

INK SLINGS.

—Anyway the poets have not overworked themselves describing "the beautiful" this winter.

—It won't be real Thanksgiving in Europe until the Balkan allies gobble up the last of Turkey.

—A year ago today the mercury didn't even have enough ginger in it to climb up to the zero mark.

—Don't get discouraged, the WATCHMAN will announce that big real estate deal just as soon as the papers are signed.

—The average man would rather have a 1913 model motor than a 1913 model of anything else that grows or is made.

—The honest man may not always have as much as the other fellow, but what he has he gets more real pleasure out of.

—The time draws nigh when there will be an exodus of Republicans from Washington, such as hasn't been seen in sixteen years.

—An expert on the subject says that motorists are becoming flat-footed. We had already noticed that some of them have become flat-witted.

—Blow your nose, pick out your ears, wash your face and keep your hair slicked up for a new board of health was organized in town on Monday.

—It ought not to be so very difficult to find a reason for excluding CASTRO. Under the health regulations pestilences may be kept out of the country.

—The price of soft coal is tumbling. The weather-man wouldn't conspire with the bituminous operators to push the price up to the two dollar mark.

—What Governor—President WILSON has to say he says in such a manner as to leave no doubt as to his earnestness, yet no cause for offense to those whom he opposes.

—If disagreement in the London peace conference will guarantee the obliteration of Turkey from the map of the world let us hope that the disagreement is assured.

—When President TAFT becomes a professor at Yale we wouldn't be surprised to find the contributing editor of the Outlook turning up for training with the Harvard football squad.

—Jack Frost hasn't been on the job very much thus far this winter, but Jack probably heard that they were getting bad coal at the steam heat works and took pity on the patrons of that plant.

—President-elect WILSON'S declaration that he intends to put only Progressives on guard made more Progressives in a night than all the campaign speeches and literary dope that were shot at the country last fall.

—The efforts of President TAFT to stick all of his friends fast in the federal service before he gets to the point where he can't help them any more is commendable from their point of view, but most reprehensible from the view point of the fellow who has had his eye on one of those jobs for some time.

—After getting into prison for upholding his policies those Idaho editors will not fear ROOSEVELT'S dying of enlargement of the heart before they get out. He sent only ten dollars toward the payment of their fines. It probably was a question in TEDDY'S mind as to whether it was good form to send any, because you will remember that the Queen of England sent only her sympathy to the Johnstown flood victims.

—Impeached from the high office of Judge of the Commerce Court and forever disqualified for holding government positions of honor and trust Judge ARCHIBALD, of Scranton, faces the world. Even though he may be only technically guilty the public will judge him as having betrayed a solemn trust. And his disgrace and humiliation should be a warning to others who might think that the power of the bench is the personal asset of him who sits upon it.

—An Altoona barber has given this wise advice to a reporter of the Times of that city: "The only way to accumulate money in Altoona is to save every possible cent." What applies to Altoona applies to every place, for that matter. But possibly the barber was justifying the course of the hordes of people from that city who ride to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia on railroad passes to do their daily marketing, when their wise barber and home merchants are trying to keep up establishments where they can buy what they need when it doesn't suit to ride away for it.

—The Johnstown Democrat attacks the Hon. CHAS. A. SHAFER, of Columbia county, entirely without warrant. It classes him with "The Four who Failed" among the Democratic Legislators at Harrisburg to remain true to the party's nominee for Speaker. Mr. SHAFER, himself, was the nominee in question and we can't conceive of the Democrat's being sincere in its condemnation of his voting for Mr. ALTER for Speaker. Because Mr. ALTER had begun the ballot by voting for Mr. SHAFER. It was an exchange of compliments altogether customary and the Democrat descends far from its usual plane of fairness in misrepresenting the motives of the able young Representative from Columbia.

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Mr. Guthrie and His Organ.

The esteemed Philadelphia North American is greatly outraged because Mr. GEO. W. GUTHRIE, chairman of the Democratic State committee, failed to follow its programme in the matter of the organization of the General Assembly at Harrisburg the other day.

But let those things pass. They are not relevant to the present subject of discussion. The Democratic party has its face to the future and its present duty is to grasp events to come.

But we can hardly blame Mr. FLINN'S Philadelphia organ for feeling a keen disappointment because of the failure of Mr. GUTHRIE to meet the expectations of the muckrakers.

—It is all right enough to summon J. PIERPONT MORGAN to give further testimony to the Pujo committee if he is able to give additional information upon any subject pertinent to the pending investigation.

Conviction of Judge Archibald.

The conviction and punishment of Judge ARCHIBALD, of the United States Court of Commerce, is the complete answer to the absurd demand of demagogues for the recall.

Since that time the charges have been investigated with judicial fairness and earnest purpose. The inquiry was conducted with dignity and ability.

In view of the evidence neither Judge ARCHIBALD nor his friends have a right to complain while the people of the country have abundant reasons for rejoicing.

Mr. Bryan and the Cabinet.

Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN completely concurs in the views expressed in these columns two weeks ago with respect to the relations of the Democratic party to that distinguished gentleman.

But let those things pass. They are not relevant to the present subject of discussion. The Democratic party has its face to the future and its present duty is to grasp events to come.

—Of course everybody will welcome the proposed new Democratic club in Philadelphia but enthusiasm in its behalf should not obscure the fact that principles are more important than clubs and a good many of the clubs already in existence promote factions rather than party strength.

Cause of the Increase of Wages.

The announcement of a considerable increase of wages of the employees of the Steel trust is not entirely a surprise to close students of economic science.

Popular discontent has been worrying the Captains of Industry and the Wizards of Finance for some time. The election of WILSON and a Democratic Congress are the expression of this discontent.

When President TAFT, SCHWAB, GARY and other servants of privilege were declaring, before the election, that the success of WILSON meant panic, they knew they were misrepresenting the facts.

—Nothing could be more appropriate than the "holding company" for the Republican and Bull Moose parties proposed by Mr. MUNSEY.

Mr. Diferderfer's Realignment.

Congressman DIFENDERFER, of Montgomery county, is growing restive under the restraints of party discipline.

This is interesting but not exactly illuminating. In other words Mr. DIFENDERFER doesn't indicate what he means by "advanced thinkers and influences."

THOMAS JEFFERSON had a different idea of civil liberty. He imagined that the safety of government rested in the rational regulation of power to the end that the individual would be secure against the passions of the mob.

Mr. DIFENDERFER is not content with Mr. JEFFERSON'S interpretation of the functions of representative government.

—State College residents are somewhat wrought up over the fact that a communication was recently received from State Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer.

—One year ago on Monday, or on January 13th, 1912, the thermometer dropped to twenty-eight degrees below zero in Bellefonte.

—A. L. Anderson & Co., the Altoona railroad contractors, have practically completed their job on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad from Mt. Eagle to Beech Creek.

—Still if the Governor meant to reform the office of Factory Inspector he would hardly have appointed DELANEY'S chief clerk to succeed DELANEY.

—Fish Commissioner N. R. Buller is planning a complete revision of the fish laws so that the only fishable device permissible will be the rod and line.

—A new covering of crushed limestone is being put on the grounds surrounding the Pennsylvania railroad passenger station in this place.

People Want Square Deal.

From the Johnstown Democrat. President Taft in his New York "re-organization" speech declared in fine sarcasm that those dissatisfied with his administration demanded "an ideal state in which the poor and oppressed are to acquire property and cease suffering."

This and similar statements of the President indicate why his administration was unpopular. He was prejudiced against any kind of reform.

In demanding enforcement of the criminal provision of the Sherman anti-trust law, which is not now being enforced by an Attorney General who was formerly a Sugar trust lawyer—

—In expecting effective regulation of child labor, an employer's liability law and protection of women wage-earners—

—The people are simply asking for a square deal at the hands of those "public servants" they have sent to Washington to represent them.

Brother Ed's Gold Brick.

From the Philadelphia Record. The Senatorial member of the Vares family denies that he was gold-bricked. He would have us believe that Penrose and McNichol A. Scott for Speaker with some other idea than to trick the Vares into trying the hands, feet and mouths of the Representatives owned by the Vares while the arrangements for the election of Mr. Alter were being completed.

How the Legislators are Divided.

From the New York Sun. If all the members of the State Legislature of 1913 in all the States could be assembled in mass meeting the division along party lines would be as follows: Democrats, 5,867; Republicans, 1,920; Progressives, 1,002; Socialists, 17; Independents, 16.

These figures, according to the Progressives, are prophetic. In the first place, they say, the Progressives have insisted upon laws being enacted to carry out their platforms.

The Socialists, as far as effectiveness is concerned, are without a sufficient number of legislators to make even a dent in the program of the Democrats, and the Independent legislators are in a similar fix.

Medicine for Elephant and Bull Moose

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. We don't hear of any of the self-appointed Progressive Doctors falling over one another in their anxiety to prescribe real Progressive medicine for the ailing Elephant and Bull Moose.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The State Railroad Commission has recommended that the rate per ton for coal from the Clearfield region to Lancaster should not exceed \$1.40 per gross ton.

—The Oak Grove public school, in Clay town ship, Huntingdon county, has been closed because there is scarlet fever in almost every home represented in the school.

—The State Editorial association executive committee has arranged for the annual meeting of the association, presentation of papers and banquet to be held in Lewisburg on January 28.

—Captain L. N. Stagle, of Lewistown, was buried Saturday, on the 52nd anniversary of his birth. He was a National Guard captain and narrowly escaped death from typhoid fever at Chattanooga during the Spanish-American war.

—Some days ago a knife was found in the cell of J. W. Maus, the Somerset county murderer. More recently a saw was unearthed. Maus has boasted that he will not hang and a strict watch had been placed over all the prisoners.

—DuBois finds its municipal water plant a paying proposition. Expenditures were \$15,516.24 and receipts \$30,677.10, besides \$8,130 allowance for water furnished for schools, fountains, troughs, street cleaning and fire protection.

—J. J. Kinter, of Lock Haven, who ran as the Socialist candidate for judge of Blair county at the last judicial election, was recently nominated by the Clearfield county Socialists as their candidate for judge in the November, 1913, campaign.

—A charter has been asked by stockholders of the West End Water company, Lock Haven, for a subsidiary concern that will supply water to residents of Salona. It is probable that Mackeyville will also reap the benefits. The line will likely be laid in the spring.

—Boys are blamed for the daring burglary of a hardware store at DuBois. A plank had been laid from an adjoining building to a window from which a small glass was cut. The firm name, Prothero, Bailey & Goodwin, is stamped on the blades of some of the pocket knives stolen.

—Dr. C. A. Dickinson, a Kane dentist, placed a golf ball near his vulcanizer to dry out. When it caught fire he picked it up and threw it into some water. It exploded in his hands and the fragments struck him in the face and eyes. He is lying in a dark room now, in order to save his sight.

—Mike Povick, proprietor of a boarding house at Kiskiminetas Junction, was more fortunate than many other people who are robbed. He missed one of his boarders, then missed \$210, then notified a P. R. R. detective. The man was caught as he was boarding a train for Pittsburgh and \$203.87 was recovered.

—A. D. Avery, a farmer near Ridgway, wants the State to pay the boarding of a large buck and four does which graze with his cows and have made his lands their home for over a year. A party of hunters was after the buck in the fall but he managed to elude them and is back at the old stand since the season is over.

—W. C. Wolfe, of Johnstown, who has had a claim against the State since the Johnstown flood, has entered action to recover \$2,500. He claims that he was damaged to the extent of \$6,000 by dynamite used to clear away debris, but has agreed to take the above sum. The Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation to pay him.

—A legal loophole on a contract between the borough of Punxsutawney and the company which furnishes its gas proved costly to that borough. Officials claimed that the contract provided for an increase from 20 to 25 cents. The gas company said otherwise and the carrying of the matter through the courts cost the borough \$1,000 and gave the company the right to charge what it pleased.

—At the January session in the Elk county court held at Ridgway last week all applications for liquor licenses were granted excepting five—three from Johnstown and two from Ridgway, which were held over for further consideration. In the case of one of the holders, George Haser, the applicant, died after filing his application, and a petition was presented substituting the name of his wife.

—Walking out of the hospital at Roaring Spring, Blair county, on Thursday morning, where she had been a patient, Mrs. G. W. Hauser, aged 85, of Bellefonte, went to the Pennsylvania station, not far away, waited until the morning train was pulling out, then tossed her hat away and threw herself under the wheels of a coach. She was instantly killed. It is supposed she was temporarily demented.

—The expected new Democratic newspaper for Williamsport will make its first appearance tomorrow, as a weekly; and in time it is more than likely a daily edition will be issued. Charles C. Tate is the president of the new company and will manage the paper, the name of which has not yet been announced. Hon. Walter E. Ritter will be the editor and Mark Herne will solicit subscribers and advertising patronage.

—A woman at Pittsburgh found a new place for concealing a brand new \$10 bill after she had extracted it, so it is alleged, from the pocket of a man she had met casually. The bank note, carefully folded, was found between the roof of the woman's mouth and her false teeth, and she "coughed it up" to the matron in Central police station. The Police Magistrate sentenced the woman to 30 days at the work-house.

—A Pennsylvania railroad train was held up near Danville one day last week, when a full-blooded bulldog leaped from the baggage car. His owner begged for the train to stop and the conductor yielded, but the dog wouldn't be coax-ed and the man was obliged to go on without him. Later he was captured and shipped to Lock Haven, where he properly performed his part in "Get Rich Quick Wallingford."

—Following the announcement that Jersey Shore will have an Old Home week celebration in August, plans are also on foot to have an Old Home week in Williamsport some time in September, either the second or third week. Nothing definite has been done, but the Progressive league officers have said that the league will be back of the project and those citizens who have been approached are very outspoken in favor of the idea.

—Reuben P. Steckel, known as the John Jacob Astor of Allentown, will devote the remaining years of his life to prosecuting Samuel Sinclair, a civil engineer employed by the State, and R. Wal-ter Starr, of Philadelphia, who are accused of having attempted to kidnap Miss Anna E. Steckel. Miss Steckel, the only daughter of the aged millionaire, was carried away in an automobile on Saturday and will aid her father in the prosecution of the two men.

—While A. E. Bower, aged 70, a Lewisburg jeweler, was closing his store a few evenings ago a young man threw the contents of a bottle of ammonia into his face. He promptly groped with his assistant and called for help. His calls brought aid but not in time to capture the young man, who beat a hasty retreat. He is thought to have been intending store robbery. Mr. Bower is likely to recover from the burns which were especially serious to his eyes.

—When the bell in the Mulberry street, Williamsport, Methodist Episcopal church tower did not ring its summons to service on Wednesday evening, pastor O. S. Mettler went to investigate and found the janitor, David Letellier, dying in the church. He had lighted the lights and was about to start for the belfry when he fell. He was 60 years old, colored, and was constable of the Twelfth ward. He had been janitor for a dozen years and was highly esteemed.