

INK SLINGS.

—Happy New Year!
—How many times have you written it 1914?
—Let's all make up our minds to boost Bellefonte this new year.

—Mr. BRYAN is in favor of prohibition but not through the process of a Federal constitutional amendment.

—The business men and property owners of Bellefonte should not fail to attend the Board of Trade meeting to be held in the Logan Engine house next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

—The announcement of JAMES E. HARTER, of Penn township, that he is an aspirant for nomination by the Democrats for the office of County Treasurer will probably open things politically.

—You will probably recall that several times during the summer and fall of 1914 the esteemed Centre Hall Repeater made the announcement that the WATCHMAN does not tell the truth.

—The Economy and Efficiency Commission appointed by an act of the last Legislature to examine into the manner in which the States' business is handled, has reported to Governor TENER.

—It is gratifying to learn, moreover, that Santa Claus met with fewer accidents this year than usual.

—Now if HOBSON would take himself out of the proceedings of Congress as completely as his hobby has been kicked out of the House of Representatives, the future would look brighter.

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The President's Most Malignant Critic.

The most malignant as well as the most inconsistent of the enemies of President WILSON is the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

That is a trifling incident, however, but characteristic. In another article published within a week the Public Ledger states that "when the profits and losses of the war are finally reckoned it is likely that the administration in Washington will emerge as the chief beneficiary on this side of the ocean."

As a matter of fact there was no perceptible change in the foreign trade balance in the spring of 1914.

Of course the foreign trade is still limited to commodities of actual necessity, or nearly so.

—Inasmuch as we have spent four hundred million more dollars on our navy during the past sixteen years than Germany spent on hers;

—It will be exceedingly cruel if Mr. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER is compelled to pay his taxes just as poor men have to do.

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—If somebody doesn't watch out Mr. SCHWAB will be voting the Democratic ticket before long.

Pennsylvania the Keystone of Democracy.

A year ago the future of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania seemed most auspicious.

We are today entering upon a new year which ought to be made the beginning of a new era for the Democracy of the Keystone Commonwealth.

There are as many Democratic voters in Pennsylvania now as there ever have been and more.

—Everybody takes a fling at Germany and there is abundant reason for condemning the militarism which brought on the destructive war.

The vote in the House of Representatives, the other day, upon the HOBSON amendment to the constitution can hardly be interpreted as an expression of the sentiment of the members with respect to the question of prohibition.

There are a great many men in this country, in and out of public life who hope for the obliteration of state lines in the government of the United States.

—The question of prohibition is a moral one to be reckoned with by the States.

—Meantime Senator LODGE will need both an army and navy to get himself re-elected and it would require a large army and navy to accomplish it, at that.

An Absurd Remedy.

The decision of the State Public Service Commission with respect to the increase of rates to commuters in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, was disappointing, no doubt, for there was a good deal of validity to their claims.

Public officials should be held to a strict accountability in the performance of their duties and where they are clearly defined compelled to literal results.

—A number of Bellefonters are planning to go to Harrisburg next Monday to witness the opening session of the Legislature, which will convene that day, when the new Members will be sworn in and a speaker elected.

Very little of value was expected from the "Economy and Efficiency Commission" appointed by Governor TENER something over a year ago, under authority of the Legislature of 1913, and measuring its work by the report, a summary of which has been published, very little has been produced.

The report says there are too many commissions and suggests the consolidation of some of them to reduce the number.

The recommendations of the Forestry, Fish and Game departments be consolidated in a department of conservation and that the State College receive more generous treatment.

—The WATCHMAN enjoys the proud distinction of being the best and cleanest county paper published.

Party Unity.

From the Philadelphia Record. A New York paper which is more or less Democratic, but is never satisfied with the party or its Presidents, is now treating Mr. Wilson very much as it did Mr. Cleveland, whom it maligned and blackguarded by all the arts known to it during two administrations, and fawned upon him during the last year of his life, when he was entirely out of politics.

Instead of dividing the party, Mr. Wilson has made it more united than it has been for 20 years.

—The Clearfield Brick Manufacturing Co. has just landed an order for six million paving bricks for delivery as soon as possible at Miami, Florida.

—The Kane Brick company recently received the largest order in their history.

—The body of Albert Stansky, a quarrelsome citizen of Westmoreland county, was found tied to the railroad track the morning after Christmas.

—According to the Clearfield Public Spirit an Italian invaded a Chinaman's place of business there the other day and robbed him of some money.

—Receivers for the Sunbury and Susquehanna Railroad company, a \$1,000,000 corporation operating trolley lines between Selingsgrove, Sunbury and Northumberland, last week applied to the Northumberland county court for an order of sale.

—Charles Peters, who was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train near Meyersdale some days ago, would have been buried in a pauper's grave had it not been for two benevolent citizens of Meyersdale, who paid the expenses of his burial.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Robbers broke into eleven cars in the Pinsky freight yards at Latrobe and carried away a quantity of goods contained therein.

—The lifeless body of an unknown foreigner was found hanging in a shanty in the Sunshine mines district near South Fork. He was about 35.

—The Cambria Steel company has received an order from the Westmoreland Coal company for 100 steel freight cars. The order is for immediate delivery.

—L. M. Sanderson, a merchant of Lilly, was convicted in the Cambria county court of selling 18 1/2 pounds of sugar for 25 pounds. He says he will appeal to a higher court.

—Mrs. Jane A. McNamara, of Williamsport, who was struck by a motorcycle and badly hurt more than a month ago, is dead of her injuries. She was one of Williamsport's oldest residents.

—During a Christmas celebration at Colver, Cambria county, one of the guests, Steve Bidner, fell down stairs and broke his neck. He was 39 years old and is survived by a wife and five children.

—J. Woods Clark, of Indiana, recently appointed clerk of the United States district court for the western district of Pennsylvania, is a son of the Justice Silas M. Clark, of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania.

—Samuel Mason, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, John Roof, at Homer City, was acquitted by an Indiana county jury and immediately re-arrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons.

—The Reliance Window Glass Manufacturing company, of DuBois, is overwhelmed with orders and is putting out a car load of glass a day. It is a pleasure to hear of an industry that is unaffected by the hard times.

—Charles Raider, aged 46 years, residing near Liberty, Lycoming county, was frozen to death while attempting to make his way home from Liberty carrying a pair of horse blankets as a Christmas gift for his employer.

—The rumor is reaffirmed that the proposed State Industrial home for women is to be built on a tract of about 500 acres of land extending from the Pennsylvania railroad at Muncy station back to the State forest reserve on Bald Eagle mountain.

—The Winburne postoffice was entered and robbed of \$50 in money and stamps on Saturday evening. The identity of the guilty party has not yet been discovered, but it is thought to have been some one or less familiar with the interior of the office.

—Donald Burchfield, aged 17, and Helen Fink, aged 16, both of Mifflin, eloped the other evening on matrimonial thoughts intact. They were captured at Harrisburg, however, and held until the arrival of the lad's father, who took the loving but unwedded pair back to Mifflin.

—Miles Kyler, a Nipponese valley farmer, is dead at his home near Kauchtown, the result of a fall in which he ruptured a blood vessel in his head while cutting ice on a pond near his home, some hours before his death. He was 61 years old and is survived by a widow and six children.

—Archie Moran, aged 10 years, living with his mother at Mansion, Clearfield county, was fatally injured Monday morning by running into a trolley car. He lived a half hour after the accident. Two other boys who were with him under the car but escaped without injury.

—A Westmoreland county woman has begun a suit to have a divorce set aside that was granted her twenty years ago. Her former husband died recently bequeathing a fortune of \$170,000 to his children and his second wife. The first wife wants the divorce annulled so she can get her third.

—The heaviest financial loss that has been entailed on DuBois for more than a quarter of a century occurred last Saturday night when the large general store room of the B. R. and P. locomotive shops was completely destroyed, with its contents. It is believed the loss on stock will aggregate \$200,000.

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—Figures gathered by wardens for the State Game commission show that 27 deaths occurred through hunting accidents in Pennsylvania during the 1914 season.

—Just as the family of Harry Cabman, consisting of himself, wife and daughter sat down to supper the other evening at their home in Herminie, Westmoreland county, gas which had seeped from one of the mains and followed a sewer into the house, was ignited at a grate fire, and a terrific explosion followed, dropping the family into the cellar and setting the house on fire.

—Charles Peters, who was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train near Meyersdale some days ago, would have been buried in a pauper's grave had it not been for two benevolent citizens of Meyersdale, who paid the expenses of his burial.

—It is said he was a member of a prominent family of Baltimore and when he landed in Somerset county thirty years ago was worth about \$40,000, which gradually disappeared, and for some years past he spent a portion of his time in the county home.