

Democratic Watchman

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INK SLINGS.

—Now who do you suppose planted that bed of mint in the White House garden and what for?

—Be it known that the associate editor of the Outlook can never write authoritatively on the joys of a jag.

—Well, it looks like the base-ball fans will be freed of Hughes field in order to make room for an automobile factory.

—This is the hey-day of the sweet girl graduate and the June bride. After this every day will be Labor day with the latter.

—“I love the whole world,” said THEODORE ROOSEVELT, in Chicago, on Sunday. Not even excepting Mrs. BELLAMY STORER.

—Pittsburgh papers are trying hard to make as much out of the HEEGER case as the THAW and HARTJE scandals netted them in sensational heads.

—Since Mr. BRYAN was the man to sign it wasn't it unfortunate that it was not the sixteenth instead of the Seventeenth amendment to the constitution.

—ROOSEVELT sued for \$10,000 and got 6 cts. Well, the defendant was a country editor and the verdict was probably in keeping with the traditional condition of the country editor's exchequer.

—CHARLES M. SCHWAB still holds onto his belief that this is going to be the best year the steel trade ever knew. CHARLEY has not been specific enough. He should state whether he means steel or steal.

—ALFRED AUSTIN'S death is to be lamented. Just as it is that of any other good man, but it is casting no aspersion on his character to remark that the poetic muse did not go to the grave with him.

—If you are a Bellefonter and are thinking of entertaining guests during the summer why not arrange to have them during Chautauqua week. There would be a daily help in entertaining them.

—Every Monday morning the Metropolitan papers record the tragic deaths of many who might have been alive today had they been spending a part, at least, of Sunday in the good old church at home.

—After all that Ishpeming court didn't clear the matter up much. We still don't see any particular difference between a man who really gets drunk and one who is crazy enough to appear so to the public.

—Don't be hasty in thinking that Ambassador PAGE is either knock-kneed or bow-legged because he declines to wear knee breeches at the Court of St. James. Give him credit with being just a plain American.

—If the Department of Agriculture makes good in its promise to give us crowless roosters what in the world will the Democratic papers use to express their elation when WILSON is re-elected to the Presidency.

—JACK JOHNSON, champion pugilist of the world, has been sentenced to a year and a day in prison and \$1000 fine for violating the MANN white slave act. The best part of the news is that the courts have refused a new trial of the case.

—Gradually they have worked us down from ham and eggs, fried potatoes and mush for breakfast, via the soft boiled egg and cereal route, until now there are those who are trying to make us believe that it is more wholesome to eat no breakfast at all.

—A Chicago boy celebrated Memorial day by swallowing a toy cannon, and the same day a Chicago girl laughed so heartily at a story told by her fiance that a false tooth came loose and, falling into her throat, choked her to death. Surely Chicago is a wonderful place.

—Eleven nations of the world have responded favorably to Secretary BRYAN'S peace plan. Viewed in the light of what has been accomplished at The Hague in the past, this probably means that they are all for peace so long as there isn't a piece of some other nation's territory to be gobbled up.

—The fight among the Progressives at Harrisburg is on. It was sure to come and has been precipitated by the impeachment proceedings instituted against Judge UMBEL, of Fayette county. E. LOWRY HUMES is the fonderer and the design is to keep BRUCE F. STERLING out of his way for the position of state chairman.

—The program for the Fourth of July celebration in Bellefonte that has just been made public is attractive enough to please the caprice of most any community. The arrangements are in the hands of ladies who do things well or not at all and the second of Bellefonte's safe and sane anniversary of the Nation's birth may be looked forward to with much pleasure in anticipation.

—The investigation of the lobby in Washington will probably not reveal a single case where a Senator or a Congressman has directly sold his vote. It will serve the purpose, however, of eliminating pressure that is brought to bear to influence them through friends, through business connections, through tips on speculative propositions and all those other devious “persuaders” that are worked by men too clever to openly attempt bribery.

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Governor Tener's Reform.

There is much basis for hope in the reports which come from Harrisburg with respect to the reform purposes of Governor TENER. He is greatly outraged, the news dispatches from the State capital indicate, because the Republican State Senate has not shown a disposition to enact legislation in the interest of wage-earners which the FLINN platform of his party promised.

His recent change of heart is the result of these reflections. But the Governor can hardly hope to fool the people by this transparent pretense of reform.

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Roosevelt's Vindication.

The ROOSEVELT libel suit at Marquette, Michigan, ended very much like a “frame-up.” After the car load of distinguished ROOSEVELT retainers had testified to the effect that TEDDY is the most exemplary man that has ever adorned the public or private life of the country the defendant corroborated their evidence and protested his profound regret that he had been misled into the inexcusable error of charging, during the heat of political campaign, anything that could be tortured into an opposite view.

If ROOSEVELT intends to run for President again he very much needed the vindication which this dramatic incident implies. There was a wide-spread popular impression that he is addicted to the drink habit and it is not unlikely that he lost a good many votes at the election of a year ago because of this fact.

—Five years ago there were two electric light companies in Tyrore and the borough council made a contract for street lighting for \$39.40 per arc light and \$15.00 for incandescent lights.

—Memorial day was fittingly observed in Bellefonte last Friday afternoon. The old soldiers were assisted in their loving and patriotic work by Company L and the school children.

Our heart bleeds for the esteemed Philadelphia Ledger. It is suffering from some sort of malady and writhes in its distress.

—Possibly the next Democratic candidate for Governor will not be chosen in secret conference in Washington.

—The trouble with our esteemed contemporary is the result of recent incidents in Washington. The movement inaugurated in the Senate to drive away the corrupt lobby which has been retarded by the progress of tariff reform legislation seems to be the last straw.

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Deadly and Indecent Innovation.

The State Senate refuses to be coerced by the Governor and properly too. Irrespective of the merits of the question a Governor has no business to drag the General Assembly. The executive and legislative branches of the government are co-ordinate and one has no right to encroach upon the prerogatives of the other.

Until within less than a quarter of a century no Governor would have dreamed of forcing the Legislature into action for or against any pending piece of legislation. Previous to that time Governors exercised their constitutional authority in a constitutional way and being able and forceful men they did it well.

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Is the Distribution Fair.

From the Johnstown Democrat: The Wall Street Journal, that ardent predatory privilege, that strenuous advocate of industrial and social justice, derives infinite consolation from the fact that “investigation and study following the income tax purposes have all served to bring out the fact that the distribution of wealth in the United States is relatively equitable.”

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The outlook for a milk condensary at Clearfield is encouraging. That town has a live chamber of commerce.

—At the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's association convention to be held at Punxsutawney, a total of \$1,500 has been secured to be awarded as prizes in the various contests.

—State Forester Dutlinger, of Westport, has just completed the planting of 90,000 white and Scotch pine trees on the Hopkins reservation, in the upper end of Clinton county.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcoy, aged 52 years, died near Latrobe recently of blood poison, caused by her shoe rubbing a toe and something in the stocking acting as poison to the tender flesh.

—The new bridge over the Susquehanna at McEhattan is now open for traffic, much to the gratification of residents on the north side of the river who have waited long for the improvement.

—The Hyde city rolling mills, near Clearfield, which have been idle for several years, and recently leased by the Newell Engineering Co., of Philadelphia, will be started at once in every department.

—Delayed four times as she was about to cross the big water, Mrs. Antonio Cucchi arrived from Italy to join her husband at Williamsport. Her coming with her little folks was the occasion of great rejoicing.

—Miss Erma Frye, of Latrobe, is suffering from a nervous collapse. She went to a picnic and danced all day, then went to another dance in the evening. Next morning she collapsed and has since been seriously ill.

—J. B. Thomas, a carpenter employed in Canoe valley, being unable to obtain alcoholic stimulants, drank a quantity of bay rum and was taken to the Huntingdon hospital, where he died some hours later. He was 60 years old.

—Derry must pay a balance of \$1,953.31 claimed by the contractor who installed its sewer system. The borough officials claimed that the job was not completed according to the contract, but the evidence in court was against them.

—Falling through an elevator shaft in the Nathan building, Johnstown, Abraham Kadetsky dropped from the fourth floor to the bottom of the shaft and was instantly killed. He was 17 years old and had been employed by the store for only eight days.

—Charles Isenberg, a Canoe valley boy, was driving a team drawing a wagon load of stone down a hill when the brake lock broke. The boy was thrown and the wagon passed over him, fortunately, however, at so great a speed as to leave him without fatal injury.

—Paul Guibert and John Conrad, two Civil war veterans who are walking from Pittsburgh to Gettysburg for the semi-centennial celebration, accepted an auto ride for a short distance in the vicinity of Latrobe. They are taking their hike by easy stages and enjoying it hugely.

—Ridgway has decided to celebrate the coming Fourth of July in old fashion style, with a number of new fangled notions mixed in among which will be flying machines and the like. The board of trade of the city has taken charge of the matter and it is now down to a business basis.

—Over 21,000 veterans of Pennsylvania regiments and veterans of the Union and Confederate armies resident in the State have filed applications for transportation to the Gettysburg battlefield and quarters in the camp for veterans during the celebration of the semi-centennial of the battle next month.

—Charles Kuhn, aged 15, and Harold Banker, aged 16, were riding a motorcycle at DuBois a few days ago at so high a rate of speed that when they came to the railroad crossing at the same time as a passenger train arrived, they could not get the machine stopped, but dashed into the train. Young Kuhn was killed and the other lad seriously injured.

—Twenty-one boys and girls made up the graduating class of the Phillipsburg high school. One of the number was in the hospital suffering from a fractured skull. He was hit on the forehead with a ball while playing at his home. The accident cast a deep gloom over the class, but the hope that he will recover cheered them and they carried out the program all right.

—Governor Tener has signed the Senate bill repealing the section of the act of May 1, 1909, providing for the catching of fish in fish baskets and issuance of licenses. Under the act the use of fish baskets was permitted if licenses were granted by the county treasurer of the county. The repealing of the act makes it illegal to use fish baskets to catch eels, suckers or any kind of fish.

—In November, 1911, Master Walter Paul, of Summerhill, fell from a shed roof and was impaled on an older sapling. Three times he was taken to the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, for an operation, but died before the third one was performed. He was 11 years old and particularly dear to an aged grandfather, who stayed at a nearby hotel all the time the boy was in the hospital.

—Plans for the reunion of the Isenberg families in Pennsylvania which will occur at Lakemont park Thursday, August 21, will be completed at a special meeting announced by the committee at Huntingdon the evening of Thursday, June 12. The program for the day and other matters of importance will be taken up at this time and the various other committees appointed by the general committee.

—Between \$15,000 and \$16,000 had been placed in the First National bank of Altoona, discovered in the coat of Willis Browning, a hermit who died alone in his cabin across the ridge from Barree Forge, on Tuesday night. There is no one to claim it. The money was found in the inside pocket of the only coat Browning was known to possess. \$15,000 were in large bills and almost \$1,000 in small bills.

—William H. Page, of Mineral Point, has instructed attorney Francis J. O'Connor, of Johnstown, to bring suit against the Johnstown Water company for \$10,000 as damages for injuries received while at work on a tittle at the new Saltlick dam last October, when one of his lungs was pierced, an arm was broken in two places and a hip was badly injured. Dr. Page alleges negligence on the part of the company.

—On May 6, the Supreme court ordered the commissioners of Huntingdon county to pay the scalp orders held by justice of the peace B. F. Isenberg and they accordingly began paying the orders held by all justices or trappers all over the county. Up to June 1, they paid out during the month the sum of \$6,355 for bounties on wild-cats, minks, weasels and foxes. Farmers hunted up all orders dating as far back as 1908.

—The capture of a stolen auto at Lewistown last week proved to be the spilling of an albatross of a college student and a 16-year-old girl from Boston. They had walked from Boston to Philadelphia, had stolen the auto at Haverford. When they reached Lewistown their hunger and lack of funds impelled them to try the charge trick on the local store, which led to their undoing. The girl was taken home by her parents and the young man to Philadelphia to answer the charge of theft.

—David Everett made a written confession on Monday to District Attorney Strouse that he murdered Henry E. Miller in Sunbury last year. When on trial for his participation in the crime he placed the blame for the murder upon Frederick Nye, who was his companion, and Nye was sentenced to be hanged. Everett receiving a sentence for manslaughter. The case was taken to the Supreme court, which declined to interfere, and an appeal is now pending before the pardon board. Robbery was the motive for the murder.