Westmoreland, Cambria and Fayette have been the first to be closed. They are closed for three years from December 1, 1913. The other four counties and also Chester will be closed for five years from November 1.

-With 500 volts of electricity passing through his body when a telephone wire which he was holding, wrapped about an electric feed wire at Mount Carmel Tuesday, Charles Dixon, a line man for the United Telephone company, saved his life by his presence of mind in cutting the wire with his nippers. The hand that held the live wire was paralyzed and he was unable to release his hold. The wire had burned the flesh to the bone before he was able to cut it with his nippers.

-William J. Stitt, of Blairsville, 70 years old, a real estate dealer, and one of the most prominent men in that region, was found hanging by a rope to a joist in the cellar of his home on Saturday by his daughter Jean. Worried over financial troubles, coupled with domestic troubles in the family of one of his married daughters, is believed to have prompted the deed. Stitt was a Civil war veteran, a member of the Pennsylvania Canal Boatmen's association, of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the G. A. R.