

INK SLINGS.

—Vote for WILLIAM H. PATTERSON for Senator and help send a man to Harrisburg who will be a credit to the District.

—Vote for DAVID W. MILLER for Assemblyman and be sure of having a man in Harrisburg who will represent you and not a boss.

—Two thousand more men went to work on full time in the Altoona shops on Monday morning. That looks like things were picking up.

—Vote for WILLIAM E. TOBIAS for Congress because President WILSON has asked you to send men to Washington who will help him in his fight for your rights.

—If you want to get rid of PENROSEISM in Pennsylvania next Tuesday will be the day to do it. Vote for PATTERSON for Senator and MILLER for Assemblyman if you want to be sure of sending men to Harrisburg whom the Machine can't get.

—If the State Centre Electric Co. hangs a few more suburban loads on its Bellefonte power plant it had better send a tallow candle along with each monthly bill so that its customers may be sure of having enough light to see to write the check in payment thereof.

—War in the East. Peace in the West. Who did it? WILSON! Are you going to vote for Congressmen who will fight the President who has kept you at peace with the world or are you going to vote for BRIGHT, CATON, CLARK, CROSBY and TOBIAS who are pledged to support him.

—We await with interest the returns from Howard where the Republican precinct chairman, whose work the Democrats have had frequent reasons to respect, has been displaced by a real live wire. We surmise that in the removal of Dr. KURTZ there is a sound of something the echo of which we will hear in the campaign of 1915.

—The Hon. Deacon HARRIS must either be fearful of the faithful slipping away from him or hopeless of making conversions to the cause of PENROSEISM. It is interesting to note that the nightly rallies that the Hon. Deacon calls are all being held in naturally PENROSE precincts. And at that, reports are to the effect that the frost is not so much on the pumpkin as on the Hon. Deacon and his calamity howlers.

—Vote for these men for Congressmen at Large:

- ROBERT S. BRIGHT, of Philadelphia. MARTIN J. CATON, of Pittsburgh. ARTHUR B. CLARK, of Altoona. CHARLES N. CROSBY, of Meadville.

They are the men whom President WILSON would be glad to see in Congress because they are the men who are pledged to help him put through the legislation that is designed to put the government back into the hands of the people, from whom it was stolen years ago by the Trusts.

—County chairman LEE has been running the tires off that Ford of his trying to get the Democrats of the county aroused to the great importance of getting out a full vote next Tuesday. The other side is spending money lavishly because they have plenty of it. He has scarcely enough to keep headquarters open, so its up to every individual Democrat to help him out in the unequal fight. If every Democratic vote in the county gets to the polls there will be a great victory for cleaner government. If they don't Centre county will go on record as standing for something that we know it doesn't want.

—It will do no good to have an anti-PENROSE Governor of Pennsylvania unless you have an anti-PENROSE Legislature. Neither can get anywhere without the other. All Mr. McCORMICK could do, should he be elected, would be to clean out a few of the Departments in which the Executive has appointive control. He could do nothing constructive, nor could he wipe any of the vicious laws off our statute books. The Senate and House are what count. PENROSEISM can only be stopped in Pennsylvania when PENROSE no longer controls either the Senate or the House. Send PATTERSON to the Senate and MILLER to the House and you will be sure of having a member in each branch of the Legislature whom PENROSE can't reach.

—The new State-Centre Electric Co. is not doing much to make itself solid with Bellefonte which certainly must be looked upon as its largest prospective consumer. Since the time that the business of the Bellefonte Electric Co. was taken over by the new concern the street lighting has been growing gradually worse, instead of better, as was promised. The fact that a new plant is being installed and a new system of lighting introduced is not sufficient excuse for the under power lights on our streets. There can be no justification in hanging outside loads onto a plant already taxed to its capacity and then asking the council of the borough to pay for something that it is not getting. It seems to us that the new company should have withheld the extension of its service until it has its new power plant in operation. Certainly that would have precluded the criticisms that are so general now and the danger of competition that is growing daily greater.

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Atrocious Conspiracy Defeated.

The opinion of Judge MCCARROLL, of the Dauphin county court, in the case of the petition of Democrats of Philadelphia against the action of the Democratic State executive committee, in substituting candidates of other political faiths for Democratic legislative candidates in that city, will meet universally popular approval among real Democrats. The substitution was in pursuance of a rule adopted by the newly created Democratic bosses, in order to make the control of the Democratic bosses absolute. It is in direct violation of fundamental Democratic principles. It takes from the people the right to regulate their local affairs. It is subversive of the Democratic principle of home rule.

Under this un-Democratic policy the Democratic voters of Westmoreland and Butler counties were denied the right to select their candidate for Congress after Major J. M. LAIRD, the regularly nominated candidate of the party, had withdrawn for reasons satisfactory to himself. The Democratic voters of Dauphin county were denied the right to nominate candidates for the Legislature in the second legislative district when the candidates nominated were forced off the ticket. In both cases old line Republicans, now professing adherence to the Bull Moose party were nominated. But the Democratic voters were not for these candidates. If the question had been submitted to the people at the primaries, neither of the candidates thus unlawfully chosen, would have been selected.

WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS was nominated for Governor by the Washington party of this State after a process of elimination which would not have been tolerated in any but a boss-ridden and utterly hopelessly contingent. But either one of the half a dozen defeated aspirants for the place that DRAPER LEWIS was named for by his party could have beaten VANCE C. McCORMICK, hands down. Yet through the manipulation of BILL FLINN and others VANCE McCORMICK was substituted on the Washington party ticket when DRAPER LEWIS sold out and every vital principle of the primary election law as well as every tenet of decent politics were violated. Thus these "holier than thou" political hypocrites flout every principle of morality and pretend to civic righteousness.

But the courts can neither be cajoled nor dragged into acquiescence in these political crimes. In the Philadelphia case brought before Judge MCCARROLL, the candidates thus chosen are stricken from the ticket and those responsible for the attempted outrage upon the Democratic voters are fitly rebuked. In the other cases, including the substitution of McCORMICK for LEWIS there is no redress for the reason that there was no one with courage and intelligence to create the issue and bring it before the courts.

Splendid Record of Congress.

The adjournment of Congress on Saturday evening completed a record of legislative achievement which has never been excelled in this or any other country. The session just closed covered a period of 328 days and was the longest session ever held. Its predecessor lasted 219 days and as there was no intermission between them the Congress had been in continuous session for 567 days. If little had been accomplished that would do it no credit. But from the beginning of the first session in April 1913 to the ending of the second session last Saturday useful service was being rendered constantly.

We have in previous articles enumerated most of the beneficent measures enacted during the session just closed and it would be a waste of time and space to repeat them. But it is worth while to refer to the splendid management revealed in holding the elements which composed the majority together to compass the results. That Democrats obey no boss is proverbial. If the leaders had revealed even the symptoms of the methods which the Republican machine employs to manage that party, there would have been rebellion. But nothing of the sort was shown. The leaders simply led by force of honesty and sincerity.

The closing days of the session were made somewhat humiliating to the party of the country by the attempt of certain Southern Senators and Representatives to force inimical legislation. In other words Senator SMITH, of Georgia, and Representative HENRY, of Texas, attempted to compel the passage of legislation providing subsidies of some kind for cotton growers. Such legislation would have simply legalized the looting of the treasury and the vast majority of the Democrats in both chambers set their faces against it. The magnificent record of the session has not been impaired by enacting populist legislation.

What are You Going to Do?

Suppose you do lose a day's work by going to the polls to vote next Tuesday. We don't know of any precinct in the county in which a voter is so far removed from his polling place that it would be impossible for him to walk there and back in half a day. Such isolation is very rare. In most cases the trip is a matter of an hour or so and in many only a matter of minutes. But what if it does require an entire day and what if you should lose a full day's wages, or the value of a day's work on your own place? What would that amount to compared with what you might be able to save yourself in taxes by voting right.

There isn't a laboring man and very few mechanics, farmers or other business people in Centre county who are earning five dollars a day. There isn't a taxable in Centre county whose taxes, direct and indirect, wouldn't be five dollars less right now if we had good, clean, economic government in the State of Pennsylvania. Can't you see, then, how you can't lose even if you do lose an entire day in going to vote next Tuesday. The great majority of voters want the government economically administered, without favor to anyone, but there are nearly always enough stay-at-homes to lose the victory the real majority and so it will continue until every individual realizes the importance of casting his vote. The average person would fight at the mere suggestion that he be disfranchised, yet how many there are who claim the opportunity and through indifference fail to exercise it.

Unless we have lost entirely our faculty for analysing political situations there will be more than two thousand voters in Centre county who will not go to the polls next Tuesday. Such a condition should not obtain. Really it should not require the stirring effects of campaign literature, stump speeches, torch light parades, brass bands and zealous newspapers to get voters to the polls. As a matter of fact there are only two people who can be properly concerned in an election. They are the voter and the candidate. It is akin to a business transaction between them. The voter wants certain things that he believes are essential to his comfort and prosperity, so he picks out the candidate whom he knows to be pledged to stand for the things he wants and the transaction is completed when he goes to the polls and votes for that candidate.

It should be a personal matter with all of us. The writer of this article has no more to hope for in the outcome of next Tuesday's election than the reader. All we want is a maximum of public service at a minimum of taxation and inasmuch as that is what every other taxable should want and will get, if the State is run right, why should it be necessary for one person to worry himself to get another to go to the polls.

Now that is the clear, logical way of looking at the matter of elections and voting. Some might say its theoretical, others that it is utopian. We are inclined to the latter belief. Years of political work and observation leads us to the conclusion that there will always be an indifferent or stay-at-home element. And, unfortunately, this element is made up largely of the better element of our citizenship. This being the case there is a peculiar appeal in the contest of next Tuesday to this very class of people. Practically everything to them is in the balance and needs the weight of their votes to cast the scale in its favor.

Will they go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the way they talk? Or will they stay at home and continue to rail if the verdict runs contrary to their desires?

David W. Miller for Assembly.

Centre county voters who are anxious for reforms in our state government should vote their convictions at the election next Tuesday. If they want to rid the State of the Machine blight, if they want to get a dollar's worth of roads for every dollar paid in taxes, if they want to stop this thing of having their local school treasurer's forced to borrow money to pay teachers because their rightful appropriations are held up at Harrisburg so that Machine bankers may the longer enjoy the benefit of it; if they want to put the Pennsylvania Legislature forever out of the control of PENROSE, the time to do it is at hand and the way to do it is to vote for DAVID W. MILLER for the Legislature.

He is the only candidate running for that office who is pledged to support the people's interests and not the those of the Machine. He is the only candidate who wants to go there to represent the people. He is the only candidate who has no ulterior purpose in his candidacy.

We know whereof we speak and advise the election of Mr. MILLER because we feel that Centre county can have hope of getting more of what it stands for through his election than it could possibly get through the election of Mr. SCOTT.

Mr. MILLER is a well informed, thoroughly dependable, retired farmer; as well equipped mentally to make a creditable and dignified Representative as any of his opponents. He has no entangling political alliances and has given his pledge as to what he stands for and he may be depended on to keep that pledge to the letter.

Vote for DAVID W. MILLER for the Assembly if you want to send a man there who will be for you and not for the Machine.

—Don't stay at home and imagine that the other fellow will do it. He can't do it all alone. He must have your help. Centre county Democrats have been wailing against PENROSEISM and other evils of our State government for a decade. Next Tuesday will tell how sincere they have been. The chance of a life time will be here and the voter who elects to husk corn or go hunting in preference to going to the polls should never again open his mouth about anything rotten in Harrisburg. Everybody doesn't think the same on these matters. But let us have a full vote, just to see where Centre county does stand on the issues in question.

—The personal quarrel between VILLA and CARANZA ought to be settled by themselves. The world has little time to waste upon two individuals alike consumed by vanity and ambition.

—Secretary LANE suggests a decrease in the area of cotton planting as a solution of the cotton problem. But that would be a restraint of trade which is a crime under the SHERMAN law.

—Let us hope that we shall never have another campaign like that now drawing to a close. Vituperation and blunders never accomplished much and we have had a surfeit of both.

Not Fighting Away Business.

From the Harrisburg, Star-Independent. We do not believe stories that are being circulated in some quarters that there is a deliberate effort on the part of big manufacturers and big business men generally to make business worse than it otherwise would be for the sake of advancing the interests of this party or that, in the present political campaign. It may be true that in some few cases big corporations are concealing the amount of business they are doing with the hope of gaining thereby some advantage for a particular party, but as for these corporations, in any large number, deliberately closing down their mills or refraining from trying to develop new business until after election day,—that is all a myth. Everybody recognizes that the war in Europe has had a depressing effect on the business of the whole world in which this country, of course, must share, at least temporarily; but the idea that American business men are setting about purposely to make business worse at this more or less critical period is absurd from any viewpoint.

American business men want business. They are not fighting it away. The possible advantage that may be gained by a corporation through the election of one candidate or another cannot in any way be measured with the disadvantage to that corporation of its mills being idle or running at reduced capacity. Patriotic business men,—and we are not so pessimistic as to take the view that a great number of them lack patriotism,—are doing everything they know how to do to overcome the setback to business that the war has been responsible for. And their efforts are rapidly bearing fruit, one of the most convincing signs of which is a statement from the New York custom house recently showing an increase of almost \$12,000,000 in exports from that port in the last 28 days as compared with the same period in 1913 when there was no war.

The Laws and the Lawyers.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The Democratic party having achieved such an unparalleled record in constructive legislation, it must in the near future turn its attention to the repeal of some useless and obnoxious laws. When we reflect on the fact that in five years there were enacted by the Legislatures of this country, both state and national, 62,014 new laws, it is time to call a halt. Senator Root, in his address to the American Bar association, called attention to this extraordinary volume of legislation and suggested as a remedy a body of legislative experts, whose duty would be to frame laws which they considered essential to the business interests of the country.

We cannot see how this would remedy the evil. This would mean more lawyers; and the chief cause of so much intricate and unnecessary legislation is that there are already too many lawyers in our legislatures making laws. Nearly two-thirds of our lawmakers are lawyers. They are responsible for these unnecessary laws. They frame them, they amend them, they secure their executive sanction and finally give them judicial interpretation. If there are too many laws on our statute books; if they are unjust and partial, lawyers are to blame. They have the power to apply the proper remedy. Lawyers thrive on litigation. The more perplexing and uncertain the law is, the better for the lawyers.

The number of lawyers in relation to the other professions and occupations is out of all proportion. The number should be reduced.

That Zeppelin Invasion.

From the Lancaster Morning News. As a first page thriller for the entertainment of readers who demand war news whether it is true or not the story about the invasion of England in February by a fleet of 200 German airships is all right, but the military experts are not likely to lose any sleep over it. Assuming that the air craft would carry ten men each, which they would not, the force that could be landed on English soil by this method would be 2,000. Such an expedition might be able to do a great deal of property damage and might inflict some loss of life by bomb dropping but it would stand an excellent chance of being run in by the London bobbies.

It has been a long time since a hostile force set foot on the coast of England. Germany may be able to do this thing which Napoleon with all his military genius could not do, but if she does she will rue it. England is the heart of an Empire that is just beginning to be stirred by the conflict in Europe. An invasion of England would be the signal for an outbreak of patriotic fervor which would sweep everything before it.

No Gardner Leadership.

From the New Haven Journal-Courier. From another point of view a discussion at this time of the necessity of taking stock of our war spirit and war defenses is unfortunate, based, as the suggestion appears to be, upon what Germany intends to do with us when she has finished with the nations now springing at her throat. The spirit of neutrality of which we are justly so proud would be severely jolted if we should proceed to prepare ourselves for such an adventure. Germany is already distressed by what she feels is our misunderstanding of her attitude toward this war. She would become openly suspicious of our sincerity should we seize this opportunity to arm ourselves against a probable attack from her. This is no time to elect Congressman Gardner commander-in-chief of the American people.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Prizes aggregating \$100, offered by the Northern Central Trust company, of Williamsport, for the best corn or potatoes grown by boys or girls in Lycoming county, were awarded last Saturday.

—Williamsport has some queer citizens. They are actually trying to persuade the school directors of that city to rescind a rule prohibiting the existence of the baleful sorority and fraternity in the schools.

—John Dorey, a well known resident of Newberry, Lycoming county, was found dead in an ark, along Lycoming creek, last Saturday afternoon. The man was aged about 74 years, lived alone and had been dead several days.

—Jesse Newell, aged 87 years, and Miss Elizabeth Musgrove, aged 69 years, both of Mount Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, took out a license to wed the other day and are probably happily wedded by this time.

—Children found in the woods near Boswell's Somerset county, a man who was near death from starvation that he was unable to talk. He was removed to Boswell and there fed, but he was still too weak to tell his name.

—The applications of 300 aliens for naturalization will be heard by the Northumberland county court during the first week of December. It is said that most of the prospective citizens are Russians who wish to escape the great European war.

—Dr. Valentine Hay, the oldest member of the Somerset Bar association, with one exception, celebrated the 80th anniversary of his birth a short time ago. He is one of the busiest attorneys at the bar and can be seen at his desk every morning.

—A flow of gas which registers 20 pounds, and which is steadily increasing, has developed unexpectedly in one of the deep water wells at the Punxsutawney Iron furnace, and experts believe the flow is sufficient to warrant the drilling of a well which is expected to prove first class in every respect.

—About three weeks ago Randolph Bond, of Allport, Clearfield county, was taken down with diphtheria. Since that time all of his nine children and his wife have taken the same disease. The wife and mother is said to be hopelessly ill. This is a stroke of misfortune rarely equaled, much less surpassed.

—Evidently chloroforming the head of the house, the Rev. Father McNellis, said that they would not be interrupted in their work, robbers gained an entrance into St. Bernard's church and parish house, Indiana, early the other morning and completely ransacked the house, getting nothing but a small sum of money.

—Kate Kosner, aged 16, was shot and instantly killed in the parlor of her home in Hermania, near Greensburg, Sunday night, by her sweetheart, Roy Novosell, who then attempted suicide. Physicians believe he will recover. Mystery surrounds the tragedy and members of the state constabulary are endeavoring to obtain a statement from Novosell.

—Seven demented persons are now inmates of the Cambria county jail, at Ebensburg, the last one admitted being Horace Jones, of Cambria township. Some time after Jones had been received the jail warden took him to the bath-room and while there discovered in his clothes a big revolver, a pocketful of ammunition and a dagger about 15 inches long.

—The quarries of the St. Clair Limestone company, at Cove Forge, Blair county, will this week close down indefinitely, on account of a lack of orders for the product. A large number of men, chiefly foreigners with large families, will be thrown out of employment. Orders have been slack for some time, but the quarries were kept going in the hope of conditions becoming more favorable.

—Stoyestown people have filed with the State Board of Health a complaint to the effect that meat for the domestic trade in that place is 'haul' ed about in open wagons, that is exposed to germ-laden dust and that there is danger of typhoid fever and other diseases as a result of this exposure. The State Board is requested to take action in the matter and will probably send a representative to Stoyestown next week.

—Something of a sensation was created in Woodland, Clearfield county, the other evening when it was discovered that a woman had left her baby in the railroad station. Upon some suspicions of the woman's identity officers went to Clearfield and arrested Lena Angolosa who finally confessed that the baby was hers. She let it behind, she said, because she hoped somebody would take it and care for it better than she can.

—Wedded and parted the same day was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. William Heim, of Sunbury, according to Mrs. Heim's sworn statement filed with an action in divorce she started in the Northumberland county court at Sunbury, Thursday. She asks for an absolute separation as though her husband were dead, and seeks the right to wed again. According to her story they were wedded at Sunbury on December 4, 1911. Shortly after the ceremony was performed he left her, she declares, and has since contributed nothing to her support. She earns her own living.

—The deer that have been roaming the California woods and other wilds in the neighborhood of Ebensburg, Cambria county, are becoming unusually tame. Saturday morning when a sister of Justice Waters, of Ebensburg, went out into a field at the county poor farm she found a young doe among the cows. It appeared to be entirely at ease until it discovered a small dog that accompanied her and then took to the woods. The deer in the California woods are thriving and the hunters of that section of the State expect some rare sport when the closed season in that county is at an end.

—William Horner, an old-time bee hunter, of Altoona, returned Saturday evening from a trip along Clearfield creek, with 150 pounds of honey as the fruit of a day's effort. On Wednesday of last week Mr. Horner returned with 110 pounds taken from two trees. The 150 pounds which Mr. Horner got on Saturday, came from a single tree, there being two swarms of bees in the same tree, an unusual occurrence. One lot of bees had taken up quarters in the top of the tree, while the other had located near the bottom, within two feet of the ground. When the tree was cut, two lots of honey were removed.

—Dr. Calvin McBride, a dentist of Harrisburg, was shot and dangerously wounded Monday night in the office of Dr. Silas G. Hertz, a dentist, in the central section of Philadelphia. Dr. Hertz, who is 70 years old, is under arrest, charged with having done the shooting, his brother, Dr. Elan A. Hertz, 75 years, is also under arrest. No motive for the shooting is known. McBride became unconscious shortly after he had staggered to the street and informed a policeman he had been shot. The two aged dentists were arrested while cleaning up the bloodstains from the floor of their office. Both refused to discuss the case.

—An outbreak of virulent scarlet fever has occurred in Denora, Washington county, and twenty-seven cases with three deaths have been reported to the State Health Department which has been asked for aid in the checking of the disease. The cases are mostly among foreigners, and Dr. Hurb has been sent to co-operate with the local authorities. Monessen, Westmoreland county, reports forty-four cases of typhoid, and Dr. Dixon has sent an engineering expert there to examine into sanitary conditions. A medical adviser will also be sent. Swiswale, Allegheny county, has twenty-five cases of typhoid which are being investigated by the State School Inspection.