

INK SLINGS.

—Law fights crime, medicine fights disease and why shouldn't the clergy fight sin.

—Talking about gems for Christmas what would look finer than a beautifully poached egg on a delicately browned band of toast?

—"Uncle" JOE CANNON, having stated that our President is more of a Czar than he ever was, failed to differentiate between a good and a bad Czar.

—It is a rare meeting of council when there are not a lot of notes to renew. How many of us are paying interest on those notes because some of the rest of the people are not paying taxes as promptly as they should.

—And the new Mayor of Atlantic City issued no Thanksgiving proclamation because, he said, "our people have nothing to be thankful for." Were n't they even thankful that their corrupt boss KUEHNLE could no longer keep himself out of jail?

—Last Tuesday it was exactly one week since the joyful face of the old sun shiner had been seen. Dismal weather, sure enough, has been our portion lately, but then we should not be forgetful of the pretty days we had in November or those that are yet to come.

—Forget not to tell the fellow, who insists that the ordinary suspensions and ups and downs in business daily reported are the result of Democratic legislation, that the Schuylkill Haven Iron and Steel Co. are now doubling their plant and want eight hundred more men.

—On Wednesday State Health Commissioner DIXON brought suit in the amount of \$145,000 against the borough of Coudersport for dumping sewage and surface water into the Allegheny river and Mill Creek. This is suggestive of what might happen to Bellefonte if that dam splash board is not taken off and the sewage properly flushed out of Spring creek.

—The exports of manufactured goods from the United States to foreign countries during the first nine months of 1913 increased \$80,381,932.00 over the corresponding period of 1912. England is our best customer, Canada next; then Germany and France, in the order given. It is not only interesting to note such wonderful expansion in our foreign trade, but the proof is here that American manufacturers are at high tide under a Democratic administration. If they were not we would not have the goods available to be sold abroad.

—Last week the WATCHMAN suggested the appropriateness of a shower of dollars on the publisher of this paper about December 20th. It isn't his birthday but it will be pay day and a shower of green backs by every subscriber whose paper is not paid up into 1914 would make him feel far happier than if he were celebrating his thousandth birthday anniversary by trying to wade out of a deluge of fancy post cards. We have had a little sprinkle already as a result of last week's suggestion, but a shower is what we want.

—Judge BLAND, a Kansas City magistrate, and a bachelor, found himself in a dilemma the other day when a husband appeared in his court to prefer charges against his wife for getting over onto his side of the bed. The Judge, being a bachelor, had to confess that he didn't know which was the wife's side of the bed, consequently wasn't qualified to sit on the case. Being a bachelor the Judge didn't know that the wife's side is always the one from which she can most easily warm her cold feet along her husband's warm back.

—With Congressman WARREN WORTH BAILEY trying to tack a single tax tail onto the Democratic kite, state chairman MORRIS denouncing the new Primaries act, Barkis BERRY making goo-goo eyes at the Governor's chair, the Democrats in Montgomery county double-crossing the dear MITCHELL P. and JIMMIE BLAKESLE sending slices of the White House wedding cake to his Carbon county constituents, we want you to understand that the Democracy of Pennsylvania is reorganized almost good enough to get bookings on a Keith circuit.

—Democratic State Chairman ROLAND S. MORRIS made a speech in Spring Garden Unitarian church, Philadelphia, Sunday night. Aside from the comfort that may be found in knowing that our State Chairman is on such easy terms with the inside of a church as to be making speeches there we are particularly gratified to learn that the young gentleman has declared himself against the new primary law and favors a return to the convention system of making party nominations. Long ago the WATCHMAN explained just what would happen through the new primaries act and, at once, a lot of "near Democrats" began to howl that the WATCHMAN was against the state organization because it pointed out the faults in the measure and how its operation would injure the Democratic party. Everyone who knows anything about it knows that our prediction has come true and now even chairman MORRIS mounts the pulpit in a church to tell the Democrats of the State that the new primary system is a step backward.

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The President's Message.

President WILSON's message to Congress is characteristic. It is brief, clear and candid. It fulfills its constitutional purpose to "give to the Congress information of the state of the Union and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient." And performs these functions in a modest and pleasing way. There is none of that fulsome self-adulation which made Roosevelt's annual messages peculiar. The tedious statistics which made the messages of some other Presidents tiresome are also absent. As a matter of fact it is a model state paper, both in style and substance.

The President declares that the policy of "watchful waiting" will be continued with respect to Mexico and thoughtful people of all political opinions will approve. He urges the speedy completion of the pending currency legislation and the public is in accord with him on that point. In the matter of legislation to facilitate rural credits he is concise and informing and his suggestions are of the highest value with his statement that "the immediate service we owe the business communities of the country is to prevent monopoly more effectually than it has been prevented," challenges universal endorsement.

President WILSON favors better mining laws in order to conserve the lives of miners and better protection for railroad employees for the reason that "the conservation of human life and energy lies even nearer to our interests than the preservation from waste of our material resources." In this recommendation he again strikes a chord in tone with advanced and deserving public sentiment. In fact from beginning to end the President's message breathes the spirit of patriotism and humanity. It is the product of a statesman's brain and will make every Democratic heart in the country thrill with pride in the President.

—Are you at that Christmas shopping? You should be.

The Only Real Progressive.

The real Simon-pure, died-in-the-wool, name-blown-in-the-bottle Progressive has been discovered. ROOSEVELT and LA-FOLLETTE and CREAMY and BERRY and the rest of the blundering bunch who have been boasting of their progressiveness during recent years, are rank amateurs. They simply demand the abolishment of the constitution, an expression of contempt for the traditions and laws of the land and full opportunity to work their jaws from the stump. But this only original Progressive insists upon more. He wants a new sort of Christmas. "We want," he writes for one of the popular magazines, "a men's Christmas, a Christmas that goes with the Singer Tower, with the ring of the subways under New York, with the mighty railway stations, with the Imperator, with Hell-Gate Bridge—all those stern and splendid prayers in steel and stone."

That is what you might call robust and strenuous progress. No weaking craves for such a change in the forms of a cherished Christian festival. But this real Progressive soars on in his rugged imagination. "We seek a Christ," he adds, "who grapples with the things and the men we see about us every day, with the shrewd hopes, the sublime risks, the visions and desires of the deep-hearted city. A Christmas that is afraid of us and suspicious of democracy or crowds, tremulous about great cities; that does not dare tackle a big, serious, actual, social human fact like a skyscraper, with its religiosity; a Christmas that in its secret heart longs for cells to be good in, prefers village-greens for God, and all those dear old gentle cross-road altars—we will not put up with it." Of course not. Those are the simple forms of reactionaries.

Within the shadow of this stalwart reformer how the pigmies who rail at law, tradition and convention dwindle into insignificance? But that is what we are coming to. The paths blazed by ROOSEVELT and his kind lead logically into this ultimate garrison. They are only the advance guard of a force which, if it attains sufficient strength, will trample down all the cherished forms of social and material development which have advanced civilization to its present high plane. They are content with covert attacks upon our form of government, and encouraged by the plaudits of those who prefer no government, preach the doctrines of disorder. But this new Progressive goes the limit and levels his shafts against the citadel of Christian devotion.

It is a monstrous proposition—an abortive thought. Yet if some adventurous outlaws would organize a party upon that platform, W. H. BERRY would probably accept its nomination for Governor.

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Jefferson and Turgot.

Our esteemed contemporary, Hon. WARREN WORTH BAILEY, is mentally incorrigible. He persists in the assertion of an analogy between the philosophy of JEFFERSON and that of TURGOT and aggravates his offence by adding that the philosophy of JEFFERSON may have been actually "based in large measure on that of the great Frenchman." As a matter of fact JEFFERSON wrote upon the science of government, mainly, while TURGOT's principal theme was the creation and distribution of wealth. Each may have written cursorily upon the topic treated more extensively by the other. In fact JEFFERSON while in Paris did pay compliments, more in politeness than approval, to the French school of philosophy. But in the main there was little in common in their doctrines.

TURGOT in his "Reflections on the Formation and Distribution of Riches," sets up the proposition that all wealth comes out of the soil, and we believe that to be the foundation of the theory of the single taxers. But it is palpably erroneous for more wealth has been wrought out of the brains and muscles of men than out of the land. TURGOT did not, however, so far as we are able to discover, claim that because land produced the wealth it should bear the burden of government by contributing all the revenues. He favored other forms of taxation and encouraged rather than discouraged the acquisition of land by individuals. As a matter of fact TURGOT thought much as ADAM SMITH and other political economists wrote but he is less known for obvious reasons.

In conclusion we beg to assure our esteemed contemporary, Mr. WARREN WORTH BAILEY, that we had no intention of provoking a controversy with him upon this or any other subject and have no inclination to pursue a fruitless discussion. We stated the facts with respect to the plans of himself and Mr. MCNAIR as we understood them and in the issue of the Johnstown Democrat of November 26 he admits the accuracy of our statement. That is sufficient. There are, as there always have been and always will be, writers who quote from authors not commonly known and pervert their statements to serve any purpose. Mr. MCNAIR might say that TURGOT claimed the moon was made of green cheese, for example, and less than half the people would know he had falsified. Therefore what's the use?

Palmer's Friends Bolt.

The friends of Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER, in Montgomery county, have organized a revolt against the local Democratic organization there. Under the new primary law members of the county committee were chosen by popular vote in September and the committee was subsequently organized according to the statute. In the contest for chairman and other committee officers, however, the friends of Mr. PALMER were overwhelmingly defeated. In fact the close corporation which Mr. PALMER has been organizing throughout the State was literally "kicked out of court," so far as Montgomery county is concerned. But they do not propose to submit to defeat though they do not even allege that there was either fraud or irregularity in the achievement.

Some two or three weeks ago a movement to overthrow the regular organization was begun by a gentleman whom Mr. PALMER had recently had appointed a customs appraiser in the Philadelphia custom house and a resident of Norris-town. He was assisted in this enterprise by Congressman DIFENDERFER, who publicly declared, more than a year ago, a desire to abandon the Democratic party and join a force to operate upon a platform something similar to that of ROOSEVELT. A few other aspirants for office joined in the movement and sort of a preliminary committee was created in the expectation, probably, that it will be recognized as the local Democratic organization by Mr. PALMER's servile State committee. It is also encouraged by the Republican machine of the county.

There is no justification for this party recreancy outside of the personal ambition of A. MITCHELL PALMER to control the politics of the State. If the Democrats of Montgomery county had desired his friend to manage the party affairs they would have chosen committeemen favorable to him. They had ample opportunity in the open primary if they were in the majority. In fact they tried to secure a majority but failed for the reason that the people are weary of his autocracy and voted for men of sufficient independence to serve the party rather than obey an arrogant boss. But Mr. PALMER refuses to accept defeat. He got into power by usurpation and proposes to retain it by revolution. Meantime this adventure invites the attention of Civil Service officials.

Mr. Palmer and Campaign Funds.

Those esteemed contemporaries which are inveighing against the Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER because his name appeared on stationery used by the Democratic State Committee to solicit money for the maintenance of the Organization, are "making a mountain out of a mole-hill," so to speak. Mr. PALMER had no part in the transaction and probably no knowledge of it. It was the work of the State Chairman, Mr. ROLAND S. MORRIS, who properly protests that he didn't know that there was any law forbidding it. Mr. MORRIS is a member of the Philadelphia bar but he was not chosen to the political office he occupies on account of his knowledge of the law. He was made Chairman for the reason that he could be depended upon to serve Mr. PALMER.

The Democratic State Organization is not maintained for the purpose of promoting Democratic principles disseminating Democratic doctrines or harmonizing and building up the party. It is for the purpose of exploiting Mr. PALMER's ambitions, tickling Mr. VANCE MCCORMICK's vanity and pushing to the front a lot of little chronic kickers whose chief purpose and uncontrollable desire is to create and keep alive factional feeling within the party, in order that they may attain to the position of leadership among the few who are willing to follow them. With this object in view Mr. ROLAND S. MORRIS was elected chairman at the last annual meeting of the Committee, because of all the Democrats in the State, not already rewarded with office, he was the most servile worshipper of PALMER. The question of fitness never entered into the equation. Understanding of the law, experience in political management, familiarity with the political history of the State or its workers were extraneous matters. The Organization was to be converted into an instrument to boost PALMER and MORRIS was the most suitable material available.

Therefore we protest against the use of this incident as a reason for condemning Mr. PALMER. And with even a greater earnestness we protest against the employment of it as evidence of the insincerity of the reform professions of the Democratic party. The Organization must have funds to pay office rent and discharge other necessary pecuniary obligations and the funds can only be acquired by soliciting subscriptions from Democrats throughout the State. If there happen to be any Republicans in office they are under obligations to Mr. PALMER for the favor and ought to be sufficiently appreciative to contribute. But whether they are or not Mr. PALMER is not to blame for the faux pas of Mr. MORRIS. His name was put on the letter head for another reason.

Secretary of the Navy DANIELS favors a holiday in the matter of naval construction but recommends the building of two dreadnaughts, eight torpedo boat destroyers and three submarines during the next year and suggests that the government obtain control of a fuel oil supply and build plants for making armor plate. In other words he is willing that all other countries should refrain from strengthening their navies for as long a time as they like.

—The resignation of Mayor SHANK of Indianapolis hardly rises to the level of heroism. If he had fulfilled his moral and legal obligations the threat of impeachment could have had no terrors for him and a hero under such circumstances would have held his ground to serve the cause he had espoused.

—We are glad to hear that a much prized German medal will be awarded to Mr. GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. As Mr. WESTINGHOUSE had already gathered in a fair proportion of the "mazzama" this token comes to him as "velvet."

—Mr. ROCKEFELLER would like to have perpetual sunshine because he believes it would serve as a moral influence. It would likewise have the effect of reducing coal bills which is probably what Mr. ROCKEFELLER really had in mind.

—General VILLA of the Mexican revolutionary army has announced "his intention of piercing the heart of Mexico." This is probably his poetic way of stating that he intends to plug the hide of a party of the name of HUERTA.

—We sincerely sympathize with the Duke of Connaught in the loss of his valuable jewels. It will be especially hard on him to go without the garter which was among the baubles. But rubber bands are cheap.

—For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

Billy Sunday on Booze.

From the Johnstown Democrat. "You've never heard anything as hot as this before and you never will again," Billy interjected into his "Booze" sermon early in the game, and the first part of that at least was right. Billy knew what was coming, so he got rid of his Corliss Coon "Annex" shape size No. 16 before he even started. The start was the red-flag signal to those who have been listening to Billy here for four weeks. They recognized symptoms that the patient was going into one of the severest spasms of the campaign.

"I am the uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic," started Billy. "I ask no quarter from the low-down, hell-born business and I give none. I shall fight tooth and nail until they telephone for the undertaker to pump me full of embalming fluid. I believe that when I know that the time is near at hand for me to die, I'll call Nell to my bedside and give her instructions that as soon as I am dead she is to send for my body and have them to skin my body and have the drum heads and I want the drums beaten up and down the land against the booze business so they can say that I've given the devil the best run for his money that he ever had."

"Whiskey is all right in its place," yelled Billy with a rapid crescendo, "but its place is hell."

In announcing that "Get on the Water Wagon" sermon, Sunday here remarked that he had "said a few words before, but that then he would preach on it." He forgot to take a text, but he evidently needed none, because when he finished the appeal, "Now, I want every man who will say 'God, you can count on me to protect my home, my wife, my mother and my children and the manhood of America by voting against it the next time I get a chance, to rise to his feet," there was not a man in the whole packed house of 8,500 men who sat still. "Why they all stick?" is the question asked Billy and Billy's answer to that is "Does every soldier who joins the army stick? Does every man who joins the lodge stick? Is there any place in the world that there are not some fellows who drop along the road?"

Wool and the New Tariff.

From the Wool and Cotton Reporter. With sales for the week reaching the very respectable total of 3,675,000 pounds, the wool market is in an extremely healthy condition, steady and with a decidedly better feeling than has been evident for some weeks. Conditions warrant the assumption by dealers that prices are much more likely to show a slight advance after December 1, when the free wool clause becomes effective, than to decline. The English auction sales, opened on Tuesday of the present week, clearly showed that American manufacturers have the advantage of some cents a pound on their raw material at home as compared with their European competitors. The activity of German and French buyers in England, and to any depressing British influence, and to bring foreign wools to the level of the Boston market would require a recession of from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent. from prices realized at the last English sales.

The reason why the wool industries are standing up so much better than iron and steel at the present time is explained by the fact that textile corporations do not come into such immediate contact with government restrictions as do the iron and steel mills, which are the principal sellers to public service corporations. The difficulty of the great public service corporations in financing themselves at the present time is the cloud upon the horizon. The tariff changes which would apply most severely to the textile industry seem to have scarcely any influence.

Evidently Has His Right Measurement.

From the Clearfield Republican. The intellectual runt whose name appears at the masthead of the Centre Democrat, of Bellefonte, as editor and owner, and who is now on Uncle Sam's payroll as Surveyor of the Port at Philadelphia, imagines he is having some fun with the editor of the Republican over the result of the recent judgeship contest in this county. He is welcome to all the satisfaction he can extract. The editor of this paper frankly admits he cannot play the political game after the manner followed by the Penns Valley pigmy—betraying true friends whenever a dollar or other selfish advantage is held up before his gaze. We intend to keep on living right here in Old Clearfield, standing up for what we think is right and with the friends we know are true, and expect to be here when such political warts as Charles R. Kurtz, of Bellefonte, are in the dirty discard, dishonored, disgraced and disowned.

Why Fresh Eggs are Scarce.

From the Boston Transcript. But why does not the hen lay today? The answer is just as simple as the answer to the question why the price has gone up: The hen has something else to do. She has been active all summer with the false idea that she was raising her brood of chicks, which is her natural function in life, and she is now engaged in the making of her winter clothes, which must be ready before the very cold weather sets in. Unlike her rich owner she cannot go into the market and buy a ready-made suit and continue her daily pursuit without interruption; but she must shed her old suit and raise a new one on her own back, all it and iron it as it grows, and at the same time store up energy to keep her well and strong during the extreme cold weather.

—If you want to get results, advertise in the WATCHMAN.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Mrs. George Landau, 56 years old, a well known resident of Pottstown, died on Friday. She was the mother of twenty-one children.

—A man by the name of Jones, who hailed from Saxton, ran over a cow with his auto in New Bloomfield last summer, which act cost him \$60 in the courts of Perry county last week.

—Six cows were burned to death in a fire that recently destroyed the barn on the Kaufman place near Millintown. The tenant, John Leach, lost all his season's crops and farming machinery.

—Cambria county is going to spend a quarter million or more on court house improvements, but it isn't going to do so until 1915. Then an insane hospital will also be built. Present high tax rate is given as the reason for the delay.

—Mice gnawing at matches are blamed for a midnight fire that destroyed the front of West-over's store at Coalport. People living in part of the building were aroused by the smoke and the timely discovery saved the place from total destruction.

—A turkey intended by Warden Berkeley, of the Somerset county jail, for the Thanksgiving dinner of the prisoners was stolen from the jail yard the night before Thanksgiving. There was great disappointment, mitigated by the fine chicken dinner that was served instead.

—Quarantine at Kimmelstown, where an epidemic of diphtheria has gained foot hold, is said to be a dead letter and teachers from that place were given antiseptic baths at Somerset this week, when institute authorities discovered the fact that children from afflicted homes had been in their schools.

—There was hard luck for William Brown, at Norwich, a few days ago when he was struck by a log and had an arm broken in three places. A companion tried to take him to Keating Summit in a motor car, but the car broke down and had to be pushed back to Norwich. He finally made the journey on an engine.

—Some time ago some one entered the home of Captain Daugherty, at Meyersdale and stole \$16 from his grandson's bank. A few days ago about \$10 was found at the door, with a note promising that the balance would be returned and stating that the robber had been quite hard up when the theft was committed.

—Leaving his gun on the table "just a few minutes" while he went to get his dog, George Crawford, of Montoursville, returned to find that his 4-year-old son and one a little older had been playing with the weapon and that it had suddenly discharged, dangerously wounding the smaller child. His recovery is scarcely expected.

—A Westmoreland county jury gave A. G. Saxman \$18,250, without interest, for the site of the proposed new Latrobe High school. The viewers had awarded him \$18,200 early in the year and he had appealed, to his own loss, as he might have had the money at interest all the time, besides saving the costs of the case.

—Fire which started in a bungalow at Jersey Shore occupied by an aged colored couple narrowly escaped burning them to death and consumed two adjacent dwellings. Mrs. Samuel Mulsan just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever was carried from her home. Her work of the firemen saved the balance of the block.

—John G. Gunn, 32 years, ended an illness of many years on Saturday night at his home at Springfield, Pa., when he held a gun so close to his body that its discharge set fire to his clothing. The sound of the report aroused a brother with whom he lived and when the body was found the clothing surrounding the wound was burning.

—C. W. Wagner, a foreman at the lumber camp near Donally's Mills, with several companions was riding up the incline in a car when it broke away and went down the steep grade. The other men jumped but Wagner remained in the car and was killed. It is said that all the men had been drinking and that Wagner was in a stupor.

—Somebody played a joke of which Barnesboro's chief of police, Ellis Davis was victim. He bought a rabbit that had been presented to a friend and found that the carcass had been removed and the hide carefully stuffed. The friend from whom he bought it avowed his innocence and both are out on the hunt for the perpetrator of the joke.

—It cost Lewis Sheffer, of Williamsport, the price of a turkey and also the price of two tires for his electric runabout to get the bird home from market. He was holding the bird with one hand and driving with the other when the flap-ping of the turkey's wings caused him to lose control and he collided with a market van, puncturing both front tires.

—Commissioners of Crawford county have announced they will cease to pay bounties on noxious birds and animals after December 15 next. On October 15 the commissioners sent to the State Department a claim for \$187, the amount paid out, up to that time for bounties under the old scalp bounty law. All they received in exchange was a check for \$31. No explanation as to why the amount was pared down to such small proportions accompanied the remittance.

—At the Lewistown hospital, on Thanksgiving day, Mrs. F. W. Kieferle died of blood poison caused by the prick of a needle in the palm of her right hand almost a month ago. Mrs. Kieferle was doing some mending at her home on October 29th when she dropped a hot needle. Stooping to pick it up, she misjudged the distance and ran the eyelid end into the palm of her hand. A red silk thread was in the needle. That night the wound showed signs of infection and all that could be done was tried in the effort to save her life, but in vain.

—Clearfield county will have another murder trial, the result of a shooting affair which occurred on Thanksgiving evening at Madera. The man killed was Guido Aquinto, who was living with the wife of Germa Accotelli, both of whom carried weapons and were on the lookout for each other. Accotelli went to the former's home, called him out and shot him twice, resulting in instant death. He then fled, but was captured at Betensna Friday morning, and after a hearing before Squire Ruffner in Madera, was taken by officers Stodart and Alexander to the Clearfield jail.

—Displaying more bravery than any murderer ever hanged in Northumberland county, even after his mother, sister, Miss Katharine Maloney, Philadelphia, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Nye, Pittsburg, had fainted in his cell, Fred Nye paid the death penalty for the killing of Harry E. Miller, of Sunbury, by hanging in the Northumberland county prison yard Tuesday. The boy, cheered his mother and relatives after they were revived, told Sheriff Glass he would not make him any trouble. He went to his death in a talkative mood, and denied committing the crime and blamed it on his companion, David E. Everitt. He never flinched until the drop was made at 10:09. Soon after he was pronounced dead.

—William Hogan, an inebriate, of Franklin, Pa., on whom sentence was suspended on November 20th, with the understanding that he would go to "dry" Kansas and not return for five years, returned to Franklin Monday and was sentenced to prison for not less than one year nor more than three years. With money provided by friends, Hogan landed in Cleveland a week ago. He told the judge today he was dragged in Youngstown, O., last Monday, and knew nothing again until he was arrested in Franklin on Monday. Hogan is probably the same man who left the new penitentiary in Benner township in August, came to Bellefonte and went as far as Tyrone where he was caught the next day. He was tried at the September term of court but was acquitted. His sentence in the penitentiary expired only about a month ago.