

INK SLINGS.

—Have you started your Christmas shopping?

—Now is the time to get the coal bin good and full.

—Next week we'll do a little turk killing on this side of the Atlantic.

—Turkish bullets have had no terror for Bulgarian soldiers, but going up against Turkish cholera may be a much more disastrous undertaking.

—Isn't it awful, MABLE? Poor President TAFT had to issue the proclamation to the people to be thankful because they had elected WILSON President.

—Why not get the choice articles, those that have not been fingered over by everyone else. You can do it by beginning your Christmas shopping at once.

—A good deal of money was wasted by over-enthusiastic partisans during the past six months but it is still in existence and those who try will get a share of it yet.

—The Russians are about to expend thirty-four million dollars on their navy. The Japs will probably begin to plan the capture of the prizes as soon as they are able.

—Let us see. Congressman WILLIAM B. WILSON was elected three times under the Old Guard Democratic State committee and defeated once under the reorganized body.

—Among other good things to be expected is the speedy dissolution of the tariff board. Of all the expensive and worthless bodies in the country that is the most mischievous.

—Penn State is celebrating her Pennsylvania day today. Here's hoping that Pennsylvania will give Penn State something worth while celebrating when her next Legislature meets.

—Speaking of Armageddon the conflict was less destructive than some people imagined it would be but then the principal warrior was mistaken in the cause in which he was enlisted.

—If you want to send a friend a most acceptable Christmas present send the WATCHMAN for a year. The cost is small and the expression of your good will renewed every week during the year.

—Why worry so much about the reorganization of the Republican party. Just wait until WILSON has had a little chance to run things and all will probably agree that there is no need for any other party than his.

—It is highly probable that President-elect WILSON will be astonished by the number of other distinguished American Democrats who will have discovered that their systems need the salubrious climate of Bermuda while he is there.

—The Korean bride is compelled to remain mute throughout her wedding day. With such a custom in vogue here the average American groom would have one day to point to, at least, as having been the chance of his life to get in a word or two without an interruption.

—The hunting season will now absorb much of the surplus energy which has been given to politics during the last few weeks and the stories of achievement will be quite as interesting and nearly as exaggerated as the campaign lies that have been current.

—For a jollification parade one night last week Shamokin Democrats borrowed ten mules from a neighboring coal mine. The next morning they returned eleven. Now, do you believe that was simply a sample of what WILSON's prosperity will mean or are you of the opinion that the mule committee was still "lit up" from the glare of the torches the night before.

—It will be a miserable, hopeless creature, indeed, who will have nothing to be thankful for next Thursday. The real Christian man is thankful for something every day, every hour, every moment of life, but the general Thanksgiving day is the one designated specially to call the attention of the unthinking to the wonderful beneficence of an all-wise Providence whose decree could make the lot of each one of us, however unhappy it may be, inexpressibly more so.

—The swiftness and certainty of the conviction of four of the professional murderers in the city of New York will go a long way toward making the metropolis of America a safer and more wholesome place. The fate of "Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Louie," "Dago Frank" and "Whitey Lewis" will be a grim reminder to others, so low in the plane of humanity, that though they may regard the taking of a life as a mere business enterprise the law will be swift in taking theirs as a forfeit.

—We presume that every student at the Pennsylvania State College is rightfully indignant at the unsportsmanlike manner in which the Ohio State University football players acted at Columbus last Saturday. It was certainly a performance which the Ohioans will regret as long as they participate in inter-collegiate games. Harking back to the Penn State Freshman and Bellefonte Academy game in this place, several weeks ago, we hope the boys with the green caps at State will be able to read a lasting lesson on real sportsmanship out of the many criticisms of the Ohio State team.

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Roosevelt and Flinn.

In his statement to the public Colonel ROOSEVELT refers to the platform of his late party as a "contract with the public." This is a silly figure of speech which he used frequently during the campaign, and was absolutely without significance and almost as certainly without sincerity.

Consequently, so far as ROOSEVELT was concerned, the agreement was a fraud and false pretense. He had no hope or even expectation of finding, on the 4th of March, a Congress in sympathy with the things he recklessly promised to do in consideration of the support given him by the people.

In his testimony before the Senate committee which inquired into the campaign expenditure of candidates, Mr. ROOSEVELT's friend BILL FLINN declared under oath, that he never intended to fulfill a contract which he offered to make with the late Senator QUAY.

—Uncle JOE CANNON will be missed in Washington and that is more than can be said of some of the others who failed of re-election.

Third Term Ghost Laid.

One of the results of the extraordinary campaign through which we have just passed is the settlement of the question of a third term for at least a century to come.

Of course ROOSEVELT will be a candidate again in 1916 and it may be assumed that he will begin his canvass at once. But he will never again be formidable.

This is a gratifying solution of a vexed and dangerous problem. In the recent campaign too little attention was paid to the menace of the infraction of an unwritten law created by WASHINGTON and sanctioned by JEFFERSON and JACKSON.

That ROOSEVELT intended to usurp the government scarcely admits of a doubt. If by any pretense he had succeeded in restoring himself to power, he would have easily found pretenses for prolonging his tenure and our representative government would soon have been merged into the benevolent despotism which he hopes to create.

Mr. Bryan Should be Cautious.

For the sake of harmony in the party we sincerely hope that Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN will not undertake to control the policies of the President and Congress under the incoming Democratic administration.

Mr. BRYAN went as a delegate to the Baltimore convention instructed to support Champ Clark for the Presidential nomination. Those instructions were given by direct vote of the people at a primary election held according to law.

That, however, is a matter to be settled between Mr. BRYAN and his Nebraska constituents upon one hand and Mr. CLARK and Mr. BRYAN on the other. But it should be borne in mind that Mr. CLARK occupies an important position in the public affairs of the country and an intimate relation with the incoming Democratic administration and he is likely to resent any undue interference with the Congressional end of the programme on the part of Mr. BRYAN.

—Now that the election is over and a safe and sane President has been elected, the people can give themselves over to the fulfillment of business obligations.

Let Us Hope VARE Will Insist.

While we lay claim to no direct interest in the matter we are inclined to hope that State Senator EDWIN H. VARE of Philadelphia will insist upon his demand that the Catlin Commission be made complete its work.

It is certainly true that VARE contracts with the city were taken up and everything not strictly according to law exposed. The VARES themselves were made to tell things which they would have preferred to keep in concealment and from the beginning of the inquiry to the close BILL VARE's chances of the nomination diminished.

That would only be an even-handed justice and as the indications are that a combination of the VARE forces in the Legislature with those of FLINN will give the necessary power to achieve the result, we hope that Senator VARE will insist upon it.

Put the Drones Out.

Mr. FOLWELL, president of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' club, is still submerged under a burden of woe. The prospect of an extra session of Congress to revise the tariff has filled him with the spirit of calamity.

All the panics we have had since the Civil war came upon us while high tariff tax laws were in full force and Republican policies in absolute control. The panic of 1907, organized to force the Tennessee Coal and Iron company into surrender to the Steel Trust, came while ROOSEVELT was in the White House and there were overwhelming Republican majorities in both branches of Congress.

Probably Mr. FOLWELL can't get along without subsidies. To care for imbeciles and incapables is an admitted duty of the State and we have no objection to making provision of some sort for the FOLWELLS and others who are incapable of conducting their own affairs.

—It's really a pity that the Steel Trust is crowded with orders. The tariff mongers who own and control that predatory conspiracy were so earnest and persistent in their predictions that the election of WILSON would bring industrial disaster that they ought to have got a little taste of trouble.

The Presidential Term.

President TAFT has done more to alienate the people from the extension of the Presidential term of office to six years than all the other influences which have been brought to bear on the subject within a century.

There is a pretty general agreement that the Presidential office should be limited to one term and before Mr. TAFT had prostituted the powers for the purpose of reimbursing those who bought his election in 1908, there was considerable unanimity in the idea that the term of office ought to be extended to six years.

An act of Congress limiting the office of President to one term, therefore, will be ample to dispose of these questions forever. Since the overwhelming defeat of ROOSEVELT, at the recent election, there is probably little danger of that evil for the future.

—It is to be hoped that we will never have another campaign like it, though as long as ROOSEVELT lives vituperation will be an element in politics.

In a Minority of the Popular Vote.

President-elect Wilson is not alone among his predecessors in failing of a majority in the popular vote while commanding an enormous plurality and most of the electoral college.

Within the time when electors have been chosen directly by the people, John Quincy Adams in 1824 gained the Presidency without a majority either of the popular or the electoral vote. James K. Polk in 1844 had nearly two-thirds of the Electoral College but a minority in the popular vote.

Abolish the Party Square. From the Greensburg Argus. By the abolition of the "party square" Pennsylvania would obtain a reasonably good ballot law.

From the Harrisburg Star Independent. President-elect Wilson has announced that he will call the next Congress into extraordinary session not later than April 15 next, to revise the tariff.

An Extra Session.

There will be some objection from certain quarters to revision without long "investigation by a commission of experts," but as Governor Wilson has already said, they have been investigating the tariff all his life.

Prepare for Tariff Revision.

Much can be done by business men in making up their minds to adjustment of business upon a lower tariff basis. It is now reported that this is what has been attempted by leaders in the sugar trade.

A Business Proposition.

Tariff reduction would reduce the cost of the farmer's buildings, implements, clothing and food, thereby reducing both his cost of living and the cost of producing his crops.

Tariff reduction would thus reduce the farmer's expenses without reducing his income.

—When you want good JOB WORK the place to get it is the WATCHMAN office. You'll find it always right.

SPAWNS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—An United States court jury gave Walter Bird Jr., of Bloomsburg, and his father \$5,000 damages for injuries the young man received at the Wheel plant. They had asked \$50,000.

—Mrs. John J. Maloney, of Williamsport, thought her husband sleeping when she arose a few mornings ago, but a little later found him dead of heart disease. He was aged 62 and was proprietor of a grocery.

—John Frampton, near Marion Centre, has 190 tons of cabbage from thirteen acres of ground. He has one stalk on which there were twenty-five small, but perfectly formed heads, each developing where a leaf should have grown.

—Ira Beatty, of Punksutawney, a Bell telephone lineman working at Johnstown, came in contact with a live wire and fell twenty-five feet. He may possibly recover from a fractured skull, arm and leg and perhaps internal injuries.

—George A. Drake, a farmer of Wayne township, near Huntingdon, was burned to death last Friday when he fell on his lantern while intoxicated. He had gone to the barn and having fallen over his lantern, was unable to get up. The oil saturated his clothes, and before help arrived he was incinerated.

—Harry A. Fox, aged 42, whose salary is \$10,000 a year, and who is a designer for a large Philadelphia department store, committed suicide last week at his home in New York, because of his inability to cope with the next spring fashions. He could not see his way clear to figure out the general trend of the spring fashions.

—While in a fit of uncontrollable temper, Geo. Montgomery, a third grade pupil in the Mount Union public school, slashed Priscilla Hockenberry across the fingers of her right hand with a penknife, nearly severing them just above the knuckles. It is said that about two years ago the boy killed a playmate while in a fit of anger.

—The Crawford hotel property, of Williamsport has been purchased by the Young Women's Christian Association and that organization will soon have one of the finest homes in the State. It is not four years since the association outgrew its first quarters and now another move is made necessary by the growing usefulness of the association.

—A cartload of female patients Friday were removed from the State hospital for the insane at Danville to the new hospital at Rittersville. The patients removed comprised the third cartload that has been transferred from Danville to Rittersville. It is, however, the first cartload of females that has been removed to the new district.

—The Clover Run mine of the Madeira-Hill Coal Mining company, located near Mahaffey, has resumed operations after being idle for a period of several months. A force of 200 miners will be employed at the operation, which has an output of 300 tons daily. Superintendent W. R. Wilburn says that the output is to be doubled within a short time.

—Mrs. Kate Edwards, slayer of her husband who has been confined to the Reading prison for the past eleven years, has refused to endorse a petition for her release. Although the meeting of the prison board was held behind closed doors, it was stated that Mrs. Edwards was so useful around the warden's home, that he did not want to be deprived of her services.

—Mrs. J. C. Blair has directed the board of directors of the J. C. Blair Memorial hospital, at Huntingdon, to go ahead with the plans for the new nurses home, which will cost \$20,000. She enclosed a check for \$500 for preliminary work. The construction work will start on Dec. 1. The home will be erected on the grounds close to the hospital and will relieve the congestion at the institution.

—When Grover Cleveland left the White House in 1885, Peter Kreezmer, of Indiana, Pa., declared that he was going to wear a beard until another Democratic President was elected. The other day Kreezmer visited a barber and it cost him 50 cents to get operated upon. Some day President-elect Wilson will receive a watch chain made of human red hair which has been adorning the chin of one, Peter Kreezmer.

—Judge Whitehead sentenced Arthur Dornan at Williamsport Saturday, to 10 years in the penitentiary, with a minimum of nine years and to pay a fine of \$500. The sentence was imposed upon the first count of the indictment charging Arthur Dornan with breaking into the house of Robert McEwen. Sentence was suspended on the second count, charging theft of a ring belonging to Mr. McEwen's daughter.

—Augustus Miller, the well known and ever progressive farmer of West Logan township, Clinton county, has gathered his crops for the season and reports the following bumper yields. From one field of 13 acres he husked 100 bushels of ears of corn, 20 two horse loads of pumpkins, 300 bushels of turnips, 200 large squashes, 50 bushels of potatoes, 50 bushels of apples, 4 bushels of beans and 4 bushels of buckwheat.

—Four diamond drills are testing out a large coal field, consisting of nearly 50,000 acres, that is now under option in Indiana county near Marion Centre. The tract extends from Nashville west two miles below Willet and is the largest tract of coal that was ever optioned in Indiana county. It is stated semi-authoritatively that this deal will shortly be consummated and a merger of a large part of the coal in Indiana county will result.

—On information sworn before Justice of the peace Reed, of Ridgway, by L. C. Hauber, of St. Mary's, defeated candidate for State Assembly, A. J. Windfilder, of St. Mary's, judge of the recent election, was arrested and waived a hearing and gave bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the next term of Elk county court. It is alleged that Windfilder violated the rules of his office. The case has stirred much interest and the proceedings will be closely followed.

—G. W. Straley, bookkeeper for the Jefferson Supply company at Big Soldier, near DuBois, owes his life to the heroism of a number of his friends. When the company store took fire a few nights ago, he rushed into the burning building to save the books. Before he could do so he collapsed. Friends made a human chain and the last man in the chain was able to carry him to safety. The loss on building and stock was \$25,000. The postoffice was located in the store.

—Wecker & Co., of New York, independent coal operators in the Clearfield district, were awarded a verdict by a jury in Judge Holland's District Court in Philadelphia, last week, for \$199,280 in a suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, to recover for illegal discrimination in coal rates. Henry Wecker as an individual also recovered a verdict for \$13,161. Both verdicts were the result of an order made by the interstate commerce commission after an investigation.

—The new State sanatorium of Creson will not open until spring, according to officials of the new institution, who deny the report that the State hospital will open its doors by the first of the year. Before the hospital is thrown open it will be necessary to have the sewage, heat and water systems completed, and the buildings will also have to be furnished. The construction of the water system will not be completed for three weeks. The lighting contract will not be awarded for some weeks. It was also stated that the staff of physicians has been selected.