

INK SLINGS.

—Just eighty-five days until Christmas. Begin shopping now.

—Good morning, steam heat! Are you on or are you yet to come?

—Next week we would be having the county fair if we were going to have one.

—Maybe that rush of the allies on Sunday was a bluff but a bluff wins if it isn't called.

—It was the recall we wanted in Dr. DUMBA's case and there is to be no referendum about it.

—It is possible that the Grand Duke is running yet, but the Czar has succeeded in getting his armies to face about.

—Making hay in October is rather an unusual occurrence among Centre county farmers, yet lots of them are at it.

—The sun gives 600,000 times the light that a full moon does yet men get lit up more frequently by moon-light than they do by sun-light.

—Political pow-wows are being held in Bellefonte every night, but woe unto the candidate who thinks he can pow-wow votes to the polls in November.

—Many a man who ate goose on Michaelmas day figured that the good luck that was his due came when he didn't groan with indigestion as a result of the feast.

—We can't imagine another place in the world where a goodly amount of the coin of the realm would come in as handy just now, as right in this office. Can't you send us a little.

—The long expected and much vaunted Anglo-French drive on the Germans is supposed to have begun. The beginning, however, is not a matter for such serious consideration as the ending.

—The road to the White House is the highway which attracts most of Governor BRUMBAUGH's attention these days and his deal in Philadelphia machine politics recently has roughed it amazingly.

—We know several fore-handed persons who have a lot of their Christmas shopping done already. My, won't they be enjoying things when you are worrying your head and running your legs off at the last minute, as usual.

—JAY E. HOUSE says that "a man who can cook and make himself generally handy around the house might as well do it. He seldom is worth much down town." Do you know, there's more truth than poetry in that and the more we think about it the more puzzled we are over the bluff some men are able to keep up when they are down town.

—We notice that CHARLES M. SCHWAB is about to erect a stone palace at his summer place at Loretto. The present frame house is to be lifted clear over the tops of the trees and set down on another location. There is no end to CHARLEY's ability to lift things. Jackpots, houses, Bethlehem steel, etc., go to the clear blue sky when he starts raising.

—What does Centre county want a new prothonotary, a new recorder, a new register, a new district attorney, new commissioners or auditors for? If there is a man in Centre county who can furnish a single good reason why any of the faithful officials who are now serving in those offices should be removed we should like to know of it. We think there has never been a cleaner, more efficient corps of officers in the court house.

—The fact that the Phillies have won a National League pennant gives more general satisfaction than a victory by any other team in the major organization could have brought. For thirty-two years they have been game contenders for the flag that will soon float over their grounds and to the general base-ball loving public who are not wedded to any particular team the victory of the club that was so nearly shot to pieces by the Federals, two years ago, is a matter of exceptional satisfaction.

—The case in the Centre county courts this week in which WILLIAM BRENNAN, a well-to-do and very reputable farmer of Benner township, was so evidently the victim of a "frame-up" has aroused considerable indignation. That he can secure no satisfactory redress for the mental anguish he must have suffered and for the aspersion upon a character that has always been of the highest is lamentable, not because of any comfort it might bring him, but as a matter of protection to other equally innocent men who are exposed to the dastardly imputations of people who would wreck lives and homes for the purpose of blackmail.

—The WATCHMAN has had its eye on one of the Republican candidates for office in Centre county for a number of years. Its record of him is probably more complete and accurate than that of any other of the many men it keeps tab on for the purpose of being informed, should they ever come into public notice. It might be necessary to give this information to the public before the idea of November. We hope the occasion won't arise because the WATCHMAN has no desire to see anything other than a clean campaign and will certainly do nothing to precipitate that which it does not want. It remains for the men whose fat is in the fire to show by their actions what kind of a campaign they want.

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Governor Brumbaugh's Junket.

The esteemed Altoona Tribune is greatly outraged because we said in our last issue that the Governor's proposed tour of the State for the ostensible purpose of inspecting the roads is a "junket."

It is true that the trip to San Francisco recently completed by the Governor "was undertaken in accordance with legislative action," as the esteemed Tribune declares.

The editor of the WATCHMAN who "owns the soft impeachment" as to age has no personal quarrel with the Governor and had no expectation of political advantage from the publication of facts as they come within his knowledge.

It is a long way to Tipperary but there are harder roads to travel in Belgium and the Kaiser has encountered some mighty rough highways in Poland.

Republican Quarrels Everywhere.

The arrest of between fifty and a hundred Republican workers, election officers and others, upon warrants issued by the District Attorney of Allegheny county expresses the harmony upon which the party victory next fall they are now boasting about.

The fact of the matter is that the Republican party of Pennsylvania never looked into a gloomier future than stands before it at this time. The big primary vote was obtained by fraud in large part and by bitter battles and irreconcilable feuds in considerable number.

Of course there is little to gain for the Democracy of the State by these fissures in the Republican party. Outside of the Superior court bench there are no State offices to fill this fall.

The frost is on the pumpkin all right and the pies will soon be ripe. Notwithstanding the high cost of living there is comfort in anticipation of what follows.

British Troops Awakened.

For the first time within a year the British troops accomplished something worth while in a drive made on the battle front in Belgium.

This incident will hearten the allies both on the firing lines and at home. For nearly a year, or ever since the German army was turned back from the gates of Paris, the British troops have been as inactive as if they were attending a tea party so far as the public had information concerning them.

The war ought to have been ended by this time and if the British and French troops had been as energetic as those of Russia it probably would have been over. Thus far Germany has had to bear none of the real costs of the conflict for her soil has been free from hostile forces.

—PENROSE may be all right as a favorite son and it is admitted that he is a daisy. But so long as BILL FLINN retains the confidence of the Suffragettes the Senior Senator will never be the State flower.

Signs Not Favorable for the Machine.

The large vote of the machine Republican candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia as compared with the combined vote of the candidates of the other parties is not a guarantee of the success of TOM SMITH at the election in November.

Four years ago the candidate of the Republican machine, GEORGE H. EARLE, Jr., a most admirable and capable man, polled 180,000 votes at the primary while his principal opponent, Mayor BLANKENBURG, received only 50,000.

—Brokers in the financial centres are "opposed to the entry of British capital to stapleize the cotton market," according to the newspapers.

—Austria has agreed to recall DUMBA, the cable informs the public, so that the necessity of kicking him out has passed for the time.

Tariff Commission is Folly.

President WILSON, according to Washington dispatches, is of the opinion that there are agencies of government already in service with full power and authority to perform the work of the expensive permanent tariff commission which the tariff mongers propose to create during the next session of Congress.

Mr. MYRON T. HERRICK, of Ohio, [former Ambassador to France, and now a receptive candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination advocates a tariff question out of politics.]

President WILSON is everlastingly right in this as he is in most things. The country neither needs nor wants a high priced tariff commission.

—Thirty years ago residents of Nittany and Pennsylvanians who had business in court either rode or drove to Bellefonte early on Monday morning and remained throughout the week.

—Two weeks from to-day will mark the opening of the hunting season and Bellefonte nimrods are already living in anticipation of the day.

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—There is every indication for a good chestnut crop this year. The trees are well laden with burrs and the size of them would indicate larger nuts than usual.

—The cool weather of the past week has resulted in a hungering for buck-wheat cakes and sausages.

—They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.

The Sting of Truth.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Prof. Hugo Munsterberg is a German who seems bent upon making Americans think. In a recent article he calls attention to the fact that a portion of our people are not any more carefully inspected than they were six months ago.

There is the sting of truth in what the German scholar says. If there had been competent inspection, if the laws had been strictly enforced, if we had been as careful when the Eastland was chartered to sail the lakes as the Germans would have been under similar conditions, there would have been no disaster.

At the convention of the retail merchants of the state held at Conneaut Lake, Pa., J. C. Norris, a grocer of New Castle, Pa., was elected president of the organization.

A Voice from Experts.

From the Philadelphia Press. At the State election in November one of the questions which shape momentarily is whether or not the franchise shall be extended to women.

—Governor Capper, of Kansas, was one of those who were in the majority at this time and should be considered by all the males who will pass on the suffrage question next November.

—Andrew Felix McClintock, 58 years old, is dead at Milroy from a gunshot wound self-inflicted. Temporary insanity induced by worry over poor health is said to have been the cause.

It Wouldn't Happen Now.

From the Marquette (Kas.) Tribune. Speaking of charges, accounts and the errors thereof, the following story told by George McCourt some years ago is worth preserving.

Safety First.

From the Indianapolis News. Secretary Daniels says we should profit by the lessons of the European war, and so we should—by taking a correspondence course.

Greatest Dreadnaught in Business.

From the Baltimore Sun. "War Monsters for United States." Laws, when we've already got one at Oyster Bay!

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

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—One hundred and forty-five non-residents are attending the Williamsport high school. The school district gets \$50 apiece for them.

—Two-year-old Mary Strepelo, of Ehrlefield, pulled a kettle of hot water from the stove, spilling the scalding fluid over her entire body. She died soon after from her injuries.

—The DuBois Glass company, located at Falls Creek, reopened its plant for the manufacture of glass bottles, on Monday. It has been closed for some time and extensive repairs have been made.

—William H. Tyson, a Milton lineman, touched a high-tension electric wire while at work on the top of a 30-foot pole at West Milton. Fellow workmen rescued him. He died Monday night in a Williamsport hospital.

—A. W. Dewitt, who died the other day, worked sixty years for the Erie railroad, having begun in the days of the old diamond stack, wood-burned, four-wheeled locomotives. Dewitt invented a duplex train check, which is now in nationwide use.

—Somerset county, which used to be a rock-ribbed Republican county, reports the presence at the polls this year of one Emanuel Specht, 95 years old, who has never missed an election since he became old enough to vote, and has always been a Democrat.

—Peter Kyner, arrested last July on the charge of sending black-hand letters to John Kazmaier, a well known brewer of Altoona, was sentenced to two years and one month in the Western Penitentiary on Friday, sentence being passed in the United States district court at Erie.

—The E. R. Baldrige stone quarry at Barree, after being idle since last November, has again been opened for work. At present about twenty men are employed. They expect to increase the output of stone, and extend their plant to the top of the mountain, about 1400 feet further.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Oldham, of Johnstown, are the happy parents of a perfectly developed boy baby who is about one-third the average size of a newly born infant, weighing between two and three pounds and measuring between 12 and 13 inches in length. The child is in good health.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Saxton, aged 70, of Mutual Westmoreland county, heard a commotion among her chickens and discovered that a black snake of unusual size was endeavoring to make away with a young rooster. The lady picked up a club, entered the coop, killed the snake and rescued her rooster.

—Richard W. Boyer, a prominent young business man of Lock Haven, is dead of meningitis at the age of 32 years. It is believed that his death was due to an injury he received last summer while engaged in a ball game when he was hit on the back of his head by a ball. He is survived by his wife and two children.

—At the convention of the retail merchants of the state held at Conneaut Lake, Pa., J. C. Norris, a grocer of New Castle, Pa., was elected president of the organization.

—Edgar L. Horning, of Mifflintown, probably is the only man in the State who has two wives and still is declared not guilty of bigamy. Horning finds himself in the predicament of being obliged to support two wives as the result of a verdict of Juniata county court recently, when a divorce granted in Colorado was declared null and void.

—Jesse Marshall, an employee of the Mahaffey tannery, fell into a vat of boiling liquid at a temperature of 152 degrees Fahrenheit and was so badly scalded when he was taken out by employees that the burns proved fatal. He was rushed to the Clearfield hospital, where, after much suffering he died. The deceased was 20 years of age and was a young man highly respected in his neighborhood.

—Mrs. Anna Cately, Williamsport's oldest resident, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday anniversary on Saturday, became a member of the Grace M. E. Church on Sunday. Rev. J. H. Mortimer, pastor of the church, received Mrs. Cately into fellowship at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harriet Potts. Mrs. Cately is in fairly good health, but owing to blindness which came on in the past few years is obliged to recline in a wheel chair.

—George Verbutz, an Austrian, is in the Hollidaysburg jail charged with attempting to dynamite the plant of the Carlin Limestone Company, a Pittsburg Corporation having quarries near Altoona. The company furnishes limestone to the steel mills manufacturing ammunition for the Allies. Twenty-five sticks of dynamite and a lighted fuse were found in the plant by a watchman, and the authorities declare they have traced the act to Verbutz.

—The Clearfield Bituminous Coal Co. is now engaged in dismantling most of their dwellings located at Peale which place was named after Hon. S. R. Peale, and removing them to Grass Flat, not far distant. The company's mines at Peale are practically worked out, and the men are being transferred to Grass Flat where extensive operations are now being carried on. The big hall, in which public meetings were held, has been moved to Grass Flat.

An unusual incident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad one day last week, in which two deer were chased for nearly a half mile along the track. The incident occurred near Bell's station, two miles east of Brookville. As the train came along the deer ran out of the woods and took to the track ahead of the train. The train was making fast time, but the fleet-footed deer easily kept ahead of the engine, and after traveling for nearly a half mile decided that they had demonstrated their ability as runners and took to the woods again.

—Andrew Felix McClintock, 58 years old, is dead at Milroy from a gunshot wound self-inflicted. Temporary insanity induced by worry over poor health is said to have been the cause. McClintock was a cattle buyer for the eastern markets. Sunday while his wife was at church he lay on the bed, placed the muzzle of a 44-caliber rifle under his chin, pulling the trigger with his big toe. The bullet went wild and he then took a stick from the window blind, notched the end and sent a bullet crashing through his head. He died at midnight.

—Joseph Huey, of Mahaffey, who was attacked and robbed in Punxsutawney last May after he had been lured to a secluded spot in the rear of an oil tank, has made information against four young men of Punxsutawney, two of whom have already admitted their guilt. The name and address of Huey, an aged man, were not learned at the time of the robbery and it was only after members of the state constabulary made a long search that Huey was found. Louis Lardin, a former Johnstown young man, now a member of the constabulary, did effective work in locating Huey and in arresting the Punxsutawney fellows.

—The buildings and real estate formerly occupied by the Lewisburg box factory has been sold to John Coleman, a prominent Williamsport business man, for \$2600. Title to the property was given last week at the Sunbury court house. The plant until recent years was one of the leading industries in that section. For many years it operated as a door factory, taking contracts for equipping large apartment houses and other big buildings in New York and other cities. The plant later changed over to a box factory, and about two years ago closed down, the machinery and equipment being sold out piece-meal at public sale.