

INK SLINGS.

-In another month the county fair will be in full swing.
-The man who wasn't hot enough on Tuesday must have blood like a fish.
-Anyway that \$2,500,000 forgery in Paris couldn't have been pulled off on us.
-From the banks of Spring creek to the banks of the Bald Eagle now the hopeful fisherman wends his way.
-Have you forgotten the Chautauqua already? If not, cling to the nobler thoughts those meetings inspired in you.
-Every man is said to be in love; either with a woman or with himself. But that doesn't account for all of the bachelors.
-One of the curious things about the ordinary sea shore crowd is, the shorter a woman's bathing suit the longer it takes to see it.
-Let us see, wasn't it only two weeks ago that most persons were wondering when it was going to get warm like summer ought to be.
-The automobile and the bathing resort are running neck and neck in the race to claim the most lives during the mid summer months.
-The manner in which he wielded the veto ax will lead the public to understand that Governor TENER didn't quit base-ball because of a glass arm.
-In nine cases out of ten the man who boasts of being a "progressive" is a fellow who has always wanted and is still on the look out for an office.
-Anyway the MULHALL fire works have gone off and the public can expect little that is illuminating or new in the further effort Congress intends to make to prolong that show.
-An exchange remarks that "the taste of American women is undoubtedly improving." Come to think of it, we guess it is. We haven't seen one with a pug dog under her arm for weeks.
-As it remorse or indifference that prompted county chairman KIMPORT to say that he didn't care who represented him at the meeting of the Democratic state central committee last week.
-The government the European Powers contemplate constructing for Bulgaria and the other Balkan States gives great promise of being a "Six Cylinder Machine," without any equal anywhere.
-A fashion item in an esteemed contemporary states that a dress described was slit "up to the minute." That is indefinite to those of us who are not informed us to what part of the female anatomy is "the minute.
-There is not likely to be any big stick work in Mexico but reparation will be demanded for the killing of an American official in Juarez and two American engineers held under sentence of death in Mexico will be released, "or else."
-The fact that Senator THORNTON, of Louisiana, forgot to put on his collar and necktie on Monday, and made half a dozen calls in that condition of dishabille, probably didn't affect his ability to transact public business a particle, but it did cause a stir in Washington.
-Quite naturally Philadelphia is sore at Governor TENER for cutting the appropriations to the various institutions and enterprises in that city. The Governor replied most happily when he remarked: "The trouble with so many Philadelphians is that they think that all of Pennsylvania can be seen from the City Hall tower."
-Having accidentally discovered that a ground hog can burrow under ground faster than a man handy with a pick and shovel can dig after it, one of Bishop streets business men thinks he will give up the grocery store and train ground hogs-to dig ditches, sewers, etc. There would be millions in it if he should succeed in training the rodents.
-Early last week the street department put many loads of crushed limestone along the gutters and crossings on High street. One storm followed and practically all of the material promptly floated away into Spring creek. It is nobody's fault. The incident is mentioned merely in the way of explaining one of the reasons that taxes are high in Bellefonte.
-It seems that only an ordinance of council and a few arrests under it will stop the useless and persistent opening of automobile mufflers on the streets of Bellefonte. The increase of power secured by opening a muffler is almost negligible, but the noise is getting to be intolerable and it requires legislation to take the feet of some drivers off the "cut-out" the sooner we have it the better it will be for the nerves of the community.
-It is now stated that the government contemplates the establishment of a lobster farm at a very early date. Just the thing for a Center county enterprise at this time. We have scores of fellows who were cock-sure of fat positions in the Surveyor's department of the Customs service, who, since the best of these have been given to PENROSE agents, feel that they were played for political lobsters and might be induced for a small salary to "continue the business at the old stand."

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Rules for the Democratic Party.

State chairman MORRIS has named the members of the committee, authorized by the Democratic State Central committee, at its recent meeting in Harrisburg, to revise the rules of the party. The rules need revision for various reasons. They are incongruous, ungrammatical and confusing. But those defects might have been overlooked. Recent legislation, however, made them not only worthless but mischievous and it is proper and imperative that they should be made to conform to the new conditions. There will be no conventions in the future and the burden of the existing rules related to the conduct of conventions. Chairman MORRIS has given us somewhat of a surprise, however, in the personnel of the committee he has named to make the necessary revision of the rules. He has nominated for this important work Mr. ARTHUR MCKEAN, of Beaver county; Mr. BRUCE R. STERLING, of Fayette county; Mr. WILLIAM T. CREASY, of Columbia county; Mr. PARK H. DAVIS, of Northampton county, and Mr. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, of Lackawanna county. These are, no doubt, capable gentlemen, but like the executive committee, they represent a faction of the party. They all belong to the PALMER-GUTHRIE-McCORMICK wing, if they belong to the party at all. Some months ago one of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries made a poll of the State to ascertain whether or not the Keystone party ought to be perpetuated. Among those it addressed was Mr. W. T. CREASY. Almost from the moment he attained his majority he had been kept in office by the Democratic party until 1910, when he failed to get a nomination he coveted. Then he bolted and in reply to the inquiry above referred to declared that the Democratic party was dead and the Keystone party ought to be perpetuated. What reason is there for investing a man with such a record with power to make rules for the Democratic party? Surely if Mr. CREASY was right when he made that assertion, he is wrong in the position chairman MORRIS has selected him to fill. Men who believe there is a Democratic party, and that there should be one, are the kind who should be chosen to make its rules and to provide for its future harmony and success.

With former Governor PENNYPACKER on the Utilities Commission it will be under suspicion no matter who the other members happen to be. Mr. PENNYPACKER's record as a member of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, during the period of treasury looting for capitol furnishings, never will be obliterated from the public mind.

Veto of Appropriation Bills.

Governor TENER's veto ax has made sad havoc of some of the appropriation bills. He has had no alternative, of course, for the aggregate of the appropriations far exceeded the revenue possibilities. A few measures have been allowed to stand as they passed the Legislature and a few others have been stricken out altogether. But the majority have been cut in large or small ratio, according to his judgment. Whether he has cut wisely remains to be seen. He was influenced more or less by the Board of Public Charities and the gentlemen who compose that organization ought to know where such appropriations will do the most good. But there ought to be a better way for reaching conclusions. In the first place the Governor has no right to cut appropriations at all. That is legislative power in the General Assembly. He has power to veto "any item or items of any bill, making appropriations of money, embracing distinct items," but that exhausts his authority. For example where an appropriation is for \$100,000 for an institution, \$75,000 of which is for maintenance and \$25,000 for improvements, he may veto one item or the other and the one approved becomes a law and that disapproved becomes void. But to slice part off each item is a violation of the constitution and ought not to be thought of, much less tolerated. The fault, however, is in the General Assembly. Every Senator and Representative wants all he can get for his home institutions and will enter into any sort of agreement with others, who are influenced by the same desire, to accomplish his purpose. Thus JONES supports an appropriation for a hospital in SMITH'S district in consideration for SMITH'S support of a similar appropriation for JONES' district and this log-rolling operation results in appropriations beyond the revenues and necessitates the trimming which follows in violation of the organic law of the State. The remedy lies in the election to the General Assembly of men who will not violate their oaths of office by such methods.

The Mexican Question.

The Mexican situation is easily the most annoying problem confronting the administration at Washington. The tariff matter is practically disposed of and assurances are given that the currency bill will be passed during the present session. But the Mexican problem is both involved and perplexing. The President believes that consideration must be given to moral principles in treating it. The Ambassador in Mexico, an inheritance from the TAFT administration, is of the opinion that expediency should be the paramount question in determining the matter. In other words he favors the recognition of the HUERTA administration in Mexico for the reason that business interests are involved. The HUERTA administration is based upon murder and usurpation. It is the result of a conspiracy which culminated in the assassination of President MADRID. The recognition of it would imply a condonation of that atrocity. Since that event, however, HUERTA has levied tribute upon the banking and other substantial interests of the country and the validity of the claims for reimbursement depends upon the permanence of the HUERTA regime. That is to say if the HUERTA government is not recognized money advanced to maintain it, whether forced or voluntary, will be lost. Ambassador WILSON wants to protect the money lenders. President WILSON desires to conserve the interests of the Mexican people. Of course the President's policy will prevail in the end and the surprise is that there was any dilly dallying on the subject. The Ambassador represents the dollar diplomacy of the TAFT administration which pays no regard to the moral side of diplomatic questions but adheres strictly to the commercial aspect. The country fondly hoped that with the inauguration of a Democratic President the dollar diplomacy had become a thing of the past. But the obstruction of this Mexican question seems to have cast a doubt upon this notion. Let us hope that it will be of brief duration and that before many hours the Mexican Ambassador who advances the discredited policy will be dismissed from office.

The Attorney General of Missouri proposes to investigate an alleged conspiracy in the insurance industry concealed in the "Pittsburgh-Philadelphia agreement." His theory probably is that an agreement in which Pittsburgh and Philadelphia are concerned must have something the matter with it.

Mr. Palmer Lacks Consistency.

In his speech accepting the chairmanship of the Democratic State committee, the other day, Mr. ROLAND S. MORRIS declared that the test of Democracy is "supporting the ticket and fulfilling the platform pledges." On the same occasion Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER, in a speech, said, "there is no disposition, I am sure, on the part of any man, to read any other man out of the party; there is no disposition to do anything else than welcome to the party standard any man who will do two things: consistently support the party's candidates and consistently vote to carry out the party's pledges to the people."

Immediately following Mr. PALMER'S speech before the State committee the several division committee chairmen were announced. There are nine of them and they compose the executive committee which is really the body that manages the affairs of the party. Of the nine gentlemen named to serve in this important capacity only one, Dr. FRANK K. WHITE, of Philipsburg, supported the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1910. All the others were named at the suggestion of Mr. PALMER and the several gentlemen, recent that year, who have been favored with appointments to office by the President or are under obligations to Mr. PALMER for the favor to them.

In view of these facts, however consistent Mr. PALMER may be in the matter of supporting Democratic candidates and fulfilling party pledges, he is not consistent in fixing standards and distributing rewards. Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, whom he first made chairman of the Democratic State committee and subsequently promoted to the office of Ambassador to Japan, opposed the Democratic candidate for President in 1896, 1900 and 1908 and the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1910, yet upon Mr. PALMER'S recommendation he has taken the biggest and sweetest plum on the Democratic tree.

Now that Governor TENER has signed the appropriation for work on the new penitentiary in Benner township it is likely that something more definite in the way of building operations will be started in the near future.

The New Cold Storage Law.

The new cold storage act which is now a law makes "any artificially cooled place where any food is held at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or under, thirty days or more," a cold storage warehouse. Fresh meats and fresh products thereof, fresh poultry, fresh fish, eggs and butter are the articles affected. Unwholesome food is not admissible to cold storage and articles admitted must be labeled "cold storage food," and the date of entry stated on the label. When withdrawn for sale at retail it must be similarly labeled and must be delivered in wrappers containing the statement "in large type." Food withdrawn from cold storage for sale cannot be re-entered under any circumstances.

The time limit of foods in cold storage is: Veal, three months; beef, four months; pork, mutton and lamb, six months; dressed fowl, drawn, five months; undrawn, ten months; eggs, eight months, and butter and fish, nine months. The owner of unwholesome food is held responsible but the warehouseman is required to exercise "reasonable precaution in accepting food entries." At the expiration of the time limit foods in storage are unmarketable and the warehousemen must keep records of the entries and withdrawals in order to make periodical reports to the Dairy and Food Commissioner at Harrisburg. The penalties are \$500 fine for first offenses and \$1000 fine and imprisonment for subsequent offenses.

These facts are drawn from a statement issued by Dairy and Food Commissioner FOUST and are interesting to the public because nearly every community of considerable population has cold storage facilities as interpreted by the Commissioner. Moreover there are some features of the law which may prove embarrassing. For example western dressed meat comes to the East in cold storage and must be removed from the refrigerator cars for sale. Strictly construed the law would forbid the entrance of such foods into the local warehouses and thus cut off the meat supply from many communities. The law may not actually mean that but the Dairy and Food Commissioner says it does.

J. T. Gephart Jr., of Clearfield, who has been assistant engineer of the State Highway Department and superintendent of the district of which Centre county is a part, has been promoted to engineer of maintenance. His territory will be principally the western part of the State, with headquarters in Pittsburgh. Mr. Gephart made many friends during the few months he was in charge of the state road work in Centre county and while all are sorry to see him go they are glad of his deserved promotion.

Governor TENER on Saturday signed the bill appropriating twelve thousand dollars for maintenance of the Bellefonte hospital for the next two years but cut out the item of two thousand dollars for a new laundry which the Legislature had appropriated. The maintenance item is all that was asked but the vetoing of the item for a new laundry is generally regretted, as it is a part of the institution that is very badly needed.

The new addition to the Bellefonte Academy is now under roof and twenty carpenters are at work on the interior in order to get the institution completed in the five weeks remaining until the opening of school in September. The interior of the old building will be remodeled to conform with the new and when completed there will be ample accommodations for one hundred boarding students.

The total attendance at the Chautauqua during the week it was in Bellefonte was 11,140, according to those who claim to know. This was an average of 791 for each afternoon and evening session. The smallest attendance was at the opening session and the largest the night Judge Ben Lindsey was here. Sixty-two guarantors signed the agreement for a return of the Chautauqua next year.

Chairman ROCKWOOD, of the Prohibition State committee, resents the statement that "there are paid liquor agents in the Prohibition party." He probably banks on the business sagacity of the liquor dealers.

Republican Senators have given up hope of breaking the solid Democratic vote on the tariff measure. In other words they have discovered that fulfillment of public obligation has become a habit in Washington.

The trout fishing season closed yesterday and now the speckled beauties can come up Spring creek into town without having some pesky fisherman dangle angle worms and minnows under their nose.

Value of County Fairs.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Much has been heard in Pennsylvania of late of the value of State fairs. They are of unquestionable benefit. Minnesota, Illinois, New York and Iowa have proven that they are financially as well as popularly an educationally successful, and in other States the tendency is toward big State exhibitions. But nothing can ever take the peculiar place or perform the unique service of the county fair. It is of its own, by its own, for its own, and gives an opportunity of neighborliness and mutual interest that should be developed and encouraged. In Pennsylvania in 1913 there will be more than 50 of these fairs; many of them come in August, most of them in September and some of them in October. In the past some of the fairs have been cheapened by vulgar "attractions," mainly the reminiscences of the old "midway" evils. These should be excluded and there should be a rigid investigation of fair "attractions" before they are engaged. There is where the benefit of cooperation comes in. Counties that do business together and work together, in Pennsylvania of late there has been a drift toward an old home week in connection with the county fair. This is fine. Every Pennsylvania county has natives in other sections and other States, and it would do them good to go back home and see how the folks have been getting along. It would be well if Philadelphia business houses paid larger attention to county fairs. They are gatherings of people whose trade is worth having. It is usual to speak of the business to be got from foreign lands and of new wealth to be brought to the Panama canal, but the best, most reliable and steadfast profits are from the people of the counties.

Real Neutrality.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The best way to observe all neutrality laws is to observe them, to enforce them impartially. It cannot be said that the United States have always done this. But hereafter it will be done, especially with regard to disturbances in Mexico. It is reported that President Wilson will issue an order that no arms or ammunition shall pass from American territory into the hands of either of the factions that are now warring for office and spoils in Mexico.

Heretofore the patriots on both sides of a quarrel in any Latin-American country have obtained arms and ammunition in the United States, which have been the home and the business place of many revolutionary juntas. Here rebellion and revolution have been planned, fostered and financed and from United States ports arms and ammunition have been shipped to most of the Latin-American States. Often this has been done with the approval of the people, especially in the wars for Cuban independence and in the war against Diaz in Mexico. But Huerta is neither a patriot nor a liberator, the rebels are no better than the despots and nothing better could be done by the Washington administration than to order that the neutrality laws be enforced against the equally impotent factions in the war-torn neighborhood so-called republic.

If they cannot get any supplies from the great storehouse of munition, the combatants will have to stop fighting for want of something to fight with. At any rate, the Washington administration will have done its duty with the enforcement of the neutrality laws.

This Interests Women.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The railroads have joined in the fight to prevent the people from reaping the full benefit of a parcel post law. They argue that under the recent Burleson ruling lowering rates and increasing the size of the packages that can be sent they will lose money.

It appears that the express companies have been dividing their loot with the railroads. Consequently the railroads protest against any attempt to deprive them of their vested right to rob the people under cover of the express company extortions. These are indeed hard days for some corporations. It is a sad state of affairs when government officials begin trying to administer the laws in a matter calculated to benefit the people.

Every housewife in the country should be interested in the Burleson ruling. If the Postmaster General wins out in his contention it will cost less to send more goods by parcel post than it does now. That means that a part of the high cost of living will be lopped off. For years unearned millions have been flowing into the coffers of the express companies. Postmaster-General Burleson proposes to scale the unearned profits of the express corporations and give the shipper the benefit of the reduction. The questions at issue are of considerable moment to the women. The fact that such questions come up regularly in politics proves that women should be in a position not only to have their say but to record that say on the ballot box.

Looks Like He Would Succeed.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Possibly Mulhall is still in the employ of the manufacturers and has contracted to talk the session of Congress into a state of innocuous desuetude?

Sunday School Times Please Copy.

From the Charleston News and Courier. Evelyn Thaw now draws \$4,000 a week from a vaudeville manager, which proves, of course, that it pays to lead a correct and blameless life.

A Philadelphia contemporary says that "in Chicago women take babies to the polls." In Philadelphia they register and vote dogs.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The first silk plush was made at the Clearfield silk mill last week and the mill is rapidly getting into shape for large operation.
-Angelo Hess is in the DuBois hospital and Frank Richo is in the Clearfield county jail charged with stabbing him in a drunken quarrel. Hess is likely to die.
-Four of the deaths that occurred in Johnstown last week were due to contagious diseases. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and typhoid fever each claimed one victim.
-Five suits for damages will result from the overturning of the auto bus in which the Greensburg Transportation company was taking the Gypsy band, of that place, home from an outing at Crabtree.
-Lying on a couch when a thunder storm came that way, I. T. Lee, of Danville, had his socks ripped from his feet, the soles of his feet burned, his trousers torn to shreds and set afire, yet did not suffer in the least from shock.
-Eight-year-old Lawrence Clifford Ackerman, of Williamsport, was drowned in the Central Pennsylvania Lumber company's mill pond at that place. With several companions he started to walk across the boom and slipped off into the water.
-Alfred Laird, aged 46, residing near Alexandria, fell backward from a load of hay on his barn floor, when the fork rope broke. He had both arms broken and sustained a severe concussion of the brain, with a possible cracking of the skull.
-Hawn Run is excited over two robberies Mrs. John Morris, whose husband is in England, was in Philipsburg, when her home was robbed of \$65. Mike Bools is short \$37, which disappeared at the same time a boarder at his home left the vicinity.
-The 186th anniversary of the Mattern family of America will be held in Stevens park, Tyrone, Pa., Thursday, August 7th. Many of the family and friends from a distance are expected to attend this reunion and the prospects are that this gathering will surpass all previous ones.
-Nine Russians are prisoners in the Indiana county jail, as a result of a fight at a christening. The constable had two prisoners taken from him by a mob. The men escaped and the constable left, to return later with help enough to arrest the men charged with being in the mob.
-Charles V. Starr, the missing principal of the Sagsboro schools, has the charge of forgery added to that of immorality at that place. One of his close friends has found his name on several notes which he did not sign, and has sworn out warrants for his arrest. He is thought to be in hiding within the bounds of the State.
-Robert Bowen, aged 17, fell from the tower of the Church of the Brethren at Everett, forty feet to the ground. He was bruised all over and had a number of cuts, but no bones were broken and it is hoped no internal injuries were sustained. He was a helper to the brick layers and was on a scaffold when a board broke and threw him.
-Rev. G. W. Brooks, a field Sunday school worker, and Elias Cummings, of DuBois, were on their way from a campmeeting at Falls Creek to DuBois a few nights ago when they were way-laid and robbed by masked men as they were passing through the tenderloin district of Falls Creek. One of the men was relieved of \$30. The police were notified.
-Squire Rupp, near Punxsutawney, heard a lawsuit over a dog recently, that would have puzzled Solomon. The dog was absolutely impartial and did all the tricks that either its possessor or claimant asked of it. It also answered readily to the name bestowed by either. The justice decided that possession was ten points of the law this time and the costs were divided.
-John Long, a Somerset county farmer, is in jail for the killing of Carl Phillips, near Ralphton. James Sampwell, who was a companion of Phillips, was wounded in the head by a shot from Long's revolver when he tried to interfere. Long says that Phillips fired at him first and that he shot in self defense. Phillips had been charged with paying unwelcome attentions to Long's wife.
-Thirteen-year-old Myron Delaney was given a reward of \$10 for saving the Buffalo Eye, from being wrecked near Cook's Run on July 5th. A heavy rain had caused a land slide and the boy happened to think of the approaching train. The track foreman started to investigate, but the boy reached the scene first and attracted the attention of the engineer in time to stop the train just as the engine was derailed in the mass of earth and rocks.
-Charles Bardo, of Larrysville, took a bottle of carbolic acid with him to a berry patch when he and his wife went out. He left it on the bushy seat and forgot it. On the return trip he got on it and was so badly burned he became violently insane. His wife drove as rapidly as possible over the mountain roads, restraining her husband with one hand. By the time she reached a physician Mr. Bardo was unconscious and remained so for some time.
-Former Judge A. F. White, his son, daughter and sister, of Fairfield, Adams county, had a marvelous escape from death at St. Vincent's crossing, near Greensburg, recently. They were closely crowded because of the rain and they failed to see a heavy coke train coming down the Whitney branch. The car was smashed to pieces, but none of the four was dangerously injured, all being thrown clear of the track. The clock on the dashboard also escaped, never losing a minute.
-The will of the late R. S. Seibert, president of the East Broad Top railroad, has been probated in Huntingdon county and the paper is regarded as a marvelous document. To his wife he bequeathed \$25,000 outright and directs that she be paid from his estate, \$300 per month during her life. To his sister he directs that \$100 per month be paid so long as she shall live, and to his brother, Alexander, that the same sum shall be paid. To his brother, McCune, he bequeaths \$8,000 in hand, and \$100 per month during his lifetime. To two cousins, Mrs. Wolfgang of Blair Mills, being one, he directs that \$50 per month be paid so long as they shall live, and to the Methodist church of Mt. Union he gives \$500 in cash and the church to be a residuary legatee eventually to receive \$150 per month forever, the latter not to be effective until after the death of some of the above named legatees. Mrs. Seibert's maiden name was Miss Gertrude Woodcock, daughter of S. M. Woodcock, of Altoona.
-Faxinos, a town of 300 population in Northumberland county, and owned by J. Warner Miffin, a brick manufacturer, is to be sold under the hammer in two weeks by E. M. Leader, of Shamokin, appointed assignee by the Northumberland county court. Only two properties in the town are not owned by Miffin. Bankruptcy, the result of unsuccessful contracts, is the cause for the sale. The entire town was staked out by engineers and an effort will be made to sell the town as a whole. Otherwise individual sales will be made.
-Leverett Bigman, 14-years-old, was electrocuted at Lewisport Thursday evening. Standing on the wet pavement, he carelessly caught the end of an electric light wire that was swinging within his reach. It was carrying 2,200 volts, and the boy was thrown into the gutter at the side of the street. His companion, Dewey Freed, ran two and a half blocks to the plant to get the current turned off, while he was doing so, people passing that way thought the unconscious form was a bundle of clothing lying there smoldering. Death was instantaneous.