

INK SLINGS.

-It is not a good thing to preserve your New Year's resolution in alcohol.

-Right now is the time that the boy with a good horse and comfortable sleigh can call his girl friends legion.

-Anyway the snow that fell on Sunday gives 1914 the bacon so far as making things look like real winter is concerned.

-Here's to the new burghes, the new council and all the new officials! May they lead the way toward making 1914 the best year Bellefonte has ever had.

-Naturally, the WATCHMAN office doesn't look with the same pleasure, that others do, at a big snow. For behind it all our press rooms invariably see an equally big flood.

-Many a man who smokes up from ten to fifty cents a day of his earnings would be after a divorce at the end of his first week of married life if his wife were to eat a nickle's worth of candy a day.

-In about seventy days the Panama canal will be open to the commerce of the world. That is, if some more of the world don't take a notion to slide into Culebra cut in the meanwhile.

-Isn't it funny! Big business is getting good and little business is just as happy and hopeful as can be. And all this under a Democratic administration. It really isn't so funny after all. People are merely becoming more sensible.

-If the borough of Bellefonte has \$18,000 in its sinking fund why wouldn't it be better business to call in a like amount of its bonds on which it is paying 4 per cent. interest per annum than to leave the money continue at interest at only 3 per cent.

-The editor of the WATCHMAN respectfully informs the Philadelphia North American that he isn't after any "pie," doesn't expect any and that Reorganization has so disturbed his half a century old Democratic digestive apparatus that he couldn't eat any if he had it.

-The unprecedented profit sharing plan just announced by the FORD company makes it look as though a good many of us country editors might apply for one of those janitorships that are to pay five plunks a day. But then we might be taking a shingle off the sheriff's roof every once in a while.

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-Another and strange thing is supposed to be happening. The New York Sun of Tuesday is authority for the statement that Mr. BRYAN's friends in Pennsylvania seem to be back of the candidacy of MICHAEL RYAN, of Philadelphia, for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

As it is well known that Mr. PALMER and his friends are not favorable to Mr. RYAN's candidacy this looks like we might ultimately be treated to the spectacle of seeing the PALMER and BRYAN Democrats in Pennsylvania in one grand fight. And then won't there be a show down that will be amusing, at least, to us who are listed as only plain Democrats.

-Strange things are happening in politics in Pennsylvania just now. At Scranton, Tuesday night, the banquet, that was believed would be the occasion of A. MITCHELL PALMER's announcement for Governor, turned out as a boom for Collector BERRY. The fact that Mr. JIMMY BLAKESLIE was there gives color to the thought that PALMER is not going to be a candidate at all and that he is going to back BERRY. If he could get Mr. BERRY—who isn't hard to get—to run for Governor don't you see that would give PALMER a chance to appoint another man to take BERRY's fat job in Philadelphia, and also save PALMER the good beating he would probably get were he the candidate.

-The complete conversion of Mr. TONY BIDDLE, Philadelphia's erstwhile millionaire fop, newspaper reporter, prize fighter and bible class organizer has come with the year 1914. BIDDLE's really wonderful work for good was not taken seriously by many and actually condemned by some because while posing and working as an evangelist he served wines and liquors in his own home and drank them elsewhere. A glass of milk so revived him after the fatigue of shaking hands with his thousands of bible class members on New Year's afternoon that he realized that alcoholic stimulants are not necessary and at once ordered every bottle of rare old stuff in his wine cellar broken. "Never again," says TONY and he has done enough already to make most men believe that he means what he says. When we see a millionaire club and society man who has the courage to stand on a box on the street corners of his home city and preach the gospel of CHRIST shame steals over us for having even thought him a light weight playing sensationalism to the grand stands.

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Woodrow Wilson's Greatest Triumph.

The withdrawal of J. P. MORGAN & Co., from the directorates of the several corporations with which its members were associated, is easily the greatest triumph of the WILSON administration.

The Money trust began operations during the administration of THEODORE ROOSEVELT and so long as he occupied the White House the late JOHN PIERPONT MORGAN enjoyed absolute control of the destinies of this great Republic.

The withdrawal of the MORGAN firm from these corporations is the beginning of the end of interlocking directorates. That means the destruction of the Money trust for it depended upon that system of controlling currency and credit.

Mr. Wanamaker Borrows Trouble.

Mr. JOHN WANAMAKER graciously pays tribute to President WILSON's intelligence and patriotism. He even admitted in a speech at the Union League, Philadelphia, the other evening, that the President's tariff policy has done no great harm to business and that his currency policy is an improvement upon that which preceded it.

So long, probably, "that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," distinguished Republicans have given Democratic executives the same advice. Whenever a Democrat gets into office he is solemnly warned against putting men of his own political faith in control of affairs.

We most cordially concur in Mr. WANAMAKER's opinion that the administration of the new currency bill is of the utmost importance and that the most capable men should be called to the service. But there are plenty of capable men in the Democratic party and the President will have no more trouble in selecting Democrats for that job than he had in selecting Democrats to sit in his cabinet or represent the country in important diplomatic posts.

A Word to Our New Councilmen.

We notice that there were three borough orders for \$2000.00 each in the sinking fund when the old council wound up its business. In other words a sinking fund that on paper looked like \$18,000 amounted to only \$12,000 because there was no money in the treasury to pay the three orders in question.

Some years ago this was the practice with council, but it was stopped when it was revealed that the sinking fund had actually nothing in it but such orders, which the borough did not have the money to redeem. At that time an additional bond issue had to be made to re-establish the sinking fund and pay outstanding notes.

It is quite probable that the three orders found in the sinking fund on the first of January, 1914, were placed there in lieu of cash that had been expended on the Green mill property, therefore it was quite the proper thing that council should pay off those orders out of the proceeds of the sale of that property.

The danger is here. You say why not borrow the money from the sinking fund at 3 per cent. rather than go outside and pay 5 or 6 per cent. for it? It does look as though you would save 2 or 3 per cent. by such an operation, but would the same incentive be there at maturity as would if the money were owed to someone else than the borough itself.

-The British Minister of Mexico who has been sympathizing with HUERTA and making matters as difficult as possible for President WILSON has been recalled and as we used to say in speaking about election probabilities, "straws show which way the winds are blowing."

Democratic Slump in 1912.

In 1908 Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, as the Democratic candidate for President, polled 448,872 votes in Pennsylvania. The campaign was conducted by the "Old Guard" and GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, VANCE C. MCCORMICK and many of the other so-called "Reorganizers" voted for the Republican candidate.

In 1908 Connecticut gave TAFT a majority of about 200,000. In Kansas it was in the neighborhood of 35,000. Minnesota gave TAFT about 90,000 majority. New Hampshire scored a Republican majority of 20,000. New Jersey gave TAFT nearly 70,000 majority. New York polled about 200,000 Republican majority.

After the election of TAFT and the betrayal of pledges made to the people during his administration a radical change in public sentiment set in and spread rapidly throughout the country. It was as obvious in Pennsylvania as in New Jersey or New York. The nomination of WOODROW WILSON stimulated this sentiment amazingly and changed hope into confidence here as well as elsewhere.

-The best Job Work done here.

Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt.

When THEODORE ROOSEVELT was President of the United States the newspapers were constantly burdened with epigrams and trite phrases emanating from his brain and intended for popular instruction as to duty. "Do things," "achieve results," "strike hard," were favorite platitudes used to punctuate promises of reforms.

ROOSEVELT was President seven years and a-half and during all that time the air was charged with threats against such combinations and the public was held in constant expectation of some decisive action. But time passed, as is its habit, and nothing was accomplished.

Of course the National Guard doesn't have to "comply with the order of the War Department requiring the organization of the State forces into brigades and divisions." But neither is the government at Washington obliged to make appropriations for the National Guard of the several States, and "a wink is as good as a nod to a blind mule."

Dean Lewis Shows Resentment.

Mr. S. DRAPER LEWIS, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania, has resigned his office as president of the Progressive League of Philadelphia. Mr. LEWIS was a conspicuous figure among the Bull Mooseers in the campaign of 1912. In fact his name gave credit and character to the organization and the movement.

In the beginning of the Bull Moose movement the force behind it was a rather shabby contingent. BILL FLINN, a notorious political contractor and a few thousand party cripples and political camp followers, composed the force. Then Mr. LEWIS joined in and brought with him an atmosphere of respectability that drew wonderfully from an element which means well but reasons little.

After the election of 1912, with its surprising results in this State, Mr. FLINN and a few of his intimates set about to apportion the future favors of the party just as he used to do, in a local way, in Pittsburgh, when he was in control of the machine. In this distribution he left Dean LEWIS out entirely and named for the office which Mr. LEWIS coveted, a non-resident of the State who has few claims but plenty of money, Mr. GIFFORD PINCHOTT, of Washington, who happens to own a shooting preserve in Pike county.

Important if True.

The Hon. Thomas H. Greevy, of Altoona, Pa., has been visiting the Hon. Eugene C. Bonnell at Philadelphia, and telling that gentleman and the newspapers that "the entire western section of the State is a unit for Mr. Ryan" for the Governorship.

We are inclined to think this will be news to most of the Democrats in the western part of Pennsylvania. Apparently they have taken but a languid interest in the Ryan candidacy and very few of them have taken the trouble to declare themselves on the subject of the Governorship at all.

Standing Pat on Mexico.

The mystery that, at this writing, still surrounds the nature of the conference held on board the cruiser Chester, between President Wilson and his confidential agent, John Lind, is of course arousing the curiosity of all Americans and others who are intensely interested in the body muddled situation in the republic to the south of us.

Despite the renewed talk of annexation and intervention on the part of the United States it probably will be learned that the Washington administration has no more intention now of resorting to either of these expedients than it has had before.

Can Always Come Back.

Tom Taggart, Democratic National Committeeman from Indiana, always "come back." Demagogues masquerading as "progressives" have long sought to dangle his political scalp from their belts, but in vain. Tom Taggart believes in the real rule of the people, not in a sham rule in which bossism finds a subterfuge under a display of mock regard for the welfare of the masses through their deliberate voicings uninfluenced by sentimental appeals to their prejudice.

The Copperheads of Today.

Leaders of a great party, like Mr. Cannon and Mr. Mann, should not talk of panic without proving what they say. A panic is a state of mind. If everybody can be made to think a panic is impending or has arrived, panic will come at once. All we have to do is to cease spending for one week and the wheels of business will stop.

Merely an Oversight.

Philadelphia spent nearly \$39,000,000 for new buildings last year, and there was not a soup house among them. This was clearly an oversight on the part of Senator Penrose and his friends. Now that the manufacturers have free wool to work with he should make a tour of Kensington, take a census of the closed mills and start measures of relief for the starving millions.

A Necessary Precaution.

The Ohio representative who is going to retire from Congress because he can't stay there and be honest might employ a private detective to see that he keeps his hands out of other people's pockets.

Still a Power in Politics.

Charles F. Murphy's name still has some value. If you're an aspirant for a city job against another fellow and can get Murphy to indorse him, his goose is cooked.

Deserves Another One.

Senator Root further proves his right to the peace prize by refusing to run for the Presidency. Any man who will do that surely is a lover of peace.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Thirty head of live stock were burned in a fire of unknown origin which destroyed a large barn on the farm of William Byerly, near Milton.

-Five foreigners, who broke a scarlet fever quarantine at Wallpapersburg, near Plumville, where the disease is epidemic, were arrested and fined \$5 each.

-Somerset county has a citizen who cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay. This aged voter is Emanuel Specht, who has just celebrated the 93rd anniversary of his birth.

-Frank Huff, of Penfield, who was recently convicted of murder in the first degree in the Clearfield court and sentenced by Judge Smith to undergo the death penalty, has been granted a new trial.

-Governor Tener has appointed Robert W. Irwin, an attorney of Washington county, to succeed the late Judge Taylor. The new Judge is a Democrat, and was endorsed by 78 out of the 100 members of the Washington bar.

-Clarion county is said to have the youngest sheriff in the United States. W. S. Smathers, born June 16th, 1891, was appointed sheriff in February, 1913, before he was 22, and was elected last November for the usual term.

-Thomas Thom, a Frenchman, stabbed in the same fight in which Joseph Remedia, an Italian, was killed at Janesville, Clearfield county, on New Year's, is likely to recover. The arrest of all concerned in the riot has been ordered.

-Struck by a falling branch of a tree he was cutting, Charles Plummer, aged 60, died at his home on Portage of a fractured skull. He was alone when the accident happened and lay unconscious for some time before his plight was discovered.

-The failure of the Huntingdon bank some time ago has an echo in the bankruptcy of the retiring burghes of Huntingdon, R. W. Jacobs, whose assets are likely enough to cover liabilities. His success in big deals was prevented by the failure of the bank.

-Tripping over a plate at an oil well on the Miller farm, six miles from Emlenton, on Saturday, John Hall, an oil well shooter, fell against a tank containing 25 quarts of nitro-glycerine. In the explosion that followed the unfortunate man was blown to atoms.

-The war between the Jersey Shore Water company and citizens of that place goes merrily on. The company asked to be released from the injunction forbidding the collecting of water rent. Citizens claim it has not complied with the requirements of court and the injunction is still in force.

-Mill Hill is up in arms at the raising of the trolley fare from that place to Lock Haven to 10 cents. Within a short time two big auto trucks, carrying thirty-two passengers, will be on the road and a boycott of the trolley cars is already being instituted. Travelers will use either the autos or the railroad trains, which charge but 8 cents.

-Rev. R. E. McClure, of Blairsville, is said to have received two threatening letters, telling him that unless he obeys orders his home and church will be blown up. The preacher refuses to discuss the matter or tell what the orders were, but he is emphatic in his position in the fight against liquor licenses. The letters are not, apparently, giving him any uneasiness.

-Justice of the peace Isador Simendinger, of Ehrenfeld, is in serious trouble. One waterer accuses him of taking \$100 bail and not returning the case to court. Another accuses of taking a fine of \$10 for peddling in rural districts and \$40 for a license, which the peddler never received. It was stated that there is no license fee for rural districts and so the squire faces the charge of misdemeanor, as well as embezzlement.

-Fire chief Everett Johnson makes the interesting announcement that the fire loss in Lock Haven from June 1st, when he was elected, up to January 1st, was only about \$400. In all there were only nine fires within the city limits, and one in Castanea township, the latter loss not being figured in the total. On eight fire losses that occurred in the city limits there was a known insurance paid of \$183.75, but in the case of one the amount could not be learned.

-Sixteen hours after he had held up land robed Herbert John, station agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, David McCollum, aged 27, of Wickbore, began to serve a five-year sentence on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill, pointing fire arms, robbery, larceny and carrying concealed weapons. In passing sentence Judge Painter informed McCollum that the maximum sentence for the charges amounted to fifty years, but that McCollum as he had confessed, the court was lenient.

-Miss Ivy Mountain, aged 19, teacher of Pritts school, in Springfield township, faces court trial on charges of assault and battery and cruelty, preferred by J. W. Barger, whose son, Perrin Barger, aged 15, the teacher whipped. Justice of the peace Cassimer Cramer, before whom Barger's charge was filed, sentenced Miss Mountain to 60 days in jail, but when the young woman was taken to Uniontown Saturday to serve the sentence, Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen ordered that she be released pending a trial in court.

-When James Haynes, of Ralphont, jokingly remarked to his wife that he had a notion to shoot her because supper was not ready, the woman pulled from her pocket a revolver he had purchased recently and remarked that she guessed she would do the shooting herself. She pulled the trigger and a .22-calibre bullet struck Haynes in the throat, inflicting a serious though not fatal wound. No arrest has been made, as the authorities believe the statement of the woman to the effect that she was joking and had no idea the weapon was loaded. Haynes is also of the same opinion.

-To strengthen her claim against the county commissioners for a reward of \$500 offered for the arrest of her husband, John O. Keeler, condemned to die on the gallows January 15th, Mrs. Keeler had her attorney take her husband's deposition relative to the manner of his being lodged in jail. The attorney for the county accompanied the lawyer to the jail and witnessed the taking of the deposition. The statement will be submitted to the court at the February term. The gallows upon which Keeler will hang will be located in a temporary building on the north side of the jail.

-W. A. Rider, Jr., aged 45, and married, of Finleyville, Pa., was burned to death and Peter Smith, aged 70, of Oakdale was seriously burned when Smith's house at Oakdale burned Saturday night. Rider had been working at Burgettstown, Pa., and Saturday night went to visit Smith. According to Smith they were cooking a meal in the kitchen before retiring. Their attention was attracted to the front room by smoke. Smith said he opened the door and was hurled through another door into the yard as by an explosion. The flames whirled about Rider and he fell to the floor where his body was found later.

-En route through the mountains from Logantown to White Deer Sunday a passenger train on the White Deer and Logantown railroad stalled in snow drifts and could not be moved until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, after being isolated twenty-four hours. A relief train was sent out, but it could get no nearer than five miles and the rescue was abandoned until morning when an army of men with shovels released the train, crew and a-half dozen passengers who had spent the night in a passenger coach. James Dougherty, a veteran mail carrier, succeeded in reaching the imprisoned men with food before the rescue party got to it. The snow in the mountain through which the road runs is thirty inches deep.