

INK SLINGS.

Counting the last two days of last week and the first three of this week...

With steel common back on the dividend list there are a lot of people who have been wearing long faces since last October...

Col. HOUSE has arrived in Paris and the French news writers are all mad because they could get nothing out of him but monosyllabic replies...

With gasoline at twenty-four cents the gallon the fellow who doesn't own a motor hasn't had the delightful sensation of worrying because JOHN D. and the other oil magnates are adding their little mite to the high cost of riding.

The Governor has granted a respite, until the week of February 21st, for PENNINGTON and MARCH, the Delaware county murderers...

The Hon. ELLIS L. ORVIS has announced that he is a candidate for delegate from this Congressional District to the Democratic National convention in St. Louis...

The Hon. CHARLES E. PATTON, Secretary of Agriculture for Pennsylvania, has announced in his weekly press bulletin that there is "no cause for increasing lime prices."

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Col. J. L. SPANGLER is a receptive candidate for member of the State committee for Centre county. Some time ago the WATCHMAN published a rumor that was abroad to the effect that the Colonel had such aspirations...

At present rate of progress England will get a big army into the field within fifty years and in the nature of things the Kaiser will be dead long before that time.

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Brumbaugh's Absurd Balderdash.

Governor BRUMBAUGH has issued a statement expressing his ideas on the national campaign. It is made up of glittering generalities and palpable absurdities.

After a few samples of such flamboyant absurdity the Governor, in his statement, resorts to ordinary mendacity. He declares that his party "has enacted all the substantially good legislation, State and National, in the educational advance of the country."

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Crime Against the United States.

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Belleville is badly in need of houses for laboring men and mechanics. Houses that can be had for a moderate rent. While the demand at present is not so great yet there is every reason to believe that within the next year the demand will be far in excess of the supply.

Belgium will remain at war "until Prussia is crushed," according to information from that unhappy victim of circumstances. Unless Great Britain "gets a move on," Belgium will continue in the war until the end of time.

There are four million automobiles in operation in this country and the average price of the machines is \$814.00. In case all other resources fail the automobile is an asset worth while.

President Wilson's Western Tour.

The President has started upon his tour of the Middle West, his purpose being to personally appeal to the people for support of his plans for strengthening the defensive equipment of the country.

This mission of the President is one of great importance. The administration is up against a grave condition. There are two elements of opposition, influenced by diametrically opposite purposes, but equally disconcerting.

The tour upon which the President has entered will cover a considerable area. He will speak at Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City, besides delivering short talks at points en route.

Representative MANN, the Republican floor leader in Congress made a stirring appeal to men of all parties to support the President in whatever preparedness plans he may have.

Wireless Station at High School.

How many people in Bellefonte know that at the High school there is a wireless station fitted out entirely by the boys of the school. Every evening they receive radio-grams from Arlington, Virginia; Brooklyn Navy Yard, and other places.

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Nagging the President.

Of course the Republican Senators expect to gain a vast party advantage by nagging the administration upon its Mexican policy. Their action is likely to plunge the country into an expensive and cruel war, but that doesn't deter them.

In his treatment of foreign affairs President WILSON has revealed the highest standard of statesmanship. With respect to the unhappy situation in Mexico he has been as wise as he has been patient.

How different was the action of the Democratic Senators when President McKINLEY was in an analogous situation as the Spanish war was approaching?

Odd Fellows to Celebrate.

The ninety-seventh anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in the United States will be celebrated in Bellefonte on Wednesday, April 26th.

Booming Their Town.

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, 140 members strong, with a band of twenty-four pieces, will make a trip through the central part of the State about the middle of February for the purpose of booming the capitol city in a business way.

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Some Home Lessons.

From the Philadelphia Record. Americans are rightfully indignant over the killing of their fellow-citizens in Mexico, but would it not be well to expect some of this indignation in quarters nearer home?

It was not long ago at Roosevelt, N. J., that some armed thugs shot down in cold blood a number of Hungarians and Poles, not Americans who had been guilty of no serious offense.

Some Startling Figures.

From the Johnstown Democrat. We are told upon the high authority of Mr. S. W. Strauss, president of the American Society for Thrift, that in the United States 66 out of every 100 people that die leave no estate whatever;

Who think that it will be easy to defeat President Wilson. Who badger or belittle the Weeks candidacy, which is serving a good purpose in the strategy of the situation.

Who think that the country can be carried against the labor and socialist vote, on the bald issue of preparedness.

Who attach any significance to the Colonel's declaration that he is not a candidate, or fail to remember that he has declared his willingness to support Justice Hughes.

There are others, but Republican prospects will be vastly improved when these are exterminated.

The Matter of Mails.

Our mails are being delayed and interrupted by British ships, but we are lacking in information as to just how much of this interference is repugnant to the letter and spirit of The Hague convention.

Everybody to Their Taste.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Only a very rich man could have as much fun with politics as George W. Perkins. Some millionaires would want to accumulate paintings or endow colleges.

Is There a New Coon in Town?

A new black gentleman's glove, never worn, was found on East Howard street on Monday. Owner can secure same from Mrs. Richard Lutz.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Miss Carrie Moyer, of Macungie, who gained much fame as a baseball pitcher a few years ago, has resigned the principalship of that town.

William Rowe, a well known citizen of Du Bois and the last tax collector under the borough form of government, is dead, aged 64 years.

Charles M. Dreisbach, of Rittersville, started divorce proceedings with the names of only five co-respondents, not being able to recall the names of the others.

The Cambria county Commissioners were forced to borrow \$10,000 last Monday to carry on the business of the county. The loan will cost 5 per cent interest, too.

The Bethlehem Steel company has purchased the Titusville Forge company's plant at Titusville and awarded contracts for \$300,000 worth of construction and improvements to be made.

Over \$500 has been subscribed to a fund for the relief of Mrs. Myra Warden, of Punxsutawney, whose two daughters were burned to death in a fire that destroyed her home a week ago.

Christian Herr, aged 83, of Latrobe, and Mrs. Mary E. Fowley, aged 62, of Blairsville, were united in marriage at Blairsville and have retired to their farm near Indiana, where they will make their home the remainder of their lives.

The State highway district composed of Warren, McKean, Erie and Forest counties has been notified that the State will allot that district \$7.5 million for the 900 miles of state dirt highways to be maintained during the coming summer.

The Fort Pitt Powder company at Kittanning, is about to change hands and become an instrument for the manufacture of war material. A syndicate has taken options on the stock and is expected to exercise the privileges in a short time.

Some excitement was created in Clearfield a few mornings ago by the discovery on the top of the foot of a boy aged about 14 years. It was finally concluded that the foot had been thrown there by some physician who has saved it off and had no further use for it.

Harry Callahan, a chauffeur of Philadelphia, was struck by a train while crossing a track at Hawk Run on Wednesday and dragged 100 yards before he fell out of his seat and rolled down a steep embankment. He had two ribs broken and the machine he drove was a total wreck.

There were 120 applicants for final citizenship papers before Judge Bell in naturalization court at Clearfield last week and nearly every one of them passed the examining questions put to them by the court and the special federal examiner from the Department of Commerce and Labor.

A jury sitting inquest over the remains of Boyd Galbreath, found buried to a corpse in his shanty near Caldwell Furnace, Armstrong county, has brought a verdict of "murder at the hands of unknown persons."

The climax of a white slave drama was enacted in Bedford on Tuesday when four men who were charged with stealing the wife and money belonging to Stephen Kanci, were arrested and placed under \$300 bail for a court trial. Kanci is a Russian laborer employed at the Riddlesburg furnace.

Fire which was discovered at 5:45 o'clock Sunday evening completely destroyed the \$30,000 public school building at Wilcox, five miles west of Johnstown, Elk county, in less than an hour's time. Nothing in the building with the exception of a few desks was saved. Insurance of \$22,000 was carried on the building.

The Moshannon Coal company, of which Congressman Charles H. Rowland, representative of this congressional district, is the chief holder, has announced that within the next six months it expects to open an operation in the vicinity of Philipsburg that will give work to several hundred men a day and ship from five to seven hundred tons of coal daily.

When a portion of the roof of mine No. 30, operated by the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Co., at Patton, caved in last Saturday afternoon, James Warner was killed and John Rowland sustained serious injuries. The accident occurred shortly after the night men had gone to work. Four were stationed within a few feet of the "cave in," but Warner was directly beneath it.

After beating the guard, Harry Orr, who was unconvicted, three prisoners in the Westmoreland county jail at Greensburg, Charles Douglas, Arthur Stevens and Arthur Gelbraski, escaped from durance vile and two of them are still at liberty. Douglas, a black, is a murderer; Stevens, also colored, is charged with rape and Gelbraski with highway robbery. Stevens was recaptured at Jeannette.

Ransom Burdick, McKean county's oldest inhabitant and one of the most remarkable old men in the State, celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alvera Gallup, at Norwich Corners Sunday, January 16th. In honor of this event Mrs. Gallup had issued a large number of invitations to relatives and friends to be present at a reception for her father Sunday afternoon.

Early on Friday morning dynamiters blew up the new Mormon church in Buck valley, Fulton county, which was to have been dedicated on Sunday. Blood-hounds were placed on the trail, but no trace of the dynamiters could be secured. The church had been in course of erection for some time and was nearing completion, being ready for the plasterers. The congregation had about forty members, all living in the vicinity of Buck valley.

The business section of Galeton, Potter county, was wiped out by fire early Wednesday morning, January 16th. The flames started in a clothing store and spread through two blocks, destroying the Opera House, the Methodist church, the Central Hotel and a large hardware store. Many other buildings also were burned. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The water supply was low because residents had turned on their spigots on Tuesday night to prevent frozen pipes.

Robert L. Auten, Jr., a Sunbury newsboy, was walking along the main street of the borough last Thursday when he saw a big pocket-book on the pavement. Picking it up, he found it crammed with bills and notes and took it to Oliver L. Drumheller, a hotel man, who was then talking with James L. Kremer, a Pittsburgh traveling man who was frantically telling of his loss. Kremer gave the boy \$150. The pocket-book contained \$1,000 dollars and valuable records.

A fire which broke out in the composing rooms of the Public Spirit, Clearfield, about 10 o'clock Wednesday night, practically destroyed the building. The printing outfit, owned by Matt Savage was completely destroyed as was also a tailoring establishment and a photographic gallery. A department store on the first floor was badly damaged. The loss will reach nearly \$50,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. We sympathize with Editor Savage in his serious loss, as he carried no insurance.

Hot bricks applied by his wife to cure an attack of paralysis caused the death of William Daberko, 78 of Meyersdale. After the couple had refused medical aid for some time, a constable forced entrance to the room in which Daberko lay ill and found him half naked on the bed, his left side burned half an inch deep by hot bricks which his wife applied. Daberko died several days after being found.

About twelve years ago he was attacked by burglars and struck on the head with an ax. After lingering at death's door for a long time he recovered.