

INK SLINGS.

-With potatoes already selling at ninety cents the bushel we fear for the fellow who hasn't his own when mid-winter arrives.

-The election is only a little over three weeks off and nobody seems to care a hang when it comes.

-The New Jersey boy who sold his mother's cow to get money to go to a world's series baseball game needn't expect much of the milk of human kindness when he returns home.

-Secretary LANE objects to a \$7.50 per plate banquet at Denver and demanded that the price be marked down to 50 cents.

-If you are the parents of children make their home happy. A home that the young folks love to be in is a place they will often turn to when temptation lures.

-Earthquakes in Panama have recently set the world trembling over the great canal locks. They have withstood the slight shocks without damage, but there will always be the danger of more violent seismic disturbances which may render them useless.

-Twenty years ago the London omnibus was supposed to be a fast conveyance because it made six or seven miles an hour. What a snail's pace that would seem in street transit today yet the people of that period were just as happy, no doubt, as we are, and were not being run into nerve sanitoriums nearly so fast.

-Let us hope that the hold-up in State road building will result in the adoption of brick or some other equally durable material as a substitute for the asphalt-macadam that has been laid.

-"Lest we forget," Mexico is still hunting a President, the Senate is working on a new currency bill, SULZER is defending impeachment proceedings and TEDDY is on the way to South America.

-We note with regret a report to the effect that Secretary DANIELS will recommend the building of three new battleships to the next Congress in December.

-We haven't much respect for the leaders whom a lot of Republican civil service commissioners can bamboozle into believing that Democrats are unfitted for places that are open in the federal service.

-The UNDERWOOD tariff law is in effect. It carries an average duty of 26% as compared with the PAYNE law of 40% which it supersedes.

-Our Democratic contemporaries throughout the State that are opposed to the fifty million bond issue for the purpose of building good roads are basing their opposition on the corrupt way in which the State Highway Department may be expected to disburse the money.

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New Note for Claim for Tariff Taxation.

An esteemed Philadelphia contemporary has been wasting a good deal of space in recent issues by publishing the opinions of manufacturers upon the probable influence of the new tariff law upon industrial activity and prosperity.

But there is a significant note expressed in several of these statements. Mr. ALFRED G. DUNCAN, vice president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, refers to the superior skill of English operatives in a most surprising way.

This is a new idea in the contention for tariff taxation. Hitherto we have been led to believe that our machinery is much better and our operatives much more intelligent and efficient than the poverty-stricken employees who compose the labor element in Europe.

There is reason no longer, however, for this false pretense. The exorbitant tariff tax has been cut down and will never again be restored.

-Last week the WATCHMAN published the fact that Mr. P. H. GHEBERRY, of the South ward, had practically positive assurance that he would be made deputy revenue collector to succeed G. WASHINGTON REES.

-Earthquakes are doing their best to postpone the opening of the Panama canal but thus far have made no progress in the work.

-From the ethical viewpoint it would be much better if SULZER didn't have to admit the personal use of political money.

Bankers and the Currency Law.

The insincerity of the money magnates in their opposition to the pending currency legislation is revealed in their attitude with respect to reserve banks.

The country bankers who have been in Boston this week attending the convention of the American Bankers' Association offer more valid objections to the pending legislation.

But it is not certain that either of those provisions will work the result apprehended by the author of the resolution. It would be a hardship, no doubt, if the country banks were obliged to maintain accounts in the reserve banks sufficient to cover clearances of their checks.

-The conspiracy to make the UNDERWOOD tariff work bad results on business may work for awhile and frighten some timid people but it won't succeed in the end.

Wilson and the Filipinos.

The policy recently expressed by President WILSON in respect to the future of the Philippines is simply a return to Democratic principles.

The constitution of the United States recognizes no "subjects" in the sense that residents of monarchies are regarded and the Declaration of Independence forbids such a relation between individual and government.

The plan by which these purposes are to be achieved are both wise and expedient. The natives are to be given a greater part in the administration of the government from the start and thus by safe and sane processes led along the path to self-government.

-Senator CUMMINGS, of Iowa, is still working to reunite the discordant Republican factions but making little headway.

Roosevelt Off Again.

Colonel ROOSEVELT has gone off on another hunting trip on an extensive scale but without expense. His destination is South America and his purpose to explore mountains and collect fauna.

There are vast mountains in South America and some of them have never been thoroughly explored. There are large and savage wild animals down there and some of them have never been tamed.

But the real purpose of the Colonel's expedition is not to explore mountains, kill animals or swim canals. He is going away, at other people's expense, as usual, in order to come back again and such a coming back as it will be!

-The Philadelphia Keystoneers refused to join in fusion to defeat the PENROSE machine.

A Disappointed Aspirant.

We own to a feeling of sympathy for the Chester gentleman (Mr. ESSER) who has been disappointed in his aspirations for an office that has been given to another.

No doubt our disappointed friend feels the evils of political bossism in the full measure expressed in his published complaint. Probably it was on account of his abhorrence of this cancer in our political system that he helped to enthroned Mr. PALMER.

The Delaware county gentleman ought to know that the friendships of some politicians come high and that Mr. PALMER'S memory is conveniently short.

-Anyway we are in no present danger of having "HI" JOHNSON, of California, in the United States Senate in the near future as he has withdrawn from the contest.

The New Tariff Bill.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The Underwood tariff bill is now a law. It carries an average duty of 26 per cent. compared with about 40 per cent. under the Payne law, which it supersedes.

No other tariff law since the Civil war has cut protective duties to so low a point. No other tariff bill since then has been so openly and so avowedly a measure solely for revenue and not for protection.

There is no doubt of the fact that the Underwood tariff gives advantage to the South, just as does the Hull income tax law. Both will be of vastly greater benefit to a Southern section of our country than to the North.

The salient features of the pending currency bill also favor the poorer sections of the South and West at the expense of the wealthier sections of the East and North.

The President's Greatest Speech.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The President's speech on the signing of the tariff bill is a masterpiece of easy, thoughtful and at the same time forcible speaking.

It was only a nine-minute speech - an accommodation of the tariff reform law. Modestly, and yet with graphic force, he expressed the warrantable pride which he shared with all who have had a hand in this achievement.

Taxing Americans Abroad.

From the Boston Post. Says Congressman HULL, author of the income tax section of the tariff bill: "I estimate that there are thousands of taxable American citizens in Paris alone from whom we will collect revenue."

Has His Hands Full.

From the St. Louis Republic. Mr. Sulzer's experience shows plainly that a man who wants to rescue the people should stay out of Wall Street.

Break it Gently to the "Peepul."

From the Detroit Free Press. Mr. Bryan is accused of buying an \$8 velvet hat.

-Election day is only a little over three weeks away. Inasmuch as the ticket is practically a local one voters should exercise good judgment in voting for the best men for the various offices.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Thus far over 3,000 hunters licenses have been issued in Cambria county and the demand is unabated.

-There has been no improvement in the typhoid fever situation at Renovo and State officials are in charge.

-It is said that the late crop of peaches has been so plentiful in Juniata county that hundreds of bushels are going to waste.

-Clearfield Republicans are talking about bringing out an "independent" candidate for judge and the chances are they will do it.

-Somebody entered the house of James Mar- clay, of Mansville, Perry county, the other night and carried away with him what he left money to the amount of \$60.

-United States officers who believed that six Chinamen had been smuggled into the United States, were looking for them in Sunbury last week, but failed to find them.

-Two enterprising women have brought suit in the Northumberland county court to recover \$3,500 damages caused their land by the neglect of certain township supervisors to keep the roads in repair.

-At the regular election the people of the enterprising town of Patton will decide whether an issue of bonds shall be authorized, the money realized to be expended in the erection of a new municipal building.

-Samuel Walks, Jr., a miner employed in the James Mink's shaft, Ramey, was instantly killed by a fall of coal Wednesday morning, soon after he started work. He was 35 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

-Henry Heckman, Jr., of near Penfield, Clearfield county, was accidentally caught in a band saw while working in his father's sawmill and almost instantly killed. He was 33 years old and leaves a wife and five children.

-During the progress of a civil suit in the court at Indiana the plaintiff and the defendant engaged in a very uncivil argument wherein fists were used as weapons and as a result the plaintiff won a fine black eye in advance of the decision of the jury.

-Sections of Lycoming county are still suffering from a water famine. Some of the farmers in the lower end of the county are compelled to haul water for house use and drive the cattle a half mile for water. Recent rains helped the streams very little.

-One of Latrobe's school buildings was struck by lightning and considerably damaged last Friday afternoon. Fortunately none of the children were injured although several of them were so badly frightened that the schools were dismissed shortly after the occurrence.

-Charlie Schwab is building a chicken house at Loretto which will be completed in about four months. The cost will be \$6,000. The Schwabs have just left their country residence at Loretto for their city home. They spent the summer at Loretto and Mr. Schwab was there a good many days.

-William Pulmore, who died in the Indiana hospital, said he was shot by an Italian named Ross, with whom he had a disagreement a few years ago. Pulmore's testimony is to the effect that Ross placed a revolver against his (Pulmore's) breast when the latter knocked it up and it was discharged.

-Amateur burglars blew open the safe of the Clymer postoffice early the other morning, securing a quantity of postage stamps and a small sum of money. The force of the explosion threw a bag containing a large sum of money across the room, but the burglars were in such a hurry to escape they overlooked it.

-J. C. Westley, who claims Johnstown as his home, was taken into custody in Altoona, Saturday evening, by Patrolman Diggins, on a charge of being a deserter from the navy. Westley says that he deserted from the U. S. S. Tacoma at Savannah last July. He was taken east to League Island navy yard and turned over to the authorities there.

-Mrs. Arthur O. Lanzer, of Williamsport, had a peculiar experience the other day. While sleeping on a couch she ran a black pin nearly two inches long into her right arm near the elbow. She was awakened by the pain and broke off the head of the pin while trying to pull it out.

-The State Game Commission is informed that one of the elk imported by the commission for breeding purposes in Pennsylvania chased a Pike county man near Millford and tired him until help came. The man found the bull and two cows in his corn field and when he attempted to shoot them out the bull turned on him and chased him up a sapling, where he remained almost all night.

-Calvin Showalter, a signalman employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, residing at Huntingdon, came to an untimely end Saturday afternoon at 3:08 o'clock when he was struck and hurled into eternity by Pittsburgh Express train No. 15, while the flyer was passing Spruce Creek. His body was tossed to one side of the track and life was extinct when fellow workmen reached his side.

-George Sayeg, a Syrian merchant doing business in Johnstown, was stabbed by an Italian calling himself Rosario Radano and dangerously wounded, early Saturday morning. Sayeg pursued his assailant and shot him, inflicting a dangerous wound. Both men are in the hospital. This is the second time the Syrian has been attacked this year, although he denies any knowledge of the motive of his assailants.

-A special to the Johnstown Leader from Meyersdale tells a lurid tale of numerous panthers roaming around the country adjacent to Mt. Savage, nearly scaring women and children to death. Also one George Shockey was terribly shocked the other evening as he was driving through the woods. His horses trembled and refused to go on while a huge panther glared through the darkness at Shockey and his horse. Finally it fled.

-Driven from their home by a mysterious enemy, who threatened, by mail, to "consume their bodies," William Potter and family, of Central, Columbia county, have been forced to flee. It is said that on the night after Potter left, as the time given him by his hidden foe had passed, flashes of light, as from a dark lantern, were seen in the deserted home. The enemy evidently was there, making certain that his mandate had been obeyed.

-Boyd Gray, of Montoursville, was held up by two men Saturday evening at the corner of Third and Almond streets, who took his watch chain and a pair of new shoes, which he was carrying. Mr. Gray had a large sum of money on his person, but succeeded in beating the pair off until his cries brought aid. Some of the money in Mr. Gray's pockets was dumped out on the street and picked up in the morning. The police are working on the case.

-Chambers O. Templeton, erstwhile lawyer and State Senator, now serving a three year term in the Western penitentiary for embezzlement, will secure his release early in January, and it is his present intention to return to Blair county and try to live down his past, not only by leading an exemplary life, but to earn all the money he can to repay the victims of his speculations. Templeton's career as a lion in finance was carried on for years, undetected, but when the crisis came it was discovered that his speculations extended over a period of eighteen years, and that he had secured over \$100,000 for which no accounting had been made. During his incarceration his wife died of a broken heart, and when he comes out he will be practically homeless, friendless and penniless.