

INK SLINGS.

—Now is the time for every Democrat to start in and blame it on someone else. —Surely we were convinced that our next Senator's name would be PATTERSON.

—Anyway Mr. PINCHOT can have all the time he wants for his honeymoon now.

—And the next President of the United States will be WOODROW WILSON, all the same.

—Brother PALMER laid valiant siege to that "island in the sea of progress" but the island is still there.

—The average Democratic vote cast in Centre county on Tuesday was just 381 less than the average vote in 1912.

—Turkey seems to have been forced into the war and it may be ominous that she got in just before Thanksgiving.

—There were 4345 Democrats enrolled in Centre county this year yet the average Democratic vote cast was only 3003.

—We missed the snow next day very much. But Democrats couldn't have looked blue had there been a blizzard raging.

—Turn about is fair play. The Republicans had an election on Tuesday to which the Democrats were not generally invited.

—Paraphrasing an expression of Big BILL HOLLENBACK: Its a darned poor political carcass that can't take a beating once in awhile.

—Maybe it will now soak into the heads of those at the front that it is about time to stop Reorganizing and start Getting Together.

—If the election has done nothing else it has rendered the country the inestimable service of putting the calamity howler out of a job.

—The war may have clouded some of the interest of pre-election days, but the Republican guns evidently found the range just right, all the same.

—S. WOODS CALDWELL, the veteran hotel man of Lock Haven, was defeated for Assemblyman from Clinton Co. by the Republican candidate who ran on a local option platform.

—In all of the precincts but one on the Pennsylvania side of the mountain MILLER ran a little behind our party vote of 1912; while SCOTT gained in about the same proportion that MILLER lost on his party vote of 1912.

—Centre county Democracy might have had its Assemblyman, at least, saved out of the wreck had those who ruled the party not succeeded in tying the county chairman's hands before he got started to work.

—We congratulate Colonel WARREN WORTH BAILEY, re-elected Congressman from the Nineteenth Pennsylvania District. The voters of the District deserve it also. They preferred a bright spot on the map of American statesmanship, to obscurity.

—And JIM BLAKESLIE lit a cigarette, had himself interviewed as the "sure thing" prophet and told the people of Pennsylvania to look out for a landslide to Democracy. JIM would make a dandy Zeppelin if enough ballast could be found to regulate his flights.

—Inasmuch as the Republican party was the only one that didn't endorse Woman's Suffrage in Pennsylvania it looks very much as if our beloved friends, the ladies, will have to continue to confine their activities to "clean-up" days and artistic Fourth of July parades.

—Who would ever have thought that Centre county would vote wet? That's what it did Tuesday when it rolled up a majority of 440 for SCOTT, the wet nominee for Assemblyman. The issue was clean cut in that fight and it proves the oft-repeated charge that there are quite a number of voters who fail to vote as they pray.

—WILLIAM F. MCCOMBS, chairman of the Democratic national committee, announces to the world that it was ROGER C. SULLIVAN, of Illinois, who made President WILSON's nomination at Baltimore possible. But JIM BLAKESLIE has told us repeatedly that it was somebody else and, of course, JIM always knows more than other people.

—Of course the Democratic State committee will now revise the rules of the party so as to conform with the law as expressed in the recent decision of Judge MCCARROLL. But it will never be able to remove from the minds of Democratic voters the impression that the bosses created the discredited rules for the purpose of usurping authority which belonged to the people.

—State chairman ROLAND S. MORRIS made his pre-election forecast on Saturday. He was so cock-sure that his two year's experience in State politics had made him the wisest man in the party that he asked every Democrat to paste the prediction in his hat so that he could verify its accuracy Wednesday morning. Those who clipped the prediction out of the papers for the purpose of making such comparison are now requested to return them to the State chairman. He needs them for stuffing in his own hat which is much too large since the swelling has gone out of his head.

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Lessons of the Election.

The lessons of the election are so plain that "he who runs may read." In the first place they teach that the Democratic party of Pennsylvania will not endure an alien mastery. The impression was carefully spread abroad that the candidates were chosen by the President and the people were influenced to ratify the choice by shamelessly huckstering party patronage. They teach that the Democratic party of Pennsylvania has not degenerated into a common scold. During the entire campaign not one of the candidates uttered a single sentence that expressed a Democratic principle or favored a cherished Democratic tradition. They simply vilified other men and put absurd questions like a parrot might.

The result of the election plainly proclaims that the Democrats of Pennsylvania will not stand for the policy of proscription introduced into the party management by A. MITCHELL PALMER, VANCE C. MCCORMICK and JAMES I. BLAKESLIE. From the beginning of the national administration until the present no man known to have supported WEBSTER GRIM four years ago has been even considered for appointment by the President and PALMER himself is the only candidate on the ticket who supported the party nominee then and he did it grudgingly. Even the local Democratic organizations were studiously ignored unless they acknowledged servile obedience to the machine and every office distributed was made to perform the service of currency in buying support for the bosses.

The verdict of the vote, moreover, plainly points out that the Democratic party has fallen under the control of a group of demagogues, hypocrites and opportunists, and that the Democratic voters will not submit to such a management. Absolutely stupid and at least under suspicion of venality, the party funds were misappropriated to finance the campaigns of certain candidates before and after their nominations, while the interests of candidates for Congress, State Senate and the Legislature were grossly neglected. The Democratic voters of Pennsylvania will not submit to such recreancy and the vote of Tuesday is a grave reminder of that fact. If the faults are corrected the lessons are worth while.

In imitation of the Buy a Bale of Cotton movement somebody is trying to get up a Buy a Bale of Hay movement. The Buy a Bag of Peanuts movement is now a practical monopoly in the hands of the Italians. Roosevelt Must be Crazy. In a speech delivered at Princeton, New Jersey, the other day THEODORE ROOSEVELT stated that he has "seen the plans of at least two empires, now involved in war, to capture our great cities and hold them for ransom, because our standing army is too weak to protect them. I have seen deliberate plans prepared to take both San Francisco and New York and hold them for ransoms that would cripple our country and give funds to the enemy for carrying on war."

The Colonel's remedy is an army and navy strong enough to "coerce any recalcitrant power." He would compel "every man to have practice in marksmanship and some military training." He would make militarism the dominant note of our policy. How long will this homicidal lunatic be permitted to run at large? Such a proposition is subversive not only of our form of government but of any form of popular government. It would convert the Republic into a satrapy. It is the essence of treason. The leaders of the southern confederacy were less guilty of a purpose to overthrow the government than the author of such a scheme. They proposed to withdraw from the union, peaceably if possible, and forcibly if necessary, but to leave the remnant of the government undisturbed. But the ROOSEVELT plan would tear our system of government up by the roots and bury it in oblivion. It would utterly annihilate every principle of law and liberty.

Of course THEODORE ROOSEVELT never saw such plans. They were probably the reflection of a bad dream had during one of his fever deliriums. But he should not be permitted to plant such ideas in the minds of credulous people. It has been shown that anarchists may be silenced and their propaganda prevented. Then the promulgation of such rubbish may be checked by the same processes. Weak minded men might be influenced to criminal operations by such advice coming from him and therefore a menace ought to be removed. That he was once honored by the people is no excuse for his present follies. When he was elected President he was believed to be sane. No such belief can be entertained now.

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Important Legislation Coming.

Unless members of the General Assembly of all parties, chosen last Tuesday, are recreant to their pledges, there will be a vast amount of important legislation enacted during the session which begins on the first Monday of January next. Nearly all the candidates were pledged to support measures making for employers' liability, better conditions for working women and children and other reforms upon which public sentiment is practically unanimous. The Republican party is pledged, in a platform adopted by the State committee, to all of them and the Washington party, in a similarly constructed platform, is committed to all of them. The Democratic party had no platform.

It is true that the Democratic State committee met at Harrisburg a short time after the May primaries for the purpose of issuing a platform and that a sub-committee was appointed to draft such a document. But the committee adjourned before the sub-committee had made its report and the platform was not ratified and could be binding only upon those who made it. Therefore Democratic Senators and Representatives are under obligation only to their personal pledges and to their consciences but as most of them promised to support the reforms in question it may safely be assumed that all of them will be enacted into law.

It is true that Pennsylvania is shamefully backward in labor legislation and it is to be hoped that during the coming session adequate workmen's compensation laws will be enacted. Laws making better conditions for working women and children are also sadly needed and we hope Democratic Senators and Representatives will give cordial and earnest support to such measures. Pennsylvania ought to be in the advance column in all such matters instead of straggling along in the rear and if the new Legislature is just to itself and fair to the public the Keystone State will assume its proper place in the column of advancing civilization. In any event the Democratic members should so align themselves.

—Let us hope that former Senator BEVERIDGE, of Indiana, will now find some sort of employment that will keep him out of politics. BEVERIDGE, of Indiana, and LAFOLLETTE, of Wisconsin, are twin nuisances.

Excellent Outlook for Commerce.

The treasury report for October shows a considerable balance of trade in favor of this country. Between the 5th of October and the 31st of that month the imports entered at Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Norfolk, Newport News, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma were of the value of \$106,341,261 and the exports from the same points were of the value of \$139,963,631, the difference being \$33,622,370. The commerce of those ports represents about eighty-seven per cent, of the total imports of the country and seventy-two per cent. of the exports. The ratio maintained at all the ports would considerably increase the balance.

In other words during the month of October the balance of international trade was in favor of the United States at the rate of upward of half a billion dollars a year. This does not touch or even nearly reach high water mark but in view of the paralysis to commerce caused by the European war four months ago it is far better than could have been expected. Moreover, in view of the practically cutting out of the expense of American tourists traveling abroad, this lesser balance will produce a larger amount of actual cash in the settlements than came to us when our exports and imports were at high tide. And after all it is the cash balance that counts in business.

We are not among those who measure the prosperity of a country by the balance of trade in its favor. Business men make profits on imports as well as exports and transportation companies get as much for carrying products to the sea ports as from them, the distance being equal. Some times excessive exports indicate poverty rather than wealth for nations like men may be compelled to make sacrifices of property to get ready cash. But we refer to the condition expressed in this treasury report somewhat exultingly because it refutes the calamity predictions recently so commonly indulged in consequence of the falling off of foreign commerce on account of the war.

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Four Months of War.

The European war has been in progress four months and there are no indications of its end. In less time than that Germany subdued France and changed the map of Europe a generation ago and most people thought that the conquerors of that time would be destroyed in an equally brief space of time now. But these expectations have been disappointed and the legions from the Fatherland appear to be as vigorous and determined as when the declaration of war was issued. There have been vast sacrifices of life and treasure in the interval but the lessons have failed of their proper purpose and it is safe to predict now that the end will not come for months and probably for years.

Within a week Turkey has entered the strife and nearly all the participants in the recent Balkan war are likely soon to be involved. Thus far Italy has not been drawn into the struggle but she is the only important country in Europe outside of the contention and is likely to be drawn in within a fortnight. Holland is almost as completely impoverished as if wiped off the map and France is crippled financially and physically almost to the breaking point. But the German squadrons continue to hold their line of battle as firmly as if none of her soldiers had been killed and her financial resources were unimpaired. It is simply marvelous.

The fight is far off but its evil effect has been keenly felt in all sections of this country. Every family in the United States has paid tribute to the forbidding god of war in the higher prices of commodities and though there may be some recompense in increased commerce and broadened zones of trade in the future, there are few if any signs of such a result now. As a matter of fact war is as repulsive as it has been painted and those who encourage strife among nations, other than in the peaceful form of commercial rivalry, are enemies of civilization and recreants to the spirit of progress. If this war teaches the lessons of peace effectively, however, it will be worth while.

—Next Friday will be a big day at State College if the weather is favorable. It will be Pennsylvania day, one of the most important events in the college year outside of the annual commencement. Governor Tener and many state officials, as well as Senators and Representatives will be there, while this year Martin G. Brumbaugh, the Governor-elect, is also expected present. The day has grown to be one of considerable social importance and visitors will be there from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and scores of towns throughout the State. Beginning Thursday evening house parties will be held at most of the fraternity houses and will continue over Sunday. One big feature of the day, if the weather is fine, will be the football game between State and the Michigan Aggies. The Governor and his party will occupy seats in front of the grandstand and society will be there in force.

—Passengers on the Bald Eagle Valley train west at noon on Wednesday were treated to an unusual sight as the train sped along this side of Howard. Standing in an open field not over a stone's throw from the track was a magnificent three pronged buck. The animal must have been used to trains as it stood there watching the train speed by and was still standing there when the train rounded a curve. This proves that there is at least one deer in Centre county that is eligible for the hunter's rifle.

—The rabbit and quail season opened on Monday and while there are not enough of the latter in Centre county to afford good sport rabbits are unusually plentiful. The dry weather, however, has been against good hunting "as it is difficult for a dog to take up the scent or follow a trail. All the same quite a number of the cottontails have been bagged in various sections of the county and under propitious conditions rabbit hunters should have some rare sport.

—Will Rees, a son of G. W. Rees, of this place, who was running for the Legislature in Cambria county on the Republican ticket, was defeated in a triangular fight up there that resulted in election of "wet" Assemblymen. —It is all right to extend a welcome to the Belgians for they have shown themselves sturdy warriors. But unless the theatre of the war is shifted pretty soon a Belgian would have to swim across to get here. —If you always want to have the best take the WATCHMAN and you'll have it.

War and Business.

From the Philadelphia Record. Representatives of a syndicate acting for the French government are in the market for 1,000,000 pairs of army boots. Of course, army boots are not kept in stock ready-made in 1,000,000 pair lots, and the order would keep several large factories busy for a long time. The immediate placing of the order is delayed only by a difference over the manner of payment. The agents of the manufacturers demand cash in advance. The reason why the manufacturers take this position is that on a recent occasion, after the execution of a large order, the French consignees would not pay cash, as the contract required, but tried to effect a settlement with certificates of the French war loan.

A similar position was assumed a couple of weeks ago by the Swiss. The German trade, which was heavily indebted to the watchmakers of Geneva, made an offer through the chambers of commerce to square accounts by debentures representing subscriptions to the German billion-dollar war fund. The canny Swiss were assured that they would be making a good investment and in addition to the principal amount of the debt due them, they would get 5 per cent. interest for the rest of their lives and the lives of a generation or two yet unborn. Naturally, neutral foreigners would not take as optimistic, not to say enthusiastic, view of the matter as would a patriotic Belgier so the hard-fisted Swiss declined the offer, with considerable official indignation, and insisted upon payment down to the nail. Incidentally, the watchmakers were made conscious of one of the few advantages of neutrality. If Switzerland had become an enemy of Germany the debt would have been cancelled by the simple process of repudiation.

Overwrought Imaginations.

From the Altoona Times. Perfervid imaginations have been at work for a week or more picturing the raids of a dramatic character which the Germans are to make on England and especially on London.

Zeppelins and aeroplanes are to swoop across the channel by the hundreds and to drop bombs right and left, while it has been stated that an attack is to be made by submarines, aircraft, warships and troops combined. The Germans are to land a large force in England by means of troop ships moving in conjunction with the fleet which is to come out and fight aided by the aircraft and the submarines. But, what would become of the Germans who would get to England with the channel between them and their base? Does any general care to risk his army so far from its source of supplies, the line of communication with which must always be kept open?

It all seems to be very astonishing and impossible and there is little likelihood that the Germans are losing much time in planning such a melodramatic raid or that the English commanders are losing much sleep over the fear of it.

Mr. Taft on Treaties.

From the Boston Globe. Arbitration agreements between the United States and foreign powers, which have multiplied of late, need no defense, but former President Taft put the case in their favor very happily in an address to students at a Yale mass-meeting this week.

"It is true that treaties are not absolute guarantee against war," said he, "yet they are the best means we have of avoiding it. After the close of every treaty the world becomes stronger, and their efficacy becomes greater. Just because a treaty is sometimes broken is no reason why we should not make treaties." Without faith nothing much can be accomplished.

Occasionally a business man fails to draw specifications or neglects to pay his honest debts. Do we, in consequence, always refuse thereafter to make contracts or extend credit? No, indeed! If we did, the wheels of industry and commerce would stop instantaneously, leaving most of the population in danger of starvation. This world is run largely on trust.

A Recipe for War.

Amos R. Wells in Life. Take a wrong and keep it till it is thoroughly rotten, smelling to Heaven. Take also an army, fattened by high taxes to the bursting point. And a navy, similarly prepared. Make an upper crust, heavy and sodden. Make an upper crust, rich and swollen with pride. Mix your material in a bowl of national vanity. Season with misinformation, rumors, lies, tariff wars, colonial disputes, petty aggressions and sensational newspapers, chopped fine. Bake it in the oven of prejudice with the fire of passion, stirred by the poker of personal ambition. Serve hot.

Turkey Enters the War.

From the Philadelphia Evening Ledger. No effort to limit the European war seems to have any chance of success. The beginning of hostilities by Turkey may bring the very gravest consequences. Undoubtedly the Balkan States will again be in flames. Italy is more likely than ever to be drawn in on the side of the Allies. While Greece and the fleets of the Allies take care of what little there is of Turkey in Europe, Japan may become more active in Asia. The entire situation looks like the temporary breakdown of civilization, with America only standing firm.

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

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—It is reported that Newton Hamilton is without either a doctor or an undertaker, although nobody hints that the one is the sequence of the other.

—Jefferson Wyckoff, a veteran of the Civil war, aged 71 years, a resident of Williamsport's south side, has killed two bears since the season opened.

—Burglars entered the general store of S. A. Wilt, at Mill hall, the other night and appropriated goods to the value of at least \$100 and also carried off several hundred pennies.

—Evangelist Peacock, who has been conducting a campaign against sin in Irwin for the past four weeks, is ill with diphtheria and is quarantined at the Presbyterian parsonage.

—Clifford Cohan, aged 20, was sent to Huntingdon reformatory and Mary Cohan, his mother, was given a year in the Lycoming county jail for kindling a fire in the Williamsport house occupied by them prior to their arrest.

—Misses Mildred and Laura Herring, daughters of ex-Judge Grant Herring, of Sunbury, who died a year ago, are now employed as Red Cross nurses in the German army. They were studying music in Berlin, and when the call to arms came, volunteered and were accepted.

—George W. Hoffman, 56 years old, widely known as a manufacturer of lumber, died suddenly of a hemorrhage of the lungs at his home in Centre township, Perry county, one morning last week. He had been in seeming good health for some time past. His wife is critically ill with Bright's disease.

—William George, aged 68, and his daughter Alma, 26, died in a Bradford hospital on Sunday from burns sustained when their home at Duke Centre, near Kane, was wrecked by a gas explosion late Saturday night. George and his daughter were thrown through a window of their home by the explosion.

—A flow of gas which registers 20 pounds, and which is steadily increasing, developed unexpectedly Saturday in one of the deep water wells at the Pannuxatoney iron furnace. The flow is of sufficient volume to lead Superintendent George Grimm to believe that a drilled well would develop a marketable pressure.

—After a shutdown of six months the plant of the Wilcox Window Glass company at Wilcox, near Kane, started operation at mid-night Sunday and as a result 150 men are given employment. Tank No. 2 at the plant of the American Window Glass company has also started operations, giving employment to 300 men.

—We learn from the Pannuxatoney Spirit that Emanuel Thomas, whose foot was torn off in a threshing machine a week ago, died shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon and shortly after his father-in-law, Emanuel Oxenreiter, was found dead in a field at his home near Ohl, Thomas was 59 years old, Oxenreiter, 74.

—Mike Barberick, a well-known Austrian resident of Josephine, Indiana county, while on his way home from a dance the other night fell from a steep embankment, a distance of forty feet. He fell into a pool of water and was partially submerged for ten hours. He died on a street car while being conveyed to the Indiana hospital.

—Anton Toje, an Austrian 17 years old, who has been insane for three years, was restored to reason by an operation performed by the chief surgeon of the Williamsport hospital. By a blow inflicted with a hatchet in the hands of a companion three years ago his skull was depressed and pressed upon the brain. The operation removed the pressure.

—William R. Hendricks, of Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, is in jail at Lock Haven, charged with having burglarized the store of S. A. Wilt, at Mill Hall some nights ago. A considerable number of pennies were stolen from the store and Hendricks followed his efforts to have about 49 pennies changed for money of a larger denomination.

—Caught in a fly wheel at the Mercer broom works at Sharon, last Friday, Quincy Ryhal, 21 years old, foreman of the plant, was whirled to his death. He stepped over a gas engine to shut off the power, when his clothing caught. He was pulled off his feet and whirled around a hundred or more times before the machinery was stopped. Nearly all the bones in his body were broken and his feet were beaten to a pulp.

—Harrison Wesley Miller, who was born near Hyndman, Bedford county, July 18, 1882, met instant death Friday evening by falling down the shaft of the H. C. Frick company mine at Edenboro, Fayette county. He was engaged in concreting the shaft, lost his balance and toppled 500 feet to the bottom. Miller lived at Connelville. He was a son of the Rev. W. S. Miller and is survived by his widow and two children.

—While Mrs. O. E. Redoric, of Confluence, was assisting her son Winfield in cleaning a gun on Monday as he was about to leave on a hunting trip, the weapon was accidentally discharged and Mrs. Redoric was instantly killed. The young man is frantic with grief, being in such a condition that he is unable to give a clear account of the shooting. Mrs. Redoric was about 55 years of age and was a widow. Several children survive.

—James Lavery, 19 years old, of Ambridge, Pa., died on Monday morning in the Presbyterian hospital at Pittsburgh from injuries suffered in a football game Saturday. His back was broken when he was playing with the Ambridge eleven against the Delmont Club. His death marks the second football fatality in Pittsburgh this season. Two weeks ago Michael Kennedy, a Lawrenceville youth, was fatally injured in a game between two amateur teams.

—John Pascola, a young Italian coal miner of 24 years, residing at Jacob's Mines near Robertsdale, died at the Blair Memorial hospital, Huntingdon, at 9 o'clock Monday night. He was the victim of one of the most dastardly and murderous assaults in the annals of Huntingdon county. He was shot up by supposed friends, dragged from the road, cast into a clump of woods and left for dead. He regained consciousness long enough to reveal the identity of his assailants.

—Judge John W. Reed, specially presiding in the Blair county court, has rendered a decision to the effect that the city of Altoona has the right to impose a tax of 50 cents on each electric, telephone or telegraph pole in the Mountain city. The Postal Telegraph company brought the suit to determine if the ordinance was constitutional. A similar decision was rendered in a case brought by the Bell Telephone company. What's the matter with Bellefonte trying the same game?

—The result of the investigation of the finding of a deer on the farm of Charles C. Young, who resides near Sylvania, Lycoming county, has brought to light the fact that the yearling buck was shot and not killed by dogs. Game Warden Joseph Smith, of Muncy, has been making a careful investigation of the affair and there is a possibility that arrests will follow. It was at first believed that the deer was run to death by dogs on the mountains. The animal is believed to have been shot by some hunter in the woods and then chased to the open by dogs.

—Released from jail at Bloomsburg, after spending five days of their honeymoon in confinement for illegal car riding, Mr. and Mrs. George Krause, of Reading, began to walk the rest of their journey to their home because they had no funds with which to pay car fare. The pair had been taken from a caboose of a freight train by railroad cops. They were riding from Williamsport because they ran out of money, and kind hearted railroad men pitied the woman. They now declare that they will have nothing more to do with railroad property.