

INK SLINGS.

-Don't worry, the coal man will soon get all the coin you haven't given up to the ice man.

-Norway buys apples and prunes from the United States and we get Norway pines for them.

-We notice, with surprise, that some who are not old enough to vote are employed on state road work in this county.

-Of course these low neck shirts that young men are affecting would be called peek-a-boos if there were anything to peek at.

-The A. B. C. nations and U. S. are going to do things in Mexico. And the principal thing that should be done is CARRANZA.

-Seventy babies are born a minute in this grand old world and each and every one of them is just the dearest, sweetest little baby that ever was born.

-A great many of our ills are not physical at all. They are purely mental. For example, many a man gets "cold feet" when his pedals are as warm as can be.

-Local candidates for county offices are all buying Fords. Probably they think the dear public will imagine them to be rich enough if they own a real automobile.

-It is now nearing September and KITCHENER's much talked of new army has not made its appearance. At least, it has not appeared formidable enough to make any appreciable break in the German lines.

-The English just can't get the tactics of the old Duke of Yorkshire out of their heads it seems. One day they march up a hill and take a line of trenches and, instead of holding them, they march right down again.

-It is estimated that Pennsylvania, this year will produce 23,747,000 bushels of wheat, 62,178,000 bushels of corn, 32,190,000 bushels of oats and 28,140,000 bushels of potatoes. Why long for gold mines when we have such surpassing fertility?

-Next month the great United States will begin again its work of training its coming citizens for the battles of their lives. Teaching the young idea how to shoot is a peaceful pursuit and would to God that that will be the only kind any of them will ever be engaged in.

-Old Doc Somebody has un-overs an Egyptian tablet on which he says it is written that NOAH, and not EVE, was responsible for the downfall of man. After all it might be NOAH's ark and not ADAM's apple at all that sticks out so prominently just above our collar button.

-Come to think of it wouldn't it be a fine plan to have every one a candidate for some office or other all the time. Men are so amiable, polite and considerate when they are candidates that their perpetual pleasantness would perfectly palliate their perpetual pestiferousness.

-With Italy fighting the Austrians and Germans on the south; Belgium and France fighting them on the west and Russia fighting them on the east, England, the much vaunted mistress of the seas and the empire upon whose territory the sun never sets, seems to be doing little more than crying "sic em Tigre."

-The Panama-California exposition at San Diego is one of the few that have ever been held that have paid expenses. At the end of July all expenses were paid and a big balance left on the profit side of the ledger. The exposition is really wonderful and, if all reports be true, it must be the most beautiful temporary conception ever recorded.

-The liberty bell of the women has come and gone, and out of all the oratory of the suffragist campaigners the most sensible suggestion we have heard of is their announcement that when the women vote the men candidates will be only too happy to hold their babies while they are making up the ballot. A great many men candidates are well up in the art of handling bottles on election days and if it will be water on their mills it will matter little to them whether its milk or booze that fills the bottles. Pity it is that we can't try out this new proposition this fall. What a sight it would be to see someone's inquisitive kid trying to get a peep at that favorite rubber band that one of our eminent candidates can't stop chewing or a handful of the whiskers of another aspirant for the same office.

-If automobiles get more numerous and the hearing of the police department no more acute there will be no living in Bellefonte ere long. Really it is a shame, Mr. Mayor. Of course the WATCHMAN knows that one policeman patrolling down town can't catch a machine going up Linn street with an open muffler, but the nuisance is becoming more unbearable as the number of cars increase and for the peace and nerves of Bellefonte we think it would be money well spent to employ several plain clothes men for a week or more to break up the nuisance. All that will be needed will be a few salty fines and proper publicity given the matter. While I have been writing this short paragraph two machines, one large touring car and one of the town jitneys have gone up Spring street with cut-outs wide open.

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Labor Strikes and Their Causes.

There is a good deal of foolishness in the gossip which ascribes to the German government responsibility for the labor strikes and other industrial disturbances which have occurred recently in localities where munitions of war are being manufactured. Governments don't, as a rule, adopt that sort of methods to accomplish their purposes. No doubt the German government would be glad to see all manufacture of munitions for the allies, in this country, stopped, just as the allies would be glad if the shipment of food stuffs into Germany were stopped. But there will be no bribing of labor leaders or foolish conspiracies with mill employees to compass the result.

The labor strikes that have occurred in factories engaged in the manufacture of arms and ammunition are the result of the just and natural discontent of the employees of such establishments. The owners of them, usually corporations have been making money, hand over fist, out of the labor and in most cases have refused to give any share of the advantages to the men. These owners have been shedding crocodile tears for years over the evils which tariff reformers have been putting upon labor. But when an opportunity is offered to give labor some real advantage they refuse and then try to avert the necessity of acquiescing in the just demands of labor by raising a false pretense of patriotism and issuing a false alarm of German intervention.

The shares in some of these industrial corporations have advanced in value vastly because of the profitable business they are doing. Yet they pretend a willingness to shut up their shops rather than give the men who earn the dividends that multiply the value of their property a trifling share of the increased profits. As a matter of fact the recent labor disturbances are attributable to existing industrial conditions and natural causes. Work is plenty and labor scarce and the logic of the law of supply and demand makes for increase of wages or labor strikes. We would much rather see the labor troubles adjusted by the increase of wages but if that is impossible then the other is necessary.

Every indication points to the fact that there will be a large delegation of automobilists from Altoona, Tyrone, Philipsburg, Huntingdon, State College, Lock Haven, Bellefonte and other places at the motorists' picnic to be held at Hecla park today. There will be several good addresses by persons interested in good roads and automobilists should encourage the movement with their presence.

Purpose of Bull Moose Leaders.

VICTOR MURDOCK, of Kansas, chairman of the Bull Moose party National committee, declares that his party is "going into the 1916 fight as a party and to win." He had just completed a three months' personal canvass in the Middle West and Pacific coast, and found conditions to justify his statement. The same conditions exist in the East, he adds, and not only himself but his party is intoxicated with hope. The battle will not be over candidates, he continues, but over platforms. "The storm will rage, not in the Committee on Credentials, but in the Committee on Resolutions." The stand-pat Republicans will roar for an endorsement of the TAFT administration and thus the issue is definitely drawn.

There must be some purpose in this mid-summer madness. A week or two ago a similar declaration of confidence issued from a conference held in New York. Last week language of similar import was put into the mouth of Mr. DETRICH, chairman of the State Committee of the party in Pennsylvania and published in the papers as an interview. All these men must know that such statements are utterly absurd. The conditions in other States are precisely as they are in Pennsylvania. They are the same in other counties of Pennsylvania as they are in Centre county. In 1912 ROOSEVELT and JOHNSON polled in this county, 2612 votes. By the enrollment completed recently the party has now in the county 108 votes.

The Bull Moose party has no more chance of carrying the Presidential election next year than has the Prohibitionists. The local candidates of the party, if local candidates are nominated, have no more chance of election than have the candidates of the Socialist party. Obviously, therefore, there is some ulterior motive in the claims of the party leaders issued almost simultaneously from three sections of the country. Probably it is hoped that such expression of confidence and purpose will influence Republicans to put Bull Moosers on their tickets, thus giving them a share of the spoils which they could not otherwise hope to secure. The Bull Moosers are hungry and not conscientious.

An Interesting Write-up of Happenings at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, PA., August 11th, 1915.

That the fight for the repeal of the Full Crew law is not ended, becomes more apparent every day. Before the ink of BRUMBAUGH's veto message was dry, in June last, the railroad corporations began forming their lines for a renewal of the struggle in the next session of the Legislature. Now the railroad trainmen are organizing for the fight at the polls next year and no candidate for Senator or Representative in the General Assembly will escape the inquisition that is contemplated. There are some counties in the State in which railroad work is negligible. But there are a good many others in which trainmen are a potent force and the full measure of their strength will be used to elect legislators who will vote against the repeal and defeat candidates who favor it. Incidentally there will be some reprisals in the vote.

A meeting of railroad trainmen was held in this city last night, to organize for the campaign next year. Trainmen from Columbia, Marysville, Enola and Sunbury participated and temporary officers were chosen. Another meeting will be held next Monday evening to form a permanent organization and subsequently similar organizations will be created in every county in the State. It will not be a secret organization for its purposes will be openly declared but it will be an earnest and energetic movement. Men who are not railroaders will be educated in the knowledge of the hazards of railroad work and all labor organizations invited to co-operate in the movement for the protection of railroad workers. It will be a campaign for preparedness.

The State Department of Agriculture has been gathering statistics of peach culture in the several counties "in order," as the Secretary states it, "that the people of Pennsylvania who wish to purchase peaches may know where to buy and that those who grow them may know where to look for a market near home." From his figures it appears that the crop will be abundant this year, though only Adams, Armstrong, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Franklin, Indiana, Lancaster, Lebanon, Snyder, Westmoreland and York counties will exceed the normal yield. Butler and Huntingdon counties will have a normal yield and the others will fall below from one to seventy per cent. The Centre county crop will be between sixty-five and seventy per cent. of normal. Wyoming county will be seventy per cent. short of normal.

We are certainly doing some "cheese-paring" in the Highway Department. Though there will be a considerable increase in the number of automobile license plates and tags as compared with last year, they will cost \$35,000 less this year than last. That is only "a drop in the bucket," of course, but it is worth while and shows that the new Commissioner is on the job. Besides the Department has been doing other things. Bids were opened yesterday for three stretches of State-aid roads. The first of these is for a road through Stroudsburg at a cost of \$45,623.00, the second a street in Muncy, \$41,877.07 and the third a street in Milton, cost \$28,144.43. Then the Commissioner has begun a systematic campaign for the elimination of toll roads. Lancaster and Chester counties will be the objective points.

The Game Commission proposes to liberate from 1000 to 1200 deer and a vast number of wild turkeys in the game preserves of the State during the coming fall and winter. The deer will be purchased in Michigan where they will be taken in a wild state and liberated in game preserves and forests in counties that have been closed to deer hunting. There are a dozen counties which have been closed under the act of 1913 and the Secretary of the Game Commission imagines they will multiply rapidly under his beneficent policy. And possibly they will though experiments with other species of imported game hardly justifies sanguine hopes. The hunters license tax affords the funds for this experimentation, however, and our game commissioners are long on experiments.

Old General LETHBRIDGE is certainly in command of all the political forces in the State this year. Within a couple of weeks of the last day for filing nomination papers for Judges, only a few have been filed. There are three vacancies to be filled on the Superior court bench, thirty Common Pleas Judges to elect, two Orphans Court judges to be chosen and six Associate Judges to be named and there is apparently "nothing doing." Of course there will be candidates for all these offices and their petitions will be filed in time. But other years the filing was done much earlier and a vastly livelier interest was taken in the matter. Everybody believes that Judges ORLANDY and HEAD will be renominated and re-elected to the Superior court bench but there ought to be dozens of candidates for the remaining seat.

In lovely old Bellefonte, where everybody has all the money he wants all the time, you don't know much about the loan shark evil. But you will be glad to learn, nevertheless, that Banking Commissioner WILLIAM H. SMITH is constantly guarding the public against these pirates. "BILLY" SMITH is an old newspaper reporter and probably knows something of the inconveniences of "shortage." Besides that he has a keen sense of justice and abhors sharp practices in all things. Recently he has been regulating these loan sharks more or less. Heretofore some plethoric pirate in New York or elsewhere would organize half a dozen or more companies and under different names start them in the fleecing business in a community. Now each company has to expose the name of its owners, officers and managers so that he may be held responsible for any of the tricks of his managers.

The Pure Food Commissioner has been "going after" manufacturers of "soft drinks" and thirty-five arrests were made during July. The temptation to adulterate soft drinks is no doubt very great for at best soft drinks are an abominable one day, "I just take a long breath and throw away a nickel." But when any one is imposed upon by such devices, he ought to be given something pure at least. It seems, however, that all sorts of expedients are resorted to to increase the profits or decrease the original cost of these libations. Commissioner FOSTER is going to change this condition, if possible, so he declares.

Governor BRUMBAUGH is enjoying himself in Maine, these days, and was unable to visit the camp of the Second Brigade, N. G. P., at Indiana, this week. They had made great preparations to entertain him out there but the Governor is not inclined toward military matters and there is great comfort in a well equipped summer resort on a mountain stream. Therefore nobody is likely to blame His Excellency for passing up what would seem like work in comparison. But the Governor will be home next week at the time set for his junket to the Panama-Pacific exposition. That will be a great trip and during all the time the Governor will be the "main guy" in a distinguished company.

Even Pennsylvania steel manufacturers are compelled to acknowledge an improvement in industrial conditions though it goes hard with Senator PENROSE's plan of campaign for next year. The Pennsylvania Steel Company, the extensive plant of which is in our southern suburb, Steelton, is operating now to seventy-five per cent. of its capacity, and is getting in shape to increase its activities. For a long time this concern appeared to justify the calamity howl which PENROSE was handing out and while other enterprises of the kind were overrun with work it was silent. But the strain was too much and it is now getting ready to harvest a share of prosperity.

The Department of Fisheries is giving attention to the pollution of streams in Clarion, Clearfield and other counties and expresses a determination to put a stop to that evil. State Wardens have sent in the names of a number of manufacturers, and mine owners who have refused to install filters. The complaining Wardens have been summoned to meet the Commissioner at Pleasant Mount, Wayne county, on Saturday for a general conference on patrol work. Commissioner BULLER is certainly trying to conserve the fish interests of the Commonwealth and he ought to have the moral support of every citizen in his work.

The State Department of Labor has issued a bulletin on inflammable liquids. Commissioner JACKSON says; "Inspections made throughout the State reveal the fact that persons who use benzine, gasoline or other inflammable liquids do not exercise the amount of care necessary in handling this material." He adds, inferentially, that unless this fault is corrected more drastic action will be taken.

A resident of Rochester, Pa., has contributed \$50 of his good though probably tainted money to the conscience fund of the State treasurer. May be that will fix him up all right, but it is not certain.

Carranza Isn't Mexico.

From the Philadelphia Record.

General Carranza's argument does not lack plausibility. He declares that the revolution in Mexico will not be complete until the great agrarian and educational reforms which were its objects shall have been promulgated. It is requisite, he says, that the promulgation be made as a war measure—by military decree in the first instance. Only by this method have the Mexican people ever obtained substantial reforms. When the latter have been decreed, and not until then, would it be practicable to call for the election of a Congress. A Congressional election before promulgation would mean the end of the dictatorship, and if the Cientificos should secure a majority, or even a strong minority, of the members the revolution would have to begin all over if its purposes are to be achieved.

The defect of the argument is that it assumes Carranza to be the whole show. He seems to take it for granted that he and his personal adherents are "the revolution," and that the other Mexican leaders, who did as much and more than he for the insurrection, are success, rebels. The "plan of Guadalupe," which was formulated at the outset of the conflict by Carranza and a few of his personal friends, was superseded by the work of the Convention at Aguascalientes, in which all the leaders were represented, including the First Chief, although he subsequently repudiated the adherence to the new plan given in his name by General Obregon.

This being the situation, the insistence by this Government upon an accord among the warring Mexican factions and an agreement of the leaders to recognize some neutral person as Provisional President is well justified. This Government refuses to recognize the anarchic strife which has followed the withdrawal of Huerta a year ago as a continuation of the revolution. If the Mexican chiefs are to get together this Government will ignore them all. If some of them unite in a reasonable compromise and one or more refuse to accede the latter will be ignored and the others will receive the moral support of the United States and the Latin-American Powers in their efforts to settle Mexico's troubles on a Constitutional basis. This, in substance, is the plan of Washington. The meaning of it ought to filter through even the crust of vanity and self-conceit in which Carranza has permitted his thinking apparatus to become encased.

What of the Allies on the West?

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.

After resistance by the Russians far more vigorous than was looked for by those who write the war news for American consumption, Warsaw finally fell yesterday into the hands of the Germans and Austrians, and the Teutons now are reported to be pressing the retreating army of the Czar whose chances of escape intact are said to be somewhat doubtful.

The fall of Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, though anticipated, is a specific and impressive accomplishment of the immediate material benefits gained by them, is sure to have a far-reaching psychological effect on their friends and on their foes in the field. It will serve to encourage not only the German and Austrian soldiers, wherever they may be entrenched, but also the Turks in their defense of Gallipoli Peninsula; while on the other hand such an important victory by a foe must tend to dishearten the forces allied against the Teutonic cause.

The brunt of the recent losses leading up to the fall of Warsaw has, of course, fallen directly on the Russian arms, and the surprising point about it all, as viewed from this distance from the scenes of strife, is that the French, British and Belgian Allies have apparently been so inactive on the West front while the Czar's forces have been making so great a sacrifice in the East.

It is hard to understand why the Allies have not undertaken in any convincing way to smash the Western front of the Germans during all the weeks the Russians have been engaging the best of the German forces in the East. If the Allies hope ever to advance toward Berlin it is difficult to figure out why they haven't attempted it this summer. Of what advantage to the Allied cause has been the tremendous Russian sacrifice if not to have given the Allies on the West the chance to strike the temporarily weakened Teutonic lines there?

When the Teutons have driven the Russians as far back as they can or as far back as they think necessary, it will not require anything like as powerful a German force to keep the Russians there. Then the greater part of the German strength can be diverted to the West front.

Do the Allied forces think it will be easier to strike then than now.

Getting at the Reason.

From Judge.

It has just occurred to us that all this unrest among women is possibly due to the fact that she has had to labor so incessantly at household chores for so many generations that she really doesn't know how to rest.

Having a Hot Time Anyhow.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

St. Louis astronomers report seeing new sun spots. Maybe European powers really at last are finding their coveted places in the sun.

More Work for Burbank.

From the Detroit Free Press.

Having removed the slip from the banana peel, Mr. Burbank's next endeavor should be to extract the colic from cucumbers.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Joseph M. King, aged 18, a resident of DuBois, had his neck broken by a fall from a swing while attending a picnic at Edgmont park.

-Many prominent residents of DuBois are actively engaged in the task of raising \$30,000 for a hospital to be known as the Maple Grove hospital.

-Clearfield county is to have two assistant superintendents of public schools. They are C. E. Wilson, of Winburne, and David A. Yingling, of Westover.

-The approaching reunion of the McAllister-ville soldiers' orphans will be held at the old school building, at McAllisterville, on Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25.

-All the departments of the Cambria Steel company at Johnstown are running full time except one of the car shops, which is running full time by day but only half time by night.

-As the result of a row at Allport, Clearfield county, George Legoss is believed to be dying at Sprangler hospital, his skull having been fractured by a blow from an axe in the hands of his assailant.

-An Italian miner employed by a coal corporation in Westmoreland county has been detected trapping robins and was fined \$30 and costs for killing three. He preferred to go to jail for thirty days.

-John and Harry Beers, of Indiana county, acknowledged their guilt when charged with having killed rabbits and raccoons out of season and were assessed a fine and costs amounting to \$65 each.

-Five cases of diphtheria in a certain section of Williamsport are traced by the attending physicians to poisonous exhalations rising from a sewer excavation in the street on which the victims reside.

-The Philipsburg Fire Brick plant is working full time. The General Refractories company's brick plant, at Philipsburg, is working day and night to fill its orders, while others are coming in from day to day.

-During a recent severe storm which visited Houtzdale and Briscin hail fell as large as walnuts and did much damage. Briscin suffered the greater loss in broken window glass and the destruction of gardens.

-Lightning tore off the weatherboarding of the barn of J. A. McNichol, in Cherrytree township, Indiana county, shattered the windows, and jumped over a stall in which a horse was standing and broke the leg of a hen that was running about in the barn.

-While sleeping in the sun window of his store the other morning Samuel Runzo, of Blairsville, was fired at by some unknown person. Three shots were fired through the heavy plate glass sun window, the balls entering his back but not inflicting dangerous wounds.

-Finding two 32-calibre shells and not knowing what they were, Mrs. John Polack, aged 35, of Barnesboro, began digging them apart with a hair pin. An explosion followed by which the woman was terribly burned. She is in the Spangler hospital, in a critical condition.

-Amel Baeler, who disappeared from Boliver nearly a month ago, has not yet been run down. His friends fear that he met with foul play. When the man suddenly vanished he was engaged in building a house in which he and his prospective bride expected to make their home.

-Mrs. Vincent Buckley, of Johnstown, has been missing from her home for nearly two weeks and her friends are much concerned. The woman and her husband had frequent disagreements and it was after one of these disputes that she vanished. Her husband says he has not the least idea where she is.

-Emmanuel Kause, of Robertsdale, an inmate of the Huntingdon jail, awaiting trial on the charge of insanity, attempted to commit suicide by hanging, but the rope used was not strong enough to do the business. He was found on the cell floor in an exhausted condition. Illness of his wife made Kause despondent.

-State troopers working under the direction of the district attorney of Westmoreland county, recently rounded up twenty-five slot machines, punch boards and other gambling devices in a raid at New Kensington. At Monessen only three gambling machines were found. Warrants charging the owners with maintaining gambling places were sworn out.

-It is reported that Jersey Shore will not get the Fold-Easy House Manufacturing plant, that is seeking a new location. It is now doing business at McClure, Pa., and expects to remove to Geneva, N. Y., that town having made inducements to locate there. Jersey Shore business men made an effort to secure the new industry, but did not meet with sufficient encouragement.

-Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the barn of Arthur Small, near Forward, Somerset county, at a late hour one night last week, including all the year's crops that had been harvested, wagons, buggies and farming machinery, together with about fifty chickens. Several of the cows in the barn were badly burned. Mr. Small also received severe burns, but is likely to recover.

-A large amount of deer, wild turkeys and other game will be placed in state game reserves and liberated in various parts of the State the coming winter under plans of the State Game Commission. Arrangements are being made now for the purchase of the game. More than 1,000 deer and hundreds of turkeys will be placed in counties where they will have a chance to breed and increase.

-The contest for judge over in Jefferson county has reached an acute stage already. Stewart H. Whitehill, one of the candidates, has made an affidavit in which he charges that L. Mayne Jones, president of Jefferson county's No License League, said the league would endorse him if he made a contribution of \$10,000 to the campaign fund, a proposition which he declined. The league has endorsed Charles Corbett.

-Upon the authority of a party of berry pickers who recently visited Nippenose valley in search of berries, the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin tells something of a snake story. A young lady berry picker discovered a large ball of closely intertwined snakes. She called the men of the party who at once proceeded to slaughter the reptiles. Some got away but the dead ones numbered twenty-five, all copperheads except one large rattlesnake.

-Frank Shankle, who resides with his father, H. H. Shankle, near Luthersburg, Clearfield county, went to a field to finish some farm work, taking a horse with him. While the animal was being hitched it suddenly kicked young Shankle on the head, producing concussion of the brain. A younger brother mounted a horse and started for Luthersburg for a doctor. Riding at a rapid rate he was thrown to the ground with great violence when the horse stumbled. Both lads are in a dangerous condition.

-Mr. and Mrs. John Moore celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at their home at Kylesport, Clearfield county, on Saturday, the 7th, in an enjoyable manner. Mr. Moore was born in Perry county, near Loyalville, in 1832, and on August 4th celebrated his eighty-third natal day. At the age of twelve years he drove on the old Juniata canal and also drove on the old North Branch canal. At the age of twenty-three years he married Catherine Wyand, daughter of John and Sarah Wyand, in Snow Shoe township, Centre county, and for some years resided in Centre, Juniata, Huntingdon and Blair counties. In 1878 they moved to Clearfield county and since resided there. Eleven children were born to the union and eight of them survive.