

INK SLINGS.

Unless the corn comes along fast those poor, dear little cut worms will die of starvation.

June doesn't seem to be doing business at the old stand. Brides are few and far between this month.

Anyway the ROOSEVELT people who can't vote for TAFT can vote for the good man who will be nominated at Baltimore next week.

Gradually the aeroplanes are demonstrating that there really was some meaning in the expression so frequently heard a few years ago: "The higher the fewer."

The convention hall in Baltimore is all ready for the big gathering June 24th. Nothing remains to be done, so far as the hostess city is concerned, but the army of delegates.

Probably the opening of the bass season tomorrow will not change the quality of the fish lies but it will certainly augment the opportunities for stories of that type.

If anything much worse in the road line than parts of the highway between here and State College can be found we would like to have a picture of it to hold up as a horrible example.

A grasshopper is said to be able to jump two hundred times its own length. That's jumping some but not like the old green bug can when we light out for Fishing creek about three p. m.

If the TAFT managers would employ some airman to inveigle the Colonel to try another flight there would be a remote chance that further trouble at the Chicago convention would be averted.

The girl without fingers on one hand who won the musical prize for being the best piano performer at Ohio Wesleyan University might have been a regular Mrs. PADREWSKY had she had no fingers at all.

The ROOSEVELT managers are trying to beguile the LA FOLLETTE delegates into the support of the claimant and the third term but we predict failure. LA FOLLETTE is eccentric but he's not crazy.

Jack Frost laid his icy fingers on vegetation in some parts of the county early last Saturday morning, but not quite hard enough to kill anything and get himself blamed for contributing to the high cost of living.

The Brooklyn Eagle is the medium through which a boom for Governor DIX, of New York, is being launched. Whether it will have anything more than a newspaper existence by the time it reaches Baltimore remains to be seen.

The sooner you quit treating your house as though it were merely a place to stay when you can't go anywhere else the sooner you will begin to find out some of the real attractions of home life and the less the probability of your own ruin.

The fellow who had to be handcuffed in Passaic, N. J., on Tuesday, before he would marry the girl he had taken to the church door, would be in a sorry plight indeed if his new wife would decide to keep him handcuffed all the time.

Plans for stampeding the Democratic National convention to BRYAN may mature to the satisfaction of the promoters, but the Pennsylvania delegation is fixed so that it won't be stampeded away from the man Pennsylvania wants and he is not Mr. BRYAN.

An old superstition has it that twin lambs are few in leap year. Statistics are not available in Centre county, but we have heard no gossip among sheep growers to suggest that the sheep fecundity has not been about the same in 1912 as it has been in any other year.

If 200,000 people have applied for tickets to the Democratic National convention hall, which will seat only 17,000, it looks very much as if the fastidious GEO. W. GUTHRIE and VANCE C. MCCORMICK will have to rub elbows with some of the real common kind of Democrats.

Disasters are always appalling, but that volcanic eruption in Alaska brushes us up enough in our physical geography to remind us that there is something warmer up there than the hardships of the gold seekers about Nome and Dawson were wont to exploit several years ago.

LILLIAN RUSSELL has taken unto herself another husband, her fourth. This time it is the editor of the Pittsburgh Leader who has essayed the role of better half of the actress. And inasmuch as he ought to know more about going to press with the forms than any of LILLIAN'S former help-meets, we do not expect her to divorce him quite as soon as she did the other three.

If Baltimore gives us anybody other than BRYAN we can win. In many ways Mr. BRYAN is the superior of all but one of the gentlemen whose names have been mentioned as possibilities, but the American people either won't believe it or if they do they just don't want him. Our chances never were better than now so why dim them by nominating a man thrice defeated and practically proclaiming that the great Democratic party has no other material out of which a President might be made.

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Roosevelt's Strong Arm Manager.

BOSS FLINN, of Pittsburgh, is now in Chicago directing the efforts of ROOSEVELT's friends to steal the nomination of the Republican party for President. Senator DIXON, of Montana, and Senator BORAH, of Idaho, are wild and woolly westerners but they are too mild-mannered for the work which ROOSEVELT wants done. They know nothing of the "strong-arm" processes at which BILL FLINN is an expert and accordingly when the National committee began throwing out the fraudulent ROOSEVELT contests, FLINN was dispatched to the seat of war. What he proposes to do has not yet been revealed. But he has instructions from ROOSEVELT to "put some ginger into the fight" and he will probably do that.

BOSS WARD, of New York, is another of ROOSEVELT'S convention managers. He has an unsavory reputation but the bogus reformer accepts his services cordially. Former Congressman LATTAUER, of New York, who has the proxy of the National committee for Nevada, is another of the ROOSEVELT strikers. While ROOSEVELT was President an investigation revealed the fact that LATTAUER, who is a glove manufacturer, had been selling the government bogus gloves for the use of the army and criminal prosecution was prevented by executive intervention, thus saving the culprit from service in the penitentiary. GEORGE W. PERKINS, who escaped a similar fate by the calling off of proceedings against the Harvester trust, is another of FLINN'S colleagues in the ROOSEVELT management.

This is the coterie of crooks which is promoting ROOSEVELT'S interests in the preliminary proceedings at Chicago while the Chief is in Oyster Bay howling out anathemas against political bosses and immoral politics. At least Mr. ROOSEVELT is at Oyster Bay at this writing but he is threatening to join the ruffians at the seat of disturbance and may have done so before this paper reaches its patrons. But in any event the character of these political plunderers is malodorous enough to disgust any citizen who has sufficient civic pride to hope for decent government in the future. ROOSEVELT can't promise that for his associates are invariably ruffians and roistersers.

There are no contests for seats in the Democratic National committee with the exception of one or two from what are called "our insular possessions." Of course those people being subjects instead of citizens don't know much about Democratic principles and practices and in getting up contests they imitated ROOSEVELT'S friends.

Flinn's Tragic Collapse.

The collapse of BILL FLINN will be tragic unless it degenerates into a farce. Under the influence of an insane worship of ROOSEVELT and the impulse of a mad desire for office on the part of a lot of people, this corrupt contractor boss was recently catapulted into the leadership of the Republican party of the State. Half those who supported his absurd pretense of leadership were ROOSEVELT mad and the other half crazy for office. The unpopularity of TAFT and just resentment against the infamous methods of PENROSE fed both these manias and made the wild result comparatively easy. But even in the moment of frenzy the audacity of FLINN and the absurdity of the situation was appalling.

But FLINN'S career as a leader will be brief. His castle is already crumbling. With ROOSEVELT'S defeat in Chicago next week the Pittsburgh corruptionist will tumble from his pedestal and strike the ground with "a dull and sickening thud." There will be nothing left of his false pretense of leadership and hardly enough of his preposterous ambition to bring home. Men may wonder how it happened and speculate, mentally, upon the consequences of such eruptions on the body politic. But beyond that it will scarcely be thought of. After the fashion of an unpleasant dream or a hideous nightmare it may recur to the memory, but in no other way. Brief as its life span is this incident is discreditible.

Even before the defeat of ROOSEVELT in the Chicago convention was officially registered the disintegration of the FLINN machine began. Last Monday in Philadelphia his followers were overwhelmingly defeated and sharply rebuked in the Keystone county committee. In order to make the defeat of Senator PENROSE and contractor McNICHOL certain the Keystone voters of the city supported the FLINN interests in the primaries and thus helped to make his temporary success in the State convention possible. But the sober, second thought has since asserted itself and upon the question of permanently aligning with him his adherents were literally driven from the field. It is a wholesome augury.

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Hopeful Outlook for Democracy.

Out of the confusion which will inevitably follow the defeat of ROOSEVELT in Chicago next week there ought to come splendid opportunities to the Democrats of Pennsylvania. There are no county officers to elect, it is true, but there are thirty-six Congressional seats to fill, twenty-five Senators to be chosen and an entire House of Representatives in the General Assembly. The successor to Senator PENROSE will not be chosen until 1915 but by the election of a dozen or more State Senators of Democratic faith this fall the chances of electing a Democratic United States Senator then will be greatly strengthened. In fact there ought to be no trouble in carrying the Senate this year.

Nearly all the Republican candidates for Congress and Senators and Representatives in the Legislature are ROOSEVELT followers. The platform adopted by the FLINN convention in Harrisburg on May 1st, is in direct conflict with that which will be promulgated in the Chicago convention next week. The supporters of the national platform will be compelled, in self-respect, to oppose the policies expressed in the platform upon which the local candidates are assembled. Unless the State convention is recalled, therefore, in order to reconcile these differences, the National campaign will be conducted along lines diverging from those upon which the campaign for Congress and the General Assembly are run.

With fusion assured in Philadelphia of the Democrats and Keystoneers and confusion certain among the Republicans in all parts of the State, it is easy to conjecture the result. At least half the Congressional delegation and the same proportion of the State Senators ought to be elected easily and an overwhelming majority of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives secured. But these desirable results cannot be accomplished without work, earnest, constant and intelligent. Every Democrat must do his part and do it promptly and well. We believe that these results can be achieved and earnestly hope they will be. Democrats get busy and make the best of your opportunities.

The National committee is doing a good deal for TAFT but his friends should not forget that there is always danger of a collision where there's a big barrel and a bunch of mercenary delegates. "A tip is as good as a nod to a blind mule."

Common Interest of the Trusts.

Upon one important question of governmental policy TAFT and ROOSEVELT agree, according to the Washington news dispatches. They both favor the ALDRICH currency scheme and the Chicago platform will endorse that economic inquiry whether TAFT'S friends hold on to the delegates or ROOSEVELT'S friends steal them away. The ALDRICH currency scheme is the one essential to the complete success of the Money trust. The predatory financiers differ on other matters but they are a unit on this and whether TAFT or ROOSEVELT is elected the centralization of power in the control of the banks and currency will be assured and MORGAN will be the Wall Street king just the same.

There is no danger as imminent at the present time as the ALDRICH currency scheme. The smashing of the time-honored unwritten law against a third term of the Presidency would ultimately work the subversion of the government and probably the result would not be long delayed. But we have never believed that there was great danger of that at the present time or in the immediate future. There is, however, both grave and immediate danger of fastening monetary bondage upon the people by enacting the ALDRICH bill into law. It would give Wall Street absolute control of the currency system and convert a useful agent of commerce into a tyrannical master of business.

In view of this menace popular interest in the disgraceful squabble now in progress in Chicago is materially diminished. Upon the most important issue of the people both the contending candidates are fundamentally and everlastingly wrong. Therefore it becomes the duty of the people to get ready for the struggle, now within view, to prevent the election of either TAFT or ROOSEVELT. The only security against the greatest of all dangers is to elect the Democratic candidate for President and whoever is nominated on that ticket will be pledged to use all the powers of the great office to prevent the passage of the ALDRICH scheme of fettering the people.

There will be a good deal of earnestness at Baltimore but none of the disgraceful incidents which punctuate the preliminaries of the Chicago convention. There is a distinction in the difference, too.

Roosevelt's Fraudulent Methods Revealed.

The work of the Republican National committee now in session in Chicago reveals the character of ROOSEVELT'S campaign for the Presidential nomination. Last week seventy-two of the upward of 200 contests were disposed of and all of them were decided in favor of TAFT. Of the number all except two were awarded to the President by the unanimous vote of the committee. Undoubtedly all, or nearly all, of the others will be decided in the same way. The ROOSEVELT claims are all fraudulent and were set up for the purpose of fooling the people into the belief that he had a chance of the nomination. Thousands of votes were probably obtained for him by this false pretense.

Moreover it can be truthfully said that THEODORE ROOSEVELT personally knew that all these claims were false and fraudulent. In a statement commenting upon the result of the committee deliberations he practically admitted that. For example he said "there was one district in Alabama to which I thought I was entitled." That is an admission that he knew his claims to the others were fraudulent. A more direct confession of political charlatanism could hardly have been made and the most debased "guttersnipe" politician in the tenderloins of our big cities couldn't possibly have made a worse showing. It presents THEODORE ROOSEVELT to public view in his true light. He is an arrant fraud.

Happily this palpable fraud of Mr. ROOSEVELT accomplished no evil result, though it might have done much harm. It probably influenced a number of votes in Ohio and New Jersey and possibly carried both of those States for the bogus reformer and political hypocrite. But it didn't deceive the members of the National committee or compass the nomination of the corruptionist in whose interest the crime was perpetrated. It didn't even create a precedent for future political pirates to follow. One of the committeemen in demanding a roll call in one of the cases said he "wants the committee to eternally sit down on such damnable contests as these." The committee has done just that.

If potatoes and cabbages had been brought down to a reasonable level before the event Mr. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER might not have deemed it necessary to have the tax levy on his Cleveland property reduced. But the poor man must live.

If Presidents of the United States would abandon the unlawful habit of junketing in government ships the peril in which President TAFT and his family and friends were, the other night, for a time, could be avoided.

The improvement contagion of the west ward has become so general that by the time the summer is over few objectionable spots will be left. It now includes the entire doing over of the Torsell property lately purchased from the McCafferty estate, the painting of the U. B. church, the enlarging of the porches and painting of the Harper and Brouse houses, the painting of the Jared Harper house, the taking down of a portion of the old corn crib on Thomas street, belonging to E. K. Rhoads and the laying of a flag stone pavement in front of Mrs. Speer's home property on High street.

Several weeks ago the Water committee had men clean out the moss from Spring creek above the falls and the wisdom of the job was unquestioned. But they didn't go far enough. On the breast of the dam is lodged some old timber and at a number of places down stream between the two bridges are piles of driftwood and rubbish. It would be a small matter to remove this debris, in fact two men could easily do it in one day, and it would greatly improve the appearance of the stream. The water is fairly low now and it would be a good time to do the work.

The chestnut tree blight experts who have been working through Centre county forests report that they have found isolated cases of the blight in Snow Shoe, Union and Howard townships, but so far little damage has been done and it is hoped by the co-operation of property owners to stamp out the disease before it gets a foothold in Centre county. The experts are working under the direction of the Pennsylvania Chestnut Tree Blight association.

The treasurer's sale of unseated lands in Centre county, for unpaid taxes thereon, was held at the court house on Monday. The taxes and costs on a large number of the tracts were settled prior to the sale so that it was not a very big matter to dispose of the balance, most of which were bought in by the original owners.

Tariffs and Labor.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

Trade is the mutual exchange of goods for goods; and, therefore, the freer it is the better it is for all concerned. Every restriction upon trade necessarily retards this production and distorts the distribution of wealth. The direct effect of protective tariffs is to decrease the production of wealth while distorting its distribution by imposing additional prices on some and affording extra profits to others. It is this distortion of distribution in their favor that impels the predatory trusts to clamor for protection and warn workmen to beware of the day when the wicked Democrats, the inveterate enemies of the nation's prosperity, shall abolish protection. Protection, they solemnly declare, is the only thing that stands between workingmen and public soup-houses. But those ardent champions of the cause of labor never take the time to explain how protective tariffs change the distribution of wealth in favor of workingmen. The direct effect and the sole purpose of a protective tariff is to increase the price of goods. It enables the home producer of protected goods to exact higher prices from home consumers.

But how can it benefit workingmen? Workingmen do not sell goods; they sell labor and with the proceeds, their wages, they buy goods.

How then can a system of taxation that increases the price of what workingmen buy and decreases the price of what they sell be to their benefit?

Such a proposition is an insult to the commonest kind of common intelligence. The contention that protection raises wages involves the assumption that increase of profits to the protected employer means increase of wages to his workmen.

The very contrary is the fact. The general rule—may, the universal rule—is that wages are lower and labor conditions harder in the protected industries than in any other.

Go to the plants of the steel industry, where men are compelled to work twelve hours a day every day in the week for \$1.40 a day. Go to the woolen and cotton mills of New England and witness men and women and little children toiling like galley slaves for what barely keep their souls in their bodies. Then apply the assumption that increased profits mean an increase of wages.

In ten years the net profits of the steel system have increased 212 percent. The poor miner, after ten years of anxious waiting and the hardest kind of labor, involving all kinds of dangers, is doled out a miserable, pitiable 5 1-3 percent. Protection means the degradation of labor.

Will He Bolt?

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

The Republican situation seems to have only one question of doubt in it, and that is whether Roosevelt will bolt the nomination of Taft; and to the general public it is clear enough that he will if he can; in other words, if his adjutants are willing. He can hardly venture it, without them; and it is very doubtful, indeed, if such old campaigners as Flinn, who commands his line of battle at Chicago, will wish to enter in the hazardous experiment of bolting the regular Republican nomination, and undertake to found a new party. Their line of business is to seek the control of the old party, in which chance of their loaves and fishes reposes.

They will want to feel profound assurance that a stronger one can be built with Roosevelt before they follow him out in the woods. So that though Roosevelt is willing, he will hardly be able to put himself at the head of a new party.

And he must realize himself that it will not have a very good start out with such material as Flinn in command of the military forces. It would give the army quite too much of the appearance of the camp followers, instead of the soldiers. This business of camp following is one at which Flinn is a professional expert; so much of an expert, indeed, that we do not expect to find him willing to take the post of general or chief, even if offered to him.

The Unpardonable Sin.

From the New York Evening Post.

It will be noticed that Mr. Roosevelt indulges in no railing at Mr. Root personally. Indeed, he takes pains to remark that the Senator has in the past "rendered distinguished service." He surely has; and a good deal of it was rendered to Theodore Roosevelt. When the latter was selected by Boss Platt to run for Governor of New York, the question of his eligibility was raised. He had sworn off his taxes as a non-resident of the State. The boss and all the little bosses who were then for Roosevelt were in despair, and the Rough Rider himself feared he could not endure the exposure until Elihu Root was called in and devised that fine legal distinction between a "residence" and a "domicile" which saved the day for the Colonel. The latter now declares that Root is the representative of the bosses. But when was he ever more so than when working for Roosevelt, from 1898 on? If Mr. Root was ever under suspicion for his political associations and for his work as a corporation lawyer, he was so before President Roosevelt invited him to his Cabinet and praised him to the skies. But we have now learned the rule. Everything can be condoned in a wicked boss or a business crook if he is only for Roosevelt. There is but one unpardonable sin, and that is the sin of being against him.

Husbandly Consideration.

From the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

A Wisconsin man visiting with his wife in New York lost her in Central park. This unfortunate circumstance explains why prudent men who go to the metropolis on business or pleasure leave their wives at home.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Middle Ridge, Perry county, has plenty of big snakes this season. One seven foot, two six foot, and two five foot reptiles have been killed within a few days.

Asper & Jones, Derry merchants, have seven and one-half tons of dynamite in their store, in the centre of the village. They have been notified to remove it.

There is a strike at the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company operations at Bevershire. Several hundred miners are idle. Slack orders helped along the general depression.

Oceola Mills is to have a new freight station, on the site of the one destroyed by the big fire that swept the town in 1875. Residents say that a new passenger station wouldn't be amiss.

E. W. Ressler, aged 26 years, pleaded guilty to forging a number of checks at Williamsport and will be sentenced at the next term of court. The checks were mostly for small amounts.

At J. N. Frewin's farm, near Newport, a recent storm blew his wagon shed three feet from its foundation, sent a cherry tree crashing into his smoke house and uprooted a number of other trees.

When Mike Zambo, of Heilwood, arrived at an Indiana bank a few mornings ago, intending to deposit \$435, his wallet was missing. He had left it on the train and it was sent to him later in the day.

One thousand three hundred and fifty-three school children of Williamsport deposited more than \$6,000 in pennies, nickles and dimes in the school savings bank during the term just closed. The total now on deposit is \$31,276.08.

Twenty members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Central Pennsylvania, will leave this section of the State July 2nd for Portland, Ore., to attend the national convention of the order, which will convene in that city July 8th, continuing until July 12th. The Bellefonte Lodge will be represented in the delegation.

Rev. George J. Colledge, of Williamsport, is the youngest licensed preacher in the Allegheny conference of the United Brethren church. He was this week appointed pastor of the Pennville charge. He is 18 years old and will graduate a year hence from Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, having completed his church studies along with his seminary work.

Mrs. Anna A. Wertz, a former resident of Juniata, met death in a tragic manner Saturday evening while motoring with some friends, on a road near New Florence. The driver lost control of the machine, which crashed over a high bank and turned turtle, burying Mrs. Wertz in the debris. She was dead when the wrecked car was jacked up and her body removed.

The State Forestry Commission of Pennsylvania has accepted the gift of a tract of fifty-three acres of forest land in Pike county from Mrs. George W. Childs, of Philadelphia and Washington, which is to be added to the state preserves and known as George W. Childs park in memory of the Philadelphia publisher. It contains fine waterfalls and woods and will be maintained as a park, hunting and fishing being prohibited.

Mrs. William Watkins, of Darby, became alarmed when her husband was missing for some time after supper. She went upstairs to hunt him and struck a match as she opened the bathroom door. Gas had been escaping and the explosion which followed revived Mr. Watkins, but knocked his wife down stairs and badly wrecked that part of the house. Mrs. Watkins is in a critical condition from shock, burns and bruises sustained in the fall.

William P. Snyder, former Auditor General, and James M. Shumaker, former Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings, last Saturday paid to the Dauphin county court \$2,304.22, representing fines of \$500 each and the costs in the case in which they were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the State in the award of contracts for furnishing the capitol. Joseph M. Huston, the architect, made a similar payment a short time ago, the costs in this case amounting to \$720.71.

Declaring that she spent \$5,000 in an effort to regain her health as the result of being struck on the foot by a lump of coal which rolled from a passing coal train at Tyrone station, Mrs. Anna Yinger, of Tyrone, has filed a suit for \$10,000 damages in the Huntingdon courts against the Pennsylvania railroad. She alleges she was waiting for a passenger train at the time and that the force of the blow knocked her to the ground. The woman is represented by Attorney Samuel I. Spiker.

Howard E. Zubzy, of 2929 Ridge avenue, Philadelphila, a few days ago found a diamond ring in the mouth of one of the fish received in a barrel from Anglesea. Zubzy was unpacking the barrel and placing the fish in various bins preparatory to filling several orders when he noticed one of the fishy creatures had a peculiar bulge to its gills. Thinking the fish defective, he threw it to one side. Some time later he opened the fish with a knife and in its gills he found a diamond ring. Zubzy says that the owner of the ring can obtain his property upon proper identification.

Last spring Jerry C. Matern, a farmer near Gaysport, Blair county, planted some grade seed potatoes. About the time they were ready for raising the patch was invaded by a thief, who carried away the entire yield. This spring Matern ordered another lot of the same potatoes, and when he went to plant them he found in a pocket in the earth, where a large potato had been, a fine gold watch and chain. Examination disclosed the owner's name engraved on the inside of the timepiece, which would seem to complete a chain of circumstantial evidence.

Cows were trumps at a great sale of Jersey cattle held by Tighman S. Cooper & Sons, at their Linden Grove stock farm, at Coopersburg, near Allentown the other day. The price of \$25,000 was refused for the king of the herd, Sultan's Golden Jolly. Mr. Cooper declaring he was not for sale at any figure. This was the highest ever offered for any Jersey in the world. The tender is said to have been made by John B. Haggin, who covets this grand animal as king of his own herd at Elmendorf farm, in Kentucky. The sale netted \$78,925 for 161 animals, an average of \$490, very high, considering that the offerings did not include any old bulls.

The biggest coal deal of the year was consummated a few days ago when Capt. James Ferris and Joseph C. Head, of Latrobe, the owners of the Fort Palmer Coal and Coke company, disposed of their holdings at Fort Palmer, in Ligonier valley, to a party of Pittsburgh capitalists who have formed a company known as the Westmoreland, Connelleville Coal and Coke company and who contemplate taking up the development of the field upon a large scale, the building of additional ovens, additional collieries and a company store being among the plans entertained. The tract contains 350 acres of coal lands, is fully developed and has a battery of eighty coke ovens ready for use.

Several days ago a peg-legged tramp went to the home of Hon. W. U. Hensel, at Bleak House, near Kinzer, Lancaster county, and asked for money, which was given him, but instead of showing his appreciation he began cursing and swearing at everybody. He was ejected from the premises when he drew a razor, threatening to kill any one who came near him. He also swore he would burn the buildings. He finally departed, but returned an hour later with a companion and raised an uproar. Word was sent to Gap, but the officer there refused to respond to the call for help. A telephone message to Lancaster summoned John A. Nauman and Redmond Conynghan to the place, to which they made quick time in an automobile. They made a search of the premises, but were unable to find the tramp. The people of that section are on the watch for him.