

INK SLINGS.

—Incidentally, let us remind you that there are only thirty-one shopping days until Christmas.

—The Germans are making an heroic fight but what's the use. In the end they must yield and the longer they resist the heavier the penalty will be.

—There are more than forty-six thousand automobiles, not to mention the mules, in Missouri. And, we reckon, it is some question as to which are the hardest to handle.

—The large demand for safety razors recently reported from Austria-Hungary rather discredits the Russian reports that the Czars forces have practically annihilated the Austrian army.

—Talking about this "made in America" slogan for the upbuilding of American industry what's the matter with a Bought in Bellefonte slogan for doing justice to the business men of our community?

—The average cod-fish weighs a little less than eight pounds and lays seven million eggs. The average chicken hen weighs about four pounds and lays—well the report would probably be better if she were crossed with the cod-fish.

—As we have said before, our liberality to the Belgians is magnificent. But according to the newspapers there are a lot of starving women and children in the coal regions of the middle west, and charity ought to do something at home besides beginning.

—We had the first real bite of winter on Tuesday morning. The thermometer hovered around 24 degrees in the morning and did not rise above the freezing point all day. The farmers who are late with their corn husking suffered most, but there are not many of them in the county.

—According to the latest official reports from the clerk of the House at Washington there will be 233 Democrats, 193 Republicans, 7 Progressives, 1 Independent and 1 Socialist in the next Congress. This will give the Democrats a majority of 31 over all other parties combined.

—If the Democratic State organization had given the attention to candidates for Congress in this State which honor and party obligations required, there would be more Democrats in the next Pennsylvania delegation in Congress and the Democratic majority in the House would not be so meager.

—So far as Thanksgiving is concerned turkeys are not worth 24cts. the pound. If you are well and happy you should be thanks giving on Thanksgiving day if you have nothing more than bean-soup on the table. It isn't what you have to eat that counts. It's the fact that you've been spared to eat anything.

—The Chicago Tribune's idea of adopting the orphan Belgian children rather than sending succor to them is a good one. Thousands of childless American homes could be made happier than they are and the little folks of stricken Belgium could be brought up far better by adopted parents than with none at all.

—The Democratic candidate for Congress in the Erie district was elected in spite of the open opposition of the United States District Attorney for the Western district, who lives in Crawford county. But the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Schuylkill district was not able to overcome the secret opposition of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, though he lived in another district.

—All those big orders that CHARLES M. SCHWAB is bringing home from Europe to his Bethlehem mills will be heralded as signs of prosperity that have so quickly followed the commission Pennsylvania recently gave Mr. PENROSE to rewrite the tariff law. Take it from us, CHARLEY was on the other side booking the orders long before there was any thought of PENROSE's stupendous majority and he would have booked them, just the same, had PALMER or PINCHOT been chosen. Business is everywhere for the getting and if you have the goods you can find someone to buy them, tariff or no tariff.

—When you are wondering why you pay thirty cents the dozen for eggs that cost only fifteen twenty years ago and forty cents the pound for butter when twenty was regarded as a fair price in 1894, just bear in mind that there are more than one hundred million mouths to fill in this country today, whereas there were only sixty million two decades ago. While our population has been increasing by leaps and bounds the number of cattle and chickens in the country has actually been decreasing during the past twenty years. Time was when nearly every family in Bellefonte, for instance, had its own cow. Now you can count the number almost on the fingers of your one hand. You remember when nearly every Bellefonte family raised two or more pigs. But the cows left their cards on the Diamond and the pig sties were more odoriferous than the rose gardens so aestheticism and Dr. DIXON said they must go. They have gone and we rail because the milkmen have raised the price of milk and sausage costs twenty-five cents the pound.

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More Outrages Contemplated.

The obviously stupid, if not actually venal, Democratic organization of Pennsylvania, proposes to continue its factional fight in the party, notwithstanding the rebuke administered to it by the voters on the 3rd of November. That is to say a movement is on foot to change the name of the PALMER-McCORMICK League of Philadelphia and convert it into an instrument to embarrass the regular Democratic organization of that city. The "leaders" as these treacherous toy politicians style themselves, want some sort of an organization "distinctly in sympathy with them," and reason that their hope in this direction lies in the rehabilitation of the now odorous PALMER-McCORMICK League.

Three years ago a group of selfish office seekers seized control of the Democratic organization of the State by methods which would have appalled ordinary burglars. This group consisted of GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, VANCE C. McCORMICK, A. MITCHELL PALMER, JAMES I. BLAKESLEE and WILLIAM B. WILSON. All these men except WILSON and PALMER had been discredited and discarded office seekers and WILSON and PALMER were at the time in the enjoyment of places conferred upon them by the old leaders of the party. In spite of their incompetency the party came into power in the country at the subsequent Presidential election, and they all scamped to the pie-counter. Every man of them wanted an office.

As has before been stated in these columns Pennsylvania had no part in the Democratic victory of 1912. The party in the State was harmonious, enthusiastic and hopeful. The candidates were popular and capable. But the managers of the campaign were so obsessed with their own ambitions that they sacrificed every party interest in order to entrench themselves in the power they had unscrupulously usurped. With the Republican party divided they failed to bring their own party to the polls and WOODROW WILSON firmly fixed in the hearts of the Democratic voters, polled the smallest vote, with a single exception, that had been cast for a Democratic candidate for President in half a century.

Under such circumstances modest men would have refrained from asserting claims to the favor of an administration which they had no part in placing in power. But these selfish office hunters are not modest. They began a seige of the President's office the day of his inauguration and continued it until their absurd ambitions were satisfied. WILLIAM B. WILSON was appointed Secretary of Labor, GEORGE W. GUTHRIE made Ambassador to Japan, JAMES I. BLAKESLEE got the office of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General and PALMER and McCORMICK were slated for the offices they coveted. Then they turned the party over to a lot of servile incompetents who have wrecked it completely.

Now they propose to perpetuate their power for evil by perpetrating new outrages. The creation of a body "distinctly in sympathy" with the defeated and rebuked State organization is for the purpose of displacing the legally organized Democratic committee of Philadelphia by methods contrary to law. This will prolong the factional strife which has already worked such havoc in the party and prevent the reconciliation of elements essential to future party prosperity. But the selfish office seekers who are drawing fat salaries and exercising official authority are not concerned about such things. They know that President WILSON will be re-elected and hope to hold their jobs.

—The Bellefonte High school displayed an unusual amount of school spirit last Saturday afternoon on account of their football team's game with the Clearfield High school. The students paraded the streets led by the High school band, and on the Diamond sang the High school song and gave the High school yell. The result was they had a large crowd at the game on old Hughes field and the contest was one worth watching. The Bellefonte High school won by a score of 12 to 0. To-morrow the High school will play the Lewistown High school in Bellefonte and on Thanksgiving day the Bucknell Freshmen team will be here for the final game with the High school team. Both these games will be worth seeing, as the High school has been playing good football this year. Give the boys a boost both tomorrow and on Thanksgiving, as they deserve your patronage. These will probably be the only games you will have a chance to see this season.

—And we have every reason to apprehend that VILLA will live a long time.

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A Lesson.

For two days last week a party of more than one hundred students from the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, Michigan, made Bellefonte their headquarters while the football team of their institution was keeping an engagement to play at State College. So far as our observations and personal inquiries were able to inform us they were just ordinary boys, as boys go. The average type, evidently, of the student body of the institution in which they are matriculated.

Search Bellefonte with a fine-tooth comb and you would be able to find a person who has an unfavorable criticism to make of one of the party. Clean-cut looking, genteel in their behavior and polished in their manners they were an object lesson to boys of every class and condition. So far from home that almost any unmanly act they might have indulged would scarcely have embarrassed them upon their return, yet the shade of the father, mother or sister of each of them might have been his constant companion while in Bellefonte and no other feeling than pride would have been aroused.

They were not "sissy" boys, either. They were swelling with good red blood. Their team showed that on Beaver field, their band showed that in Bellefonte, their rooters showed that because many of them had the spirit to make unusual sacrifices of personal comfort to get here to cheer for their gridiron heroes. They were just a crowd of many fellows of whom any parents, any institution, ought to be proud.

There was nothing in Bellefonte especially to amuse them, yet they had a splendid time. They were of one accord in that verdict. But their idea of a good time is what puzzles us most when we compare it with that of other groups of College boys we have known. Therein lies the singular superiority of these Michigan Aggies. They cheered and paraded the streets and found out more about Bellefonte's history, her prominent citizens and industries in twenty-four hours than many boys who have spent their life-time here know. There was no rowdiness, no intoxication no vulgarity nothing that we wouldn't be happy to know that the students from everyone of our local institutions emulate both at home and abroad.

—The Democratic membership in both houses of the General Assembly has been reduced to a minimum but the Democratic organization had no interest in Democratic candidates other than those for Governor and United States Senator.

An Evil and a Remedy.

The esteemed Johnstown Democrat, whose able and worthy editor has been re-elected to Congress, makes the reactionary suggestion that "there should be a revival of the convention system by the Democrats of this State to the extent at least of having an authorized representative body to declare the party program and outline the principles and policies for which it stands. Party solidarity must become a thing of the past," continues our Johnstown contemporary, "if the individual platform becomes the fashion."

The evil against which this complaint is made is certainly present and the suggestion of a convention to "declare the party program and outline the principles and policies for which it stands," is a remedy. But it is not the surest, quickest or best remedy. The suppression of the arrogant, incompetent and selfish bosses who usurped the power vested in the State committee by law would achieve the purpose much more effectively. The hungry office grabbers and office brokers who tried to force their individual prejudices and opinions upon the party as a platform, violated the law and outraged every principle of Democracy, and are to blame for the disaster which followed.

We have no objection to a convention to "declare the program and outline the principles and policies for which it stands." Such an assembly of earnest and active party workers at intervals would have an inspiring influence and wholesome effect upon the party. It would be the means of bringing the strong men of the party together, moreover, and making them acquainted with each other. But in any event the usurpers, the office seekers and patronage brokers, should be driven from their stolen places of power.

—President WILSON has probably learned that Pennsylvania Democrats prefer to choose their own candidates and are determined to select their own leaders.

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Moving in the Right Direction.

The American Federation of Labor struck a true note, during its annual convention in Philadelphia last week, when it put the seal of its reprobation upon militarism. That is not only the bane of labor but the fountain of evil. The resolution upon the subject was introduced by the international typographical union and it pledged the federation to the support of "any plan which has for its purpose the disarmament of all nations to the furthest extent consistent with the preservation of law and order in the world." That would be the longest and best step in the direction of industrial improvement. It would lift from the back of labor its most crushing burden.

The devastation of Belgium and the misery in nearly all parts of Europe at this time are the logical and inevitable consequences of militarism. For years to come the whole world will be compelled to stagger under the weight of debt entailed by the spirit of militarism which has been fostered during the last quarter of a century. But for such burdens, ascribable to that cause, there would be little, if any, cause of quarrel between employers and employees. The expenses of folly must be paid, however, and capital shifts the charge upon the weaker partner in the industrial system, labor, and men, women and children suffer. The lockouts and the strikes are the results.

In the resolution in question the American Federation of Labor has set its face in the right direction. Peace will bring plenty and contentment and not only glory enough but prosperity sufficient to go around and capital and labor will work together in harmony and happiness. The man or party or organization which favors the policy of militarism is not only an enemy of his country but a foe of his kind and should be avoided as a pestilence. Take no stock in a proposition to prepare for war by increasing the army and navy. The preparation is not for glory but for poverty and want and misery. In time of peace and in all times prepare for peace.

—The Prolonged drought in Centre county, as well as other portions of the State was partially relieved by a hard rain which began on Saturday night and continued without cessation all day on Sunday. Considerable rain fell in that length of time but the ground was so dry that it soaked in as it would in a sponge. Cisterns were filled up but it made no perceptible effect on the springs and streams. It grew colder Sunday night and Monday and by Tuesday morning the thermometer was down to eighteen degrees above zero. Cool weather is predicted for the week.

New Currency Law in Force.

The opening of the Federal Reserve banks, on Monday, puts the new currency law in complete operation. How efficient it may prove to cure the ills of our commercial and industrial life remains to be seen. If it fulfills the expectations of its friends there will be no more panics in this country. If the predictions of its enemies are realized the end of financial security is in sight. Happily the first prophesy of evil has not been fulfilled, however. The opening of the regional banks and the transfer of reserves from individual banks to the regional institutions, caused no disturbance of credits or strain upon resources in any section of the country.

The principal purpose of the new law was to inject flexibility into the currency system. Under the old system, whenever there was urgent need for an increased volume of currency the circulation contracted. Possibly this was unavoidable. But most people came to the belief that it was the consequence of conspiracy to promote speculation. It was a comparatively easy matter for the big banks in the centres of commercial operations to impound the currency in their vaults and release it only at their pleasure or caprice. That hoarding of the currency was the main cause of industrial paralysis. It was likewise a prolific source of speculative operations.

The new law will avert this evil. There can be no "cornering" of the currency while this law is in operation unless the members of the Federal Reserve Board at Washington and the managers of the regional banks are recreant. Each regional bank is supplied with sufficient emergency currency to meet the requirements of the district in which it is located and the emergency currency must be issued under the conditions provided by law, when the emergency arises and the demand is made. The new system went into operation on Monday without creating a ripple upon the surface of the sea of finance and we sincerely hope and confidently believe it will accomplish every expected reform.

Re-organizing the State Democracy.

From the Allentown Democrat. It must be plain to every Democrat who has no selfish ends to attain that the party in Pennsylvania stands in the greater need of re-organization than it has in three years ago, when one set of bosses sought to define another set. At the time the Democrat warned the Democrats of the State to go slow in the matter of taking possession of the party machinery. We had absolutely no confidence in the Palmers, the Blakeslees the Guthries, the Morrises and others who set themselves up as the only Simon-pure Democrats in the State. We always have been suspicious of men who affect a holier-than-thou attitude. We believed that the sole object of those who three years ago sought to get control of the party in command of the federal patronage, for at that time it was already apparent that there would be a Democratic administration at Washington after the fourth of March, 1913. Our judgment has been vindicated. The Democrats of the State handed over the party to Palmer, Blakeslee, et al. and they have ruined it. But their selfish ends have been attained. They have dealt out the federal patronage. Their henchmen have the jobs, so what do they care even if the party is so thoroughly demoralized that it will require heroic treatment to bring it back to fighting form for the presidential and congressional elections two years hence. This can never be done with Palmer, Morris and Blakeslee in command of the Democratic forces. The rank and file of the party have lost all confidence in these leaders. Their confidence in command of the Democratic forces of the State will mean that it will be impossible to get the Democratic vote out on election day.

The condition of the party in the State is pitiful. The most important office filled at the recent election was the United States Senatorship and on this vote the Democrats have been humiliated by being forced into third place. Even the Progressive party, which is so near dead that the death rattle in its throat, polled a greater vote than was cast for the Democratic candidate. With the present leadership how long would it be before the Democratic party of Pennsylvania would be forced to forfeit third place to the Socialists?

Fortunately, there will be no State campaign next year. Consequently between now and the presidential campaign of 1916 a re-organization of the party can be effected. If Mr. Palmer and Mr. Morris had a due regard for the priorities they would resign their positions of national committeemen and State chairman respectively, so that the work of re-organization might go on unimpeded. According to reports Messrs. Palmer and Morris contemplate daily this very thing.

The Non-Partisan Ballot a Failure.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. It is a bitter disappointment to those who advocated the non-partisan primary and ballot as applied to the judiciary to have forced upon them the conviction that the experiment has been an utter failure. The experience of Philadelphia in the selection of the judges of the Municipal court and of the State in the choice of Supreme and Superior court judges proved beyond question that the power of the political machine was in no way curbed by the new system, but, on the contrary, made it much easier for the machine to name the judges. More serious still, the pretense of non-partisanship compels candidates for judicial office to engage in political struggles thoroughly incompatible with the spirit of judicial non-partisanship. The parties still have their candidates, party machinery is openly used in their behalf, and the results reflect not the untrammelled judgment of the voters, but the manipulation of large campaign funds. The non-partisan primary and ballot are failures and ought to be abolished.

Return of the Penroses.

From the New York Globe. A mistake will be made if the Penroses and the Cannons construe what has happened as their victory. They wrecked their party two years ago by forcing, through control of the party machinery, a nomination that the party had declared itself averse to. The spirit of their leadership was condemned at the polls not only by a plurality for President Wilson, but by a larger popular vote for Col. Roosevelt than for Mr. Taft.

If the Republican party hopes to win in two years it must keep in the background its old reactionary element and turn for its leadership to progressive members of the party. Let be clear that the old standpatism is in control and that it has not learned anything, and the progressive element in the party, instead of trying to maintain a new organization, will support President Wilson by millions. The best thing for the Wilson administration yesterday was the return to Congress of a number of Republican bourgeois. Intelligent Republican activity should run in the direction of minimizing their influence.

Premature Presidential Talk.

From the Altoona Times. All this talk about "making" Governor-elect Brumbaugh the next President of this nation is pure moonshine. Two years will intervene before the people elect a successor for President Wilson, and much may happen to make the suggestion of over-enthusiastic admirers sound foolish. Mr. Brumbaugh will have opportunity to demonstrate his capacity for higher office before he is called to greater responsibility, and upon the manner in which he meets his duties will depend in large measure the reception his name will receive before the national convention of his party.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Frank D. Jerald, a forester for the State, who was accidentally shot by Arthur Callahan and taken to the Williamsport hospital, is dead of his injuries.

—Two Clinton county young men slept together the other night. While one was dreaming he gave his companion a terrific punch in the face, breaking his jaw.

—C. H. Weir, a prominent resident of Clymer, Indiana county, has been arrested on the charge of stealing \$3,355 from another resident of Clymer whose name is not mentioned.

—Four members of an organized conspiracy to intimidate and blackmail have been convicted in Westmoreland county and will probably spend some time in the western penitentiary.

—The Burgess of DuBois has determined to put a stop to violations of the town's cow ordinance. Hereafter bovines caught roaming the streets will be locked up until redeemed by their owners.

—Miss Margaretta Loudon Bell of Newport, Perry county, celebrated the 96th anniversary of her birth last Thursday. A company of friends enjoyed the day with her. She is in fine health and in possession of all her faculties.

—A cave-in at a Jefferson county mine disclosed a petrified tree, about 200 feet below the surface. When found the entire tree was there. The stump was broken off and taken to Snykesville where it was put on exhibition.

—By an explosion of gas in a coal stove last Sunday morning Assemblyman G. M. Alcorn, of DuBois, was badly burned about the face. Fortunately his eyes were uninjured, although the eyebrows were burned off.

—George L. Comp has been appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Wallaceport to succeed Michael E. Bubb, a well known minister in the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference, who has accepted a call to a Presbyterian church in New York State.

—Professor Arthur C. Ferry, instructor in the Lewistown High schools, purchased a quart of oysters Saturday. He bit on something solid and upon taking it to a local firm of jewelers found that he had a pearl of great brilliancy. They made him an offer of \$30.

—Johnstown has a citizen who claims that because he pays nothing for shoes and stockings and compels his family to earn their own living, he has money with which to buy liberal quantities of beer. The mayor gave the chap a contract to clean the public highways.

—The town of Irwin, which has just celebrated its semi-centennial, never had a murder case in the courts and hasn't had a business failure in five years. About 60 per cent. of its people own their own homes and nearly 70 per cent. are church members. That's a very fine record.

—Daniel D. Smeal, of Irwona, died in the Clearfield hospital Wednesday morning from injuries sustained the previous afternoon when the horse he was driving to Clearfield took fright and threw him from the buggy, dragging his body into Clearfield. He was a well known liverman.

—A Johnstown merchant discovered an alleged shoplifter in a queer way. The woman carried a baby which one of the heads of the store admired and desired to take in his arms. The woman excitedly refused when it was discovered she had a couple of unwrapped skirts between the infant and herself.

—Five young men have been lodged in the Westmoreland county jail at Greensburg, charged with the murder of farmer Wedge, who was fatally shot a few nights ago. Ernest Keeping, one of their number, says he fired the fatal bullet with the intention of frightening the farmer. He had no thought of killing him.

—The home of John Andrews, at Woolrich, Clinton county, has been stricken by the death of two daughters, both of whom died on the same day last week from typhoid fever. One was 21 years old, the other about 9. Another daughter and a babe, the child of the older deceased daughter, are seriously ill from the same disease.

—Burned to death by boiling taffy was the fate of F. Eugene Ryland, 17 months old, of Hollidaysburg. While the child was sitting on the floor near the kitchen range a pan of molasses taffy was spilled on his head, running down the neck and over his body. The boiling substance stuck to the skin and burned deep before it could be removed.

—Barn Destruction continues. Among the latest is that of John Lyons, near Hughesville, Lycoming county, and with it went to destruction a valuable team, one driving horse, five head of cattle, several hogs, all the farm implements and large quantities of corn, oats and hay. Mr. Lyons was badly burned on the arms and hands while trying to rescue some of the horses.

—Mrs. Ellsworth Young, of Dubois town, Lycoming county, tried to hasten a fire in a kitchen range by using coal oil. The result was an explosion which resulted in the destruction of the dwelling and the fatal burning of the woman. The catastrophe occurred shortly after noon last Wednesday and the woman, who was only twenty years old, died in the Williamsport hospital about 6 o'clock the same evening.

—Samuel Coy, a harness maker and livery stable owner of Bedford county, committed suicide at his home by hanging himself early Saturday morning. Coy resided at Woodbury and was widely known throughout the county. He was 45 years of age, and recently he had brooded over financial troubles, he having been sold out by the sheriff. His father-in-law discovered his body swinging from the rafters in the Coy barn, about 5 o'clock on Saturday morning.

—Mrs. Gilbert Springer, of Patton, narrowly escaped having her head scraped off on Sunday when an automobile in which she was riding plunged under a heavy guard rail. The woman sustained fractures of both jaws and a cheek bone, and her little daughter was badly cut about the head. Mr. Springer, who was driving the car, dodged as the car passed under the guard rail, after swerving from the road following a tire blow-out. Mrs. Springer may not recover from her injuries.

—Don Gray, who was paroled out from the Reformatory to I. Scott Buck, of Warriorsmark township, on October 22nd broke his parole and had been working quietly for G. E. Raugh, Tyrone R. D., until Wednesday last. Mr. and Mrs. Raugh, who are moving away, said that they would be away for a time and had given young Gray work in setting up fodder in the field until their return. He hid in the barn and after Mr. and Mrs. Raugh left he broke in the house, took \$25.00 in money and left.

—A. H. Miller and Samuel Steel, of Somerset, took to Union county a recently eighteen head of cattle for D. B. Zimmerman, who owns 20,000 acres of mountain land between Gibbon's Glade and Five Forks. These cattle were bought by Mr. Zimmerman last spring and shipped to his Glade farms to graze. They weigh 1,800 pounds apiece. He has sold them and is shipping them to Johnstown. They are fat and will be sold to butchers. The cattle are of Canadian birth and some of them have horns five feet long.

—Joseph Snyder and his two sons, Richard and Arthur, are under arrest at the Forty-fourth regiment, Niagara Falls, charged with high treason in attempting to take Austrian reservists across the border to the American side. They are liable to a death penalty. The Snyders have been under surveillance for some time and were caught in a trap. They were offered \$40 to land four Austrians on the American side. The money was paid and four supposed Austrians were brought to them. A squad of militiamen surrounded the party and imprisoned the Snyders in the armory. The case is in the hands of the military.