

INK SLINGS.

The Centre Hall postoffice fight is still agitating the residents of that town.

Philipsburg had a great time this week. Everything came true but the fifty thousand crowd that the Hon. ELLIS FREEMAN was to produce.

The first frost of the season fell in many parts of Centre county Tuesday night. It was quite a heavy one for so early, but it is thought the late corn was not damaged.

WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS, the Bull Moose nominee for Governor, has withdrawn from the fight and will throw his strength to McCORMICK.

It seems to us that A. RUSTIM BEY, Turkish Ambassador to this country, could have made his expose of what he terms "a vulgar British trap" without digging a lot of skeletons out of our closet.

Candidate PALMER is out with his fifty "counts" against PENROSE. In numbers there is supposed to be strength, but it seems to us that the Congressman would stand more chance of putting the boss down and out if he were to put all of his punch into ten of them.

The new postmaster at Spring Mills is a very estimable and capable young man. The disappointed applicants down there have no reason to be sore at him.

President WILSON was a school teacher. A year and a half of experience has taught this country that it was a wise thing to put a pedagogue in the White House.

My, how Americans are kicking because it will be necessary to raise an extra million dollars by taxes on luxuries to reimburse the treasury for losses occasioned by the falling off of import duties since the war began.

As an emergency war revenue measure the government will probably put an extra tax on incomes of one and one-half per cent. and reduce the exemptions to \$2000 and \$3000 respectively.

JOHN W. BURGESS, American historian and dean of Columbia University, N. Y., is of the opinion that, primarily, King EDWARD VII. of England, was responsible for the European war now raging and that, in a round about way, our own ex-President THEODORE ROOSEVELT was an accessory after the fact.

The time is drawing nearer. Election day we mean. Don't let the war news absorb all of your attention. Look into the qualifications and intentions of the men who are asking for your votes in November.

The opening of a potato plant in California may be the beginning of another great American industry. Always we have imported practically all the potatoes we consumed from Germany.

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Reformers Who Want Office.

The esteemed Allentown Democrat declares that it is "always suspicious of a reform element that insists on having offices." It is a just ground for suspicion.

But we don't have to go to the Bull Moose party to prove that most political reformers are selfish office seekers. The fact is clearly proved by the record of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania.

The so-called reorganizers of the Democratic party were, in the ratio of activity, GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, A. MITCHELL PALMER, VANCE C. MCCORMICK, JAMES I. BLAKESLIE, W. B. WILSON and FRANCIS FISHER KANE.

A very interesting meeting of the Democratic county committee was held in the grand jury room at the court house on Thursday of last week.

In asking for an additional internal revenue tax of \$100,000,000, President WILSON reveals the caution of a prudent statesman. There is no treasury deficit and there are various ways of providing for anything that might happen in that direction.

As the President suggests, this is no time to borrow money by bond issue. Most of the capital of the world is tied up, or inaccessible, on account of the European war.

If there had been no disturbance of the commercial relations between this country and the world it is safe to say that the revenues would have been abundant to meet all the demands of an economical administration of the government.

Fusion and its Consequences.

The first day's registration in the various cities of the State show clearly the reasons for the anxiety of the leading Bull Mooseers for fusion with the Democrats.

Under these circumstances the fusion proposed by the leaders of the Bull Moose party and which is being encouraged by certain selfish men in the Democratic organization will of necessity operate to put a formidable candidate for President in the field against WOODROW WILSON in 1916.

Besides fusion is to be avoided for other reasons. Any agreement between the Bull Moose bosses and Democratic managers involving fusion would bind VANCE C. MCCORMICK to contribute with equal liberality to the Democratic and Bull Moose campaign funds.

Beef cattle on the hoof are now selling at 94 cents a pound in the local markets; and they are not very good beef at that.

The war news continues to perplex rather than enlighten the reading public. We are able to learn that Russia has been successful in Austria and that Serbia appears to have gained victories over the Austrian forces.

The only point that has been clearly developed thus far is that the war will not be a matter of a short time. With an expense account of more than \$50,000,000 a day most of us naturally jumped at the conclusion that such a burden couldn't be endured long.

Another point almost definitely settled by the operations thus far is that if there are any future wars the activities will be mainly in the air.

County chairman Arthur B. Lee has opened Democratic headquarters in a room on the second floor of Crider's Exchange, where members of the party are welcome at all times.

President Wilson Helps His Party.

In declining to appear on the stump during the pending campaign President Wilson has expressed a fact which has been presented in these columns repeatedly.

But the President is not unmindful of his political obligations though he declines to make speeches in the interest of his party candidates. In his letter to FRANK E. DOREMUS, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, he has done more for his party than he could in a dozen speeches.

There are great questions ahead of us, the President writes, and as he inferentially points out it is the duty of Democratic Congressmen to remain in Washington until they are disposed of.

The first frost of the season was very noticeable on Wednesday morning, though it was not severe enough to do any damage to the farm or garden produce.

Obviously the President has no hope that Congress might be prevailed upon to give up the "pork barrel." Cutting out the River and Harbor bill for a couple of years and dropping government building operations not already begun, for a like period, would have decreased expenditures sufficiently to balance the decrease in revenues caused by the European war for that length of time.

Increasing taxes is not popular however lively the levy but treasury deficits are disastrous. The Democratic Congress ought to have prevented a deficit by curtailing expenses but didn't do so.

The President has left to Congress the determination of the subjects upon which the additional taxes will be laid and speculation upon the subject is running riot. The probabilities are, however, that the burden will be put upon beer and gasoline.

The Modern Vandals.

From the Johnstown Democrat. If the Russians ever get very far into Germany the patrons of the arts will shed many a tear because of the atrocities that will undoubtedly follow the invasion.

Consider Paris. There are buildings in that city that it would be a crime against humanity to destroy. There are places there familiar to every student of history that belong to all mankind.

From the Altoona Times. Evidently there is one branch of the military service in such of the armies engaged in the European conflict that actually rejoices and revels in the latitude the war provides and which peace would to a large extent prohibit.

It is by all agreed, also, that the feats of daring daily being accomplished by airmen demonstrate great intrepidity which often amounts to foolhardiness. Some of the dangerous flights over enemies' cities seem to have been made in the spirit of pure bravado.

From the Boston Journal. Governor Haines, of Maine, makes a mistake when he says in his public address: "The foreign policy of this administration has made us the laughing stock of the whole world."

From the Somerville Journal. Don't let yourself be carried away too quickly with sympathy for the under dog. You may find out that he was fool enough to start the fight.

From the Galveston News. Our idea of a genius is a man who can make a mountain out of a molehill and then sell it for gravel.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Practically every industry in Pennsylvania is turning to its capacity, and the Wightman glass plant, a new industry, is expected to begin business in a few days.

On the farm of W. F. Brion, of Jackson town, ship, Lycoming county, may be seen a wild turkey hen and six young ones associating on terms of friendly equality with Mr. Brion's tame turkeys.

The plant of the American-French Belgian Glass company at DuBois was sold at sheriff's sale on Friday last, the purchaser being J. W. Allison, who had recently been sales manager for the company.

Frank Corbone, a young Italian, has been held to answer the charge of incendiarism. He is accused of having set fire to the house in which he lived in Johnstown, and considerable evidence has been accumulated against him.

Perry Heeman, arrested in connection with the robbery of the Sommerville store at Windburne last spring, escaped from the Clearfield jail on Tuesday of last week and hid in his whereabouts have been learned.

Michael Hart, a well-known young resident of DuBois, went into a restaurant Saturday afternoon and ordered a cheese sandwich. While it was being made he toppled off the stool on which he was sitting and died in a few minutes.

Swallowing a small quantity of diluted carbolic acid in mistake for medicine, Mrs. Thomas Frank died four hours later. The lady was aged 52 years and is survived by a husband whose present location is unknown, and four sons.

Some inhospitable residents of Greensburg procured an injunction forbidding the admission of non-resident pupils to the High school, and 193 of the latter were refused admission when they presented themselves Tuesday morning.

Ralph Rash and Joseph Shubert, each aged about 18 years, inmates of the Clearfield jail, where they were confined awaiting their transfer to the reform school at Green Mills, escaped early Monday morning and have not been apprehended.

At the sixtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Bloom, whose home is near Curwensville, over 500 relatives and friends were present. Among the number was Darius D. Ritter, of LaJunta, Colo., who was one of the wedding guests sixty years ago.

Judge Ruppel, of Somerset county, has decided that when a citizen of one school district finds it necessary to send his children to the schools of another district, nearer his home, the school directors of his home district may legally reimburse him for the amount paid for tuition.

A Derry man was losing his chickens. He accused a neighbor, a woman, of stealing them. The case went to court. The man failed to prove his case. The jury acquitted the defendant and put the costs, amounting to \$92.58 on the accused. He spent a few hours in the Greensburg jail while his wife went to Derry after the money.

While walking toward his home in Boswell late Monday night in company with three men, Pasquale DeSanto was the victim of an attempt on his life, being shot at several times and painfully slashed about the face with a knife.

One Westmoreland county murderer, convicted of murder in the first degree, respited seven or eight times, and finally granted a new trial, saved his life by pleading guilty to murder in the second degree.

Mrs. George Drovny, aged about 19 years of Johnstown, was fined \$25 and the costs of prosecution at a hearing last Saturday which developed that she had treated a step-son, aged two and one-half years, with extreme cruelty. She said she wanted her husband to take the child to the poor house. She wished it was dead but "didn't like to kill it."

Joseph T. Alsip, proprietor of the Arandale hotel at Bedford for the last 40 years and one of the best known residents of Bedford county, died while seated in a chair at the Arandale Monday evening. Those who saw him reclining believed Mr. Alsip to be sleeping and it was some time before it was finally discovered that life had taken its departure.

Ten cases of typhoid fever have been located in Cresson within the last few days, six of the patients being inmates of St. John's orphan age. It is not believed that the condition of any of the patients is of a critical nature. Samples of the water supply have been sent away for analysis.

A sweeping victory for the pure food department of Pennsylvania was won in the Bedford county court on Monday, when J. H. Brown, a large flour manufacturer of Loysburg, plead nolle prosequere on twelve counts charging him with selling bleached flour to merchants in Bedford and Huntingdon county.

Joseph E. Kelly, 25 years old, quarterback of the Bucknell foot ball team of 1909, and for the last two years principal of the Marshwood school of the Olyphant school district, Lackawanna county, was shot from ambush and probably mortally wounded on Monday while he was walking over the Marshwood mountain road toward the school.

Hunters this year must wear the white tags issued from the State Game Department, or render themselves liable to arrest. Last year the tags were on buff cloth and it is said that some hunters to evade paying the \$1 this year are going to use the same old tag, but the game wardens have been charged to keep a sharp lookout and any hunter caught wearing last year's buff tag will be arrested on sight.

An hour's kindness to a friend will net John Domalkus, a Coal township, Northumberland county resident, \$5,000, according to the terms of the will of Wasiul Bishak, which was probated in the office of John I. Carr, register of wills here Tuesday. Domalkus is named the sole beneficiary of the estate, which is worth more than the amount mentioned.

Domalkus was walking along the street near Domalkus' home he was taken ill, and Domalkus took him in and called a doctor. This kindness took up an hour, after which he was able to move about again. He always declared that he would remember Domalkus in his will. Last week he died and made his benefactor his sole beneficiary.