

INK SLINGS.

—The first real touch of winter touched us on Monday.

—Only 36 days until Christmas. Are you getting ready?

—There is a tango hair cut so you have a chance to go crazy at both ends.

—The war stocks begin to tumble every time the word peace is mentioned.

—What do you imagine would happen to Dr. JOSEPH GORICAR were he to go back to Austria?

—A really good man never needs to tell his fellows how good he is. They all know it and admire him.

—Let us make the coming Holiday season a great one for our home merchants by buying everything we need for Christmas right here at home.

—Of course it was a mere coincidence but the very night Bellefonte flashed on a great "White Way" our Methodist friends started a revival.

—America is short of beans because Serbia is the great bean exporter and Serbia being at war needs all of her beans for her own bean shooters.

—Anyway the Franklin car is about the only one that doesn't have to scramble off the water wagon the moment freezing weather puts in its appearance.

—Of course there are many things to be thankful for every day, but let next Thursday be your day of general Thanksgiving. If for nothing more than that you are no worse than you are.

—Dr. DIXON has put a lock on the big spring and the temperance people want to cut out the booze. Verily the time is coming when a man will be at a loss where to go to quench his thirst.

—All summer the girls wore dresses from seven to nine inches down from the neck. Now that winter has come they turn them upside down and they are seven to nine inches from the floor. What's the use of the fur at the top of the shoes if it can't be seen?

—If the Philadelphia Public Ledger really wants to fight why doesn't it move over to the other side? We are inclined to the belief, however, that England, for instance, can attribute most of her present troubles to just such carping nuisances as the Ledger is making of itself.

—Justice CHARLES E. HUGHES, of the United States Supreme court, is one of those wise men who believe that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Republican blandishments are not going to persuade him into giving up a lifetime job for the glory of leading their forlorn hope in the next presidential race.

—When the final break between Mr. BRYAN and President WILSON comes, and many persons are convinced that it will come at no far distant date, where will Col. WARREN WORTH BAILEY, of the nineteenth Pennsylvania district and the Johnstown Democrat, land? Surely such an unhappy denouement would place the able Pennsylvania Member between the upper and the nether mill stones.

—Repeated rumors of peace proposals emanating from Germany give rise to the hope that they may be something more than rumor. Sooner or later the Germans must become exhausted. They do not have the resources that the Allies have and it is just possible that the Kaiser is beginning to realize that his plans, to win in a short, decisive campaign, having failed it were better to sue for peace before his people are too exhausted to have any weight in naming the terms.

—While Republicans are taking much comfort out of the fact that they elected their Governor in Massachusetts, at the recent election and seem to be hugging the delusion that it presages Republican victory next year, they are really clutching at straws. As a matter of fact the Democratic nominee for Governor received 56,000 more votes than President WILSON received in Massachusetts in 1912 and the Republican nominee received 63,000 fewer votes than the TAFT and ROOSEVELT vote combined. If Massachusetts showed anything at the late election it showed, beyond a question, that large numbers of the Progressives have come over to the Democratic party because they realize that it is the party that legislates for the masses, without bluff or bluster.

—A baby five days old is dying, possibly it is dead by this time, in a Chicago hospital, all because the little one came into the world a physical derelict. A trifling operation would have saved its life but only to have endowed it with an almost hopeless existence. With the acquiescence of the parents the surgeon in charge refused to operate and left nature to take her course. Who knows but that this may be the first case founding the propaganda that has already been generally discussed concerning the extinction of beings born unequal to the fight that is imposed upon them to live. It is far too profound a question to discuss in a paragraph and we merely mention this Chicago case as significant of the new and strange ideas that are gradually encroaching upon the old order of things in our lives.

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Dewalt for National Preparedness.

In a public speech delivered at Reading on Sunday afternoon, Hon. ARTHUR G. DEWALT, Congressman-elect for the Berks-Lehigh district declared himself as emphatically in favor of President Wilson's program for increasing the defensive facilities of the country.

In the next Congress Mr. DEWALT will be the recognized leader of the Democratic delegation for this State. It will be his first service in Congress but his splendid legal training and ability and his long experience as a Senator in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania will fully equip him for the work which will devolve upon him as spokesman for the Pennsylvania Democracy.

Congressman DEWALT will not be an office broker in Washington or Pennsylvania and he will not sell official confidences or trade upon his influence or intimacies with high officials under any circumstances. But he will be a faithful representative of the Democracy as expressed by JEFFERSON and interpreted by the Democratic leaders from the founder of the party until now.

—The sheep-growing industry is to be revived in New England. The high price of mutton and the high price of wool form a combination which appeals to the Yankee intelligence and dormant farms complete an enticing combination.

Roosevelt's Bitterest Disappointment.

Colonel ROOSEVELT is greatly disappointed. He has been indulging, according to SIDNEY BROOKS, New York correspondent of the London Mail, a pipe dream of military conquest in connection with the European war, to forego which, "has been one of the bitterest disappointments of his life."

The Colonel wasn't going into this great enterprise in a haphazard fashion either, if Mr. BROOKS' statement may be relied upon. "His Generals, Colonels, Majors and some of the Captains were actually selected," the narrative declares, "and for his Adjutant General ROOSEVELT picked a man long known to me as one of the ablest officers of the United States cavalry."

We may well believe that such a vast and lawless scheme was fostered in the addled brain of ROOSEVELT. It would have been without precedent in the history of civilization but that's no matter. That it is preposterous makes no difference. ROOSEVELT dreams that some time he will be able to exploit himself as a military hero and if the opportunity presents itself he will seize it.

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Germany Under Grave Suspicion.

The sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by a submarine carrying an Austrian flag further complicates the relations between the government of the United States and that of Germany for the reason that it is alleged that the submarine was a German and not an Austrian ship and it is a well established principle of international law that changing the flag on a ship does not shift the responsibilities for its actions.

The Ancona was a purely passenger ship. It carried no troops or munitions of war. It contained no arms in its cargo and was heading away from rather than toward the theatre of war. Among the passengers were a large number of Americans, bound homeward on peaceful missions and some of them were drowned or died from exposure incident to the brutal manner in which the vessel was destroyed.

The record of the war thus far stamps German authorities, if not the German people, as the most depraved savages. Every step has been in the direction of savagery. Every act that of uncivilized people. Of course we do not want to go to war with Germany or any other power.

—The death of BOOKER T. WASHINGTON is a distinct loss to the colored race and to the country. He was a man of ability and integrity, and his activities for the advancement of his race were along the right lines.

Great Britain in the War.

The British forces in the war seem always to be a "day after the fair." That is to say they never reach the point that is menaced until after the damage is done. Belgium was devastated from one border line to the other before English forces came to her aid.

While the Austrian and German forces were pounding the Russian troops in Poland and forcing them back at the point of the bayonet, England was always promising but never rendering aid to the retreating army.

Possibly Great Britain is doing all that it can in the circumstances but it certainly ought to accelerate its speed some. Serbia and Belgium have been made the unwilling "goat" in this strife for mastery between the more powerful allies.

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Penrose and Brumbaugh Impending.

The friends of Senator PENROSE are considerably alarmed over a rumor that Governor BRUMBAUGH will compete with him for control of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican National convention next year.

In the impending contest for mastery both leaders have substantial backing. BRUMBAUGH will have the active support of Senator VARE and his brother, Congressman "BILL." On the other hand PENROSE will be enthusiastically supported by Senator MCNICHOL and practically the solid QUAY following.

It has recently been suggested that the members of the Public Service Commission will likely enter the fight in behalf of BRUMBAUGH. The rumor comes from the BRUMBAUGH side and probably "the wish is father to the thought."

—The Panther hunting club are making arrangements to go out on the Alleghenies for their customary annual deer hunt the first two weeks in December. They will camp on their old location about eight miles north of Orviston, where the deer are plentiful enough, even though they are hard to shoot.

—Members of the state constabulary have been quite active in the mountains of Centre county since the opening of the hunting season endeavoring to spot illegal hunters. They travel in civilian's clothes, and at times in full hunting regalia.

—The tariff is essentially a political question and one who says it ought to be taken out of politics is either a fool or a knave.

—The strike-breakers are "jumping their job" at Wilkes-Barre. Of course there ought to be no interference with a man who desires to work but a strike-breaker is about the most contemptible figure in life.

—Congressman MANN, of Illinois, has a job of his size in view at present. He proposes to investigate the dismissal of an assistant post-master. The combination of inquisition and spoils suits him exactly.

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What Makes Prosperity.

Professor William Howard Taft gave an amusing instance of Republican logic, or lack of it, when he remarked in an address at Chicago that "present prosperity is no reason for continuing the present National Administration in power. The Wilson Administration was not an agency in bringing on this prosperity."

As a matter of fact, the Wilson Administration is entitled to a great deal of credit for the present exuberant prosperity. It gave the country a sound financial system, which has been of inestimable value in enabling it to meet the crisis caused by the European war.

One Man Power.

Fayette county just now is suffering from financial disaster, as few communities have suffered in the history of Pennsylvania because the people of that county allowed one man to own the county politically and in a business way.

There are other communities where one man power holds political and business sway to the advantage of the political and business insiders. For years and maybe decades that condition of affairs apparently works out to the advantage of all.

"I am an American—of German birth. There should be no such thing in this country as a German-American, or a British-American, or an Italian-American," declared Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg at the City club, and continued: "I love the beautiful German village where I was born. I love the fatherland, every foot of it, but if any foreign foe should attack the United States I should want to be the first man, 73 years old as I am, to shoulder a musket and fight for my country."

—George Mathias, a highly esteemed resident of Hyner, Clinton county, was instantly killed last Saturday by the accidental discharge of his gun. He started on a hunting trip accompanied by his only son and carrying a hammerless double-barreled shotgun.

—Announcement is made of the proposed resumption of operations at Marshall furnace, at Newport. The furnace is the only one left in Perry county, which 50 or 60 years ago was one of the big iron producers.

—James Best and his son, Merrill, of Milton R. D. 33, had a narrow escape from death when attacked by an infuriated bull several days ago. The animal broke the chain which held it in the barn and battered its way through the door and the barnyard gate.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—For killing and shipping game to market, Peter Solle, of Franklin, was fined \$950 and costs at a hearing before Squire Shaver of Brookwayville.

—The contract for the erection of Clearfield's High school building has been awarded to W. A. Lukens, of Clearfield, the contract price being \$62,078.75.

—After a quarrel with his wife, Oliver Stuber, of Allentown, dived from the second story porch to the concrete pavement, but his only injury is a lacerated head.

—Residents of Jersey Shore are rejoicing over the announcement that the silk mill at that place will be increased to double its capacity and will employ about 200 more hands.

—City prisoners, in the city of Johnstown, during the month of October, worked 360 days on the city streets, and by so doing the city saved the sum of \$648 in the highway department.

—Mistaking the attendant at the county home for a burglar, Dr. John S. Miller, who lives near Somerset, shot the man, whose name was not learned, as he was about to ascend the stairs in the Miller residence.

—The Harbison-Walker Refractories Co., with five brick plants at Philipsburg, Retort, Wallace, Clearfield, Woodland, Gramplan and other places, has increased its common stock dividend from 1/2 to 1 per cent.

—The new houses being erected above Newton Hamilton by the Aetna Explosive company are all nearing completion and workmen are now grading the streets and making terraces and lawns about the houses.

—As a result of the improvement of business all over the country, the coal business in the section surrounding Clearfield is rapidly improving and gives prospects of being more successful this season than in any former year.

—Genaro Schettino was found guilty in a trial at Tionesta, Pa., of the attempt to kill District Attorney M. A. Carringer, of Forest county, on August 13th. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs and serve from five to seven years in the western penitentiary.

—By the middle of next week the contractors will begin the difficult job of removing the old Charles M. Schwab mansion in Loreto from its present site to make room for the palace he will build. For a part of the way the old building will be carried over the treetops.

—James Gorman, of New Washington, was accidentally shot by a younger brother while hunting in that vicinity last week. The entire load of shot struck the man and he was taken to the Spangler hospital, where the wounds were pronounced not dangerous.

—While plowing a field recently John J. Keller, a farmer living near Sunbury, plowed a worn-out pocket book which he recognized as the identical one he had lost twenty years before and vainly searched for. The dollar it contained when lost was still concealed in its folds.

—Business on the New York Central at Houtzdale, has picked up to such an extent that it was necessary to mark up four extra crews, which makes nearly thirty crews at that place at present. The officials are predicting that one of the busiest winters in the history of the road.

—Robert Brooks, of Elton, Cambria county, aged 42 years, a negro, died Sunday night at Johnstown Memorial hospital, from a gunshot wound said to have been sustained late Saturday night after an argument with John Shepherd, over a board bill. Shepherd is still at liberty.

—Butler county's first hog raising contest closed with a hog roast and the awarding of prizes offered by the Progressive Farmers' club for the best hog raised. Thirty pigs were registered and the credit for raising the biggest one went to an 8-year-old boy, Ray Powell, son of the president of the club.

—Seventy-five men employed in the Westover tannery walked out a few days ago, not being satisfied with a five per cent. increase in wages. They wanted more pay and shorter hours. The places of the strikers have been taken by men brought from Pittsburgh. Sheriff McCloskey has detailed deputies to maintain order.

—The Woman's Club of State College and the Pennsylvania State College have united in an invitation to the State Federation of Women's Clubs to meet there next fall for its annual convention. The invitation will be considered when a committee representing the federation meets to decide next year's meeting place.

—It is announced that a settlement has been effected in the suit of Miss Bertha Lewis, stenographer, against W. I. Stinson, the South Fork coal operator, of Johnstown, for damages in the sum of \$50,000 for breach of promise. It is reported that Miss Lewis compromised on a sum of between \$10,000 and \$17,000.

—Former Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, who is a member of the State Public Service Commission and who met with an accident recently, in which he broke his right arm, has a new accomplishment. He has learned to write with his left hand, having practiced the art while housed up by his injury. He is past 70.

—Mrs. John Torrence, aged 23, of Uniontown on Monday selected a terrible death for herself. Going into a back room in her home she saturated her clothing with kerosene oil and then applied a match. Although her husband arrived within a few minutes, he found her clothing burned off and her body charred. She died a short time later. It is supposed Mrs. Torrence became unbalanced mentally.

—Announcement is made of the proposed resumption of operations at Marshall furnace, at Newport. The furnace is the only one left in Perry county, which 50 or 60 years ago was one of the big iron producers. The Marshall furnace was formerly called Juniata furnace and was built in 1871. It is the sole survivor of a number of noted furnaces of which Duncannon, Montebello, Oak Grove, Laura and Caroline are best remembered.

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—In court at Chambersburg on Monday evidence was taken to show that Jacob Musselman, living near Mercersburg, although married twenty years ago, insisted on being married a second and third time. His wife, to please him, went to Hagerstown and they were joined in wedlock the second time. For a while Musselman was satisfied. Then he wanted the knot tied the third time. An investigation showed that illness had caused his mind to become unbalanced. J. U. Paffenberger was appointed as his guardian. The Musselmans have nine children.

—James Best and his son, Merrill, of Milton R. D. 33, had a narrow escape from death when attacked by an infuriated bull several days ago. The animal broke the chain which held it in the barn and battered its way through the door and the barnyard gate. It charged Best's grandson, who was playing in the yard, but the boy escaped to the house. It then attacked the two men who ran from the field and seriously injured them. They would undoubtedly have been killed had not the family dog attacked the beast and given the man a chance to escape. Angus Fairchilds, a neighbor, was summoned by telephone and brought his gun, making a hurry trip in his automobile. When the machine approached the bull charged it but a single shot from the gun, fired at close range, ended its mad career.