

INK SLINGS.

In just thirty-two days the first day of spring will be here.

One thing nice about the appearance of spring. It sounds the knell of parting curses for the steam heat service.

Our Tylersville correspondent tells us that "JOHN DAY, of Rebersburg, has welcomed his twelfth child and the family is rejoicing at the new arrival."

The two wonderfully brilliant stars that have been hanging so close together just after sunset in the western Heavens are Jupiter and Venus.

Preparedness really doesn't mean getting ready to lick anybody. It means taking a few lessons in the manly art so that we are ready to give the other fellow a run for his money when he tries to lick us.

All the unmarried men in England are to be called to the colors. That is all under the age of 41. It is take a wife or a rifle for the bachelors over there and, we presume, some of them would about as soon take chances with the one as the other.

It looks to us as if Germany were right in taking the view that merchant vessels carrying guns should be regarded as war ships. If they don't expect to fight something why the guns, since they don't need them for self defense.

It took Sunday's flawless snow and the perfect atmosphere of a clear winter day to reveal how many houses in Bellefonte are badly in the need of freshening up with a coat of paint.

As HERBERT KAUFFMAN says: If you demand payment for every second of your time see that you give your employer an equivalent return for every second he pays you for.

If the Commonwealth takes over the Centre and Kishacoquillas turnpike the county will pay one-fourth of the cost. On the basis established by State Highway Commissioner CUNNINGHAM, upon the occasion of his visit here on Wednesday, it would be a good investment.

When one kid stands on the opposite side of the street from the one you have employed to shovel the snow off of fifty foot of pavement and tells him he is a fool for taking the job for less than fifty cents, when you have offered twenty-five for the work, there is the beginning of the unrest and unreasonableness that leads to the strikes and labor troubles that are becoming more and more troublesome in this country.

This week last year was like spring. The streets had been cleaned and the first robin had put in its appearance. This week in 1914 was bitter cold. On the night of Friday, February 13th, 1914, sixteen inches of snow fell, the thermometer registered zero and there wasn't a night until the 28th when the mercury didn't fall below zero and on the 24th it registered from 8 to 32 degrees below in different parts of the county.

Up to this minute this Congressional District has shown no disposition to put more aspirants in the field for the honor of being delegate to the coming Democratic national convention at St. Louis. Why should it? The two already announced, the Hon. ELLIS L. ORVIS, of Bellefonte, and JOHN SHORT Esq., of Clearfield, fulfill the requirement as to number, and, surely, that man is not alive who would have the temerity to say that they would not make very creditable delegates.

President SPARKS, of The Pennsylvania State College, suggests that the government might take greater advantage of the opportunities offered at that institution for training young men to become capable army officers should an emergency require the services of men with the equipment necessary to command. Some of the fundamentals of modern warfare the Penn State boys have already reduced to an exact science. For example: They no sooner enter that great institution until they start "digging in." And after they have been there four years they all have splendid practice in "digging out" again.

RICHARD W. WILLIAMSON, of Huntingdon, has set out to win the Republican nomination for Congress in the Seventeenth District of Pennsylvania. BENJ. K. FOCHT, of Lewisburg, represents the district at present and is a candidate for renomination. Dick is an old State College grad and a hustler who is likely to make FOCHT step some in the eight counties that comprise the Seventeenth. It is a Republican fight and among them he is. An interesting sidelight is thrown on the situation, however, when it is known that Mr. FOCHT has ever been a PENROSE pet while DICK WILLIAMSON enters the contest from the home county of Governor BRUMBAUGH.

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Secretary Garrison's Resignation.

No recent even has caused more profound regret than the resignation of Secretary GARRISON. The entire country had come to the opinion that Mr. GARRISON was peculiarly adapted to the service of that Department of the government and nothing had transpired to indicate even the slightest disagreement between the President and the Secretary.

The differences between the President and the late Secretary of War were not upon public policies nor as Mr. GARRISON imagined, fundamental. They were purely temperamental. A strong man physically and mentally, Mr. GARRISON had come to the belief that he was entitled to his own way and that opposition was enmity.

Under the circumstances Mr. GARRISON wanted the President to coerce Congress into acquiescence. The attempt to do that would have been a dangerous usurpation of power and if successful a perilous violation of the fundamental law of the country.

Mr. GARRISON as a servant of the people had no right to insist upon methods to which Congress is opposed. It was his privilege as Secretary of War, to suggest legislation and recommend policies. But Congress is responsible to the people for all legislation and under the constitution is entirely independent of the executive branch of the government.

The letter of President WILSON to the Secretary of State of Ohio, giving consent to the use of his name as a candidate for the Presidential nomination, is exactly what was expected by his friends, alike in form and substance. WOODROW WILSON is not willing to "enter into any contest" for the nomination. He will not strive to procure votes in the convention or solicit support for the nomination. But he will accept the favor if it comes to him free from taint and without the burden of obligation.

It is not likely that there will be any opposition to his nomination in any part of the country. In so far as it was possible, he has fulfilled every obligation put upon him by his election four years ago. Some of the improvements in government and reforms in methods which he has undertaken are not completed. There has not been sufficient time to overcome the opposition and accomplish the changes. But that is a reason why he should be renominated and re-elected. It will give him an opportunity to finish the work begun in the way it was planned and secure to the public the benefits contemplated. He ought to have no opposition either for nomination or election.

Of course certain selfish politicians will invent an opposition to his nomination in order to create a claim upon his friendship after his re-election. Four years ago there wasn't enough opposition to his nomination in Pennsylvania to carry an election precinct. But political charlatans managed to extract from his election a seat in his Cabinet, an Ambassadorship and a lot of other lucrative offices under the false pretense that they overcame a formidable force banded together to defeat him.

The Republican Squabble.

Attorney General FRANCIS SHUNK BROWN treats the PENROSE element of his party rather contemptuously. Upon his return to Harrisburg from Philadelphia, the other day, he was asked about the relative chances of the announced candidates for Auditor General and replied there is only one candidate for the Republican nomination for that office.

Senator SNYDER who is now in the enjoyment of two offices is widely known throughout the State. He is now serving his second term in the State Senate and had previously served three terms in the House of Representatives. For several sessions he has been Chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary local, commonly known as the "pickling committee," and of the highest importance from a political view point.

At the time that Attorney General BROWN ventured his prediction he had just returned from a conference with the VARES, MAYOR SMITH and others of the BRUMBAUGH faction and probably expressed the opinions of all those amateur politicians. They imagine that PENROSE will not make a fight but will take what he can get from the new masters in the matter of delegates to the National convention.

Speaker CLARK made short shrift of the gossip about displacing Mr. KITCHEN from the floor leadership because he is opposed to one of the policies of the President. Among Democrats the liberty of thought is inalienable and all the punishment which will be inflicted upon KITCHEN will be the revelation of his unimportance.

The organization of a ROOSEVELT contingent in the Republican party of Massachusetts has inspired the friends of the Colonel in Pennsylvania to activity. At no time within the last two years has there been a moment when the hope of seizing the Republican nomination has been absent from ROOSEVELT'S mind.

In the spring of 1914 ROOSEVELT began maneuvering to seize the Republican nomination this year. At that time he declared that the party would be obliged to nominate him because he is the only man who could "rip WOODROW WILSON to pieces." Immediately after that he started on a tour of the West and at every stopping place traduced the President. Yet within a few months the stupid or venal managers of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, after making a corrupt bargain with Boss FLINN, of Pittsburgh, financed a tour of this State for ROOSEVELT in order that the "ripping" of the President might be enjoyed here.

With any other candidate than ROOSEVELT on the Republican ticket WOODROW WILSON will be elected next November by a practically unanimous vote of the electoral colleges. Without the impulse which the 1914 episode gave ROOSEVELT, he would not have the ghost of a show for the Republican nomination. As it is, he may succeed in his attempt to seize it. Republicans in Pennsylvania are seriously considering a proposition to turn toward him as an expedient to defeat PENROSE. The VARES have no other present ambition in politics and are restrained by no conscience or principle. Therefore if ROOSEVELT is nominated he can thank the stupid or venal Democratic leaders of Pennsylvania.

Senator Root's Ambition.

That Senator ROOT, of New York, has not given up his ambition to become the Republican candidate for President is clearly revealed in his speech in the New York State convention on Tuesday. In a recent interview Colonel ROOSEVELT had declared that he is for "anybody to beat WILSON." As if in response to that invitation to come within the ROOSEVELT favor, Mr. ROOT proceeds to assail the President from every angle and even goes beyond ROOSEVELT in the vengeance of his denunciation.

It is not surprising that Senator ROOT should assail the tariff policy of the Democratic party and the President as expressed in the UNDERWOOD law for he has been for more than a third of a century the star lawyer of the tariff mongers and the principal defender in the courts of the tariff grafters. But his criticism of the President's policies with respect to Mexico and the European belligerents is most astonishing.

So far as the European war is concerned Senator ROOT simply, in a feeble way, asserts the sentiments which ROOSEVELT has so frequently and so absurdly declared. The invasion of Belgium ought to have been resisted by our government, he says, though there is no more reason for such an action than there would be for the invasion of Canada or the conquest of one of the South American republics.

Lovers of astronomy witnessed a beautiful sight on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights when the two brilliant planets, Jupiter and Venus, shone forth in all their glory in the southwestern sky. They were visible until after nine o'clock when they disappeared below the horizon. They were in conjunction for the first time in two years at three o'clock on Monday morning, although not visible here. This is the last time these two planets will come in conjunction for ten years.

The main trouble with the limestone industries in this section now is the shortage of labor. The Whitecock quarries are badly in need of a big force of men and on Monday the American Lime and Stone company sent Perry Cole to Lockport, N. Y., to see about a bunch of Italian laborers reported there. This shortage is no doubt due to the war in Europe, as thousands of Italians have left Pennsylvania to go back to the old country and join the colors.

The fight against the confirmation of BEANDEIS for Justice of the Supreme court continues with increasing bitterness and the funny thing about it is that the corporations are getting the trust-busters to perform the work.

Those suffragettes who appealed to Congressmen through St. Valentine verses may have had a lot of fun but wasted their time. Poetry doesn't appeal to practical statesmen and besides the verses were not poetry.

It is reported that a ghost has been seen, recently, in the corridors of the capitol. Probably "Gussie" GARDNER has clothed his war horse in a sheet.

Some of the tariff mongers appear to be afraid that after the war foreign goods will be offered to the people of this country free of charge.

Ground-hog or no ground-hog cold weather is seasonable for a few weeks after the first of February and there is no kick coming.

The invasion of Canada by the Germans of New York is probably a pipe-dream of one of the ultra pacifists. When the labor vote hits Speaker AMBLER he will think a Kansas cyclone is like a gentle zephyr. If iron crosses were currency the Kaiser would have an easy way of paying the war expenses.

MODESTY.

By Frank Simpson, Huntington, W. Va. When every pool in Eden was a mirror, That unto Eve her dainty charms proclaimed, She went undraped without a single fear Or thought that she had need to be ashamed.

'Twas only when she'd eaten of the apple That she became inclined to be a prude, And found that evermore she'd have to grapple With the much-debated problem of the nude.

Reaction's come about in fashions, recent, Now girls conceal so little from the men, It would seem, in the name of all that's decent, Some one ought to pass the apples round again.

To Make a West Point of State College.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. The suggestion attributed to Governor Brumbaugh, and said to have met with the approval of Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, president of Pennsylvania State College, that the military training at that institution be developed in a way to produce men just as capable of officering the Army as the men educated at West Point, harmonizes well with the general trend of opinion that the nation should prepare adequately to defend itself in the event of possible war.

State College doubtless could be made to produce just as good officers as West Point if the same careful selection of candidates for military honors were made for the Pennsylvania institution as is made for the Academy on the Hudson, and if West Point discipline and a faculty of Army officers of the same high calibre as those at the Point were introduced at State College. The placing of State College on the same high plane of efficiency in military instruction could be accomplished, however, only by making facilities for such instruction just as good as those at the Point. This, of course, would require a complete readjustment of the faculty and equipment of the Pennsylvania institution, which would cost a lot of money both for introduction of the necessary innovations and for their maintenance after being introduced.

At any rate, even if the plan of instruction at State is not by some such arrangement put on the same high plane of military efficiency as that at the United States Military Academy, it can be improved along military lines in a way to make State College graduates better equipped to become officers in the Army, should occasion require, than is the graduate of the ordinary college where military tactics are taught, even if the State College graduates do not, at the time of graduation, come up to the standard of West Point graduates. This much doubtless could be accomplished with no very great additional expense to the Pennsylvania taxpayers, and under such a plan the Pennsylvania institution could produce military men who, after additional training in actual army service, would stand a good chance of developing ultimately into just as good officers as West Point produces.

When a Tip's Not a Tip. From the Altoona Times. It was very nice of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, when she was in Des Moines on the President's speaking tour, to give two waitresses five dollars apiece. But she got those girls into trouble and thereby inspired a curious legal interpretation.

It is illegal to give tips in Iowa. It would have been just as illegal to give those waitresses a nickel apiece as to give them five dollar bills. The size of the tips, however, made it seem wise for the authorities to take cognizance of the matter when the offense became known. The case was submitted to the Attorney General for an opinion, and he made this ruling, worthy of Solomon himself: If Mrs. Wilson gave the waitresses those five dollar gold pieces as souvenirs, well and good. But if the donations were intended as tips, they must be returned to Mrs. Wilson or the recipients must submit to a fine. And the girls themselves are left to determine the precise nature of the gift. If they keep the money it's a souvenir; if they spend it, it's a tip.

It's safe to say that the tips are souvenirs. Evidently Have Sense of Humor. From the Chicago News. Senator Sherman has been endorsed by Illinois Republicans for the Presidential nomination, and his supporters insist that he now looks more like Lincoln than ever.

Unless It's His Swan Song! From the Columbia State. The New York Sun observes wistfully that it has never heard Col. Roosevelt sing. Sh-h-h! man, sh-h-h! For heaven's sake, don't start anything!

Cat's Got His Tongue. From the Anaconda Standard. Col. House doesn't strike the European diplomats as a bonehead exactly, but they can't help regarding him as a poor conversationalist.

Won't Be Too Proud to Lick T. R. From the Detroit Free Press. If T. R. keeps on he'll have President Wilson mad enough to fight.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

C. P. Stewart, a prominent resident of Tyre township, Perry county, paid a fine of \$50 and costs to the amount of \$8.52 the other day for selling eggs that were not fresh.

The war on the measles outbreak in Somerset county is believed to have had its effect, as only a few cases were reported last week. The epidemic at South Fork also has been stamped out.

Typhoid fever is prevalent in DuBois. The first death from the disease occurred last Saturday evening, when Mrs. Michael Bush passed away. Her 11-year-old daughter Arlene is ill from the same terrible disease.

Measles continue to worry Johnstown juveniles. Last week registered an increase of nineteen cases, the total number for the week footing up 119 cases, while a number under quarantine two days ago was 23.

Perry county has a sensation in the arrest of Howard D. Saylor, aged 43 and married, on the charge of abducting Stella May Harter, aged 15. The couple have been absent from Perry county about a month and were arrested in Pittsburgh.

All the pool room proprietors of DuBois have been notified by the mayor of that city that gambling and gambling devices must stop. They must also keep tabs on the ages of their patrons. Such a rule in Bellefonte may be needed.

James Gigliotti, a Johnstown man, charged with violating the new child labor law, admitted his guilt but indignantly declined to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, assessed by the alderman who heard the case. He was remanded to the city prison.

Only the tottering walls of the Williamsport Paper company, located at Williamsport, remain standing as the result of a destructive fire Saturday evening. The stock and machinery burned were valued at \$100,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

William Felton, aged 60, a resident of Seward, Indiana county, was found Monday morning sitting against a pile of ties along the Pennsylvania railroad, frozen to death. It is believed he was under the influence of liquor Sunday night and sat down to rest or sleep.

George H. Hush, of Grampan, on the 9th inst. filed a suit in the Clearfield county court against the Harbison-Walker Refractories Co. for \$20,000 damages claiming that he sustained permanent injuries several months ago in an accident at their Stronach plant.

Howard Leonard, a 17-year-old resident of Williamsport, was found early Sunday morning lying face downward in the snow, stupefied from drink, and would certainly have frozen to death had it not been for the active exertions of the good Samaritans who found him.

The trials of the four men suspected of murdering John Rowles, at Clearfield on the night of January 31st, will begin at Clearfield on February 28, as will also the trial of Andrew Kitko, of Madera, indicted for the killing of Andrew J. Bloom, at the latter place on January 23.

Dalton Williams, mailing clerk at the Johnstown Democrat, was found dead in his room Tuesday afternoon. Death was due to suffocation by fumes of a gas stove burning in the room without any ventilation. He was 22 years old and is survived by his wife and one child.

Charged with having plotted to smuggle saws into the Westmoreland county jail, at Greensburg, Earl Weaver and George Davis who gave their residence as Latrobe, have been arrested. They are now in jail themselves, but the two saws carried by Davis were taken from him.

Five hogs, weighing a total of 1,500 pounds, and six small shoats were shot at the Odd Fellows' orphanage near Sunbury, Monday of this week by the superintendent, E. E. Chubbuck, after Dr. Edward P. Althouse, veterinary surgeon of Sunbury, had examined the herd and pronounced the eleven hogs to be suffering with cholera.

Judge Bell at Clearfield on Friday afternoon on a \$1500 bond released John Jacobs, of Bardsman, on charge of assault, with intent to kill. It will be remembered that Jacobs, while under the influence of alcohol, shot John Mosart in mistake for another man. The physician attending Mosart testified that the wounded man was out of danger and would recover.

A raise of 15 cents per day has been granted by the Elk Tanning company in all of its plants. The raise goes to all men who are not employed by the month or on salary. The Elk Tanning company operates about twenty refineries in adjoining counties and about three thousand men are affected by the increase, which was made voluntarily and is effective from February 1st.

South Fork had an early morning fire Tuesday which revealed a perilous state of affairs. Next door to the burning frame tenement house was another frame structure containing half a carload of dynamite, powder and dynamite caps. Firemen and others, at the risk of their lives, carried the dangerous stuff to a place of safety. Had it exploded nearby every building in South Fork would have been damaged.

On Saturday evening the bodies of two of the fifty elk shipped to Pennsylvania from Montana to stock the State preserve at State Run, were cut up, and distributed Sunday among the charitable institutions of Williamsport. The elk had been lassoed together and in taking them out of the car began to drag and both were strangled. The drove of elk arrived at the preserve in good order and will undoubtedly thrive.

Apparently flushed with his victory at Clearfield the other day, when a Clearfield county jury imbued with the native son spirit acquitted them of all charges preferred by Sheriff Mulhollen, of Cambria county, members of the Oshall family are now out to collect damages from different people. Sheriff Mulhollen and E. G. Miller, an Ebensburg constable, have been sued for \$5,000 damages by two girls of the family.

Oscar B. Miller, aged 45 years, of Clearfield, while pushing out a car load of clay from the mine of the Patterson brick works, near the former place, on Friday afternoon, was fatally injured by a fall of rock. He was removed at once to the Clearfield hospital, where he died on Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. The rock fell from the roof just as he reached the mouth of the mine, breaking an arm and causing serious internal injuries.

Twenty-five dead, three missing, four injured and two rescuers overcome by aftershock, is the toll of the explosion which wrecked the interior of the Ernest mine No. 2, of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron company, of Ernest, six miles south of Indiana, Friday. The explosion was terrific and the twenty-five bodies brought out of the mine were so badly mangled that identification in most cases was impossible, except by checks given the employees by the company. Mining engineers say the force of the blast was greater than any they have investigated in Pennsylvania heretofore.

The federal authorities at Detroit, Mich., a few days ago, arrested John A. Duke, formerly of Clearfield, on the charge of embezzling \$4,000 from the Clearfield National bank. He was given a hearing and DuBois friends gave bail in the sum of \$2,500 for his appearance at the March term of the United States court. Duke's whereabouts were known to Clearfield people for some time, but the case has been entirely in the hands of the federal officers. He was a paying teller at the bank, well known and popular, and when he disappeared last June, with his accounts short \$4,000, it was a great shock to his friends and the community generally.