

INK SLINGS.

Monday was, sure enough, an old fashioned winter day.
—Baltimore is to get the next National convention of the Democracy.
—Sleigh bells jingle and, incidentally, the noses of those who ride in the sleighs, these days, tingle.

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Mitchell Palmer's Ambitions.

Colonel JOHN F. SHORT, editor of the Clearfield Republican, and easily the brains and backbone of the Keystone organization, of 1910, discussing the claims of A. MITCHELL PALMER to a seat in the Democratic National committee, in a recent issue of his paper, says that Mr. PALMER "was first a HOWARD MUTCHLER follower until he saw a chance to throw MUTCHLER down and go close to the front himself and he turned the trick neatly. He then bloomed forth as a GUFFEY-HALL lieutenant and accepted their kindly offices, etc., until he felt he could go it alone." This estimate of the Monroe county Congressman's ambition and selfishness is supported by a statement of another of the leading regular Democrats made in Washington, the other day.

Colonel Guffey's Victory.

The vote of the Democratic National Committee, the other day, upon the question of the membership of that body for Pennsylvania, is susceptible of but one interpretation. It was a direct and emphatic rebuke of the disorganizers who have been striving, for nearly a year, to usurp the authority of the Democratic Organization. The selfish ambition of A. MITCHELL PALMER and the sordid purposes of GEORGE W. GUTHRIE and VANCE C. MCCORMICK to acquire, by tricks, a position which they couldn't hope to attain by direct appeal to the people, is condemned by an overwhelming majority of the Committee representing the rank and file of the party of the entire country.

The Baldest of all Iniquities.

Those "Captains of Industry" who believe in government regulation of the prices of products, will demand, of course, "a fair profit" for the producers. Judge GARY, chairman of the Board of the Steel trust, Mr. CARNEGIE and other managers of that corporation are converts to this heresy, and never neglect an opportunity to urge it. It is the panacea for trust evils, they allege, and the solution of the trust problem. But in reckoning the cost of production they invariably include liberal interest on the water pumped into the capitalization in forming the trusts. This is the "nigger in the woodpile," literally speaking. It is the basis of the fraud upon the people.

Noses for Meddling.

From the Pittsburg Post. With so much trouble in the Republican camp it looks a bit out of place for numerous party organs to be devoting so much space to the doing out of gratuitous advice to the Democrats as to the line of action they should pursue. It is quite evident that the Democratic party is able to take care of itself, and if it needed wise counsel it is not likely it would solicit it from a party that is more in need of guidance. One of these organs makes the interesting announcement that the Democratic party wants to win and that Mr. Bryan wants to lead, thus developing an incompatible condition that is not conducive to success.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—At a wedding dinner of Amos Yoder, an Amish resident of Brady township, Huntington county, a part of the menu consisted of ten turkeys, thirty-five chickens and five gallons of oysters.
—Another great gas well has been struck near Indiana. It is the thirteenth in that field and almost all the farmers in Canoe township are giving options on leases to the company that is working the field.
—When Judge Francis J. Koozer, of Somerset county, retired from the bench on Monday of last week he had disposed of every scrap of business before him, leaving Judge Ruppel a clean sheet to start on.
—Within two months two children of Mr. and Mrs. John Oswald, of Windsor Castle, Berks county, have died of typhoid fever, and the parents and a son, who are ill with the disease, were unable to attend the funeral of a son buried last week.
—Sankertown schools resumed last week after being closed nearly two months on account of an epidemic of measles. Summit township, Cambria county schools reopened, but were immediately closed on account of the prevalence of the epidemic.
—The Lengel family, of Reading, is so athletic in both sexes that Isabella, granddaughter of Bishop Lengel, can lift both her father and grand father from the floor at the same time, a weight of 655 pounds, while her father can lift 700 pounds above his head.
—One of the most extensive sales of property ever had in Huntington county will occur today, when forty-four properties of the late C. H. Glazier will be offered for sale by the executors. Nine of them are in Huntington and the others scattered over nine townships.
—Justice of the peace G. W. Garman, of Pine Creek township, Clinton county, has held that office for forty years and still has three years of his present term to serve. He is 70 years old and has gone through all his life but twelve years without his right arm, which he lost in a threshing machine.
—A dispatch from Philadelphia says that the United States circuit court of appeals on Wednesday refused to set aside the judgment of John Holland of the circuit court awarding \$62,638.49 in damages to seven coal companies operating in the Clearfield district from the Pennsylvania Railroad company for rebates and concessions granted competitive companies.
—Owing to the low salary attached to the office, no one in Bloomsburg is willing to be chief of police and the town council is considering to ask Captain Groome, of the State police, to assist in filling the vacancy. The former chief was willing to continue in the position, but council refused to increase the salary. It pays \$80 per month and the incumbent must buy his own uniform.
—For some reason or other the teachers of Norwegian township, Schuylkill county, have all received notice to quit. As the school code provides that no teacher shall be removed in the middle of a term except for immorality, incompetence or intemperance, the teachers affected intend to ask the court to intervene in their behalf.
—A current of 2,300 volts of electricity passed through the body of H. Watson, a cable splicer employed by the Bell Telephone company at Lock Haven. A fellow lineman climbed the pole, found Watson unconscious and held him for twenty minutes, after removing the charged wire, before help arrived. Although his escape was quite narrow, he recovered rapidly.
—An expert safe-cracker on Saturday night boldly robbed the postoffice at Drab, in Morris county, Blair county. Nitroglycerine was used and the burglar escaped with \$80 in stamps and cash. The safe was ruined. Drab is a farming community about six miles south of Williamsburg and the robbery has caused intense excitement. Many farmers traced the robber on Sunday, but no clue to his whereabouts could be found.
—George Spellman, of Williamsburg, received two telegrams from a sheriff of Pawnee, Oklahoma, Saturday afternoon, telling of the discovery of the dead body of his son, Clinton Spellman, near that place. The young man was presumably murdered several weeks ago, as the remains were almost decomposed. The finger of suspicion has pointed to an acquaintance of Spellman's, who has been placed under arrest by the sheriff.
—A fire, started by a pet dog playfully jumping upon a table and upsetting a lighted lamp in the home of Stanley Galsky, a Polisher, residing on the Baker estate at Allegheny Furnace, at 8:35 o'clock Saturday evening, completely destroyed the building, cremated the bull terrier and \$650 in cash, which represented the savings of a lifetime. The money was secreted in a tin can, which was snugly tucked away beneath a pillow of an iron bed in one of the upper rooms of the house.
—Engineers of the Pennsylvania Railroad company since the completion of the new yards at Northumberland have been doing the preliminary work along the division from Sunbury to Wilkes-Barre, looking forward to the double tracking of the division next summer. The engineers have reached a point between East Bloomsburg and Millville. The double tracking of the division from Sunbury to Honeyport yards will be one of the first contracts left for spring work.
—A stick of dynamite in the stove wood is thought to have been the cause of an explosion at the home of John Bumgardner, at a toll gate near Reedsville. Mr. and Mrs. Bumgardner were sitting in their kitchen when the stove exploded. Walls and partitions were wrecked and the couple precipitated into the cellar by giving away of the floor. Both were badly burned by the coils of fire that were scattered about and were unconscious when found. The children, who were sleeping upstairs, were unharmed.
—Miss Margaret Eeswiner came out best in an argument with Bell telephone linemen at Lock Haven recently. She was alone at the home of her brother-in-law, Dr. McGinness, when she discovered the company's intention to place a pole directly in front of the entrance to the house. While a workman was excavating, she tied a United States flag to a small pole, called the highway commissioner and when linemen arrived she guarded the place until an agreement was arrived at by which the pole was placed in an alley.
—Sixteen councilmen, of Reading, seven Democrats, six Republicans and three Socialists, are threatened with fines and a possible jail sentence unless they organize by next Monday. For one month they have been trying to elect from among their number a president of council, having taken nearly two hundred ballots, and the matter finally reached the county court. After a lengthy argument, Judges Endlich and Wagner made an order giving the councilmen until Monday to organize and called their attention to the fact that the court has power to fine them and impose a prison sentence. In the meantime the affairs of the city are held up.
—An unusual event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sommers, near Burnham, on Wednesday evening, when the aged couple tendered their nine children, thirty-nine grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren a banquet, in celebration of the fifty-fourth anniversary of their wedding. The result of their union has been sixty-nine lives without a death occurring among them, and this was the first time in more than half a century that the four sons—John, James, Samuel and Hugh, Jr., and the five daughters, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Mrs. Lemuel Hampton, Mrs. Thomas Black, Mrs. Charles McCaugh and Mrs. Maude Barry, have been able to meet under the parental roof at the same time.

A Moral Anomaly.

We can imagine nothing more surprising than the fact that in view of his public record, THEODORE ROOSEVELT has a considerable following. Ours is a government of the people administered through their representatives. We are a Christian people and believe alike in moral and legal obligations. The constitution of the United States is our charter and public officials take a solemn oath to "support, obey and defend" it. The violation of the constitution is a betrayal of the oath of office and the betrayal of an oath is perjury. During his public service ROOSEVELT violated the constitution whenever it interfered with his caprices.

Aldrich's Bank Plan.

The gravest objection to the ALDRICH currency bill is the fact that it centralizes the financial interests and operations of the country. In the original measure it was called a Central Bank but the term was obnoxious to public sentiment. Then a mask was invented and it is now called the National Reserve Association. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and a burdock is equally obnoxious whatever it may be called. The Republican machine scheme is to convert the government of the United States into an oligarchy. This banking plan of Senator ALDRICH is a long stride toward the achievement of this result.

War and Poverty.

From the New York World. Causes of poverty the most vast and most easily preventable is probably military expenditure. The British chancellor, Mr. Lloyd-George, estimated the direct war expenditure of "the countries of the world" two years ago at \$2,250,000,000 annually, doubling by 1920. He did not count pensions and other indirect costs; the interest on war debt adds more than half as much again; he made no allowances for the fact that on the continent script soldiers are paid but a fraction of a fair wage. Five billions a year is a low estimate of the world total of war costs of all kinds.

Country Wants Relief.

From the Atlanta Georgian. The country wants relief from the oppressions of the tariff. It will not be mollified by pork barrel appropriations now, whatever may have been the case in the past. The sooner the Democrats wake up to this fact the better it will be for them, and the chances for party success next year.
Strummy Times Ahead for Satan. From the Altoona Times. In addition to a committee of "leading citizens, newspaper men and clergymen" recruited by Johnston's mayor to assist him in purifying the moral atmosphere of that town, the devil must also prepare to resist the Rev. "Billy" Sunday, who has a battling average of 300 in contests of this nature.

A Danger Easily Avoided.

From the Philadelphia Telegraph. Twice now in as many days has Senator LaFollette removed his collar while speaking to an Ohio audience. Strikes us that the Senator might save a heap of trouble by toning down his remarks or wearing a linen collar, which is less inflammable than the celluloid kind.

The Lazy Man.

The wood is in the wood house And the coal is in the bin The mercury is a tumbler And its gettin cold as sin.
The wood is in the wood house And the coal is in the bin I wonder why my wife don't Hurry up and fetch it in.
—The percentage of women in the United States who make their own way has increased 4.1 per cent within recent years. Statisticians have not figured out the percentage of those who have their own way.
—With all the troubles they are having in their own party it would seem that such eminent Republican journals as the esteemed Public Ledger, of Philadelphia, could be sufficiently occupied with them to let the Democrats take care of their own.
—Before Mr. GEO. W. GUTHRIE quotes Mr. BRYAN's opposition as a reason why Mr. GUFFEY should be kicked out of the party he might tell the Democrats of Pennsylvania how many times he, himself, has voted for Mr. BRYAN. We doubt if he has once shown his loyalty to the party by voting that way.
—A great fire in the financial district of New York early Tuesday morning wiped out six lives and millions of dollars in property. It caused a flurry in the stock market that was akin to a panic for a little while because many of the brokers found themselves in the position of having all their eggs in the burning basket.
—Governor WILSON, of New Jersey, doesn't deny writing that JOLINE's letter in which he expressed the hope that "some dignified way of knocking Mr. BRYAN into a cocked hat" would be found. At the time he wrote there were evidently thousands of other Democrats of the same opinion, but they cast ballots instead of writing hopeful letters.
—We're not for fighting within our party, but when Mr. BRYAN assumes to dictate who shall be who in Pennsylvania, we are with those Democrats who have been longer in the party and more loyal to it than he has been, in any effort they may make to show the Nebraskan that Pennsylvania Democrats don't need his meddling. It would be well for him to ponder over the fact that however bad either faction of the party may be in this State neither one of them has ever worked the rule or ruin policy quite as disastrously as he has with the national Democracy.