

INK SLINGS.

—Why is it so many people are successful in almost everything but being agreeable?

—Only half the people who are born live to reach the age of sixteen and lots of them only exist after that period.

—If you haven't anything else to decorate, decorate yourself and be a fantastic in our coming Fourth of July parade.

—The Philadelphia Municipal court bill has been passed finally and the chances are that later on a court will be created for every man in that city who wants one.

—The Legislature may not adjourn finally on the 26th, the time fixed by the House, but in that event the Senate will have to show cause and that may be a hard job.

—It is costing us three times as much to run Pennsylvania as it did ten years ago and it looks very much as if the taxpayer is putting up for something he isn't getting.

—Congressmen MURDOCK, of Kansas, and BILL FLINN, of this State, are the only two persons in the United States who don't know that the Washington party is dead and buried.

—Are you preparing to do your part in the entertainment of the little folks when Bellefonte comes to celebrate the Fourth of July in a safe and sane way? Now is the time to boost, not knock.

—Anyway those Legislators in Washington and Harrisburg are finding it hot enough just now to season them for the "roasting" many of them will get when they go home to their constituency.

—Some one remarked, on Monday, when the mercury was bobbin' around 93 degrees that the weather man had gotten in a car of good coal. It must have been one of the kind the local steam heat works was looking for last January.

—Lenox, Mass., had a dance censor. He was appointed when the town passed an ordinance barring objectionable dances. He went to work with a will and stopped everything up to the time a couple struck him with a Texas Tommy, then he quit the job, completely knocked out.

—Wall Street doesn't like the way the Supreme court is deciding the question of corporation control by States but happily Wall Street is without the power of review and has no means of recall. Under the circumstances Wall Street will have to do like Paradise alley, accept the decision of the Supreme court as final.

—Col. ROOSEVELT is planning a lecture tour around the world. It is significant that his itinerary would land him back in America just before the time for nominating candidates for the Presidency. To be gone two years and return just in time to fill a long-felt want is probably the thought the Colonel has under his hat.

—You can't ride to Hecla park in an automobile these summer Friday nights and turkey trot on the railroad company's pavilion. Oh, no! There'll be plenty of turkey trotting down there, but only those who have railroad tickets or cough up the price of the same will be permitted on the floor when the orchestra gives the get-away signal for the trotters.

—The ROTHSCHILDS are reported to be bringing gasoline to the United States with which to fight the Standard Oil Co. Were it not for the knowledge that the great French financiers are not in business for their health alone the owners of motors that get only six miles out of a gallon of gas might look for a slight reduction in the high cost of living.

—A world-wide meat war is announced as the next event of importance. It can't come too quick and the public will not be insisting that it be stopped by arbitration either. Australia threatens to enter our markets and American packers are to retaliate by cutting prices to the point where foreign producers can't live. It will be a case of what's one man's poison is another man's meat, sure enough.

—The plot thickens! HARRY KELLER Esq. has tossed his hat into the ring and is now a full fledged aspirant for the Republican nomination for Judge. Since Mr. KELLER is a brother-in-law of Judge ORVIS, who will probably aspire to reelection, and occupies a law office with an open door into that of Mr. QUIGLEY, who is also an aspirant for judicial honors, it will readily be seen that the matter of building fences will have to be looked after most tactfully if heretofore very pleasant relations are not to be strained a bit.

—A recent conference of social workers in New York city was called for the purpose of determining whether, in reality, their energies were being fruitfully expended. The social uplift question is such a complex one that none but a fanatic will approach it with anything else than hesitation. From our point of view social uplift is merely charity by another name and charity is more beautiful theoretically than practically. Make governmental conditions so that all may have an equal chance and there would be little need of charitable endeavor outside the field of those physically or mentally deficient.

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Factionalism that Threatens Party Unity.

While Congressman LEE, of Pottsville, who has been recommended by the Democrats of Schuylkill county as the candidate of the party for Governor, may not be the choice of a majority of the Democrats of the State for that party favor, he certainly represents, if his words indicate his honest convictions, the type of man who ought to be thus honored.

Bossism was never quite so rampant in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania as it is today. Not long ago Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER, claiming to be the mouth-piece of the organization, issued an ultimatum that no man would be considered for appointment to office under the administration of President WILSON unless he had the endorsement of certain individuals who represent the present State organization.

Upon what meat hath these, our Ceasars, fed, that they have grown so great? In 1896, 1900 and 1908 Mr. GUTHRIE and Mr. McCORMICK refused to support the Democratic candidate for President and freely gave of their unearned wealth to debauch the voters of Pennsylvania in the interest of the Republican machine.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have splendid opportunities before them but they are not making the best use of them by encouraging the arrogant bossism of these gentlemen, now converts to the faith. As Representative LEE states "bossism is a relic of the past," and like other evils from which we have escaped, bossism must be relegated. Fidelity to the party during the period of adversity is no crime to be penalized now that prosperity has come and in the selection of a candidate for Governor next year these truths must be kept in mind.

It is reported that nine of the twenty-five elk which during the winter were brought from Yellowstone park and turned loose in the Big Run district of the Allegheny mountains, not far from Renovo, have died as the result of being infested with a tick-like parasite which sucks the blood of the animals until they die from weakness and exhaustion.

Summer is here, the dry weather is having its effect on the streams, the water in Spring creek is getting low and that dam splash board still reigns supreme. "The mills of the gods grind slowly" but they aren't in it with Bellefonte borough council when it has a splash board problem to solve.

The Moros on the Philippine Island of Jolo have been carrying on again. They refuse to be assimilated even by benevolent processes, just as they did when Spain was the philanthropic agent. The only real difference is that then we blamed Spain for the brutality and now Spain accuses us of imbecility.

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Old Plan Revived.

The proposition to trade an interest in the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, owned by the Pennsylvania railroad, for an interest in the Southern Pacific, owned by the Union Pacific, would simply fulfill the original purpose for which the Southern Pacific railroad was projected and built.

TOM SCOTT was probably the greatest railroad builder and manager of his day and generation and ranks up well among the foremost of any in our country. His ambition was to make the Pennsylvania the ideal iron highway of the world and to that end made its roadway as nearly perfect as possible.

Mr. SCOTT was not alone in his belief in a coast to coast railroad and from the moment that he became identified with the Southern Pacific the batteries of rival railroad magnates were turned upon him and his project. Sources of financial support upon which he relied were closed to him, as completely as the Steel trust closed the money market to the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in 1907, and he was finally compelled to abandon his enterprise which he did with as little loss to himself and friends as possible.

Secretary of the Navy DANIELS appears to think that we ought to build three battleships a year, which is contrary to the Democratic idea of economy in public expenditures. It makes a difference whose ox is gored.

Senator Penrose is Optimistic.

The world is growing better—the horizon brighter. Between calamity sobs Senator PENROSE now finds time to express a hope drawn from the virtues of the Pennsylvania Legislature. Even if "the worst comes to the worst" in consequence of curtailing the graft harvest of our General Assembly will afford consolation if not recompense.

The inspiration for Senator PENROSE's optimism was a statement made by Representative JOHN R. K. SCOTT, of Philadelphia, to the effect that "the cost of running the government of Pennsylvania has increased nearly three fold within a decade."

Such figures do not discourage Senator PENROSE, however. According to his notion they reveal in radiant colors the highest virtues in legislation. The money, he says substantially will go to the best uses. Nothing could be better than good roads and this seeming profrugality is only a means of making the finest roads in the universe.

The American Medical association, in session at Minneapolis, is wrestling with a proposition to curtail the sale of nostrums. The only sure means of achieving that result is to kill off the fools who buy such things.

Is He the Man?

Congressman LEE, who has been started in the run for Governor by his multitude of Democratic friends of Schuylkill county seems, like Mr. BARKIS, to be "willin'" provided the Democrats can "rise above factional discord"—a height to which Mr. LEE was unable to attain when "factional discord" was being planted, by a few aspiring malcontents, and cultivated and nourished by those who had been honored by the party with elections to Congress, in 1910.

Congressman LEE knows this fact as does every other intelligent Democrat in the State. He also understands, as do they, the unfortunate condition it places the party in and the hopelessness of a contest if these conditions are to be continued and intensified.

It is now up to himself, and others who aided in bringing this very state of affairs about, to take some action looking to a cessation of the ostracism that is being practiced towards the great body of Democrats who remained true to the precedents and principles of their party in 1910; to stop the petty spitefulness that has characterized every act of the three or four individuals, acting as bosses, who have secured the ear of the administration and assumed the authority to parcel out the positions the party has to give, to those, and those only, who have served them personally.

It is this narrowness of policy on the part of those now in control of party affairs; this deprivation of Democrats generally from having any voice in the designation of those worthy of party recognition; this unreasonable and senseless effort to keep alive the factional feeling that divides and distracts the party, that must be stopped if the Democracy is to have a ghost of a show to benefit by the divisions and dissensions now disrupting the common enemy.

If so, the Democrats of Pennsylvania might conclude that he is big and broad enough to be their candidate for Governor in 1914.

—Wasn't Wednesday about as near your ideal of a perfect summer day as you ever expect to see.

The Anthracite Coal Tax.

There is reason in the objections presented by the anthracite coal producers against the tax on that commodity provided for in a bill now in the hands of the Governor. Whether such a tax would involve a violation of the provision of the federal constitution which forbids the laying of an export tax by States is a mooted question.

Those who favor the tax hold that because it would be levied equally upon residents of the State and those not resident, it is not obnoxious to the federal constitution. The language of the organic law is: "No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State." That is neither uncertain nor ambiguous.

Possibly Mr. PENNYPACKER never read the constitution of the United States and probably he wouldn't understand it if he had read it. In any event he is responsible, not only for its introduction but for its ultimate passage through the Legislature. But that is not our reason for opposing it. The fact that the result can be achieved better by other means is responsible for our attitude upon the question.

Avoiding Blind Trails.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. There are opponents of President Wilson who oppose him not because what he is trying to do is wrong, but because he is a member of the party which it always antagonizes. If he were a member of the other great party, those same opponents would be among his strongest defenders, and they would approve everything he has done and is doing.

The President has been accused of ordering that all hearings on the tariff bill be held in secret. He gave no such order. Hearings on the Underwood bill have been in secret, but it has been customary to have such hearings in secret. It has been said that he was himself the strongest lobbyist in Washington and that he used his power to influence legislation.

When some of his critics denounce the President for saying that some of the "interests" conspired to injure business in order to harm his administration, they forget their own allegations that he engaged in a conspiracy to injure business. It is better to disbelieve both allegations. This is a year when the people resolutely refuse to follow blind trails and are staying in the middle of the road.

The Hitchcock Way.

For some time, in fact ever since Frank Hitchcock became Postmaster General, there have been complaints that the standard of efficiency and public convenience to which the people consider themselves entitled. It was known to Mr. Hitchcock's assistant that the extraordinary good fiscal showing—the elimination of a deficit of nearly \$20,000,000—was secured by reducing expenditures at the price of deterioration in the service.

That is true. It is false economy that produces a surplus at the cost of deterioration in the service. But when the showing of a surplus is false and not warranted by the facts of honest book-keeping, the condemnation of the official who is responsible for it cannot be too severe.

"The House of Cameron" Again to the Front.

Simply because Vance C. McCormick is supposed to have furnished the bulk of the boodle necessary to finance the "reorganization" movement which resulted in the unhorsing of Colonel Guffey is not sufficient reason why he should name men as postmasters all over Pennsylvania who are not wanted by the Democratic voters or by the patrons of the office.

The Riot at Ipswich.

Another tragedy has been written down to the credit of the Industrial Workers of the World—the most un-American organization that ever gained a foothold in the United States—in the riot at Ipswich, which resulted in the death of one woman and the injury of many other persons. The woman who was killed had nothing whatever to do with the trouble, having been merely a spectator and it is probable that many of the injured were equally innocent of wrong doing.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—New Florence is promised electric light by July 15. A Johnstown company has the franchise.

—Eighty friends of Mrs. Lobe Russel of Shelocta, helped her to celebrate her 63rd birthday recently.

—It is expected that trolleys will be running from Latrobe to Whittier within three weeks, unless weather conditions prevent.

—For the first time in years the Westmoreland county jail does not contain a woman prisoner. There are however sixty-four men.

—Frank Kuntz, of Derry, fired off a blank revolver, and Vaughn Wagner, aged 7 years has a lot of bird shot in his abdomen. It is thought he will recover.

—Twelve Williamsport dairymen have paid fines because the milk they were selling was under the requirement in percentage of fat and solids. None were charged with adulteration.

—The Clymer brick works will ship six car loads of radical chimney bricks to Honolulu in the near future. The bricks must all be crated before starting on their long journey around Cape Horn.

—Aviator Earl Sandt, of Brookville, was hurled fifty feet at Grove City a few days ago, when his engine stalled. He landed on a garage and was in addition to a fine crop of bruises, a broken arm and leg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis, of Johnstown, can afford to defy the thirteen hoodoo. They have thirteen children, two of whom are married and their home has as yet never been entered by the death angel.

—Since the big fire at Cassandra, or Bens Creek, it has been learned that citizens of the town were planning a municipal water plant and a fire company. There will likely be both in the rehabilitation of the town.

—Selling olive oil with cotton seed adulteration and refusing to pay the fines imposed by the magistrate cost Josephine Puma, of Johnstown, \$63 when she finally agreed to settle before the case had reached trial in court.

—Keating Summit is one of the lumber towns that has given up the ghost. Most of the people have moved away and houses are being torn down and shipped elsewhere. Cross Fork met the same fate some time ago.

—The kitchen, dining room, gymnasium, forge and foundry are some of the features to be found in the plans for improvements to Johnstown's high school building. The contract for the additions is to be let this month.

—Four of the tramps held in the Williamsport jail on suspicion of knowing something about the murder of James Kilgallon were released this week. They made a bee line for the railroad and lost no time getting out of town.

—An unique damage suit is in prospect in the Clearfield county court. Dr. J. S. Waterworth, a prominent physician of that place, has been sued for \$15,000 by W. A. Lukens and wife, because Mrs. Lukens failed to recover from an illness under the doctor's care.

—Marion and Warren Gonder, Centre Hall lads, were playing in a large wheat bin at the Foreman grain house when somebody opened the chute to load the grain on a car. When the grain didn't flow properly, the boys were found unconscious and almost suffocated.

—Hiram Krick, a steel foundry work-man at Burnham, sneezed a few mornings ago and snapped a rib in his right side. The rib had been "cracked before," in a fall from the haymow at his stable, but the extent to which it was shattered was not known until the sneeze proved too much for it.

—Tony Kinetzky, aged 6 years, of Mechnesnytown, found a cigarette stump a few days ago. He also found a match. Then he found a place to smoke without fear of detection. He lit the cigarette and threw the burning match into the hay of the stable he had entered. The boy is left to tell the tale.

—A large rock flying from a blasted foundation, crashed into the home of Rex DeLong, at Renovo and fell on the bed where his wife and new born son were lying. That one or both were not killed is considered marvelous, but the rock managed to miss both, although the bed was filled with dirt and broken glass.

—Boswell had a first class small-pox scare last week when it was found that a young girl suffering with the disease had been shopping; attended a moving picture show and bought meat. When she went to a doctor the nature of the disease became known and there was an epidemic of vaccination and disinfecting.

—Caught between two automobiles that met in a head-on collision near Vandergrift, Mrs. Harry Graden, aged 30, was crushed and killed. The woman had a 6 year old daughter beside her and was wheeling her baby in a carriage at the side of the road. She might have escaped had she not tried to save her little ones, in which task she succeeded.

—The lumber yards of J. G. Ewing, along the railroad west of the depot at Newton Hamilton, caught fire from a spark dropped by a passing locomotive on Friday and were entirely destroyed. The telephone and telegraph poles on both sides of the railroad were burned off. Passenger and freight traffic were blocked for more than an hour. The loss is about \$3,000.

—Christopher Sanckich, at the Latrobe railroad station, leaped over the edge of the platform to spite, just as a freight train came that way. The engine hit him a whack on the side of the head that made him feel as though he would never spit again, but after he had been taken to the hospital and had the hole in his head sewed up, he renewed his belief in the desirability of life.

—The Spruce Creek fish hatchery, the property of the Department of Fisheries, located in Spruce Creek township, Huntingdon county, consisting of two buildings and 29 acres of land, was sold at the court house on Tuesday afternoon to Snyder Iselt, Spruce Creek, for \$3,050. The sale was authorized by the present Legislature owing to the fact that the hatcheries had been irreparably damaged by floods.

—Mrs. Mary Watson aged 70 years, on her way from Lock Haven to Cumberland, walked in, to the police station at Altoona on Tuesday evening and applied for a night lodging. She informed the officer in charge that she was on her way to relatives, had just enough money for railroad fare and was satisfied with some place to rest for the night. She was taken to the Magee hotel, where a room was secured for her for the night.

—Lewis N. Graves, supposed to be from Lock Haven, appearing to be a victim of hallucination on the subjects of marriage and wireless telegraphy, was taken into custody at Clearfield a few days ago. He was not molested until he tried to buy a gun; then the authorities thought it time to take charge of him, especially as he has a fancied grudge against a relative whom he thinks wants to marry him to someone he does not like.

—While enjoying a bath in the waters of Lycoming creek together with eight of his companions and fellow countrymen, Selam Ben Abdallah, a thirteen year old Moroccan and member of the Moroccan troupe, which performed with the Hagenbeck and Wallace circus, at Williamsport, was drowned Monday evening about 7:30 o'clock, just prior to the evening performance. He stepped into a deep hole and disappeared. Neither he nor his companions could swim. The body was recovered in 15 minutes, but life was extinct. Selam performed with the troupe on Monday afternoon and though but a boy was unusually skillful and daring.