

INK SLINGS.

-Have you joined the local WILSON club? Now is the time to get in.

-The season for roasting ears is waning into the advent of popping corn.

-Anyway, no one ever did really believe that "as Maine goes so goes the Union."

-Anyway Mr. PALMER will hardly claim the result in Maine as due to the fact that he was one of the principal speakers during its campaign.

-Boss BILL FLINN has announced that his party will make only a five week's campaign in the State. We reckon it couldn't be racier if it were three weeks.

-A Boston publishing house announces the fact that it has now on press a book on liars. We presume a portrait of the big Bull Moose adorns the title page.

-As yet we have not heard that the tails of BILL FLINN's coat have been endangered by the effort of his late political associates to hold him in the Republican party.

-Panama's wisdom in electing a first, second and third Vice President may not be patent to those in ignorance of the ease with which Panama gets rid of a President who isn't liked.

-If President TAFT insists on getting up a war scare in his own behalf a solicitous public should insist on having a President who wouldn't make such a fine target for the enemy's bullets.

-Reports give the figures of the amount of whiskey now stored in Kentucky at 178,000 gallons. No wonder signs of a most enthusiastic campaign are visible in every direction down there.

-If Maine didn't prove a success as a prognosticator last Monday, it at least showed very plainly to the Democracy the necessity of getting down off the claim fence into the patch where work tells.

-The local Bull Moose offered to support PATTON for Congress provided he would divide his campaign subscription with them. You know it takes more than alfalfa to keep a Bull Moose going.

-Two years ago the Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER was not heard on the stump in Maine and the Democrats swept the State. This year the Hon. A. MITCHELL was the big noise up there and we lost everything.

-Moleskin is to be the favored decoration for my lady's hat this fall. It will take about forty skins for an ordinary hat and as each skin costs \$5.00 anyone can see where the man who foats the bills is to be skinned.

-Secretary KNOX, it is reported, arrived in Tokio on Tuesday and will attend the funeral of the Emperor later this week. This ought to give him ample time to get home to his party's funeral on the 5th of November.

-ROOSEVELT blathers and bullies; TAFT apologizes and promises; WILSON appeals to the voters in a logical, convincing manner that carries conviction of his sincerity. Thus the campaign for the Presidency has opened.

-The writer who advises girls to learn stenography first and get married afterwards is probably peeved because he married one who won't take in washing to keep the family while he roosts on the bleachers at the ball game.

-From the way they are pre-empting party names down in Harrisburg its beginning to look as if we would all have to go to the election the day before and study the geography of the ballot if we expect to discover the point at which our party square is camped.

-Now PENROSE is to organize a new party under the title of LINCOLN party. Poor WASHINGTON and LINCOLN must surely turn in their tombs if they are made God-father to more such propagandas as ROOSEVELT and PENROSE are parading with their names.

-The Progressives of New York have nominated OSCAR S. STRAUS, CLEVELAND's Minister to Turkey and ROOSEVELT's Secretary of Commerce and Labor, as their candidate for Governor. It was entirely unexpected, but a particularly strong nomination.

-New Paris skirts are being made only twenty-two inches wide, but these will be worn only by the ladies to whom nature has not been as generous as she might have been. Because you must bear in mind that one of pa's pant legs is twenty-two inches wide at the knee and pa has only one lean leg in that.

-When WOODROW WILSON learned of the nomination of OSCAR STRAUS for the office of Governor of New York by the Progressives, he said: "It is an admirable ticket and an admirable platform. It will put us on our mettle." Can you imagine ROOSEVELT expressing himself in such a manly and fair way about a Democratic ticket anywhere.

-At least we have not heard that our Progressive friends, who are so particular about who contributes to, and the kind of money that is to be used in the campaign, have reached that degree of purity that only a church contribution or a Sunday school collection will be acceptable to them. Anyway we may be nearer the political millennium than we imagine.

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The Penrose and Flinn Fight.

It appears that the only purpose BILL FLINN has in holding Bull Moose candidates for presidential electors on the Republican ticket is to force the Republican voters to support the Bull Moose candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer.

For example, it is reasonable to estimate WILSON's vote, in round figures, at 500,000 which leaves to be divided between TAFT and ROOSEVELT 800,000. Of this total ROOSEVELT will receive 60 per cent, or 480,000 and TAFT 40 per cent, or 320,000.

In 1908 TAFT polled in Pennsylvania 745,779. He was a popular candidate of a united and successful party. This year the party is hopelessly divided. Therefore, an increase of about 30,000 is all that can be expected.

But BILL FLINN has no interest in the Bull Moose candidates any more than PENROSE has an interest in the TAFT candidacy. FLINN wants to control the Republican organization, however, and is therefore anxious to procure the election of his candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer.

Democrats Faithful to Wilson.

Probably the most significant feature of the Vermont election lies in the fact that ROOSEVELT drew no strength from the Democratic electorate. He polled more votes than his enemies believed possible, if not as many as he himself expected, but all of his supporters were Republicans.

The Bull Moose party managers have insisted from the beginning that ROOSEVELT would draw almost as heavily from the Democratic as from the Republican forces. In fact upon that expectation they have built their hope of electing him.

Democrats can see no reason why they should vote for any candidate other than the admirable nominee of their own party. He is sufficiently progressive for any citizen who respects the constitution and quite conservative enough for those who believe in the traditions of the country and the principles of JEFFERSON.

The Result in Maine.

Democrats who hoped the party would carry Maine last Monday have been disappointed. The Republican candidate has been elected by a small majority, probably less than 3,000, certainly not much over that.

Republican majorities in Maine in presidential years during the last half century have gone as high as 50,000 and never before lower than 18,000. The mealy 3,000 of this year, therefore, is a defeat, if not a disaster.

Both the TAFT and ROOSEVELT Republicans will pretend to rejoice over the success of HAINES over PLAISTED, but it will only be a pretense. If the majority had been normal there might be some reason in building a hope for November upon it.

JACOB SCHEFF has never taken much part in politics, but he is a safe and sane business man and his contribution of \$5,000 to the Wilson campaign will convince a good many of his Hebrew friends that the Democratic nominee is a safe man to vote for.

An Old Bad Practice Restored.

The State treasury, according to the Harrisburg newspaper correspondents, is falling back into the old habit of holding up the school funds. Previous to the induction of WILLIAM H. BERRY into that office, in 1906, it was the custom to withhold payment of the school appropriation as long as the school authorities would stand for it.

The Republican machine managers could find a good many reasons for withholding these payments, however. In the first place the interest on State funds is only two per cent. per annum and most any bank is willing to pay double that amount for money that can be depended upon for a considerable or given time.

Mr. BERRY's successor in the office showed an inclination to be tardy in paying the school appropriations but was promptly "jacked up" by the vigilant newspapers. He offered the excuse that the funds were not needed by the school authorities until about the time teachers' salaries became due but that subterfuge fooled nobody and the payments were hurried.

A Nuisance That Needs Abatement.

If any one anywhere has knowledge of a town the size and importance of Bellefonte that permits a railroad company to use its principal streets as a freight and classification yard, the WATCHMAN would be glad to know the name of the place. There are few towns in the State with the natural beauty that Bellefonte can boast.

If there were any reason why this nuisance and public annoyance should be submitted to by our people, or, if there were any necessity for the town giving up its principal thoroughfare for the purposes for which the railroad company uses it, then there might be some excuse for allowing its continued use for classifying cars and making up freight trains.

On several occasions council has sent committees to ask that something be done to abate this annoyance. They were cordially received and sent home with the understanding that the wishes of our people would be complied with.

One big fact stands out plain and unmistakable in the Vermont election. ROOSEVELT has split the Republican party wide open. He has almost evenly divided the strength of that party with President Taft.

Another fact is equally clear and equally striking. ROOSEVELT has made no inroads upon the Democratic party. His vote in Vermont came to him exclusively at the expense of the Republican party.

It is believed that in Maine as in Vermont ROOSEVELT will drive a coach and four straight through the Taft forces. He will hardly swing a majority of the Republican vote to himself, but he will win enough away from the old party to cripple it beyond remedy.

While at work reinforcing an overhead bridge on the New York Central railroad at Snow Shoe, last Friday afternoon, O. W. Brickley, a carpenter and contractor of Lock Haven, fell from the structure to the ground, a distance of ten feet, fracturing his left hip.

Why American Meats Sell Lower in London Than in New York.

According to a cable from the New York Sun correspondent, American beef was selling wholesale in London a week ago, at from 12 to 13 1/2 cents per pound.

On the same day beef was quoted, wholesale, as follows in New York: City dressed, choice native, heavy beef, 15 to 15 1/2; choice native, light, 14 1/2 to 15; western dressed beef, choice native, heavy, 14 to 15; choice native, light, 13 1/2 to 14; native common to fair, 12 1/2 to 13.

Curiously enough the wholesale prices of beef in the London market actually fell in the ten years between 1900 and 1910. The Sun submits a table showing that the only increase in the period was in the case of hind-quarters of beef shipped from America or the River La Plata, and that was not a cent a pound in either case.

As to retail prices beef may be bought in London today at from 12 cents for "gravy" beef, up to 25 cents for fillet. In New York the prices range from 18 cents for boiling meat to 32 cents for porterhouse steak.

The low price which American beef brings in the London market is very easily explained. It there faces free competition with English beef and beef from Canada, Argentina, Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand—the whole world, in fact. Under such conditions it sells strictly on its merit and solely as a business proposition.

Such a situation presents no difficulty to the trust. There is always a foreign market for American beef. If it has to be sold there in competition with the world, it may at least be sold at a profit. Enough of the supply can therefore be sent abroad to maintain high prices in America, and let the trust dividends continue.

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SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The sixteenth annual groundhog hunt will be held at the Henry Rudolph farm near Punxsutawney, on September 25. A number of distinguished visitors will be guests.

Theodore Boser, aged 33, sitting on the roof of a box car at St. Mary's was struck by lightning a few nights ago and killed. Not a mark could be found on the car.

The story that a report had come from Dr. Dixon's office condemning Mt. Union's water supply is denied by state board of health officials. Experts have put an O. K. on the supply.

With the removal of the small pox card from the home of Rev. Albert Berkley, of Johnstown, the last case growing out of the attendance of Miss Grace Spanguey at a reunion will have passed.

After eighty-five hours work the high land slide at Shannon, Clarion county, has been cleared by P. R. R. workmen. The low grade division running out of DuBois has never before had such trouble.

At last reports from Williamsport, the body of Miss Mary Shaw, of Jersey Shore, drowned in the Susquehanna on Labor Day, had not been recovered, notwithstanding the most diligent searches.

Foreign names were conspicuous in the list of boys and girls who won prizes offered by the Woman's club, of Latrobe, for best results obtained from seeds distributed among school children in the spring.

The Broad Top Coal and Mineral company fears a diphtheria epidemic as the result of two children from Jacobs who died at Robertsdale, having been recently moved there. Extensive fumigation is in progress.

Rev. C. C. Snavely, of Danville, who temporarily retired from the ministry, has been appointed pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church, Hazleton, to succeed Rev. Dr. J. B. Stein, recently named as superintendent of the Danville district.

Two large cages used in the hoist at the Yel, low Run mine of the Mountain Coal company near Beaverdale, were wrecked recently and when they dropped 300 miners at the bottom of the shaft waiting on them narrowly escaped death.

John Yarish, who had served his time in the Sunbury jail for burglary and had two months yet to stay on account of fines, climbed the wall and made his escape. It is thought that he feared arrest elsewhere as soon as liberated and decided to liberate himself.

A large number of Odd Fellows, representing 26 counties, with a membership of over 30,000, interested in the Central Pennsylvania Orphanage, near Sunbury, assembled on the reservation on Sept. 2 and dedicated a new \$10,000 school building for the orphans.

One of the big furnaces at the Sweet steel plant, Williamsport, went through the floor when the foundation gave way. Fortunately no one was near enough to be hurt and the worst is that men will be out of work for several weeks during repairs and the firm sustains considerable loss.

The residents of Sunbury are endeavoring to raise \$100,000 by subscription to secure the big plant of the Barber Car Co. now located at York, and up to this time \$60,000 has been secured. The remaining \$40,000 must be forthcoming by Sept. 25, and it is confidently expected the full amount will be secured.

The coroner's jury in the case of the Ligonier valley wreck placed the blame on the lack of system, for which the company is held responsible. This verdict exonerated Conductor Kuhn, whose testimony that he did not have orders to hold his train was believed by the jury. The conductor's name was not mentioned in the verdict.

No hunting of deer will be permitted by the Pennsylvania state game commission in the forest reserve surrounding the game preserve in Somerset and Westmoreland counties, next hunting season, which opens Nov. 15. The game commission wants the deer to increase in these counties before they are killed by the hunters.

A few days ago employees of the Derry sand works had just completed preparations for a blast when a terrific thunder storm came up. All ran for a shelter and a few moments later were astonished to hear the roar that indicated the dynamite had let go. Lightning had fired the blast more effectively than the usual batteries.

A tinsmith named Engeler, bathing in a stream near Johnstown, was mistaken by some men who spied him for Joseph Schwartz, who had been missing from his home for a week. When they tried to capture him, Engeler became frightened and ran a long distance, finally becoming exhausted. He is in a serious condition and Schwartz is still missing.

Lumber pirates have been invading the State forestry reserves in Mifflin and Huntingdon counties and cutting valuable lumber, shipping it out without a particle of warrant. They claim that they have old leases which entitle them to take the lumber. The State has commenced injunction proceedings to oust them and prevent them from further depredations.

State Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon has sent a message to the mayor of Cambria calling attention to the spread of small-pox outside of the limits of that city and saying: "All petty differences must give way to a united move to stamp out the disease so as to protect the State against an epidemic outside of your city. This is the decision of the state department of health."

All efforts to find Mrs. John Piper, the 17-year-old girl-wife who mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago, have been unavailing. The police are being aided in their search by members of the family. Before her marriage she was Leona Ginter, of Johnstown. She had a wide circle of friends who are deeply concerned over the case. They do not believe that she would have left voluntarily without having given her friends some inkling of her whereabouts and they scout a suicide theory.

There is quite a muddle at Latrobe, grown out of a mud hole near that place. Five young motor cyclists from Pittsburg, out on a jaunt, decided to go through the edge of a farmer's field to avoid a mud hole and found the field almost as soggy as the road. The farmer spied them and telephoned to Latrobe to head them off. The farmer demanded \$25 for damages. The boys said there was none. Finally a compromise was effected on \$15, of which \$10 was paid and the other \$5 to be sent. When it didn't arrive on time the farmer threatened to push the case, but the borough authorities are worrying about having arrested the young men for an offense committed outside the borough limits.

Officers are on the hunt for two professional sneak-thieves who a few days ago made a haul of jewelry valued at \$500 and \$50 in cash at the new Cameron hotel, Lewisburg. One of the men arrived at the hotel at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and asked for a room on the first sleeping floor. The other came in an hour later and asked for a room on the top floor. They registered as G. E. Small, of New York, and I. M. Harris, of Philadelphia. The supposition is that while proprietor Frank Dunkle and family and the hotel guests were at supper, Small and Harris ransacked the house. Proprietor Dunkle is not certain that Small and Harris are the culprits, but they are suspicious from the fact that they left without paying their hotel bill. Mrs. William P. Ritz, a sister of landlord Dunkle, and a guest at the hotel, was robbed of her pocketbook and \$25 in cash. She is the wife of Capt. Kitts, and well known in Bellefonte.