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INK SLINGS.

—Tomorrow will be the first day of fall.

—WOODROW WILSON will win. Be sure to be on the winning side.

—Those Mexican rebels are experiencing no approach of cooler, fall weather. The federal soldiers are too hot on their heels.

—Western New York gives great promise of an increase in the crab apple crop. Miss ELIZA APPLE and Mr. BOIS CRABBE have just been married at Canandaigua.

—If the Freshman class at State keeps growing we wouldn't be surprised to see the Sophs, Juniors and Seniors wearing the green caps and having the molasses baths.

—Just as if he hadn't trouble enough with the Bull Moozers in his own country at the present time, President TAFT seems very willing to get into more down in Mexico.

—So far we have not heard of any political "knock outs" since JOHN L. SULLIVAN entered the ROOSEVELT ring. Evidently JOHN'S mouth had less force than his fist once had.

—Possibly if the Standard Oil company would pour a little more oil on the troubled political waters that threaten to engulf the g. o. p. it would have a quieting effect on the tempest now raging about it.

—The Banker's convention at its late meeting unanimously favored a proposition to reduce letter postage to a one cent rate. Possibly making a bid for a continuation of Mr. ARCHBOLD'S communications.

—Governor JOHNSON it is said returned to California last week thoroughly disgusted with the east. How queerly the mutuality of feelings. That's exactly the sentiment the Standpatters hereabouts had for him.

—That Lock Haven citizen who, after being basted by his wife with a coal scuttle, went down to Harrisburg and enlisted in the regular army, evidently thought if he had to fight he'd rather do it away from home.

—People wondered why last Sunday was so peacefully quiet and so pleasantly restful. They discovered the reason when Monday's papers brought the information that Mr. ROOSEVELT took the entire day off for rest.

—Today (Friday), the PENROSE end of the Republican party will put up, at Harrisburg, its TAFT electors. And it will be just eight weeks from next Tuesday that every mother's son of them will be properly knocked down.

—From the look of the second day's registry in the cities of the State there must be a goodly number of voters who don't intend participating in the festivities of the occasion, or are willing to take their chances at the third table.

—A Blair county Bull Moose has gone back to the Standpatters because he couldn't follow a man who insisted on dragging into the campaign old R. McGEDDON and the interminable trouble he had always been mixed up with.

—Admiral NOGI, the Japanese hero of Port Arthur, and his wife committed suicide as a mark of devotion to their dead Emperor. Such tragic acts are not infrequent in Japan and China, but they will grow more so as the spirit of Christian enlightenment grows in those lands.

—The last of the murderers of ROSENTHAL, the New York gambler, has been caught. It remains to be seen whether justice will be as determined now as she was before Gyp the Blood and Lefty Louie were caught. Upon that hinges the respect that the world must have for the courts of New York.

—The time for trying an experiment in changing our governmental custodians is here. Make up your mind to hustle and vote for WOODROW WILSON. Follow his every act as Governor of New Jersey and you will be convinced that he is the man who will get a fair deal for you if he is made President of the United States.

—Governor JOHNSON is of the opinion that his running-mate has "more to enlighten the country than all its preachers combined." But since Governor JOHNSON said that President TAFT is a more humiliating figure in American history than AARON BURR anybody with a grain of sense realizes that he is a blatherskite whose utterances are not to be taken seriously.

—President TAFT will be in Altoona on Wednesday, September 25th, ostensibly to attend the semi-centennial celebration of the Loyal War Governors' conference in that city, but those on the inside say that he is really coming to a secret conference with Dr. LOCKE and BILL BROWN, who are said to be ready to throw the Bull Moose if the President can show them some goods worth having.

—A good Member in the next session of the Legislature should introduce a bill making it unlawful for a driver of an automobile to use his "cut-out" within the limits of a municipal corporation; punishable by the revocation of his license. This thing of running cars with the muffler open just to hear how the engine is "Hitting" is all very pretty for the driver but a nuisance so far as others are concerned.

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Mischievous Political Maneuvering.

We can imagine nothing more inimical to Democratic success in the approaching election than the persistent gossip concerning fusion on the State ticket in Pennsylvania.

The last Democratic State convention was the most completely bossed body that has ever sat in Pennsylvania.

As a matter of fact there is no Keystone party in this State outside of Philadelphia and it is doubtful if there is enough political integrity in it there to elect a precinct assessor.

TAFT is not making any speeches and there is a good deal of mental speculation as to the reason.

Take Time by the Forelock.

The people can perform no better service for the State of Pennsylvania and country at large than electing a Democratic majority of the Senate and House of Representatives in the General Assembly, this year.

Yet the election of one or the other of these political charlatans to the United States Senate becomes inevitable unless there is a Democratic majority on joint ballot at the meeting of the Legislature in 1915.

Every citizen of Pennsylvania is concerned in the good repute of our official life. It is wisely and justly reasoned that good citizens choose good men to represent them.

Penrose and Flinn Agree.

If current political gossip can be depended upon the PENROSE and FLINN forces have come to an agreement which is mutually satisfactory to those party leaders.

In the bargain, it is safe to say, FLINN has secured vastly the best of it. It gives TAFT a small chance to carry the State on the electoral ticket, but the chance is so small that it's hardly worth considering.

But the significant thing about these trading operations is the absolute indifference to principle that is revealed on both sides.

The embargo against American salt pork has been modified in France and unless the price comes down most of the product will have to be marketed there or in "some other seaport."

Elect Cresswell and Berry.

In the confusion incident to the quarrel between FLINN and PENROSE there is more than an even chance of carrying the State for WILSON and electing the Democratic candidates for Auditor General and State Treasurer.

Those who know ROBERT E. CRESSWELL, of Johnstown, understand what will happen if he gets a seat in that board and in the majority.

While the Colonel is on the Pacific side of the Rockies the papers of the East have space for a greater variety of news.

After Mr. BRYAN has followed the trail of the Bull Moose a few weeks there will be less excitement in the political forest.

Beggar Justice Has Spoken.

Thank heaven it has come at last. Mr. THEODORE JUSTICE, of Philadelphia, has gravely announced that in the event of the election of WOODROW WILSON to the Presidency, "the bottom will drop out of our industries."

Mr. THEODORE JUSTICE is a manufacturer of woollens and for many years has been an insatiable beggar for government favors.

But Mr. THEODORE JUSTICE will be disappointed in the result of the election. WOODROW WILSON will be elevated to the Presidency but the bottom won't drop out of our industries.

The Woodrow Wilson club of Bellefonte met in the grand jury room in the court house on Wednesday evening but owing to the small crowd present on account of the Grange encampment at Centre Hall no business was transacted.

Effects of Protection.

Let American believers in and supporters of high tariff read the news stories of price rioting from Berlin, and then decide for themselves whether high tariff is a blessing to all the people.

The big manufacturing concerns in protection they cannot get cheap fodder. Trades unions in Westphalia have boycotted meat and the butchers in the poorer quarters have gone out of business.

A Charming Masquerade.

It is evident that the Hon. George M. Wertz and the Hon. Jesse L. Hartman do not propose to let anything get by them in their effort to win in November.

Both of these gentlemen profess to be equally at home on the Taft platform and on that of Mr. Roosevelt. Yet Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt agree that these two platforms are widely divergent, conflicting and irreconcilable.

The Root of the Matter.

The cleverest epigram yet on the Roosevelt program is that of Governor Wilson in his New York speech: "No government has ever been beneficent when the attitude of the government was that it could take care of the people.

—The thirty-first annual reunion of the Forty-ninth regiment Pennsylvania volunteers was held in Altoona last Saturday and on the roster of those who died during the past year were Charles Eckenroth, of Bellefonte, a member of Company G, and William B. Bartley, another Centre county, and a member of Company F.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A prize bull, being taken home from the Westmoreland fair grounds, ran amuck in Greensburg and wound up by fracturing his skull on the steps of a hotel.

—Charles Abrams, in whose store a \$35,000 fire at Summerville a few days ago started, is in the Brookville jail under charge of incendiarism. The arrest caused great excitement in the village.

—The State Board of Health does not have any quarantine regulations regarding infantile paralysis. Punxsutawney wished it had, as there are four cases in that town and an epidemic is feared.

—Farmers in Berks county are now digging some of their potatoes and the crop is so large that they are offering the choicest stock at from 35 to 40 cents a bushel, with a limited demand at these prices.

—J. G. Brink, an Indiana county man paroled from the western penitentiary, didn't report according to program and was rearrested a few days since. He had three years left of a sentence for bribing a jury.

—With a murder trial and 75 other criminal cases on the docket, and many more yet to be returned, the September session on the Northumberland county court, beginning next Monday, will be a busy one.

—Joe Mazzar, of Homer City, left his revolver lying on the table when he went out of a room at his home. When he returned a few moments later his five-year-old son was so badly injured that he died two days afterward.

—The close of the Punxsutawney fair was marked by three accidents. A horse broke a leg, one motorcycle rider crashed into the fence and sprained his ankle; another crashed into two boys, seriously hurting both.

—Topeo George, a watchman between Conz, maugh and AO tower, was held up, beaten and robbed a few nights ago. It is thought that the thugs arrived by freight, as the yards and tracks in that region are well guarded.

—John Kearns, the youth who awakened from a drunken sleep to find himself in the West Newton lockup charged with having shot and killed a man, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. He is but 18 years old.

—Harry G. Phillips, editor of the Montoursville Republic, convicted of libel on charge brought by H. S. Meyer, former prothonotary of Lycoming county, was let go on a suspended sentence, after an exhortation to be more careful in future.

—A coroner's jury exonerated officials of the Wharton Coal company in Coral from all blame for the mine explosion which killed one man and injured two Monday morning after the mine had been pronounced safe by government experts.

—Tony Fernandez, who kept a little shoe repair shop within a square of the brewery, at Clearfield, attempted to lift a live wire off his house about five o'clock Saturday evening, and was caught by the strong electrical current and instantly killed by it.

—In a tent on the Indiana fair grounds Ira Blume, a farmer of near Ebensburg, exhibited a black team of Percheron horses, that is said to weigh 2,100 pounds each. One was five and the other seven years of age. Mr. Blume believes they are the largest mated horses in the State.

—Sitting on a keg of dynamite, writing a letter to his sweetheart, Lloyd Reithmeier, 18 years old, son of George Reithmeier, a coal operator of Smicksburg, Indiana county, was fatally injured Friday evening when the powder house was demolished by an explosion. He died Saturday morning.

—One hundred thousand dollars for a home for poor and deserving Lutherans of all ages and both sexes is the principal bequest in the will of E. R. Artman, of Philadelphia. The will, which disposes of an estate valued at \$1,000,000, provides that the home must be established within 30 miles of Philadelphia.

—Postmaster A. B. Clark, of Hastings, has returned from Punxsutawney, where he was in conference with a number of business men of that place, who have formed a realty company and recently took over 28,000 acres of valuable fruit land in Florida. The tract includes some of the finest orange groves in the entire State.

—T. C. Harding, of Coalport, formerly of Philadelphia, has just purchased the Beaver Valley mine, near that place, which he has been successfully operating for the past two years. The deal includes the mine, equipment and lease covering 400 acres of valuable coal land. It is Mr. Harding's purpose to improve the property and increase its output.

—No trace has been secured of Robert Pitchford, the 18-year-old son of Assemblyman Timothy Pitchford of South York, who disappeared nearly three weeks ago. The family recently received word that he had accepted a position at Colver, but failed to find him there. No reason for the disappearance of the lad has been assigned, as the home surroundings were of a most pleasant nature.

—The Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company has made the announcement that mine No. 6 at Ehrenfield, which has not been operated for the past seven years, will be worked to its capacity. The opening of the old mine will give employment to over 500 men. All of the properties of the coal company are being extensively improved, and plans are being made for the opening of some new workings in the Ehrenfield district.

—In a deserted farm house two miles from Knox, Clarion county, four "Boy Scouts" discovered a keg of gold. When the grime and dust of years had been removed and the coins were sorted on the floor of the old log house, it was found the fortune totaled \$1,025. Knox is excited almost as much as in the days when oil was discovered. The money has been placed in a bank to be held pending a decision of the courts as to the rightful owners.

—Frank Calhoun who was convicted in the Huntington county court several weeks ago of murder in the first degree was sentenced by Judge Joseph M. Woods on Monday afternoon to hang. He murdered Benjamin Galloup in cold blood early last winter. Calhoun addressed the court for fully an hour, pleading hard for mercy and his attorneys asked for a stay until the case could be carried to the Supreme court. The time of the execution will be set by Governor John K. Tener.

—Assisted only by her 14-year-old son, Mrs. Annie Patton, the widow of John Patton, of Boggs township, Armstrong county, is just completing the harvesting of crops grown, almost entirely through her own work. She plowed her own fields, did the cultivating, sowing, cutting and reaping, and has crops which compare most favorably with those of neighboring farms run by men. She has harvested crops including 214 bushels of wheat, over 400 bushels of oats, and plenty of corn and potatoes and smaller vegetables. Mrs. Patton also attended to her household duties and is in excellent health as a result of her out-door exercise.

—Reports from the northern counties of the State show that some practical good resulted from the cold winter inasmuch as the severe weather killed the codling moth, which infests apples, pears and quinces. Hundreds of these moths were found frozen in their cocoons. Of course, their extermination is not complete, but if all farmers would spray their orchards the codling moth would have little show in Pennsylvania hereafter. In these orchards which have been sprayed and are now entirely free from the pestiferous moth the finest fancy fruit is reported. It will equal that from California and will be packed with greatest care in fancy barrels and boxes. No apples or pears like these were ever seen before in Pennsylvania.