

INK SLINGS.

The United States drinks twice as much coffee as any other country on the globe and only a third as much tea as England.

Do your Christmas shopping now and then you won't be too tired to enjoy the year's greatest holiday season when it arrives.

Let us as Americans keep cool on the Mexican situation and determine to fight it out along lines of peace if it takes years to do it.

If you can't afford a Thanksgiving turkey, don't have one. And be thankful that you were not fool enough to go into debt for something you can get along very nicely without.

Forty cents a dozen for eggs in Bellefonte and more people in the poultry business in this community than ever before makes it look as though the hens are not doing their share in this crusade against the high cost of living.

All the while Mr. HUERTA is waiting to decide what to do the Constitutionalists in Mexico are capturing more States. At the rate VILLA and GONZALES are going now it will only be a short time until all that HUERTA usurped will be usurped back again.

It is estimated that twenty million dollars worth of toys will be necessary to fill the stockings of Young America next month. Old Santa may complain about the high cost of living for fifty-one weeks in the year, but when Christmas week comes round it's all off. And it should be.

Paris has sent out the edict that henceforth only clergymen and statesmen may properly wear a Prince Albert coat. As the average man invariably looks for a "joker" in every new law there will be a consensus of opinion that there is a very apparent one in this one. If statesmen may properly wear the Prince Albert who is to decide between the real thing and the "near" statesman.

And to think of it! We can all remember the day when it was a sign of pretty tough luck to have to eat "fitch." And now that same old "fitch" is called bacon and the man of the house hangs around the kitchen when it is cooking so the aroma of the sizzling fat permeates his clothing and he carries it out into his day's business circles in order to give his associates a little smell of his riches.

Former President TAFT seems to be a little peeved over the way banker CHAS. W. MORSE has carried on since he pardoned him. You will recall that the President released MORSE from the federal prison at ATLANTA so that he could be taken home to die—as it seemed certain he would do at the time. But after getting home MORSE decided not to die for a while yet and Mr. TAFT thinks decency ought to have prompted him to make good.

District Attorney WHITMAN, of New York, has properly declined to guarantee immunity to former Governor SULZER in the event that he should "turn state's evidence" against his former associates in crime. SULZER has been and is now the most unconscionable criminal in the public life of the Empire State and the District Attorney of New York is absolutely right in arranging matters so that ultimately SULZER will be compelled to pay the legal penalties of his iniquities.

Eight thousand men crowded the tabernacle at Johnstown and four thousand more were unable to gain admittance to BILLY SUNDAY's meeting for men the other day. And the Johnstown merchants are advertising that they will close their stores today in order that SUNDAY's request that all clerks in stores go to the mother's meeting with their mothers can be granted. Even the Johnstown Democrat, so bitterly opposed to the idea of having SUNDAY go to Johnstown, is beaten up and down the sawdust trail every day and preachin' sermons longer than BILLY'S.

It is quite apparent, from reading the exchanges that come into this office, that the prohibition movement that has recently been shaping itself in Bellefonte is not merely local. It seems to be State-wide and we would not be surprised if it were the gathering of the storm that will make Pennsylvania dry in a very few years. What makes it seem more powerful at this time is the fact that it is a general movement, not organized particularly by the W. C. T. U. or the Anti-Saloon league, but by the churches and business men's associations in some parts of the State.

LINCOLN STEFFENS has discovered at last that "muck-raking" isn't the means to the end he hoped to accomplish when he started out. He has admitted also that many political and business bosses whom he has defamed are really "good and courageous men" and only occupy the positions of boss because conditions of environment have imposed the job on them. The WATCHMAN never was impressed with the personal guilt of many of the men whom STEFFENS exposed and it always believed that in the last analysis most men desire to be true and upright and appear to be otherwise only because of conditions for which they are primarily not responsible.

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Palmer and Patronage.

The Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER protests too much. In an interview, published the other day, in which he rebukes Judge-elect BONNIVELL, of Philadelphia, for the manner in which he had suggested the name of City Solicitor RYAN of that city for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, Mr. PALMER alleges that in distributing the party patronage there has been "no question as to whether a man is an old-line or a new-idea advocate. There is no question as to whether he was for GRIM or BERRY in 1910. The only thing we ask is that he be loyal to the Democratic administration at Philadelphia and anxious to forward the interests of his party as a whole in Pennsylvania."

In support of this assertion Mr. PALMER cited the fact that of five appointments made for Philadelphia since the inauguration of the President four were taken from the ranks of the BERRY supporters and one from the adherents of GRIM. As a matter of fact, however, six appointments have been made for Philadelphia federal offices and only one of these appointees voted for GRIM, and he was indebted to the Congressman from Berks county for the favor. Mr. PALMER and the Democratic State Committee have been inflexible and bitter all the time in their determination to exclude from patronage organization who opposed the rape of the organization by PALMER, GUTHRIE and McCORMICK. They have even gone so far as to declare that no name would be considered for appointment unless it was endorsed by certain local adherents of these bosses.

Judge BONNIVELL was inaccurate in his statement that the Keystoneers had not been sufficiently favored in these appointments. The records show that in Pennsylvania at least ninety per cent. of the appointees were supporters of BERRY. But Mr. PALMER is equally away from the truth in his statement that there was no question on the subject in making the selections. Possibly it doesn't make much difference to Mr. PALMER how a man voted in 1910. He doesn't pay much attention to past obligations. His standard of fitness is servility to himself and he would dump the BERRYS and the rest to promote his own ambitions. But it makes a difference to the others and the records prove the facts.

Don't worry about Mexico. The sane and safe policies of President WILSON will solve all the problems of Mexico and all the other foreign complications. The President is simply showing the world what a real statesman can do under adverse circumstances.

Bailey and McNair Offer an Allib.

We have the assurance of our esteemed contemporary, the Johnstown Democrat, that the Hon. WARREN WORTH BAILEY has no present intention of starting a new party to be called "Single Tax," or given any other name. All Mr. BAILEY and his political collaborator, Mr. WM. N. MCNAIR, of Pittsburgh, have in mind is to commit the Democratic party to the principle, or heresy, of Single Tax, and Mr. McNair offers to prove by Turgot, "prio: to the French Revolution," that Single Tax is a "fundamental Democratic doctrine," and that THOMAS JEFFERSON had stated it is "a proposition to be considered when land was no longer free in this country."

Of course these collective statements of purpose dispose of the matter for the present, if not finally. Both gentlemen are candid and truthful and presumably thoroughly understand their plans and purposes. They believe in the Single Tax doctrine and hope to convert the entire Democratic electorate to their views. With that purpose in mind they have been conferring together and inviting others to confer with them in order to procure the concentration of the vote of the Single Taxers on a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor and thus, surreptitiously promote the growth of that sentiment in the Commonwealth through the fertilization of patronage.

That we were misled into the statement that Messrs. BAILEY and MCNAIR contemplated the organization of a new party is primarily the fault of the metropolitan papers which published accounts of their movements and operations. Those esteemed contemporaries freely declared that our friends were "big" with this notion and we believed them because neither Mr. BAILEY nor Mr. MCNAIR has hitherto been clandestine and it never occurred to us that they might be trying to capture the Democratic party by stealth. But we are forced to reverse our opinion for men who mix the political philosophy of Turgot with that of JEFFERSON are likely to do any other absurd thing.

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Road Building and Revenue.

No doubt State Treasurer YOUNG had carefully considered all the facts before making his statement that the revenues of the Commonwealth are ample to justify an appropriation annually, of \$5,000,000 for road construction. But, as the WATCHMAN stated last week, such use of the revenues will be at the expense of "other cherished institutions." Mr. YOUNG would divert the funds appropriated to public charities and local hospitals and unquestionably it would serve the purpose. The last Legislature appropriated more than that amount for such beneficences, and possibly such charities "have no just claim upon the State's bounty." But they have some claim upon the philanthropy of the people.

In this county, for example, there is an institution in which the people take great and just pride. The Bellefonte hospital has no legal claim upon the Legislature for support or even assistance. But it has a very valid and substantial moral claim because it dispenses charity with generous freedom to all who need it whether residents of the county or way-farers overtaken by misfortune. What citizen of Bellefonte or in the neighborhood of this most deserving charity would cripple it by taking away the meager help extended by the Legislature? We venture the opinion that most of our people would endure bad roads rather than impair the usefulness of this carefully managed hospital.

For that matter the Legislature is under no legal obligation to provide good roads. It is simply an economic question. Good roads will benefit the people and the highest function of government is to conserve the interests of the people. Therefore the Legislature has a right and it is its duty to provide good roads as far as possible but it is neither wise nor expedient to fulfill this obligation by sacrificing another equally meritorious. Both obligations might have been met in full measure without distress to the people and the failure is an offense against progress and prosperity. We have harnessed our chariot to an ice wagon instead of a star. The responsibility for the blunder must be fixed.

From the time Hon. WEBSTER GRIM was nominated as the only Democrat on the State ticket for Superior Court Judge to the moment the polls closed the Centre Democrat hadn't a single word to say to its readers as to his fitness or the desirability of getting a Democrat on that bench.

Sulzer and Thaw.

President TAFT may have been joking, the other day, when he suggested WILLIAM SULZER and HARRY KENDALL THAW as a ticket for President and Vice President, with "the sanctity of an oath," as their platform. Yet judging by recent events it wouldn't be an unpopular combination. Thousands of people have figuratively gone into hysterics through sympathy for THAW because he has been unable to evade the law and escape from the just penalties of his viciousness. Other thousands have shown equal mental disturbance because WILLIAM SULZER has been removed from the high office he had inveigled himself into, on account of crimes he had committed before and after his election.

The sympathy for THAW grows, mainly, out of the belief that he has been persecuted. He murdered a man of his own type, it is admitted. But the man was a moral monster, and therefore though THAW was no better, the killing was all right. That is a dangerous method of dealing with the question. Killing men is wrong. If a man is guilty of crimes against society, the law provides a means of punishment. It doesn't invest another generation with the powers of an executioner. Besides in the case in question the living recant continued his evil course by invoking criminal means to evade the law which he had outraged. SULZER is equally unworthy of sympathy and support.

The apologists for SULZER justify themselves by condemning MURPHY and for the reason that SULZER was attacked, not because he was bad but because he wanted to be good. That is simply a matter of conjecture or at best an afterthought. His successor in office wants to be good and will be but there is no danger of his impeachment for the reason that nobody has anything on him which can be used to divert him from his righteous purposes. The fact is that sympathy for these moral perverts is an evidence of a low standard of public morality and a man who sympathizes with either of them has something the matter with his own moral or mental equipment.

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Former President Taft's Views.

Former President TAFT has become so much a political philosopher and so little a partisan politician that his recent speeches deserve the most careful consideration. In an address delivered before the National Geographic Society in Washington, the other day, he criticized the policy of the administration with respect to the Philippines. Obviously he must have been influenced by environment for though his audience could hardly have been partisan he played the part of partisan politician. On Saturday last he spoke to the pupils of a school in Pottstown, this State, and emphatically declared that the policy of the administration on foreign affairs should not be criticized.

In his Pottstown address Mr. TAFT expressed the highest appreciation of statesmanship. He may not have intended to do so but as a matter of fact he literally approved and cordially endorsed every political tenet which has been asserted by the Democratic party since the time of JEFFERSON. His expression on the tariff was a discordant note in an otherwise admirable political exegesis but it may be assumed that his tariff views are an inheritance from the past which he has not, as yet, been able to cast off. But in the last analysis politics is so much a matter of compromise that we can afford to indulge the former President with respect to his tariff notions in view of his admissions in regard to other fundamental questions.

Mr. TAFT is essentially correct in his idea that there is peril to the Republic in the heresies which the Populists have been advancing and which some so-called Democrats have adopted with respect to the relative powers of the people and the representatives of the people. Ours is a government of the people through the representatives of the people. That is the principle for which JEFFERSON contended and a departure from it will result in a defeat of our system of government. It is possible that those who advocate the centralization of power in Washington do not understand this fact, but it is true. The subversion of our representative government means the destruction of our Republic.

The Centre county teachers' institute closed last Friday and a correspondent of the WATCHMAN states that after returning home the teachers were "loud in their praise of the courteous treatment received while in Bellefonte." In that respect the teachers did not receive any more than they deserved. The writer can remember the time when the school teachers looked upon the annual institute as the opportunity for having a good time generally and the sessions were only about half attended. Now-a-days teachers take the institute seriously and attend it for the purpose of adding to their store of knowledge to help them in their vocation. They are a gentlemanly and ladylike bunch of teachers, good mannered and good behaved at all times, so that they were deserving of courteous treatment from everybody with whom they came in contact. And it must be a source of gratification to the county superintendent to know that he has a band of such loyal, good teachers.

It might be well for those Democrats in Centre county who are so ready to swear by the Philadelphia North American and eager to be used by it whenever occasion arises, to note the way it has been trying to discredit President WILSON's currency bill. Of course the North American is a Republican paper and never has supported a Democratic administration of any sort which makes the influence it seems to have over some Centre county Democrats all the more understandable. We call attention to its fight on our President now merely that it may be kept in mind in the future when it is trying to persuade Democrats to help pull its chestnuts out of the fire.

It is not too early to bring forward candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The primary elections will be held in May and there are only six months between this time and that period and that is none too long to canvass the candidates. Opportunists who depend upon conditions of the moment may think differently but opportunists are not to be depended upon and the real Democrats of the State who are with the party and for the ticket all the time have a just right to begin "looking them over," now.

Meantime keep in mind that the real disturbers of harmony in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania are those who stole the organization and refused to submit the question of title to the courts.

Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER has a great time throwing fits over everyone who is mentioned for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania whose initials are not A. M. P.

Money Enough for Roads.

From the Philadelphia Record. When State Treasurer Young, who, above all other men, is in a position to speak with authority on the financial condition of the Commonwealth, says that its revenues are sufficient to allow an appropriation of \$5,000,000 annually for the construction of good roads, his statement may be taken as being unassailable. Thus the defeat of the proposed \$50,000,000 bond issue need not delay the advent of better highways, and the State will be spared the scandals and political jockeying that would have almost inevitably attended the expenditure of so vast a sum unless there should be a radical change in men and measures at Harrisburg.

In making his statement Treasurer Young explains that a large part of the desired revenue can be secured by giving to road construction "the appropriations made by the Legislature of this year to objects having no just claim upon the State's bounty, the withholding of which would not only be an improvement in economics, but of public morals." This refers, of course, to the millions appropriated to private charities, frequently in violation of the law and often at the expense of the institutions maintained by the State for its dependent wards. All parties promised a reform in this grave abuse at the last session of the Legislature, but nothing was accomplished. The people of Pennsylvania can have good roads and support all State institutions adequately, but they cannot secure these benefits unless they elect to the legislature men who will grapple with these questions seriously. The Governor who will work for improved highways and careful handling of the State's money as applied to charities will have an opportunity to make his administration famous.

Income Tax at Source.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The Secretary of the Treasury has met the showing of the practical impossibility of securing from foreign investors income tax exemption statements with each payment by issuing an order that the signature of the representative of the corporation certifying to the list of foreign security holders will be accepted as adequate. This relieves such a situation as that created by the fact that there are 420,000 holders of Pennsylvania railroad bonds in France alone. Whether this order of the Secretary of the Treasury goes beyond the strict letter of the law we are not certain. But we deemed it wholly possible. For it is understood that such debtors need not retain the income tax until the amount which they are to pay has exceeded \$3,000. This may be common sense, but it is not in the law. The plan to make every holder of a bond retain the tax on the interest which he pays is another illustration of the trouble which the law can make unless amended by administrative officers—which is always a hazardous operation.

Insatiate.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Our young friend McNair (William N.) proposes to make our old friend Berry (William H.) a United States Senator. It was thought Berry would be stationary for four years, at least, when he was made collector of the port of Philadelphia, but this seems to be a mistake, for like all alleged progressives his course is onward and upward. One good office deserves another and better one is Berry's motto, and to this end he will fight under any flag.

At present he is cultivating the fusion idea, believing it a promising method of getting recruits to aid in his promotion to a higher office. Fusion is a favorite scheme of perpetual seekers for place like Berry. The Democrats of Pennsylvania must not permit themselves to be victimized by this little game which is being worked for selfish purposes. The party has nothing to gain by such an alliance.

We say to Democrats, steer clear of any such arrangement. To permit a few narrow-gauge politicians to use the Democratic vote would be a blunder. Out with the suggestion.

The Test That is Coming.

From the New York Journal of Commerce. The time is now rapidly approaching when Secretary McAdoo will begin, under the terms of his original offer, to call in the funds he advanced to banks in the west and south on the strength of commercial paper. This end of the transaction will furnish the real test of its desirability and worth. In former years, such attempts to call in advances made by the treasury have usually been met by the exertion of the money. Under Secretary Shaw, such resistance was ordinarily successful, at least in some degree. Can the treasury department today refuse demands for an extension if they proceed from banks that are in a somewhat weak or doubtful condition and force them to "clean up" their accommodations and start fresh on their own resources? The answer will doubtless be partly dependent upon the character of the credit and commercial situation existing in that part of the country which has the funds.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Fires have been lighted at the Sheffield, Jefferson county, bottle factory and the long lay off will soon be ended.

Lock Haven council heard a lengthy description of plans for a new sewerage system and sewage disposal plant to cost \$170,000, but has not taken action.

Sixteen shot were picked from the back of William Nelson, of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county. A friend was cleaning his gun near where Nelson stood.

A blow on the head, received during a political dispute some time in October, is said to have been the cause of brain fever, which killed Harry Emigh, of Morrisdale.

A. H. Beals, of Vandegrift, accidentally killed a fawn a few days ago. He at once went to the game warden, paid his \$50 fine and sent the carcass to the Clearfield hospital.

Miss Margaretta Loudon Bell, Newport's oldest resident, celebrated the 95 anniversary of her birth recently. A number of friends joined in an all day celebration of the event.

With a bullet in his eye, Joseph Wells, of Masten, is in a Williamsport hospital, where every effort is being made to save the eyeball.

While standing on a load of straw at Duncan, William Kretzinger, aged 53 years, was seized with an attack of vertigo and fell from the wagon. His neck was broken in the fall.

Afraid to trust their money, S. A. Leasure and Mrs. Ann Henderson, aged residents of Ligonier valley, kept \$80 in their home. They are now without home, household goods or money, owing to a fire that destroyed their house.

Dr. A. T. Ormond, second president of Grove City college, was formally inaugurated on Saturday. A large number of visitors witnessed the ceremonies. Dr. I. C. Ketter founded the institution thirty-seven years ago and it has had a flourishing career.

Lying in a cart with a mosquito netting over it, a four-months-old child of Gus Neckrick, of Ococks Mills, was peacefully sleeping when a brother, aged two and one-half years, stuck a stick in the fire and then touched the netting with it. The baby inhaled the flames and died in two hours.

Governor Tener Friday announced the appointment of Francis J. O'Connor as additional law judge of Cambria county to serve until the first Monday in January, when his elective term begins. Judge O'Connor was recently elected first additional law judge of the county under the act of 1913.

Five cases of smallpox were discovered Sunday in Portstown, a suburb of Huntingdon. All the cases emanated from one house, but before their condition was fully ascertained to be a contagious disease several of the afflicted ones had moved promiscuously throughout the town, and it is feared a general epidemic may result.

Miss Lulu Peffer, primary teacher at Calumet, undertook to whip a twelve-year-old boy who resisted, refusing to leave his seat. Fearing him to do so resulted in bumping and cutting his head. The father sued the teacher and the Westmoreland county grand jury has just ignored the charge, putting the costs on the prosecutor.

H. D. Seeley, defeated candidate on the Republican and Democratic tickets for the office of Burgess of Jersey Shore, says he is going to sue three voters of the town for damages for standing. He blames Revs. A. E. Cooper, J. L. Fearing and J. F. Glass for circulating talk about him which was largely responsible for his defeat.

Mike Volt, the five-year-old lad who had his skull fractured by the dropping of a fifty pound bar at the coke ovens at Whitney, where he had wandered alone, has recovered sufficiently to leave the Latrobe hospital. There is yet, however, a big hole in his head, which is protected by a football head gear which he will wear for some time to come.

Aroused by the explosion of a gun which stood in an out kitchen, Nathan Yost and family, of Lock Haven, escaped in night clothes and bare feet from the house, which was on fire. The blaze, which was the cause of the gun explosion, started in the out kitchen, in which there had been neither fire nor light and is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Going to work fifteen minutes earlier than usual cost the life of Peter Baranich, a big Slav employed on night turn at the Pennsylvania Iron company's furnace. The daylight men had all sought safety to escape a dynamite blast when Baranich arrived and, it is supposed, looked into the jacket just in time to catch the force of the explosion. He had not lighted his torch and no one saw his approach.

Charged with having garroted her two boys, two and one-half and three and one-half years old, respectively, Mrs. Amelia Sebolt, Banko, 26 years old, is in the county jail in Ebensburg. It is said that after having strangled the children Mrs. Banko attempted to take her life at the home of her father, William Sebolt, two miles from Portage. Disconsolate because her husband had forsaken her is given as the cause.

The holder of one Carnegie medal, Lewis La-made, of Williamsport, demonstrated his right to another when he held his fur cap over the door of a small egg stove while another man carried it out doors, saving Mrs. Riley's small store from burning. The woman had put wet wood into the stove and her daughter had poured coal oil on it, with exciting results. Four years ago, at the risk of his own life, he had saved several men from drowning in the Susquehanna.

The innocent spectator certainly "got it in the neck" at Clymer recently when Frank Tsarra, attracted by a shot, arrived on the scene of a melee just in time to receive a bullet wound in the throat. He is in a serious condition at the Dixonville hospital. Chief of Police Matt Leonard was trying to arrest three Italians. He had the handcuffs on one when they all attacked him and he was compelled to use his revolver. One of the men has a wound and is being treated in jail. The other two escaped.

Charles Boyer, aged twenty-one years, was killed at 11 o'clock Saturday morning while at work in the grist mill of H. L. Bieber, at Clintonville, a short distance from Mountgomery. His clothing caught in a line shaft on the second floor and he was whirled about the rapidly revolving shaft, his body striking against the ceiling timbers. His left foot was nearly torn off. Coroner Hardt, of Williamsport, was notified and arrived there a half hour after the accident occurred. He decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

There is every evidence that the Austin dam cases, both civil and criminal, which are listed for trial in Wellaboro next week, will be settled out of court. It is reported in Coudersport that the plaintiffs will receive from 10 to 50 per cent. of their claims and that the Boyles company expects to pay out in the neighborhood of \$150,000 in cash and stock to get the matter satisfactorily settled. As soon as the civil cases are withdrawn it is understood the criminal cases will be nolle prossed and the Austin dam disaster will become a thing of the past so far as the courts are concerned.

The prison board of parole of the Western Penitentiary took favorable action Saturday upon the applications of 180 convicts for freedom under provisions of the act passed by the last Legislature. They will be released to spend Thanksgiving wherever they desire. An entire outfit has been provided for each prisoner. This consists of a suit of clothes, hat, shoes, underwear and a necktie. Every man also will be given \$10 in cash, as provided by the new parole law. A number of the prisoners now employed on the new penitentiary lands in Benner township will be among those discharged.