

INK SLINGS.

"The first President of Ireland" is wounded and in prison where he is probably humming TOM BEAVER'S favorite ditty that winds up with: "What the h— else could we do."

The chewing gum habit is said to be costing this country twenty-five million dollars a year. It is money well spent, however, when we reflect that millions who are placidly chewing gum would otherwise be obnoxiously chewing the rag.

The hard coal miners are to receive an increase of 15 per cent. in pay and the eight hour day during the next four years. We, the consumers, of course pay the increase and if that isn't one form of taxation without representation, what is it?

It is some circus that is coming to Bellefonte on May 31st. It has been a long time since Bellefonte has had a real big circus and when we tell you that the one that is on the way is next to the largest one that has ever shown in Bellefonte it is a mere statement of fact and not an advertisement of the show.

Governor BRUMBAUGH in one breath declares he is not a candidate for anything and in another says vote for me. Of course a man who can forget so readily ought not to be held to accountability for having overlooked that little matter of the OLIVER check when he was making up the statement of his campaign expenses.

Uncle CEPHAS GRAMLEY has the Hon. HARRY SCOTT on the go anyway. Just when we thought there was to be nothing to their fight for legislative preferment the county is flooded with GRAMLEY literature and the Hon. HARRY begins to post his handsome "phiz" in every store window and on every telephone pole he can find.

ROLAND MORRIS has decided that he doesn't want to be State chairman of the Democratic party any longer and will not stand for re-election. The party is to be congratulated. Mr. MORRIS knew nothing about politics when he was catapulted into the position, he learned nothing from experience and does his party his greatest service by declining to longer rattle round in a chair he was not equipped to fill.

The New York Tribune and the Colonel both think that anybody who undertakes to make the tariff an issue in the coming presidential campaign is crazy. The Tribune is the leading Republican paper of America. The Colonel is well, you know him as well as we do. We quote the Tribune, however, for the benefit of a few gentlemen of our acquaintance who will be shouting tariff next fall just the same as if they really were what the Tribune now declares they must be.

District Attorney JACKSON, of Allegheny county, has a splendid idea. He has suggested the deportation of all the foreigners who were engaged in the riots at the EDGAR THOMPSON works in Braddock, on Tuesday. If he is really serious in the suggestion the WATCHMAN is with him. The sooner we give the hordes of illiterate foreigners who are crowding our shores a stern object lesson, the better. We give them welcome to our land but we do not give them license to ruin and wreck where they cannot rule. Every last one of them ought to be herded on a boat in the most convenient harbor, provisioned for a thirty day trip and headed for some sea lane where submarines and mines are thickest. Labor has a perfect right to refuse to work when wages or working conditions are not acceptable, but whether it be American or foreign, it has no right to destroy property or to interfere with the work of those who are satisfied with their conditions.

The WATCHMAN does not propose to take an active part in the contest between Mr. LIEBEL and A. MITCHELL PALMER for the position of National Committeeman for Pennsylvania. It does not believe that either one of them should have aspired to the position at this time. But the WATCHMAN does propose to call your attention to the hypocritical pretensions of Mr. PALMER and his supporters. The effort to cover up PALMER'S disastrous conduct of the Pennsylvania Democracy and hide it under President WILSON'S coat tail is as dishonest an undertaking as we have ever witnessed in state politics. Every Democrat is for President WILSON and his nomination is not hinging on the action of the Democrats of Pennsylvania in the matter of selecting their National Committeeman. So far as the Democrats of Centre county are concerned they all know, without our telling them, just what has happened to the party in Centre county. They know that not since Mr. PALMER has been in control has Centre county received any support from the state organization and they know that every important appointment that has been made in Centre county was made as a reward for personal service to PALMER, rather than for the up-building of the party organization in this county. He has been arrogant, selfish and vindictive and if he is chosen National Committeeman again the breach in the Democracy of Pennsylvania will be made wider.

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Governor Brumbaugh's Absurd Idea.

Our heart bleeds for BRUMBAUGH. He opened his campaign for President in Easton on Tuesday evening and before a meagre audience of disinterested citizens presented a few specimens of "lamentations" which made the late JEREMIAH look like "a piker." The reasons for his grief are he declared, "in the conditions that will confront the United States after the present period of 'artificial prosperity' had passed." He is mortally afraid, he solemnly stated, "that conditions would so change that mechanics would not be able to earn a living wage, and that the European nations, even those now warring on one another, may combine in a commercial alliance to obtain possession of the two billions of gold now in the national treasury by sending cheap goods into the United States."

My, my, Governor! "Have a heart," Don't consign the American continent to such a depth of despond. With a soil of unequalled fertility, an area of almost immeasurable proportions, educational facilities far beyond the dreams of any other people in the world, a genius for work and matchless industry, we ought to be able to compete in commercial strife with the bunch of poverty stricken cripples which will survive the war in the zone of present turbulence on the other side of the sea. We may and presumably will, get cheaper products both at home and abroad but with a reasonable measure of fortitude a decrease in the cost of living may be endured for a brief period or until we have adjusted ourselves to the new conditions. Don't fall down before you are hurt.

The Governor also vigorously denounced the present war tax, according to the newspaper reports of his speech, "and declared that this revenue should be derived from goods imported from competing countries." The beginning of the war marked the complete cessation of imports and even now, twenty months later, commerce on the water is hazardous and practically nil. Will Governor BRUMBAUGH dig up out of the bowels of his stupidity an idea of how it would be possible to collect revenues from imports when there are no imports or sufficient funds to keep the machinery of government in motion while imports are negligible. The truth is that Governor BRUMBAUGH has simply revealed his ignorance of economic principles and his unfitness for public service.

The German crisis is looking a little more serious than it was this time last week.

Anthracite Coal Men Agree.

Following the example recently set by the miners and operators of bituminous coal, those concerned in like manner in the production of anthracite coal have come to an agreement upon a wage schedule as well as upon other matters in dispute and likely to cause trouble. The tentative agreement which covers a period of four years provides for an eight-hour day and an increase of wages amounting to an average of fifteen per cent. The operators agree to recognize the labor organization so far as make the "check-off" while the miners agree to the "open shop." That is to say the operators will collect dues of the union for the union but may employ men who are not members.

This agreement is most gratifying because it means industrial peace for a period of four years in a wide and wealthy section of Pennsylvania and involves a large army of workmen. Labor strikes are the most senseless and expensive expedients that could be devised and the burden invariably falls heaviest upon the workmen. The time lost is of considerable value and is ir retrievable, but not the greatest evil. After the resumption of work the expense of living during the period of idleness is a mortgage on future earnings. The strike now pending in Pittsburgh has already cost the workers involved about a million dollars and though the employers lose in proportion they can afford the loss better.

As was said in these columns in commenting upon the agreement recently made between the workers and operators in the bituminous coal field, the public will have to "pay the freight" incident to this adjustment. In other words the price of coal will be advanced in ratio to cover the increased cost of production and probably something more. But it is possible to find a means of preventing excessive prices and it should be invoked. The anthracite coal operators of Pennsylvania have been insatiate in the past, at least in some instances. They should be given to understand that the consumers have rights entitled to respect and that excessive prices will be resented by the laws of the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania Democrats for Wilson.

In an interview recently published MITCHELL PALMER declared that in the event that his competitor for the office of member of the Democratic National Committee is elected he will not be recognized. The inference to be drawn from this statement is that Mr. PALMER has the State organization so completely "sewed up," that it will repudiate the verdict of the voters of the party and obey his mandates notwithstanding his defeat at the polls. Of course this is absurd but it is entirely characteristic. Mr. PALMER would like to be that kind of a boss. He forgets, however, that the National Committee "is the judge of the election and qualification of its own members," and Mr. PALMER'S hand-picked amateur politicians will have no voice in the matter.

In the same interview Mr. PALMER uttered the statement that since his election to Congress the President has made no appointments to office upon the recommendation of Representative LIEBEL. As a matter of fact after Mr. LIEBEL'S election and before his induction into office Mr. PALMER procured the appointment of men to fill every vacancy in the district. But the President has freely consulted with Mr. LIEBEL upon questions of vastly greater importance than dividing the spoils of office, the only function of government in which Mr. PALMER is an expert. Mr. LIEBEL is a member of the House Committee on Naval Affairs and has been a cordial and efficient supporter of the President's policies for preparedness and the administration's purposes generally.

Mr. PALMER and his friends are industriously circulating the false impression that there is a considerable opposition to the President among the Democrats of Pennsylvania and that unless men chosen by him for party honors are elected the interests of the President will be jeopardized. The truth is that every Democratic voter in Pennsylvania is an earnest and enthusiastic supporter of the President and to get a vote against him either for the nomination or the election it would be necessary to go outside the party. Moreover the vast body of the Democrats of the State are for him unselfishly and sincerely while Mr. PALMER poses as his champion in order that he may make merchandise of the false friendship he professes as he has done in the past.

According to the New York Sun ROOSEVELT is not satisfied with talking himself out of the nomination. He wants to talk himself to death, our New York contemporary declares.

Menacing Rumor from Harrisburg.

The report that Governor BRUMBAUGH contemplates appointing J. DENNY O'NEIL, of Pittsburg, to the office of Highway Commissioner would be amusing if it were less serious. The one question upon which all the people of Pennsylvania are entirely agreed is that the State Highway Department should be absolutely divorced from politics. When the late Commissioner CUNNINGHAM was appointed that promise was given and his service indicated a purpose to fulfill it. Attorney General BROWN tried to divert him into the channel of machine politics but he held out until stricken with his fatal illness.

The appointment of Mr. O'NEIL, however, would be a plain proclamation of a return to the old spoils system. He is nothing if not a politician. It can hardly be said that he is attached to one party or another. He is essentially a personal politician ready to attach himself to any force that will yield him personal advantage or pecuniary profit. Sometimes he is an ardent Republican and at other periods he is an enthusiastic Prohibitionist. He has even been caught flirting with discontented Democrats in the hope of a gainful harvest of one sort or another. But he is always for J. DENNY O'NEIL and will resort to any expedient to promote his interest.

Of late years Mr. O'NEIL has been a most unctious reformer. The Republican party failed to give him what he wanted when he wanted it and he interpreted that action as a sign of the blackest perfidy. He immediately joined the independents and became the most hysterical of the bunch. The VARES naturally annexed him and SHUNK BROWN adopted him as a promising protégé. He is adroit, energetic and fireless and looks like a valuable asset. But he must be well fed and liberally paid to keep him in line and it is rumored that he covets the \$8000.00 a year job now vacant. His appointment would be an outrage.

Things are different now. Two years ago BRUMBAUGH'S friendship was a valuable asset and now it appears to be a ruinous liability.

Brumbaugh as a Stool Pigeon.

In his speech at Altoona last Saturday evening Governor BRUMBAUGH declared that "he is not a candidate for any office" and subsequently, in the same speech, asked support for candidates for delegate to the Republican National convention pledged to him for President. These diametrically opposite statements put him in an equivocal position. If he is not "a candidate for any office" his request for support of delegates can have no other purpose than to strengthen one faction of the Republican machine in a conflict with the other. It would be hard to imagine a more dastardly prostitution of the great office he now occupies by courtesy of Senator PENROSE.

Probably every observant citizen of Pennsylvania knew before Governor BRUMBAUGH declared the fact in Altoona, that he is not, in good faith, a candidate for the Republican nomination for President. In announcing his candidacy some weeks ago, he may have deceived himself into the belief that he was sincere, but he fooled nobody else. BILL VARE and SHUNK BROWN, his lawyer, thoroughly understood the situation. They took a weak and vain man "up into the mountain" and flattered him into the delusion that the White House was a possibility. But they didn't want to give him the nomination any more than PENROSE wants to hand it to him. They simply wanted to use his office and himself to promote their own selfish interests.

The Republican party of Pennsylvania is divided into two parts at the head of each of which there is a firm of corrupt contractors. The highest aspiration of either is loot. One of these combinations hopes to extend its operations over the State and annex BRUMBAUGH to its force with the view of using him to advance its interests. With his help they agreed on a candidate for Mayor who promised to divide the spoils on a basis of 50-50. Subsequently the VARES with the help of BRUMBAUGH cheated McNICHOL and the war began. It is not a question of principle even in the remotest degree and in his Altoona speech BRUMBAUGH admits that even he is not sincere.

On Monday Judge Quigley handed down a decision in the case of Peter Mendis vs. A. E. Schad in which he sustained the verdict of the jury and denied a new trial to the defendant. Over a year ago Mr. Mendis brought suit against Mr. Schad to recover an alleged balance on a note. The case was tried before Judge Orvis and the jury awarded the plaintiff a verdict of \$115.00. The defendant applied for a new trial and the case was argued before Judge Quigley, who disposed of the application as above.

It seems that the dinner given by Mr. BACON to ROOSEVELT and ROOT failed of its purpose. It brought the two distinguished gentlemen together, to be sure, and influenced ROOSEVELT to accept ROOT'S support. But it didn't make the friendship sufficiently strong to induce ROOSEVELT to support ROOT.

Senator TAGGART who declared some time ago that he would not be a candidate for re-election has changed his mind and is now in the running. There is something enticing about a seat in the north end of the capitol and we don't blame TOM for desiring to retain his.

Two weeks ago the WATCHMAN predicted that Uncle SAM would sit tight in Mexico. Tuesday General SCOTT told General OBREGON that that was what Uncle SAM proposes doing and General OBREGON acquiesced for the want of knowing anything else to do.

It is now believed that Justice HUGHES has the lead for the Republican nomination and the information affords the leaders of his party about as much pleasure as they would derive from a smallpox epidemic in the convention.

It will just break Speaker AMBLER'S heart to be defeated for the Republican nomination for Auditor General but the people of Pennsylvania are dead set against allowing contractors to audit their own bills against the State.

There is a stretch of boardwalk on Pine street, which is generally believed to be under the borough's care, that is badly in need of repairs. In fact, residents in that neighborhood aver that it is in a dangerous condition.

Possibly this country will lose some business when the war closes but at present it looks as if we will have enough profits by that time to put us on easy street for a few years.

Anyway it's a comfort to know that the coal barons will have an excuse for putting up the price. We hate to be robbed without a reason.

The Self-Arraignment of Knox.

Former Secretary of State Knox-philandered through the last months of President Taft's administration with a policy of drift and did nothing in Mexican affairs, while the Madero administration was in such desperate plight; who did nothing when anarchy reigned in the City of Mexico, complacently leaving that whole awkward business to our incoming Democratic administration, and even failing to act upon the treason and murderous usurpation of Huerta—former Secretary of State Knox now has the bad taste and indiscretion to attack the Mexican policy of President Wilson.

Mr. Knox attempts to deny that Huerta became President through the killing of the President and Vice-President of Mexico, insisting that these doomed officials had resigned a few days before they were made away with. He says that recognition of the presidency of Huerta by President Taft then awaited only assurances from Huerta that he would be good; in other words that he would observe international law, protect foreigners and observe treaties. Before he could give such assurance Woodrow Wilson became President and entirely repudiated this policy.

Of course it is natural enough that the man who was responsible for that repudiated policy should criticize its abandonment—particularly as the troubles of Mexico have continued down to date. But, even so, Philander C. Knox could hardly present a more unattractive view of his own career than in this reminiscence of himself, as President Taft's Secretary of State, calmly negotiating with the traitor general of a recognized, deposed and murdered President for assurances that if also recognized he would be good to us; bad as he had been to his own country's sovereign authority. Of course it is natural enough that the man who was responsible for that repudiated policy should criticize its abandonment—particularly as the troubles of Mexico have continued down to date. But, even so, Philander C. Knox could hardly present a more unattractive view of his own career than in this reminiscence of himself, as President Taft's Secretary of State, calmly negotiating with the traitor general of a recognized, deposed and murdered President for assurances that if also recognized he would be good to us; bad as he had been to his own country's sovereign authority.

Treasure of the Sea.

Hard-headed business men of Wall Street have lent their names and purses to the project of diving for treasure at the bottom of the sea. The engineer who raised the United States submarine F-4 from its watery grave off Honolulu is to be the active spirit of the enterprise. Not the chimerical treasure troves of the Spanish Main, but the wreckage of modern ships off the Atlantic coast will be his objective. In the cold scientific light of the twentieth century a new business has been born that has all the adventurous imagination of the traditional lure of pirate gold and none of its uncertainty.

Millions upon millions of dollars' worth of merchandise and specie have been sent to the bottom of the sea during this war alone. The exact location of many of these wrecks can be estimated to a certainty. There would be no trouble, for instance, in locating the spot where the Lusitania went down. There is even less trouble in ascertaining precisely what of value she contained and in what part of the hulk it is to be found. The only problem is the mechanical problem of reaching her.

Modern diving and salvage appliances do not permit work to be done at a very great depth. The F-4 was raised out of 306 feet of water and her salvage was done to a record achievement. But at a depth of 300 feet many rich prizes are to be found. A Ward liner that recently sank off Hatteras lies in only 262 feet of water. The Lusitania itself, with its treasure of two millions in gold, lies in only four hundred feet of water.

When man has found it profitable to search the seas for treasure, science will not be long in devising ways to plumb greater and greater depths. And in time to come the business of robbing the sea of its hidden treasure may become as common as mining and a great deal more profitable.

The Habit of Good Cheer.

Good cheer is a great lubricant. It oils all of life's machinery. "A merry heart goes all the day, your sad tires in a minute." Good cheer is a great producer. It adds wonderfully to one's active ability and increases mental and physical power. It makes hosts of friends and helps us to be interesting and agreeable.

Optimism is the greatest business-getter, biggest trader, truest achiever in the world. Pessimism has never done anything but tear down and destroy what optimism has built up.

In the business office, in society, in politics, in workshops, everywhere, the favorite is always the cheerful fellow with the bright smile and bright thoughts.

Good-natured, cheerful people do not waste their vital energies as rapidly as the grumblers or too sober, too sour ones do. They work and live with much less friction. Good cheer is a simple habit. It is the best in all the list.

Hank Doesn't Care to Die Poor.

Henry Ford says he will not finance a third party. Wise boy, Henry. Financing a bunch of politicians would make an ordinary peace expedition look like child's play.

Can't Keep Good Private Down.

T. R. has won promotion from the ranks in a manner truly remarkable for one who was lately "a private of the privatest kind."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Fred Tharau, of Phillipsburg, was arrested at Clearfield on Saturday for forging a check for \$50 on Tony Myers, of Phillipsburg.

The Washington hotel property, in Punxsu-tawney, is about to be purchased by the Masonic fraternity of that town and converted into a home for the Masonic lodges there.

Mrs. D. R. Lobough and Mrs. Myrtle A. Bennett, of Ridgway, will share in the division of the \$50,000 estate of the late Judge Beman of Malone, N. Y., with several other heirs.

Two artesian wells drilled in Punxsu-tawney with a view to supplying that borough with water were tested on Thursday and developed 1,700,000 gallons supply in twenty-four hours.

Jerry Collins, a resident of Lock Haven, was held up by two thugs a few nights ago and robbed of \$20. They knocked him down with a club and inflicted painful injuries, bruising his face and body.

Two dogs supposed to be victims of hydrophobia have been biting other dogs at a great rate in Meyersdale and a great scare is now on in that town. All dogs roaming the streets are summarily shot.

Conditions in Westmoreland, Somerset and Bedford counties, classed as three of the best maple sugar producing counties in the State, indicate that there will be little maple sugar in the market this summer.

A reckless thief ransacked the residence of Mrs. Lizzie M. Hall, of Williamsport, the other evening and discovered by setting the house on fire. Luckily the fire was ended and extinguished before much damage had been done.

Williamsport's annual egg hunt last Saturday was one of the most successful events of that sort ever held in that city. It was participated in by thousands of children. Newberry, now a part of Williamsport, had its own egg hunt.

A wild animal, said to be about eighteen or twenty inches high, dark grey color and with long hair, probably a wild cat, is creating something of a sensation in Buckhwater valley, Perry county, by killing and eating domestic cats.

Within the next two weeks 1200 bark peelers will commence operations in Elk, McKean, Forrest and Warren counties, and it is estimated that 100,000 cords of bark, valued at \$1,000,000, or more than ever before will be peeled this season.

Robert J. Thompson, tipstaff of the Clearfield county court, a resident of Clearfield town, and his sister, are likely to divide \$15,000 between them, the proceeds of the possessions of an aunt who died recently in Colorado and of whom they are believed to be the only heirs.

Jefferson county constables have already killed 254 dogs that were not licensed and it is expected that a total of 700 unlicensed dogs will be killed. In many counties the constables are killing all dogs that have not been registered and licensed according to the dog tax act.

And now it appears that it was Stattia Barwick, aged 14, who burned her father's barn in Wheatfield township, Perry county recently, instead of the young man, John Smith, her lover. He denies his guilt; she confesses she kindled the fire, but she persuaded her to do it.

Susquehanna silk mills, owner of weaving and spinning plants at Lewistown, Jersey Shore, Milton, Northumberland and Sunbury, Pa., and Marlton O., last week broke ground for the erection of a \$300,000 addition to the plant at Sunbury. It will be five stories high, 250 by 300 feet.

Three years ago a few public-spirited citizens of Muncy, Lycoming county, put themselves under a debt of \$5,000 for the purchase of several acres of ground and the equipment of a public playground for the town. Now the debt is comparatively small and they expect to pay the last dollar presently.

One Milton Betson knocked down Bessie Harris, who lives near Lewistown and appropriated a roll of \$60 from her stockings. An officer caught the thief at Sunbury and recovered the money. Then the woman, in accordance with the ways of her sex, paid the costs and had the robber released.

The Knights of Pythias lodges of the first reunion district, which comprises Clearfield, Centre, Clarion, Elk, Jefferson, Indiana and Armstrong counties, will hold their annual reunion at Brookville on June 14th of this year. This reunion is to be one of the largest and best reunions ever held in this district.

Martin A. Miller, aged about 45, a Somerset county farmer residing in Jefferson township, has been arrested charged with having tried to defraud the government by making a false claim concerning money supposed to have been placed in a registered letter addressed to a Chicago firm. He swore he had placed \$188 in the envelope but later on confessed that it contained no money.

At a recent meeting of the West Branch Sportsmen's association, W. C. Robey, of Renovo, said no fish can be caught at that town for the simple reason that there are none to catch. He placed the blame on the powder plant at Emporium, stating that its acids find their way into the river and kill the fish. He added that the fish commissioner knew the truth but did nothing.

A sad case of drowning occurred Tuesday morning about nine o'clock at Wallacetown. William, the 23 year old son of William Taylor, who was subject to attacks of epilepsy, had gone to a large spring or pond for water, and it is presumed he was taken with a fit and fell into the water, face downward, and there being no one near to rescue him, he soon drowned. His body was found in the spring about an hour later by Mr. Taylor's housekeeper, who became concerned about him when he failed to return with the water.

Friends of J. Denny O'Neil, of McKeesport, former County Commissioner of Allegheny county, are active in endeavoring to secure his appointment by Governor Brumbaugh as State Highway Commissioner, to succeed the late Robert J. Cunningham. Letters are being sent out to politicians all over the State by a former clerk in the County Commissioners' office under O'Neil asking that the recipients write and procure to be written and send letters and telegrams to Governor Brumbaugh asking that he appoint O'Neil.

Daniel C. Coder, of Union township, Hunt, ingdon county, was given a hearing on Monday before Justice David S. Black charged with attempting to mail a haunch of venison by parcel post from Mapleton. When asked by postmaster Bruce Yocum what the package contained he replied that it was merchandise. When Coder left the office Yocum examined the parcel and found the deer meat. He was fined \$100, and appealed the case. Coder was prosecuted by Secretary Seth E. Gordon, of the State Game Commission, and Game Warden J. W. Bumgardner, of Marklesburg.

J. L. Hartman, of Hollidaysburg, who is said to be the largest ganister operator in the United States, owning more than 7,000 acres of ganister land in the county is pushing work on the construction of an 8-mile railroad from Flowing Spring on the Petersburg branch into a region where there are almost inexhaustible quantities of the rock, and expects to have the line completed by June 1st. About four miles of the road have been built and when it is completed the output of the Hartman quarries which now amount to hundreds of cars a day, will be greatly increased. A large number of men are employed in the process of manufacturing iron and in the making of silica brick.