

INK SLINGS.

There are lots of things that the average man would sooner do than work and fishing is right up front in the list.

Of course there's nothing to the talk that the Titan Metal Co. is going to leave Bellefonte. Anyway, it couldn't leave Bellefonte if it wanted to because it isn't located in Bellefonte.

All those who think MITCH PALMER would have written a letter of congratulation to MIKE LIEBEL, had LIEBEL beaten him for National committeeman, will please hold up their hands.

Heavy frosts in many parts of the county last Thursday and Friday nights did no damage to the fruit and very little to garden produce. The corn that was up at the time, however, has a decidedly yellow look.

ROOSEVELT has decided that he will not attend either the Progressive or Republican National conventions. So much for peace. Now the feathers of the dove would never be ruffled if Mr. BRYAN were to decide that he will not be needed at St. Louis.

Should Mr. BRYAN become the Prohibition nominee for President it will be interesting to note how promptly some Democrats will read him out of the party, notwithstanding the fact that it was only a matter of a few years ago when they were helping the Nebraskan read everybody out of the party who didn't believe that BRYAN put up the moon.

Things have come to a pretty pass when we can't properly observe June 14th, our Flag Day, because all of the little American flags we are accustomed to wear in the lapels of our coats, boastfully parading the emblem behind which the most resourceful people in the world rally, are made in Germany and none have been imported since the war.

Did you hear the High school band on the street Wednesday night? Do you remember JOHNNY FAGAN and his band of juveniles? If you do you will agree with us that JOHNNY would have died of envy had he heard that little band Wednesday evening. They had only six wind instruments but the boys knew how to play them and they made surprisingly good music.

Tuesday of next week will be memorial day and the public generally should turn out and assist the old veterans pay their yearly tribute of love and reverence to their comrades who have passed to the Great Beyond. The ranks of the veterans are growing thinner and thinner with each passing year and younger hands should assist in the work which they have so cheerfully and willingly done for a half century.

Yesterday was good roads day, but Centre county farmers did not turn out as generally as they would have done had it not been such a good corn day, as well. Farmers throughout this section are so late with their own work that relatively few of them could afford to take the time to give a day to the roads. It wasn't unwillingness to lend a hand but many of them are without adequate help on their farms and are put to get their crops in before it is too late.

The plight of Squire HAYES SCHENCK, of Howard, is pitiable indeed. A descendant of an old and exceedingly reputable Bald Eagle valley family, a man honored by his fellows in many ways and well along toward three score years of age, having to serve a term in the penitentiary because he conspired to get illegally a paltry sum that he could have earned by honorable toil in less time than it took him to frame up the fraudulent warrants that trapped him.

The British people are just beginning to ask themselves the question that all the rest of the world has been asking for a year or more: If England has five million men under arms, where are they and what are they doing. It is a notorious fact that France and Russia have been doing practically all of the fighting and realizing this the English people are rising up to ask why they have to vote so many loans to the support of an army that is apparently doing nothing.

In honor of our soldier dead remember that on the stroke of twelve noon, on Memorial day, we should stand uncovered for five minutes of thoughtful reverence. Since the cataclysm abroad every one of us has come to realize more than ever what war is, what those who faced it in defense of our country went through and with grateful hearts and thoughtful minds we should be eager to be mute monuments for this short period to the memory of our soldiers who are gone and to the exaltation of those who are living.

Thus far this year the automobile licenses have yielded \$1,890,000.00 in revenue to the State. If so much of this vast sum were not necessary for Department expenses it would be ample for all the road work the State could do in a year. But the expenses of all Departments in Harrisburg are growing out of all proportion to the real service rendered to the public. The main idea seems to be to make jobs for party favorites and, no matter which faction happens to be in power, this form of robbing the public becomes the matter of first consideration.

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The Republican Candidate.

With the Republican National convention less than two weeks away no one is able to guess confidently who the nominee will be. Within a week two States, widely separated and vastly different in interests and aims, Vermont and Oregon, have declared for Justice Hughes and that gentleman has more votes committed to him than any other. But Roosevelt is against him and that makes his friends afraid. In a speech at Oyster Bay on Monday the Colonel said: "Unless, if he is in office or has been in office, his career has been such as in fullest measure to warrant the belief that he is a man of deeds and not of words in this matter; and unless in every crisis, whether he be in or out of office, he frankly and fully takes a position on the concrete facts which are up for decision and applies the abstract statement to these concrete facts."

Obviously the Colonel had Justice Hughes in mind in making these observations and it is equally clear that he intended to add that a man who didn't reach that standard is unfit for President and would not receive his support. But like all men obsessed with absurd ideas or ambitions, he failed to complete his sentence though he made his purpose to hit Hughes with a brick entirely plain. It is almost universally agreed that Root is out of the running and Burton, Weeks, Cummins and Fairbanks are completely "lost in the shuffle." The name of Leonard Wood is looming up ominously, however. He and Roosevelt have long maintained a "mutual admiration society." As Colonel of the Rough Riders in the Spanish war he allowed Roosevelt to reap all the glory and in turn Roosevelt subsequently jumped him over the head of many real soldiers to the highest rank in the army.

There is an adage that "one good turn deserves another" and Roosevelt is strong for commercializing. He can't be nominated himself and wants some one nominated who will obey his orders and permit him to exercise those functions of invisible government expressed in the phrase "the power behind the throne." Leonard Wood is a nonentity. As Colonel of the Rough Riders he was a servile figurehead for Roosevelt and for nearly a year he has been prostituting his office as Major General of the army by "touting" Roosevelt at every opportunity. Roosevelt's first choice for the nomination is Roosevelt, of course, for he never enjoyed an unselfish impulse in his life. But he knows he can't be nominated and is therefore willing to permit the nomination of another upon the condition that the other be a servile slave to his preposterous caprices. It may be Hughes but the menace is Wood.

Republican War and Democratic Peace.

The bitter fight among the Republicans of this State has not been ended by the vote at the primary election. According to information, which seems to be reliable, it is to be carried into the National convention of the party in Chicago, to be determined by votes of delegates of other States and of diverse political purposes. A Bull Moose delegate of California will have as much voice in the matter as a PENROSE delegate from Philadelphia or a BRUMBAUGH supporter from Huntingdon. The Californian will not know much about the cause of quarrel between the factions in Pennsylvania but his prejudices will be just as strong as if he were a native of VAREVILLE and his vote as potential.

On the other hand the PENROSE faction is arranging for some reprisals. The Common Pleas court of Philadelphia has been or will be asked to intervene to nullify some appointments made by Mayor SMITH and said to be in violation of civil service regulations. The plan is to enjoin the Controller from issuing warrants for the salaries and forbid the City Treasurer from paying the warrants in the event they are issued. This will make office holding in Philadelphia an undesirable employment and will literally take the joy out of public life in that city. The VARE machine can't prosper under such circumstances.

Meantime the Democrats of the State are coming together in perfect harmony and radiant hope. Mr. LIEBEL, recently the candidate of the anti-PALMER organization for member of the Democratic National committee, has written a most cordial letter of congratulation to his successful opponent, Mr. PALMER, and as the late Democratic leader, Hon. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, once said under similar circumstances, "both wings of the Democratic party are flapping together." Out of this condition there ought to be no trouble in abstracting a complete and enduring victory, making certain of the electoral vote of Pennsylvania for that matchless statesman and patriot, WOODROW WILSON.

Signs of Democratic Harmony.

Hon. Michael Liebel, Jr., the defeated candidate for member of the Democratic National convention has written a letter to his successful opponent, Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, congratulating him on his victory and pledging co-operation and cordial support of Mr. Palmer and the Democratic State organization in an effort to carry Pennsylvania for Woodrow Wilson for President. It was a graceful and timely submission to the will of the people as expressed at the polls, and ought to have an immediate and potent influence upon the politics of the State. With the Republican party hopelessly divided a united and vigorous effort of the Democrats ought to and will prove effective.

This action of Mr. Liebel is characteristic. He has always been and is now an earnest, faithful and tireless Democrat. He entered the contest for a seat in the Democratic National Committee because he sincerely believed that the election of some one other than Mr. Palmer would promote harmony and advance Democratic party prosperity. The voters of that party faith in the State have expressed their preference for Mr. Palmer, however, and Mr. Liebel accepts the verdict thus rendered as an expression of the will of the majority and in obedience to a fundamental Democratic principle, yields to the mandate. He believes that with a united force and vigorous effort we will be able to carry the State for Wilson this year and elect a Democrat to the office of Governor in 1918.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Palmer will respond to Mr. Liebel's tender of co-operation with equal sincerity and enthusiasm and we believe he will. The party has been in a state of demoralization for nearly four years for the reason that the dominant faction was arbitrary and in the opinion of many, unjust. The action of Mr. Liebel presents an opportunity to obliterate all factional lines and bring the Democrats of all sections of the State into harmony within the shadow of triumph. It will be a glorious consummation and a patriotic service which will be shared in by all the people of the State. A Democratic victory this year will guarantee the safety of our institutions for all time.

Roosevelt Continues to Testify.

In his speech in Detroit the other day Colonel ROOSEVELT reasserted the falsehood which has been the "stock in trade" of his campaign to purloin the Republican nomination for President. "We, through our Representatives in Washington," he declared, "have absolutely refused in the smallest degree to prepare, during these twenty-two months of world cataclysm. We have refused to learn the smallest part of the lesson being written on the scroll of torment in Europe. We have fatuously refused to take the smallest step, either to do our duty to ourselves or to do our duty to others. We have endeavored to deceive ourselves by announcing that in this policy of supine inaction and of failure to perform duty, we are actuated by the loftiest motives."

Some weeks ago we quoted from an official statement of the Secretary of the Navy, a summary of the work, in the direction of preparedness, accomplished by the Navy Department under the present administration, mostly within the twenty-two months of "world cataclysm." Secretary DANIELS showed that the number of ships of the navy in active service has been increased twenty-five per cent. within that time, and that our stock of ammunition, torpedoes, mines "and other implements of naval warfare" is ample. Admiral Mayo added that during recent practice our ships had done some of the farthest shooting, 18,000 yards, the best maneuvers, the best practice, and that he is satisfied that the officers and men "are ready if called upon."

In the face of these records why should a charlatan, crazed with ambition to overturn the traditions and disturb the peace of the country, be allowed to traduce the President and spread discontent among the people who are not informed, probably for the reason that they have had no sources of information. Differences of opinion among men are not only proper but desirable. But the malicious mouthings of a demagogue, which work impairment of peace and prosperity of the public, should be forbidden as a burglar is forbidden to operate or a scandal monger to poison the atmosphere with lies. ROOSEVELT bears false witness against the administration every time he opens his mouth and he should be condemned as a villifier rather than applauded as a hero.

Confirm Brandies Promptly.

The long delay in the confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandies to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is not creditable to the Democratic majority of the Senate. It was to be expected that there would be opposition to the nomination on the Republican side. He has been an able, consistent and tireless foe of special privilege and a faithful and courageous friend of the people. Naturally the sponsors for privilege and the oppressors of the people are opposed to putting that type of man on the bench of the Court of last resort. But the Democrats are in a majority in the Senate and ought to have held the opposition within reasonable bounds.

It is now promised that a favorable report of the committee will be made this week and it is practically certain that the vote will be in the affirmative. The President has shown that he carefully considered the question before making the nomination and that he is deeply interested in the approval by the Senate of his choice. Dr. Chas. W. Elliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, has added his voice to that of the President in recommending the confirmation. "I believe," writes Mr. Elliot, "that the rejection by the Senate of his nomination to the Supreme court would be a grave misfortune for the whole legal profession, the court, all American business and the country."

The business interests of the country are vast and corporate or individual are entitled to just treatment. But it is no part of the prerogatives of the corporations of the country to pack the Supreme court so that the individual shall be at a disadvantage in all litigation which reaches that tribunal. For a period of about sixteen years under the administrations of Roosevelt and other Republican Presidents they have been exercising this power and now that President Wilson has put a stop to it Democrats in the Senate should support him. We have no doubt they will do so in the end but they ought to have been more prompt. Half the merit of a good act is in promptness.

The conference report on the army bill has been adopted by both branches of Congress and will be approved at the earliest opportunity. It fixed the army strength in times of peace at 206,000 officers and men but it will not deter Roosevelt from declaring that nothing has been done to strengthen the force since he reduced it to about 60,000.

The Republican convention is less than two weeks off and nobody knows what will come out of it. There is comfort in the conviction, though, that however wisely or unwisely it acts the country will be safe in the hands of Woodrow Wilson "for four years more."

Roosevelt's Progressive convention programme provides for adjournment on Saturday June 10 which will enable him to dangle his nomination before the delegates in the Republican convention just about the time the balloting begins there.

The second and last bill car for the big Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace circus was in Bellefonte on Wednesday and the countryside is now pretty well plastered with flaming show posters.

It is said that there will be sixteen nominating speeches in the Republican National convention and if sufficient delegates survive, the balloting will follow.

Senator Gore has introduced another pro-German resolution which goes to show that the Oklahoman is mentally unable to see as well as physically blind.

Even the horrors of the struggle at Verdun will be overlooked until after the party conventions. Politics holds the centre of the stage.

Now that Oregon has turned down Roosevelt it must be admitted that Western public sentiment has "gone wool gathering."

Whatever else is in doubt at this time the permanent retirement of the Brumbaugh Presidential boom is a fixed fact.

June, with her roses, brides and commensals, will be here before we know it.

Have your Job Work done here.

A Few Days Too Late.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Premier Asquith landed in Ireland smiling. He fairly radiated good will. It is stated that as a result of his visit there will be an era of good feeling. Military executions will cease. Martial law will be a thing of the past. The British lion is to experience a change of heart.

Mr. Asquith, however, arrived in Ireland a few days too late. The time for magnanimity was before so many men had been shot. The time for forgiveness was while those most in need of it were alive to appreciate the proffer. Premier Asquith knows why his government was so relentless in the matter of putting the leaders of the unfortunate uprising in Ireland to death. He knew that as far as Ireland was concerned the rebellion could be considered crushed and that the fate of the leaders in no way affected facts that had become history. Great Britain would be just as safe today if the Irishmen who were shot had been deported. She would be just as safe as she is now if the rebellious ones had been turned loose.

Mr. Asquith has upon occasion admitted that the way to get the Irish question settled is for all Irishmen to volunteer for the service in the British army. The reasoning of the Premier is doubtful. If all Irishmen were to enlist, they would probably be sent to the front immediately and placed in the first-line trenches. Soon the sons of Erin would all be shot. Ireland could then be populated with phlegmatic Englishmen and the home rule question would be solved. Asquith is of course to be congratulated upon the fact that he has carried the olive branch to the sons of Erin. The pity is that he was not able to sail a few days sooner.

The Mule or the Girl?

From the Indianapolis News. John Jones, farmer, went to his barn one morning and found there a brand new mule colt. He raised it until it was three years old, when \$200 was offered for it. Instead of selling it, he rented it to the city of Indianapolis for 85 cents a day, including board, stall, shoeing and medical attendance. The mule worked 250 days the first year earning \$212.50, or \$200 net after taxes, etc. were paid.

Mr. Jones bought another mule with the \$200, which he also rented to the city, and at the end of the second year he had two mules and \$400 cash, which he invested in two mules. He kept this up 15 years, till his first mule colt was 18 years old, at which time he owned 32, or 767 mules, worth an average of \$100 each, or \$327,600. The 19th year they earned him a net income of \$6,553,400.

Alice Allen, daughter of Albert Allen, living across the road from John Jones, was born on the same day the mule colt was at his first kick. Her father fed, clothed and educated her for 17 years, at a cost of \$125 a year, and then sent her to business college for a year at an expense of \$400, making her total cost at 18 years \$2,525. When she was 18 she got a situation as stenographer and office girl with an Indianapolis business house and he received the votes of many thousands of citizens who cast their ballot blindly.

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By Way of Illustration.

From the Altoona Times. Those who are demanding proof that the uniform primary is not productive of the best results need seek no further than the election conducted last week.

Judge Walling, an appointee of Governor Brumbaugh, whose record is irreproachable, against whose legal attainments not one word had been advanced, was probably defeated for the non-partisan nomination by one Palmer, a practically unknown and untried Chester county barrister.

Palmer's name happened to lead that of Judge Walling on the official ballot and he received the votes of many thousands of citizens who cast their ballot blindly. Now, when such a slight matter can favorably influence an election, who will contend that the voters are manifesting due regard for the right which they enjoy?

Unless there is an awakening of patriotism, of civic interest, and the inculcation of a proper appreciation of the inevitable effect of such misfit nominations and elections, government in this State will sink to lower depths than have yet been attained.

If Judge Walling is not re-elected, it will, in our humble opinion, be proof positive that the primary law is a joke or that the people of Pennsylvania are not competent to participate in the selection of public officials.

Where the Colonel Trails.

From the Louisville Courier Journal. Inasmuch as Col. Roosevelt soon will be a candidate, claiming to have been the daddy of every advance, it may as well be said that thousands of stenographers practiced simplified spelling before he ever advocated it.

How to Win.

From the Louisville Courier Journal. The Philadelphia yachtmen who propose to form a citizens' navy will be able to win the enemy by giving him the keys to the champagne lockers amidship, even if they cannot defeat him with projectiles in the midriff.

Just Starting.

From the New York Evening Telegram. Son-in-law of James J. Hill says the war is nearly over. Nonsense. Just beginning. Listen to the "Irish" Americans singing "Die Wacht am Rhein."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The San Jose scale is destroying the shade trees in Williamsport in the vicinity of High street and First avenue. A united effort will be made to fight this troublesome pest.

Phillipsburg voted for a \$15,000 loan on primary day. The money will be devoted to betterment of the fire department, street improvement and brightening up of the public buildings.

The Morrellville United Brethren church will hold special services on May 28th when they will burn a note for \$1,000, also to commemorate the third anniversary of the dedication of the church.

At the sale of the Carothers farm in Williamsport, the city hospital will receive \$4,200. This farm had been left to the hospital through the will of John Carothers, who died some years ago.

Cambria county states that so far this season only ten forest fires have occurred. The largest fire occurred in West Taylor township on May 12th, covering 200 acres and entailing a loss of \$200.

Among recent Clinton county deaths we note that of Joseph M. Allison, one of the oldest farmers of Porter township, at the age of 79. Paralysis ended his life. His wife and two children survive.

The Punxsutawney Iron and Steel company are now ready for business and on Tuesday the mill will start on their orders for over 4,500 tons of iron and steel. The outlook for this new project is very bright.

Eugene R. Payne, a well known lumberman, died at his home in Williamsport, on Thursday morning. Mr. Payne was in his seventy-second year and was a son of Col. Lewis S. Payne and Mary Taber Payne.

Clearfield's council has passed an ordinance providing for additionally bonding that borough to the extent of \$75,000 for street improvements. The measure will be voted upon by the people at a special election on June 23rd.

The Williamsport Rifle club will have an up-to-date range made from three old box cars which will be set end to end and at one end of the box cars a building will be erected to be used for club rooms and a place for keeping the guns.

Robert C. Quiggle, aged 84, a resident of Pine, Clinton county, recently suffered the amputation of his left leg for gangrene. He seemed to be doing very well for a few days when he sustained a paralytic stroke, which is likely to cause his death.

Provoked because a Port Allegheny editor called him unkind names, Samuel W. Smith, of that town, has threatened to dismantle his theater-discontinue his cemetery, dispose of his water works and disappoint the town forever by refusing to grace it with his presence.

The Supreme court has sustained the decision of Judge Singleton Bell, of Clearfield, in holding that Lowell is the rightful owner of the sealer of weights and measures in that county, which was contested by W. S. Hoyt, who was ousted by the county commissioners.

Rev. J. W. Kirkwood, of Reynoldsville, who is field missionary for the American Sunday school Union in Jefferson and Clearfield counties, is unable to look after his work on account of being quarantined in with scarlet fever, two of his children suffering from the disease.

Robert J. Templeton, erstwhile school teacher, who was recently arrested in Jefferson county for forgery and passing bad checks, including some in DuBois, pleaded guilty before Judge Corbett last week and was sentenced to the penitentiary for six months at least and not longer than 15 months.

While rescuers hammered on a bolted door in a futile effort to awaken them, Felix Premix and Frank Goebel were burned to death in their shanty at the Kiskimintus bridge near Freeport, where they were employed by a contracting firm. When the rescuers succeeded in chopping down the door both men were dead.

Oliver Irvin, aged 24, a resident of Sandy Ridge, employed at the Grace mine, near Osceola, was the victim of a tragic accident last Wednesday morning. He fell to the track while trying to catch a runaway car and three cars passed over him. His back and both legs were broken and death followed within twenty minutes.

The borough of Logansport is affected with an epidemic of measles and in almost every family, in the quiet little village there are one or more cases of the disease. The Board of Health has ordered the health officer to establish a strict quarantine over every family infected. The churches at that place were closed on Sunday.

The First Methodist Episcopal church of Blairsville celebrated its nineteenth anniversary on Sunday and was a day of rejoicing for pastor and members. As a result of a special effort the congregation raised \$1,060, the money to go toward the paving of the church and the raising of \$900 and to make the last payment for the water motor that furnishes power for the organ.

An auto truck belonging to the Pittsburgh Brewing company with a load of 127 fitted kegs, four blocks of ice and three men on the seat ran down Mellen's hill, east of Latrobe at full speed on Saturday morning. The brakes refused to hold and as a result the truck was ditched at the side of the road, two of the men receiving broken bones while the other was severely shaken up and bruised.

While at work chopping on a timber tract in East Centre township, Perry county, some days ago, George Clouser was knocked down and rendered unconscious by the branches of a falling tree. He was badly hurt but will recover. On the same tract the axe of Samuel Smech Jr., was deflected by being caught on the branch of a tree and came down on his head, cutting through a button on the top of his cap. The button was sliced in two and probably prevented the splitting of Smech's skull.

At an unusual proceeding at common pleas court last Friday before Judge Thomas J. Baldridge, of Blair county, testimony was taken with a view of having George DeFord, who left that county more than 40 years ago and who has never been heard from since, declared legally dead. DeFord resided at Williamsburg and about 1875 he left his home, without making any statement of his intentions, and his family never knew what became of him. An estate of \$1,200 awaiting settlement was the cause of the above action.

The Punxsutawney Lumber company, of Curwensville, has purchased the two farms of Daniel Smith, in Union township, Clearfield county, together with the timber thereon. There are about 700,000 feet of virgin pine and hemlock timber on this land, which is situated between Rockton and DuBois. The company will put up their portable mill on the tract and saw the trees into lumber. This is one of the very few virgin timber tracts remaining in that county, and the Punxsutawney Lumber company is fortunate in securing it. The company will sell the farms.

On Sunday evening, while seated on the side porch of his home at Lock Haven, with the members of his family, Mr. Dunn saw a flash of light from an auto in the rear of his lot. He at once made an investigation and discovered that his five passenger Buick car was missing. He then notified the proper authorities and several towns of his loss, giving the number of the car and the license tag, and started in pursuit himself with a party of friends. The car was found near Bellefonte ditched along the road but the men had fled. Nevertheless the owner has a pretty good idea who they are and will have them answer for their deed.