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WOODROW WILSON'S candor is so confusing to the average politician...

Among all the great things the Pen is to do for Bellefonte we haven't yet heard that it is to give us a league baseball team next season...

The tragedies that have occurred in and about Bellefonte during the past week have certainly been unprecedented in number and quite sufficient to shatter the nerves of the most stolid community.

A million and a half brands of cigars are manufactured through there are only one hundred and fifty different kinds of tobacco grown.

There is said to be more nourishment in the cactus plant than in beef steak, but what consolation does such information have for people living so far away from the arid wastes of Arizona and New Mexico...

Let us hope that official Washington conducted itself as dignified American citizens upon the occasion of the visit of the Governor General of Canada yesterday.

England's latest superdreadnaught will have cost ten million dollars by the time she is fully completed.

It looks more every day as if the WATCHMAN'S prediction of four years ago is to be fulfilled.

Why not knock some of the revenue duty off oleomargarine and let the price of it slip down to the point where the poor man can buy enough to occasionally grease his bread.

It is a great pity that Senator CULBERTSON'S resolution to investigate the expenditures of the Republican National committee in the campaign of 1904 has no chance of adoption.

Surprising as it may seem Centre county is next to the lowest in the State in percentage of land in farms.

The promptness with which the young man who was cashing spurious checks in various stores in this place last week was apprehended is decidedly complimentary to the police department of Bellefonte.

Certain it is that the Pennsylvania Democracy can't hope to win anything if its forces are divided.

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A Nice Basket of Pippins.

The Democratic disorganizers are lovely specimens of disinterested patriotism. Of course we refer to the leaders of this gang of political wolves.

For example, A. MITCHELL PALMER, the "main squeeze" of the bunch, wanted to be a member of the Democratic National Committee and when that august body kicked his posterior out of the room he hastened to announce that he is still a candidate for the office.

But there are others. Mr. VANCE C. MCCORMICK wants to be delegate to the Democratic National convention.

And that is not all. JIMMIE BLAKESLIE, the legislative clown, also wants to be a delegate and little McNAIR, of Pittsburg, has a similar ambition.

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Nature still clings to her old custom of having a January thaw.

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Mr. GUTHRIE was moved to this action at law because he is afraid of the consequences of a trial of the case upon its merits. He knows that his false pretense will be exposed.

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Mr. Bryan's Mischievous Meddling.

It would be infinitely better for the Democracy of the country if Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN would divest himself of the absurd idea that he is the ordained boss of the party.

The rebuke administered to Mr. BRYAN by OSCAR UNDERWOOD, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, some months ago, ought to have admonished him against further meddling.

Among the trusted leaders of the Democratic majority in the House is Representative ROBERT L. HENRY, of Texas, chairman of the Committee on Rules.

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In this connection it is proper to state that there are other tariff schedules more inimical to the public welfare than that upon steel.

Nearly every housekeeper is a consumer of steel products and tariff reduction will do much good. The proposition is to cut the rates fifty per cent.

Mr. Guthrie's Preposterous Statement.

In an address "to the Democrats of Pennsylvania," recently issued by Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, who at the time falsely pretended to be chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, we find this preposterous statement:

During the preliminary canvass of the question Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER lied deliberately and malignantly to members of the committee and others with respect to incidents before, during and after the Allentown convention.

As a matter of fact the so-called reorganization movement was never intended to rehabilitate, reform or in any respect improve the Democratic organization or the Democratic party of Pennsylvania.

Of course GEORGE W. PERKINS, of the Steel and Harvester trusts favors the re-election of ROOSEVELT for patriotic reasons.

If there were anything like uncertainty as to the intentions of ROOSEVELT before the event his recent statement to BILL FLINN, of Pittsburg, ended it.

President TAFT'S faith in the friendship of Postmaster General HITCHCOCK is unimpaired by recent incidents which show that TAFT is really too credulous to manage his own affairs.

Senator LA FOLLETTE has plenty of courage but lacks discretion. He is opposed to graft but is pulling chestnuts out of the fire for the champion grafter of the age.

Orin E. James, of Blanchard, employed as a fireman on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, had a narrow escape from death shortly after twelve o'clock last Thursday night.

On Friday evening of last week William Irvin, aged about nineteen years, was coasting down Stony Batter with two other young men.

One week from today will be ground hog day, when the little critter who is supposed to govern the weather for the ensuing six weeks will have his inning.

Mr. Taft's Economy.

What is called the most radical proposal advanced by President Taft in the chapter of his serial message which is entitled "Economy and Efficiency in the Government Service," is that all administrative officers of the government be placed in the classified service.

The President says that the revenues are wasted in paying salaries to more employees than are needed, and in excessive prices for services rendered in many departments.

The President doesn't want to reduce expenditures. His notion is to lessen the outlay for present purposes in order to have more money to spend for something else.

In the 1910 campaign a common complaint and daily asseveration was that all governments were costing too much, national, State, county and municipal, and economy was demanded in order that the people might not be obliged to pay so much for government and might have more to spend for food and clothing and other necessities or more to lay by for the rainy day.

Whenever the Steel Trust is asked for a high tariff-tax it has based its plea on the benevolent excuse that its first wish was to "protect the American workman."

Louis D. Brandeis, citing figures from the federal bureau of statistics, says: "Under the guise of protecting American workingmen J. P. Morgan and the owners of the Steel Trust have subjected the laborer to grossly excessive toil and deprived him of his liberty."

Every Republican who will ask for votes next summer will base his request on the plea that he wants to "protect the American workman."

Positive Proof of Boom in Steel Industry.

Premiums are now being offered for quick deliveries on steel billets and steel bars for the first time in four years. This is positive proof that the steel industry is booming.

An Ohio Pronouncement.

Not for a generation has the Democratic party had such a prospect of being called to administer the Federal Government as it has at this time.

According to the census bureau woman is twice as expensive now as she was seven years ago.

Under the Blanket of Modesty?

Were it not for the modesty of Louisville journalism, Kentucky's voice would be raised more emphatically to point out Col. Warren's availability as at least a dark horse.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSSTONE.

There are 365 applications for license to sell liquor in Cambria county.

Ebensburg has a large number of cases of measles, developed, it is said, from a case imported from Cresson.

The National Silk Dyeing company, of Allentown, announces that it will double the size of its plant and will then employ 500 hands.

Another large building has been started at the Lock Haven paper mill. It is one of many improvements that will total a half million dollars.

James McFadden, a Luzerne county election officer, who was convicted of fraud, has been sent to prison for not less than three months nor more than twelve.

It was nothing but a burr, but it was lost and the Buffalo flyer waited an hour at Lock Haven while machinists fixed another one to enable the big locomotive to proceed.

John Du Ruth, a Johnstown inventor, has been granted a patent on an axleless car truck, which is said to be likely to replace the present style trucks in the near future.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle in Pennsylvania—an older and very different order than the Fraternal Order of Eagles—will hold their annual State meeting in Hazleton next May.

The DuBois and Butler Brick company, with a plant at Falls Creek, has orders that will keep the plant running full time for quite a while.

Former State Senator Cyrus E. Woods, of Greensburg, is to be ambassador of the United States to Portugal. The position is one of distinction and importance, especially since Portugal became a Republic.

The Mountain Summer assembly, held for eight years at Ebensburg, has passed into history. Too much competition is the cause assigned.

When the case of Henry Gussallus, charged with shooting a deer without visible horns, came before the Clinton county grand jury last week the bill was promptly ignored.

Over \$3,000 damage was caused at the big warehouse of the H. G. Tomber Grocery company, in Easton, when a frozen valve on a six-inch water main leading to the 20,000-gallon tank on the top of the building burst.

Andrew Harlow, whose home was near Scranton, tried to hang himself to the limb of a tree in the forest on one of last week's cold days.

A big black bear, evidently hungry, was a visitor at the farm of W. B. Hanna, near Lockport, recently.

Nearly all the business people of the anthracite coal region are signing a circular letter which will be sent to both miners and operators protesting against any agreement being signed which shall be good for but one year.

The body of Florence Vogel, the pretty Allentown girl who jumped from the Lehigh river bridge at Bethlehem, on Halloween night after a tiff with her fiance, a young man named McBride, was found at Island Park, ten miles down stream, on Sunday.

A Pittsburg firm has bought the Cherry Tree iron works and the capacity of the plant is to be doubled. The Thermal Motor company has the foundation well under way for a plant to manufacture gas fans.

A gentleman by the name of Cronister, living near Gettysburg, made \$989 from butter and eggs last year. His five cows furnished sufficient butter to supply his family and leave 851 pounds for sale.

Some excitement was caused in Franklin by the discovery of a home-made bomb in the cellar of George B. Weaver, a Pennsylvania railroad yardmaster. The explosive was found by Mrs. Weaver and must have been there some time as the newspapers in which it was wrapped bore the date of 1895.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Watsonson Brick and Clay Product company was held recently. The following were elected directors: F. E. Kirk, M. A. Berger, J. P. Russell, W. H. Gold, A. A. Gembling, J. C. Fowler, Watsonstown; C. Y. Wagner, Bellefonte; W. H. Dunkelberger, Sunbury; H. E. Fox, Lock Haven.

The Schuylkill county jail with its 175 prisoners was placed under quarantine on Wednesday of last week by the board of health because of the serious illness with diphtheria of Charles Segler, a 22 years old prisoner from Schuylkill Haven. The jail with all its inmates will be isolated for several weeks in order to prevent a spread of the disease.

The receipts from fines and license fees totaled \$120,923.48, while the total expenditures for the year were only \$83,083.13. In other words, the collections for the period exceeded the expenditures by \$37,840.35, a sum equal to nearly one-half the total expenditures.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company have secured ownership of one of the biggest tracts of coal land owned by an individual in Schuylkill county by the purchase of the Williams tract, lying between Frackville and Gordon, and comprising an area of 11,000 acres.

A well drilled to find oil or bust near Barnes, Warren county, is to be abandoned. The well was started several months ago, and it was determined to make a thorough test of the strata surrounding that territory by drilling it as deep as possible.

Sixty deer will be shipped in the very near future from the Grand island game preserve of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Mining company, on Lake Superior, east of Marquette, Mich., to points in Pennsylvania, the annual trapping of the best-footed deer is now being in progress.

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