

INK SLINGS.

-Some of the corn is in shock but there has been little frost on the pumpkin, as yet.

-Accept it gracefully, gentlemen. Remember, that a poor loser finds very few sympathetic listeners.

-Drivers of automobiles who will not stay on the right side of the road should have their license revoked.

-There isn't an old official in Centre county who need be afraid to go before the voters on his record of the past four years.

-More married women of today would still be languishing in single blessedness had their dupes seen them as the milk men and the ice men did.

-Wednesday morning a great many people in Centre county woke up to discover why the WATCHMAN has so frequently called him HENRY CUTE.

-Boston paid fifteen hundred dollars to hear Mr. BRYAN talk peace for one hour. It evidently costs almost as much for the air gun of peace as it does for the nitro-bombs of war.

-Anyway, there is more money in a good law practice than a Judge's salary amounts to. This might be some consolation to the three gentlemen who got the distance flag in the first heat.

-If HENRY FORD's idea of having a "little pill on the end of a pole" revolutionize naval warfare then, we presume, there will be nothing more to the old idea of the longest pole knocking the persimmon.

-A few days make a terrible difference. Last week we would have murdered Col. TAYLOR had he turned the steam heat on the town. Today lots of us would vote him just the nicest man in the place if he did it.

-Centre county will have to do without a fair this fall. The gentlemen of the fair association think there has been too much doing already in Centre county, this season, to undertake another week of excitement before winter sets in.

-The Treasury Department's idea that business is good because small change is in such great demand isn't the idea of many men engaged in the mercantile business. We have often heard wise ones among them say that good times always mean plenty of big bills in the cash drawer.

-The defeat of HARRY BADGER for re-nomination for the office of overseer of the poor for Bellefonte was one of those strange political happenings that occur so frequently and are utterly unexplainable. Mr. BADGER was an exceptionally conscientious and capable official and it seems to us that he was entitled to another nomination at the hands of his party.

-Commissioners GROVE and NOLL have worked wonders in reducing the county debt. They might have made some enemies during their service to the county; very likely they have. But taxpayers realize that they have saved them money and prudent taxpayers are not going to swap horses in the middle of the stream. They want GROVE and NOLL kept in office until the county debt is paid.

-The trial heats being over all the spectators are advised to stand up, turn around, shake the cricks out and then settle themselves to witness the real race between the Buick and the Ford. It will be forty-six days of go-as-you-please and there is sure to be some real excitement in it. Keep your spark plugs clean, gentlemen; your gas tanks always full, a few blow-out patches under the seat, don't use your cut-outs and keep on the right-hand side of the road. Go!

-If our Prohibition friends are true to the government they are trying to uphold they will not undertake a "stickler" campaign for a third candidate in the judicial contest. They would not have even a remote chance to elect such a candidate. Pique, retaliation and a desire to get even might be the incentive of political minority parties but certainly no such thoughts should be entertained by the Christian gentlemen who constitute most of the Prohibition party. What they should do is rally to the lesser of the two evils, if they regard them as such, in the present contest and bide the time when they can fight for their cause in the Legislature, for there is where the matter of Prohibition or no Prohibition must ultimately be settled.

-Temperance people in Centre county who were so indignant because they had no ticket to vote on Tuesday should have stopped to consider the fact that they had no one to blame but their fellow temperance people. The opportunity was given them at the last general election to vote for men of their own proclivities but some of them preferred to vote for others, with the result that their vote fell short of the percentage of the total required to give them a ballot at the next election. Naturally the law couldn't countenance giving a Democratic or Republican or Washington party ballot to a voter who had declared himself a Prohibitionist, for that would be defeating the very purpose of the primary Act, which is to prevent the raiding of one party primary by the voters of another party.

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Next Year's Issue Not the Tariff

The complete revival of industrial life throughout the country is the more gratifying because it has been achieved in the face of the most adverse conditions. If the war in Europe had not broken out thirteen months ago there would have been no industrial paralysis. The conditions for a prosperous future were most auspicious. But the breaking out of the war simply destroyed commerce for a time. All the avenues of trade closed tight instantly. In a very short time the signs improved but the promise of political advantage induced all the tariff mongers to discourage industry and ever since they have continued a campaign of calamity. But the back of resistance has been broken at last.

At any time during the last six months every steel and iron mill in this country could have been operated to full capacity in profitable business. At any time within the same period every railroad in the country could have handled double the traffic which it accepted and might easily and safely have given orders for betterments that would have diffused prosperity in all sections. But in the hope that dull business would restore the Republican party to power and renew the license to loot through the medium of tariff graft, the tide of prosperity was held back by every possible expedient. It was a conspiracy against the people of this country that ought to be punished by imprisonment.

But at last the flood has proved too strong for resistance and mills, factories and shops are humming in every direction. And the beauty of it is that the prosperity will not be limited to the tariff barons and graft beneficiaries. It will be distributed broadcast and the mechanic and laborer will get their shares, and their shares are a considerable part of the whole. The future business operations will show that men are not taxed into wealth and that robbing a man isn't putting money in his purse. The Democratic administration has had adversity to battle against but it has won the fight and stands fully vindicated. The campaign issue of next year will not be the tariff.

It would be a little premature to be ordering a judicial ermine made, but we'll bet dollars to doughnuts that HENRY CUTE has already looked over that silk lid and Prince Albert and made up his mind that both being a trifle worn, it wouldn't come amiss to have new ones in the wardrobe even if things don't break right in November.

Strengthen Our Defences Rationally.

Most thoughtful people share the opinion that Congress should during the coming session, make some provision for strengthening the defensive forces of the country. Our splendid isolation and vast resources in men and material are, as they have always been, our greatest protection and until less than a third of a century ago, we felt perfectly secure with practically no navy and an army of about 25,000 men. But we have tripled in population since and multiplied in wealth in far greater ratio, so that maintaining an army of four times the strength and a navy of ample force will be no more a burden now than the smaller force was then. Therefore there will be no objection to the reasonable increase.

But preparedness for defensive action in the event of war should not be construed as converting our industrial life into a military machine. Europe is now suffering the penalties of the German policies in that direction and however the war results it will leave to the world a heritage of destitution and poverty. Even now the question of providing men and money for the armies is a problem of the greatest gravity and little more than a year has elapsed since the first gun was fired in the conflict. If we had been prepared, as the jingoes understand that term, we would probably have been forced into the participation, notwithstanding the ability and aversions of the President, long ago.

No doubt Congress will approach the grave question in the light of reason and make such additions to our military and naval equipment as the President and his Cabinet suggest. The poverty of Europe, already too obvious, should admonish against profligacy. There is no great hurry in any event, to enlist soldiers and build battleships. For more than ten years to come there will be no government anxious for war and in less than that time land and sea forces can be created and equipped of sufficient strength to serve any military purpose that ought to be considered. Strengthen our defensive forces but do it in a sensible and rational way that will make the burden as light as possible.

-Speaking of misplaced confidence Dr. DUMBA's real mission in life is conducting a street car.

Roosevelt's Ambition Defeated.

That THEODORE ROOSEVELT is a candidate for the Republican nomination for President next year no longer admits of doubt. He is obsessed with the ambition for a third term and realizes that the only chance of attaining it is through the Republican party. If any other party gave brighter promise he would embrace it. Prohibition, Socialist or even Anarchist are alike to him vehicles for getting into the limelight. Without principle and thoroughly selfish he courts the favors of any party and gives allegiance to no party.

Four years ago he denounced the Republicans as undesirable and condemned the leaders of the organization as traitors. One year ago he undertook to "tear WILSON to pieces," by identifying himself with a faction of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania with the view of alienating members of that party faith from the President. His vitriolic attack upon the Germans had for its aim the concentration of voters of opposite views in his favor. He is as utterly conscienceless as he is completely sordid and selfish.

But Mr. ROOSEVELT's expectations will be disappointed. There is no possible chance of his restoration to popular favor. People have come to understand him. His demagoguery no longer allures or deceives. It is accepted at its actual value rather than upon his estimate. He will not get the Republican nomination or even influence the platform of that party. His attacks upon WOODROW WILSON no longer challenge attention. His opinions upon public questions no longer appeal to any considerable number of people. He is a "dead duck."

This is a happy symptom, moreover. It indicates the restoration of reason, the return of rationalism. We have been passing through a period of political and social hysteria. Demagogues and hypocrites have been in the front for a time. But they have reached their tether. They will never again dominate in this country and probably not in any other country. It is an encouraging sign. And "giving the devil his due," it must be admitted that ROOSEVELT's extravagance of speech and carelessness in statement is responsible for the fact.

-Of course the Hon. "Deacon" HARRIS was very far away from the fifty-four per cent. of the total vote that he had predicted for his pet candidate, but the Hon. "Deacon" must be given credit for having organized some campaign for him.

Brumbaugh's Next Expensive Junket.

Governor BRUMBAUGH, who has just returned from an expensive junket to California, is now busy making preparations for a tour of the State, at public expense, for the ostensible purpose of inspecting the public highways. It is said that he will take a considerable number of officials and others with him on this tour and in the nature of things the cost will be high. The real purpose of the Governor, it is intimated and widely believed, is to repair "political fences." He aspires to make the next Legislature completely obedient to his caprices in every respect and the impending tour is for the purpose of laying the lines to that end.

All of us want good roads and will cheerfully pay our share of the legitimate expense to acquire them. But how is this result to be promoted by such an enterprise as the Governor contemplates? He is not an engineer nor even an experienced road builder. Possibly when a boy he may have worked a day or two on the mud roads of his neighborhood to discharge, in part, the family tax for local road maintenance. But that fact doesn't qualify him as an highway expert whose opinions on the subject are worth to the people of Pennsylvania the vast amount which his coming junket will entail. It would be cheaper and far more effective to hire competent men for such services.

As a matter of fact Governor BRUMBAUGH is setting an example of profligacy, inefficiency and proprietorship in the public life of the State which can have no other than a baneful influence. During the first session of the Legislature after his inauguration he not only undertook to dominate legislation but entered into the most demoralizing bargains to influence votes upon pending measures. Since the adjournment of the session he has been junketing almost constantly at public expense and letting the government jog along at the mercy of subordinates. But BRUMBAUGH is a professional reformer and professional reformers invariably turn out to be official nuisances.

-There will be no Centre county fair this year, but the big Milton fair will be held next week.

Non-Partisan Ballot a Failure.

Again the experience of an election has failed to vindicate the wisdom of the non-partisan ballot for electing judges. Judge JOHN B. HEAD has been nominated, it is true, but it was because the Republican machine permitted it. That course on this occasion was "good politics." Judge HEAD had so completely won popular favor that an attempt to retire him from the seat he so conspicuously adorns, might have defeated all other plans. But with respect to Judge HEAD's associates on the ticket it is precisely the same as before. The Republican machine managers selected them in "star chamber" fashion and issued orders for their election. It is a travesty on non-partisanship.

Two years ago there were no Democrats on the non-partisan ballot and the fact that WEBSTER GRIM got on in 1911 was "a slip-up." It was intended then to prevent an increase of the number of Democrats on the appellant benches of the State. But GRIM slipped through and threw a scare into the machine managers which will not be soon forgotten. This year they realized that the defeat of HEAD would have been regarded as scandalous by the public and as one Democrat on the bench can do little harm they "made a virtue of necessity," and let him go through. But so long as the system obtains, unless a political revolution ensues, not more than one Democrat will be allowed to each of the higher courts.

It might have been possible to nominate another Democratic jurist if another of the distinguished lawyers of that faith had entered the contest. But it was generally believed that an attempt to get another seat would have resulted in losing the one we have and no effort was made to secure another member. Under the old system such a manipulation of the vote would have been impossible for in the circumstances that were present this year the minority voters could have combined their strength and compelled the election of one of their number. But under the system which allows each vote to select to the full number to be chosen it is easy to prevent minority representation.

-The State Medical Society proposes to "make Pennsylvania the medical centre of the world." That is an ambitious enterprise though not an impossibility. But the profession must be taken out of politics as an initial step. Too many doctors have their eyes focussed on the spoils of office to help much in the laudable purpose expressed by the new president of the Society, Dr. JOHN B. McALLISTER, of Harrisburg, the other day, at the meeting in Philadelphia.

-A number of enterprising women of Williamsport who are interested in the cause of woman suffrage got out a suffrage edition of the Williamsport Sun last Saturday. The edition was planned and edited throughout by the women and it was a very creditable piece of work. Of course practically all the reading matter pertained to the cause of suffrage, but that was the purpose of the women in charge.

-Of course the billion dollar loan will be consummated sooner or later and real money may be transferred from one bank to another in the transaction, now and then. But the actual need of the allies is something to check HINDENBURG's drive of the Russians in the neighborhood of Poland.

-Young Mr. ROCKEFELLER's "swinging a pick in a Colorado coal mine," is not likely to fool any except the most credulous. If he would give justice more chance to swing in the mines in Colorado and elsewhere, under his control, better results would be achieved.

-The Boston and Maine railroad spent \$841,267 to influence legislation in New Hampshire within a period of three years. The Boston and Maine railroad is now struggling under a burden of debt which threatens to crush its life out.

-TOM SMITH having been nominated by the Republican machine for Mayor of Philadelphia SAM SALTER is probably beginning to believe that politicians may "come back."

-All persons in Centre county contemplating making contributions to the Suffrage campaign, will please send their money to the county treasurer as soon as possible.

-Berlin is certain that the Hesperian was sunk by a mine but has no evidence to offer on the subject. Berlin is "nimble in speech" but not persuasive in statement.

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Getting Rid of Mexico.

From the Altoona Times.

If General Carranza can handle the Mexican situation himself, let him do it. There has never been a time during the Mexican reign of terror when this nation would not gladly have upheld Carranza's hands if we could have been sure that he had the requisite power, that he meant to carry out the legitimate purposes of the revolution, and that he would treat the United States and other foreign governments with the proper consideration. Nearly all Carranza's troubles have been caused by his own arrogance and unreasonableness.

He shows signs now of common sense and discretion. His reply to the invitation that he join in the conference with representatives of the United States and Latin-American powers to consider the restoration of peace in Mexico has been dignified and courteous. At last he recognizes the "nobility and noble desires" of the governments making the proposal. He is still opposed to any show of "foreign intervention" which has not been suggested by the American powers—and is willing to confer on matters of international interest. He proposes a conference somewhere in his own territory, and maintains that there can be no question now of his right to speak for Mexico because he controls "the greater part of the national domain."

How well Carranza controls it is open to serious question. Anarchy is still rampant in many sections, and certainly northern Mexico is far from peaceful in spite of Villa's defeats. Nevertheless, Carranza today yields more power apparently than all the other rebel chiefs together. And if he really can subdue the remaining malcontents and conduct himself as the head of a responsible government, by all means let our government recognize him as soon as the necessary assurances have been given. It would be a tremendous load off our national mind at this vexing time to be rid of Mexico.

This Mad World.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

The universal comment upon the news that the Arctic explorer Stefansson has been heard from for the first time since April, 1914 is—"What a lot of news there is for him." When Stefansson disappeared in the vast, icy desolation of the Arctic the whole world was at peace, save for the dull glimmer of war in Mexico and the usual Balkan and Latin-American splutterings. Now when we have news from him there is a great deal of news for us. We cannot see it clearly; news of the far spread havoc of war between the greatest of nations and with the use of destructive agencies never before applied; war in the air and under the water; war with artillery of such power that it operates beyond the range of sight and wrecks the most impregnable fortifications as by earthquake; war by trenches, labyrinths, mines and counter-mines along fronts extended on both sides of Europe for many hundred miles, applied with all the facilities that science and invention can offer, eagerly paid for with life and treasure by the millions. Although no one knows what! Well may Stefansson exclaim. "The world has gone stark mad."

And yet the world thought him mad when he plunged into the Arctic.

The Menace of Invention.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

The modern implements of war are a byproduct of our industrial establishment. Wars, as we fight them nowadays, are made possible by reason of the fact that great railroad systems have been constructed, great machine shops erected. War takes charge of every invention and uses it for its own purpose. It forces the telegraph and telephone into service. The industrial conditions of fifty years ago could not have sustained a modern war. We are forging ahead as far as mechanical invention goes, but we are paying a fearful price for progress. The militarists tell us invention has served to make the Atlantic a menace rather than a protection to us. If invention simply increases the dangers, the woe, the misery of the world, why call invention progress? If modern industry simply goes about the task of elaborating engines of destruction, what a pity it is that the race ever passed out of the shepherd stage!

Preparedness.

From the Houston Post.

When we see a sensibly dressed girl looking at the display windows of the furniture stores and inspecting the frying-pan counter at the hardware store in August, our guess is that she expects to have him in the little vineclad corral about November 10.

Another Call for Democratic Rooster.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Canada's hens are not doing their duty in this hour of trial, so Uncle Sam is shipping eggs by the million across the border. Here is something to crow about.

Ah, Ring Off.

From the Pittsburgh Sun.

Ohio has four "favorite" sons to enter in the next Republican presidential campaign. There is a strong suspicion that at least three of them are ringers.

Just Like Christians.

From the Washington Post.

Although sincere to their religious belief, the Turks probably would prefer ceding a section of paradise to parting with any of the home grounds.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-George Woods, watchman at the Johnstown municipal hospital, has been suspended for ten days for kissing the cook without having first obtained her consent.

-After suffering intensely for a week, the result of a scalding received when he fell into a vat of boiling liquid at the Mahaffey tannery, James Marshall, aged 20, died in the Clearfield hospital.

-John Cole of Philipsburg, solicitor and collector for the Prudential insurance company, is out just \$75 which some light-fingered thief appropriated from the Cole domicile the other day.

-Paul Taylor, a resident of Williamsport, saved Lydia Meyer, aged 21, of Friedens, and Margaret Aderhold, aged 15, of Logan Station, from drowning in Lycoming creek, near Cogan station. The girls were wading in the creek and plunged into a hole twelve feet deep.

-Garfield Larson, 25 years old, member of the firm of Larson Brothers, lumber and coal dealers of Renovo, was instantly killed on Monday when a sharp pointed plank was hurled from a saw in the Larson mill and penetrated his neck. His head was nearly severed.

-Brigadier General Charles M. Clement, of Sunbury, commanding the Third Brigade of the State National Guard, is being talked of as a possible successor to Major General C. B. Dougherty, who will retire this month. An appointment is not looked for for some time.

-The famous big white beaver hat worn by Colonel William Fairman, of Punxsutawney, to many national and state political conventions, was utterly destroyed one day last week at the cleaners. The man who was cleaning the venerable headpiece was using gasoline and got too close to the fire.

-Wholesale arrests have been made in Sunbury, Milton and Watonsburg for alleged violation of the State Labor Law. Some are charged with employing boys and girls under 14 years of age, others with employing women for seven days a week and for more than the specified number of hours per day.

-The Lycoming Edison company on Monday offered to light the city of Williamsport for the next three years at the rate of \$39.60 per arc lamp, the cheapest figure for street lighting in the history of any city. The bid was made in competition with the Citizens' Electric company, whose figures were \$49.74.

-The will of the late Peter C. Morgan, who was found dead in bed at Williamsport last week, contains a provision directing his executors to forgive his debtors and to furnish each one who owed him anything at the time of his death and who offers to make a payment, with a receipt in full without taking the money.

-In sentencing Dr. John R. Robinson, who had been brought back from Colorado on a charge of wire desertion, to serve a year in prison, Judge Whitehead, of Lycoming county, said he was determined to treat such a type of man as he would proprietors of houses of prostitution by imposing the maximum sentence.

-Dr. D. A. Cawdick, of Clearfield, who sued the New York Central railroad for damages because he had contracted a sickness which proved expensive, due to exposure and detention for almost an hour while one of the defendant's trains blocked the crossing, was awarded \$875 damages by a Clearfield county jury last week.

-While in W. G. Murray's store at Shawville, Clearfield county, Willard Dickson, of that town, was stunned by an electric flash and remained unconscious for several hours. He was in the act of taking a drink of water when the bolt struck the Murray residence and was conducted to the store, reaching Clearfield, who had his hand on the faucet. He has recovered.

-James Zorn, of Conestogale, an engineer on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was fatally shot on Tuesday morning while the engine was taking water near West Newton. George Myers, the freeman, is under arrest charged with the shooting. Myers has a deep gash in his forehead, inflicted by Zorn with a wrench. The fight followed a dispute over their work on the engine.

-Rupert Hornick, of Johnstown, is dead as the result of a singular accident. He was working in one of the Cambria company's rolling mills, standing about seven feet from the ground. He lost his balance and fell backwards. A heavy sledge hammer stood on the floor directly under him. He landed squarely on the handle. It broke his backbone and punctured a lung. An hour later the man died.

-George Woods, a Clearfield contractor, claims to have been robbed of \$130.00 at the Pennsylvania railroad passenger station in Philipsburg, Monday evening of last week, while waiting for the train to go to Wallacetown to pay some of his men who are working at the Harbison-Walker brick yard at that place. The money was in a purse, which was taken from his pocket. No clue to the thief has as yet been discovered.

-Following an inquest into the cause of the death of the infant daughter of Leo Eck, of Collinsville, Tuesday morning the coroner's jury brought in a verdict declaring death was due to violence at the hands of the child's father. Eck, who was placed under arrest on Tuesday at his home in Collinsville by County Detective Tepel has been a prisoner in the county jail. A charge of involuntary manslaughter will likely be made against Eck.

-Fifty dollars was what it cost Ray Wrick, of South Fork, to flourish an evil-looking butcher knife on Washington street Wednesday night of last week. That was the amount of the fine assessed in police court against him the next morning. Wrick informed the court that he had armed himself with the big butcher knife as a matter of precaution. He said he had an idea he would need it to defend himself, but he couldn't exactly explain why he had tickled the breasts of a couple of young men with his sharp point.

-Outbreaks of typhoid fever which have been reported from Western Pennsylvania boroughs are declared by State Health Department officials not to be of an extensive or serious nature, although each one is being watched with the greatest care, and inspectors and engineers have followed up every case. Most of them have been found due to local conditions, which have been quickly discovered and provided against, while the number of cases following a report of the outbreak has seldom increased.

-On Monday night when E. K. Waite and Walter Sweitzer were returning to their home at Warriorsmark from lodge in Tyrone, two men rushed upon them from behind the bushes near Stover station. The one caught the horse, while the other rushed toward the buggy and demanded the money of the occupants. Mr. Sweitzer jumped out of the buggy in the excitement and Mr. Waite called for help with all his might and put up a desperate fight. Finally, when he was about to give up his fine new gold watch and some money, Earl Nearthoot and Lawrence Whippo, who had also been at lodge, appeared on the scene and the robbers took to their heels and fled.

-Missing his horse which had been put to pasture, Allen Moore, a Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county farmer, Sunday, made a search and found that it had broken through the covering of an abandoned well, which the farmer did not know existed, and had fallen the twenty feet to the bottom. Moore obtained help, a temporary block and tackle was erected on a tripod of heavy timbers, and twenty men hauled the animal to the top, when it was discovered that an old, rusty bucket was caught in one of its shoes. Moore removed the bucket, cut open the top, and out rolled a stream of coins of a Spanish mintage of a half century ago. There were more than fifty doubloons and many silver pieces, and the whole value was declared to be \$5,000.