

INK SLINGS.

Men wore ruffles between 1520 and 1790. Some of them are still wearing petticoats.

It is little wonder that the Chinese are fighting. There is a Li in nearly every one of their statesmen and generals.

The President is back in the White House. He has gone way back to sit down to wait for his tariff commission to report.

The 14th of November 1910 repeated in 1911, by giving the hunters another tracking snow to start out on on the opening day of deer season.

If winter is to be anything like the advance notice of it that we received Sunday night right now is the time to get that coal bin filled to the top.

If "Misery loves company" the Democrats of the county were certainly as kind to the defeated Republican candidates as it was possible for them to be. They gave them all there was to be had of it.

They are beholding Chinamen who had cut off their pigtails as evidence of the progressive movement in the celestial empire. It is needless to say that with the head and tail both gone so is the Chink.

Last Saturday was the day that happens only once in a century. The eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1911. The Tuesday previous was a day that has happened only once in a quarter of a century in Centre county.

When the reader learns that General Li is in charge of one of the departments of the Chinese army he will more readily understand the source and reliability of much of the war news that comes to us from that country.

The Hon. RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG has the job of a life time on his hands in Philadelphia. The entire country will join in the prayer that his health may be conserved against the Herculean task of purifying that putrid municipality.

Looking over the Centre county teacher's institute now in session here there is very visible evidence of the fact that the milliner and the modiste are getting their full share of recent increases in the salaries of the teachers.

If Mr. CARNegie could only devise some means of getting rid of his burdensome wealth as rapidly as brother STORZ did of his Keystone party over in Clearfield there would be no question about him being able to "die a poor man."

The striking drives of the New York street cleaning brigade would like to be singing that old song about jumping into the wagon and all take a ride, but Mayor GAYNOR and commissioner EDWARDS broke the strike and the old drivers are walking the streets hunting for work.

While the loss of the support of the Legislature in New Jersey may prove a serious setback to the plans Governor WOODROW WILSON may have had for further reforms in that State it doesn't seem to have any effect on the plans a great many sections of the country have for booming him for President.

Dr. WU TING FANG, once the factitious Ambassador of the celestials to the court of your Uncle SAMUEL, is "coming back" fast as the rebellion in China progresses toward success. But as they have such a weakness for separating the heads of great men from their bodies over there we wouldn't be any more surprised to read Wu's obituary than his accession to the premiership of a new Republic.

Sheriff SHIELDS, of Westmoreland county, has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for malfeasance in office. While under indictment he was elected commissioner of that county, but since his conviction he will probably be impeached. At least he should be. The most dangerous attacks on a free government are made when unscrupulous officials prostitute the dignity of their office and display contempt for the law they are sworn to uphold.

MORGAN SHUSTER, the American financial expert who was recently called to reorganize the treasury department of the reorganized Persian government, has been on the job long enough to get into trouble with both England and Russia. He has been calling things by their American names over there and that doesn't tickle the ceremonial tastes of JOHN BULL or the CZAR. In any event Mr. SHUSTER says he isn't going to back-track and Persia is decidedly proud of him.

The steady growth of the Socialist vote in all sections of the country is the cause of much concern to the Republican party and well it may be. Socialism in theory is ideal, but Socialism as voted by the vast majority in this country is a protest against the existing order of things; an evidence of chafing and unrest under a system of government that for a quarter of a century seems to have been designed for the benefit of the few at the sacrifice of the many. As the Republican party has been solely responsible for the government it must own its Socialist offspring and suffer the consequence that grows more portentous each time a test by ballots is made.

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Questions for Democrats to Answer.

The counties in which considerable Democratic gains were made at the recent election were those in which the regular Democratic organization was supported, with one or two exceptions...

Mitchell Palmer's Party Management.

Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER, of Stroudsburg, gave the public an exhibition of his managerial ability in the Congressional election for the Fourteenth district of this State at the recent election...

Another Idol Shattered.

The returns of the recent election afford an interesting subject for the analytical mind to ponder. One of the most interesting news dispatches contained in the press reports of the event was that which came from Carbon county...

A Perturbed Trust.

The American public is trying to force itself to lose something. At least that is what the Steel Trust is trying, through the medium of tainted news articles sent out from Washington...

On the other hand Adams, Carbon, Cambria, Montgomery, Chester, Northumberland, Bradford, Berks, York and other counties, where chairmen deserted the regular Democracy and joined the little crowd of disorganizers...

The result can hardly be flattering to Mr. PALMER's colossal urbanity. It is admitted that the candidate is a man of considerable popularity. He had always been a Republican until the organization of the Keystone party a year ago...

Under Mr. BLAKESLIE's administration of the office the Democratic vote in the county has been steadily diminishing. In 1906 he was able to elect himself a Representative in the Legislature which so elated him that he imagined no office was too big for him...

What the people are in danger of losing, according to the trust, is "economy of production." That is, the trust takes the attitude that with the entire steel industry practically controlled by one man, a great saving is effected in the cost of manufacture...

Possibly the Democrats of the State will waken up some day to see how greatly they have been wronged, in this pretended effort to reorganize and better the condition of the party...

The plain lesson of this incident is that self appointed party managers and too opinionated political adventurers are not welcomed by the rank and file of the Democratic party...

Of course it was to be expected that with the new opportunities which this incident presented to him the Democratic vote of Carbon county would increase with surprising rapidity...

The steel rail pool, to which the Steel corporation is a party, has maintained the price of steel rails rigidly at \$28 a ton every day since the Steel corporation was formed. Previously, steel rails were selling well below \$20 a ton...

The Catlin Commission.

The adjournment of the sessions of the CATLIN commission, engaged in the investigation of the municipal government of Philadelphia, just as the most important testimony was about to be offered...

—PENROSE and McNICHOL are now reformers which calls to mind the fact that "when the devil was sick, the devil a monk would be."

—The Germans are said to be planning a rival to the Panama canal. Report has it that they will construct an ocean to ocean waterway over the Nicaragua route...

The rule has been that prices have advanced rapidly when trusts were formed. If, as the Steel Trust literature alleges, there were great "economies of production," they have gone to swell the trusts' profits and to pay dividends on highly watered stock...

Democrats Will Gain Judges.

The final footing up of the official figures show that the Democrats at the recent election gained one Judge in Allegheny county, one in Somerset, one in Westmoreland, one in Clarion, one in Juniata and Perry, and two in Luzerne, while the Republicans gained one in York, one in Northumberland, and one in Cambria, making a net gain for the Democracy of four...

There is a good deal of encouragement to Democrats in this condition of affairs. It used to be that when Judges stepped upon the bench they left politics behind them and it didn't make much difference whether the candidate of one party or the other was elected...

—The SHERMAN law may need some trifling amendments but it ought not to be repealed. The trust magnates and high financiers will come to Congress during the coming session with urgent demands for the repeal of that measure...

Gov. Wilson and His Party.

How accurately Gov. Wilson has in his career expressed and exemplified the demand of thorough-going Democrats, sometimes called progressives, is best shown by the extraordinary acceptance of him in the west. The reports of it, all agreeing, amaze even his strongest supporters nearer home...

That is precisely what has happened. The commission placed itself at the service of Senator PENROSE to destroy one of the candidates of that party for the office of mayor and having accomplished that may run away from duty at the behest of the Senator...

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—Wu Ting Fang, formerly a popular Chinese Ambassador in Washington, has advised the Regent to abdicate in order that a Republic may be established on the foundations of the Chinese Empire...

No Set-Back for Wilson.

To declare that the loss to the Democrats of the lower branch of the New Jersey Legislature was a heavy blow to Gov. Wilson's presidential candidacy can be believed only by those who refuse to look beneath the surface...

There was a reason for the stopping of the investigation just as it reached the point where the friends of Senator PENROSE and those whose services were necessary to him were about to be exposed...

—One of the most valuable consequences of Democratic victories is that they silence ROOSEVELT for a while.

—It is worthy of remark that President TAFT is spending a few days in Washington at this time.

A Good Machine Man.

A Warren dispatch says that Representative Joseph A. Schofield has announced his candidacy for re-election and for Speaker of the House...

—Eating crow isn't such a hardship to the VARES of Philadelphia. According to the statement of Brother BILL, when he was a candidate for the nomination for Mayor, they never got anything as good as crow until after they were grown up...

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SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—According to recent official figures the city of York now has an investment of \$22,415,000 in manufacturing establishments.

—Another case of diphtheria has appeared in Hamburg and in spite of the precautions taken by the board of health the disease seems to be spreading.

—The Cambria Steel company has received orders for steel cars totaling 2,000 all gondolas, and as a result the Franklin plant will run double turn for some time beginning Friday.

—Bishop W. F. McDowell, of Chicago, will preside over the next session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which will meet in Williamsport, March 26th, 1912.

—York is a fertile county. Charles McConnell, who manages two big farms near the county seat, planted this year sixty-six acres of corn, one field of which, containing twenty-four acres, made about twenty-four hundred bushels.

—A large number of Pennsylvania railroad shoppens of Altoona, have formed an organization to do co-operative buying of food-stuffs with a view to bringing down the price. It is said the purchasing fund this month amounted to over \$2,500.

—The Pennsylvania Coal and Coke corporation has partly disclosed its new policy, following the reorganization, by starting the two big collieries at Ehrenfield on full time and making various improvements there looking to the welfare of the employees.

—The clothing store of J. R. Goldston, Homestead, was entered by burglars who took with them when they departed \$400 in money and jewelry said to be worth \$800. The Goldston family slept above the store but the robbers did not arouse them.

—Next November Pennsylvania will elect a State Treasurer and probably an Auditor General, four Congressmen-at-large, thirty-two district Congressmen, thirty-eight Presidential electors, twenty-five Senators and 207 Members of the House of Representatives.

—The caravan of western Governors about to tour the east will arrive in Harrisburg on December 12th and visit the capitol, where they will be welcomed by Governor Tenney. The object of the visit east is to show the people in this section the possibilities of the western States.

—As one of the results of the recent election in Luzerne county, over 150 Republicans employed in and about the court house in Wilkes-Barre will presently be looking for new jobs. One of them, Robert Robinson, clerk to the commissioners, has been holding a place in the court house for over forty years.

—The debris of the Lewisburg chair factory fire is rapidly being cleared away and owners of the property are planning to build larger and better than ever. This new finishing building will be 200 by 200 feet in time and will be three-stories in height. It will be either all steel or of steel and concrete.

—The body of a murdered man was found in a Beaver county well the other day. Various persons who have looked at it say it is all that is left of a gambler who had been in the habit of joining foreigners in card games on pay day and winning their money. Some of the losers probably made away with him.

—John Henry Blymyer, aged 34 years, of Yes, gertown, was fatally injured at the Standard Steel works, Burnham, a few days ago, when a belt fell off a machine, releasing an iron pin which struck him on the jaw bone, breaking it and causing concussion of the brain. He died without regaining consciousness.

—Gordon Heberling, aged 15 years, of Clearfield, while out hunting last week, as a result of an accidental discharge of his gun had his right hand so badly lacerated by shot that it had to be amputated three inches above the wrist. Several shot hit him in the neck and but for a goitre would likely have resulted fatally.

—Harry Yapple, of Jonestown, is one of the champion trappers in Columbia county and so far this season has secured 40 muskrats and three minks. The hide of these animals bring a good price and the carcasses of the muskrats can be easily disposed of in the city restaurants where they are served as a fancy dish.

—For the second time within a year the post-office at Wilberne was visited by burglars. They used dynamite, shattering the lower part of the safe and blowing out the front of the office. They secured a sum of money and stamps, but hadn't succeeded in getting into the upper part of the safe when they were frightened away.

—Joseph Curbanshook, of Snow Shoe, died in the Lock Haven hospital at 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning of injuries received in an accident on Wednesday. He was admitted to that institution in a serious condition and there was little hope that he would recover. Undertaker E. B. Waters prepared the body for burial, after which undertaker William Kessinger, of Mill Hill, took charge of the remains and shipped them to Snow Shoe for burial.

—A mortgage for \$2,000,000 has been filed in the office of the recorder of deeds at Williamsport, as well as in several other counties, by the Northumberland County Traction company to secure an issue of five per cent, 40-year, sinking fund, gold bonds of \$1,000 each. This would indicate that the recently merged traction interest propose extending their system up the West Branch valley as well as through North Branch valley to Wilkes-Barre.

—John E. Shields, sheriff of Westmoreland county, who was recently convicted of permitting prisoners to escape, and of perjury and malfeasance in office, in connection with the coal strike in the Irwin field, has been sentenced to two years and four months in the western penitentiary. He will also be deprived of his office to which he was re-elected last Tuesday the 7th, receiving the second highest vote in the county.

—Colonel John G. Freeze, the oldest member of the Columbia county bar association, on Saturday quietly celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary at his home, corner of Third and Centre streets. Mr. Freeze spent the day quietly and made several trips to the court house, where he received congratulations from a host of friends. Despite his advanced age, Colonel Freeze still enjoys good health and attends to business every day. For the past 25 years he has been president of the Columbia county bar association.

—An unknown autoist, passing through Mill Hill and Beech Creek, Clinton county, on Tuesday had a chapter of accidents. First he met a farmer driving a spirited team hitched to a wagon load of corn. The horses frightened, throwing their driver, who was picked up with his arm broken. Then he went on and met two men coming from the polls in a buggy. Their horse also frightened and both were thrown out. One was 60 years old and the other was an aged man. Both were painfully bruised. None of the injured attached any blame to the man in the auto.

—The miners of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company at Armsby, Cambria county, are out on a strike because of trouble over the employment of motormen. They held a meeting Monday morning, were addressed by Board Member Robert Baxter, formerly of Portage but now of Altoona, but on adjourning the announcement was made that no plan of action was decided upon. The miners predict that unless the difficulty is settled all the miners of the company will go out. The company officials state that all but thirteen of the miners at Armsby have been paid off. A few men are working keeping the engines and pumps working.