

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

—And this is fall.
—The political pot is beginning to simmer. In a few weeks it will be boiling.
—Naturally, we were not thinking as much about the steam heat works in July as we are now.
—We hold in grateful memory those who have contributed to the depleted condition of our exchequer within the past few weeks. Are you one of the dear readers whom we thus revere?
—In a moment of reckless haste you can run down a child, crippling it for life. If you are an auto driver think of the life of distress you might bring on some one by a second's carelessness on your own part.
—Bakers are contemplating a raise in the price of bread and that reminds us that we would have to raise more dough and we don't want to have to do that because every time we think of any kind of dough we think of the Panthers.
—Reports from all over the district are to the effect that Wm. E. Tobias will be the next Congressman from the Twenty-first. Charley Rowland is a good fellow, but good fellows don't always represent their constituents satisfactorily.
—Thomas A. Edison says: "If the President is blundering he seems to have the faculty of blundering ahead." Edison's views are shared by many, many men in this country who are thankful to the President for what he has done during the past four years and especially for having kept their country out of warfare and their sons from soldier's graves.
—Ice froze at Curtin's Works Tuesday morning, but the coolness was not charged to President Wilson because right now they are working night and day down there to get started on the biggest order the plant has had in years. The stack has been re-lined and is going to blow in and the forge is going the first time since 1910. That doesn't look much as though Woodrow has wrecked the country.
—With potatoes nearing the two dollar a bushel mark the "Watchman" wishes to remind those who complain that early in the spring it advised everyone, not only for health's sake but for reasons of economy as well, to make every foot of productive soil about his premises yield something. There are many gardens in Bellefonte that have grown nothing but weeds this season, whereas numbers of them would have produced enough potatoes to have lasted their owners a year.
—Who is Thomas A. Edison? Who is Henry Ford? Who is Amos Pinchot? Ever hear of any of them? Guess you must have, because their names are on everybody's lips. They are three men who have really done great things, and they are three Republicans who have publicly announced their intention of voting for Woodrow Wilson for re-election as President because they believe he has done great things for the country and because they don't believe, in swapping horses in the middle of the stream.
—Yesterday was just twelve hours long between sunrise and sunset and marked the beginning of autumn. And well we all can see it, for the trees are beginning to shed their leaves and soon their naked limbs will be exposed to the cold blasts of winter and their bare trunks stand out in the moonlight like grim sentinels defying both wind and weather. The ice man's harvest will soon be over and once again will we be bound in ties of closer intimacy with the coal dealer, whose smile already broadens at the sight of that additional seventy-five per he will collect on every ton delivered. It's like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire and the poor consumer is always IT.
—Things had drifted along in a thoroughly unbusinesslike way in Pennsylvania until the entire State became so disgusted with the management of affairs by the Republican party that a general protest was registered and Robert A. Pattison was elected Governor and with him all the Democratic nominees for State offices were elected. There was a general reconstruction and conditions were much better for a long time afterwards. Gradually the Republican management of the State has been slipping back into the old rut. The lesson of 1881 is almost forgotten and another one is needed to correct the imprudent methods at Harrisburg. Wouldn't this fall be the time to give it? Let us elect Democratic State officers again, at least for one term, and have an audit of our affairs by a party that has no favorites to protect or mistakes to conceal.

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Amos Pinchot for Wilson.

In a letter declaring his intention to support Woodrow Wilson for President, Amos Pinchot, the millionaire and philanthropic brother of Gifford Pinchot, of Pike county, tells some pertinent truths about Theodore Roosevelt and his present political associates. Two years ago Mr. Pinchot remonstrated in somewhat emphatic terms against the leadership of George W. Perkins, the trust magnate. But he withheld criticism of Roosevelt at that time for some reason. That he had suspicions then is revealed in his letter in question. But the friendship between Gifford and the "coiled" was so close, the relations so intimate then, that he refrained from making public his opinion.
Mr. Pinchot is a philosopher as well as a philanthropist and somewhat of an analyst. "For quite a good while," he writes, "it was fairly clear to most of us that Roosevelt, Perkins, and the Steel trust Old Guard group around them, have not been interested in the things which the Progressive party stood for. In fact, they have effectually thrown all liberalism and Democracy overboard and are now playing pure, old-fashioned Republican politics." Then he adds: "The sabre-rattling conception of national honor that Mr. Roosevelt advances, to wit, that it is creditable to seize the first opportunity to physically injure anyone who has in the slightest degree injured you, has no larger following among intelligent, patriotic foreigners than it has among intelligent, patriotic Americans.
For these reasons and because President Wilson has favored progressive legislation and maintained peace with honor, Mr. Pinchot will support him for re-election and cast his vote for the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. He has never voted that way before but conditions were never before as they are now and Mr. Pinchot with abundance of money and no "itch for office" can well afford to vote as his conscience dictates. Therefore he joins with Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford in support of Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic principles which he represents in the full belief that in so doing he is conserving the real interests of the country and promoting the purest Americanism.

Slander of the Navy Reported.

In a recent issue of the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" a Washington correspondent states that "the remarkable performance of hitting a target at a distance of 22,000 yards, or approximately eleven sea miles, five times out of twelve shots fired in simultaneous salvo, has just been made by the new superdreadnaught Pennsylvania in firing tests conducted in the Chesapeake bay. The Pennsylvania is armed with a main battery of twelve fourteen-inch guns. These were fired last week in a single salvo at the distance stated, and at that distance five of the twelve shots hit the target." The target was the sunken hulk of the former battleship Texas placed off Tangier Sound.
The Philadelphia "Public Ledger" is the vehicle by which a mercenary and malicious writer named Reuterdahl has been maligning the navy and everybody associated with its operation and management since the beginning of the present administration in Washington. Posing as a naval expert he has declared and reiterated the vicious falsehood that no improvement has been made in the navy since the retirement of the Taft administration. The "Public Ledger" has also featured every falsehood written by former Secretary of the Navy, von Meyer, in derogation of the navy as well as the slanders of that most unscrupulous calumniator of all time, Theodore Roosevelt.
That this achievement refutes every word that has been spoken or written in detraction of the navy must be admitted and though the "Public Ledger" gives it publicity it fails to make proper apology to the officers and men of the navy whom it has permitted scandal-mongers to vilify in its columns. If this country had been at war at the time every sentence written by Reuterdahl and von Meyer would have given aid and comfort to our enemies. Therefore the publication of the refutation of their falsehoods ought to have been accompanied by or followed with an ample apology to those malignantly injured. But the Philadelphia journalistic porch-climber adopts the less honorable course.

Hughes Will Quit Blackguarding.

It has been semi-officially announced that Justice Hughes will be less personal and more polite in his future campaign speeches. His campaign managers have discovered that his abuse of the President is injuring himself rather than his opponent and have given orders for a change. Being 100 per cent. a candidate and a very small fraction a statesman, he has agreed to take orders and the epithets of the future will be left for the use of the cheap demagogues who are supporting him on the stump. The habit of the people of these United States have of insisting upon equal and exact justice in politics as well as other things have brought about this wholesome change in Justice Hughes.
The Republican candidate having been out of politics for a long period of time was not aware of the vast change in public sentiment which has set in. Men nominated for high office no longer resort to the language of a blackguard in referring to antagonists and when he adopted that manner of campaigning his party managers were shocked. But they could not stop him until he returned to headquarters. He imagined that he had a right to control his own tongue and that nobody would undertake to censor the utterances of a candidate for President. He knows better now, however. He has to obey before the election just as he would have to obey the bosses afterward if elected.
There are some things that public opinion will insist on, however, which the party managers will not insist on him doing. He will not tell what he would have done, if he had been President, when the German army invaded Belgium or when the German submarines torpedoed the Lusitania. He will not say what he would have done in the matter of recognizing an atrocious murderer as the head of the government of Mexico. President Wilson remonstrated against the Lusitania outrage in language which compelled the abandonment of submarine operations and Hughes criticizes him. Then what would Hughes have done? We will never know because the German propaganda has silenced him on that subject.
—"Watchman" has always insisted, both through its columns and the personal expressions of its editor to various visiting delegations, that the real and only place to settle the local option question is in the Legislature. It has never had any patience with movements to threaten or coerce a Judge of the courts into refusing licenses as long as there are laws on the statutes legalizing the granting of them. There should be no such discretionary power imposed on any Judge. The voters of Centre county will have a fair chance this fall to record just what they want and to send a man to the Legislature to do it in the only place that it can effectively be done. If they want local option they should vote for Mitchell I. Gardner. He is running on his personal pledge to vote for it and his pledge can be accepted in good faith because it represents what he has always stood out in the open for and it is of his own making. If they don't want local option Harry B. Scott, the present member of the Legislature, is on record as having voted against it in the last session and we understand that he has not changed his mind. The two men are diametrically opposed on this question and it is up to Centre county to fearlessly vote which principle it stands for.

THE CROSS ROADS.

M. MURRAY BALSAM.
The stranger stood 'neath scorching rays;
Two roads lay 'fore his level gaze.
One was a narrow path and straight,
The other, crooked; tempting fate.
"Explain yourselves," the stranger cried,
"The time is now, I must decide.
What secret tales can you unfold?
What offering does your silence hold?
The Bad Road chuckled inwardly.
The Good Road laughed aloud in glee.
"His mine," the former said, "I know
You're wrong," the latter murmured low.
"Your cravings I can e're appease,
I offer you a life of ease."
The Bad Road said: "Wine, women, song,
Just follow me, you can't go wrong."
"Theatres, taxis, balls, cafes,
The Bright Lights, dances, cabarets,
Ponies, midnight orgies, too,
This is the life I offer you."
"I offer hard work, ceaseless toil."
The Good Road said, "perhaps turmoil;
Wholesome food, peaceful hours,
Perhaps a cottage, decked with flowers."
"A glowing body, strong with life
To fight the Demons, care and strife;
I offer conscience, rested, clear,
A nature radiating cheer."
" My path is rocky, long and rough,
You'll find the going kind of tough.
But persevere, and in the end
Lux'ries, ease, will be yours, Friend.
THE DECISION.
The stranger, less his mental load,
Trudged down the straight and narrow road.
Democratic Opportunity.
From the Harrisburg Patriot.
The unmistakably genuine character of the enthusiasm manifested by the chairmen of the Democratic organizations from most of the counties of the State, at the big rally and notification meeting at the opening of the State campaign here on Thursday, speaks volumes for the chances of success of the Democratic State ticket in November. It was not enthusiasm based on visionary hopes doubtful of realization, but enthusiasm founded on accurate information compiled by each chairman after thorough study of facts and conditions in his home district.
The chairmen's report showed, generally speaking, that the strength of the national candidacy of President Wilson, based on the almost unprecedented record of fine administrative achievement in Washington; the unanimity of purpose among the Democrats of the State, and the lamentable weakness of the present Republican administration in Pennsylvania coupled with widespread Republican disaffection, justified their firm conviction that this year the Democrats have the best opportunity in their State ticket and to make material gains in the number of Democrats in the Pennsylvania representation in Congress.
The well grounded confidence of the county chairmen, together with the inspiring optimism of the speeches of Secretary Wilson, of the President's Cabinet; National Committeeman Palmer, State Chairman Guffey, former State Chairman Morris and several of the leading candidates on the State ticket, were perhaps, the strongest influences that contributed to making Thursday's big rally a most successful opening of the Democratic campaign in Pennsylvania.
The enthusiasm of the notification meeting will undoubtedly serve as an inspiration to the Democratic workers in all parts of the State. The Pennsylvania Democrats everywhere can feel assured that this year's fight is no forlorn hope; that victory is within their grasp, and that it will be theirs if they enter the fight with the same genuine determination to work and win that was displayed by their county leaders on Thursday.
Qualifying as a Humorist.
From the New York World.
According to the president of the Association of Master Bakers, "consumers would save \$25,000,000 a year if the five-cent loaf were abolished and the 10-cent loaf substituted." Was price-raising that was not intended to benefit the consumer?
From Company He Keeps.
From the New York World.
Mr. Hughes, in close personal conference with Reed Smoot, Murray Crane and Senator Gallinger, presents a spectacle to convince all doubting Thomases among Progressives that the Republican candidate is an incorrigible radical.
A Thoroughbred American.
From the Rochester Post Express.
It would be ridiculous to doubt the patriotism of President Wilson. American-born of American parents and honored by the people with their highest office, it would be incredibly exceptional and strange if he were not all-American.
In a Loving Mood.
From the Charleston News and Courier.
The Colonel can love anybody if he tries hard enough, and he may yet discover the good that is in Mr. Barnes and Mr. Penrose.
—Roosevelt hopes to get that third cup of coffee by proxy.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The annual reunion of the survivors of the Pennsylvania Canal Boatmen's association will be held in Johnstown on Thursday, October 12.
—It is said that the chestnut blight has killed thousands of trees in Clinton and adjoining counties and that the chestnut crop this year will be slim.
—Men arrested for drunkenness or street loafing in Latrobe are now put to work on the public streets if they haven't got the money to pay their fine.
—J. L. Abraham, a deputy delinquent tax collector of Johnstown, has been found guilty of extortion. Judge O'Connor directed the jury to return such a verdict.
—Seven tons of honey were recently shipped from Greenville, Pa., by Edgar Williams, who received a check for \$2,800 from the Newcastle, Pa., buyers of the sweetness.
—Because there was not sufficient evidence to hold him, Nicholas Moritz, a Russian, charged with the murder of Mrs. Catherine Yerkow, at Mount Union, a month ago, has been discharged from custody.
—Playing with matches cost Leo Mellis, aged three years, his life. The child managed to get some matches in his home, at Manor, and set his clothing on fire. He was so badly burned that death followed within a few hours.
—The largest eel ever caught in the vicinity of Millheim was taken from a mill dam there, when the water was drawn off to allow certain repairs. It measured forty-four inches and weighed seven and three-quarter pounds.
—While playing in a tub of water, presumably in the absence of any adult members of the family, a two year old child named Supe, living in Latrobe, fell over and was drowned. The child was dead when his body was found.
—The new First Presbyterian house of worship in Greensburg is to have a pipe organ of sufficient size and capacity to supply appropriate music, the cost not exceeding \$15,000. It is to be the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Stauffer Moore.
—Williamsport's Board of Trade secretary declares that within the next year that city will be able to furnish employment to 1,000 additional men and the same number of women. He believes at least 200 new houses will be needed.
—Miss Neva Matthews has brought suit against the borough of Latrobe to recover \$10,000 damages. She alleges she was badly and probably permanently injured by falling into an excavation in one of the town's avenues on September 30th, 1915.
—W. W. Moore, a well known resident of Clearfield, was found dead in his bed Saturday morning. He had retired in his usual health and the finding of his dead body was a severe shock to his family. He was aged 57 years and is survived by his wife and several children.
—A stranger representing himself to be a government agent endeavored to get a private interview with Charles Decker, a Lock Haven fur dealer, but produced no evidence of the authenticity of his claim and left the place when a customer entered. It is believed he meant robbery.
—Paul Lapcevic, the Westmoreland county man who killed his wife because she was preparing to run away with another man and in whose case the unwritten law failed to work, goes to the western penitentiary for not less than twelve and not more than twenty years.
—In an effort to have the shops of the Pittsburgh and Shawmut railroad located at Brookville, the people of that town have raised \$21,159.50 to purchase land and grade the location of the shops. The amount subscribed is sufficient to accomplish what the Shawmut company asked.
—Charles Eichenlaub, of Lock Haven, while along the river heard a splashing in the water and on hurrying to the edge of the river saw a large snapping turtle struggling with a young duck which it had caught in its mouth. The boy captured the turtle and the Eichenlaub family feasted on soup.
—The Rev. A. Stapleton, aged sixty-eight years, pastor of St. Paul's United Evangelical church, Williamsport, died suddenly of acute indigestion, a few hours after he had preached his Sunday evening sermon. He was a veteran of the Civil war and the historian of the United Evangelical church.
—William Nighthart, of Lewistown, arrested on charge of leaving an outline in the Juniata after sunrise first claimed he had overslept himself and later changed it to a plea of guilty. He was fined \$20 and costs, amounting to \$23.50. His son paid the fine. The State took the line and eighty hooks, giving Nighthart the seven-teen eels it contained.
—A practical joker slammed shut the vault door of a Reynoldsville business place while Misses Catherine Taefe and Alice Cooper were putting away the books. He was horrified to see the bolts slide into place. Miss Taefe was the only person present who understood the combination and the girls were imprisoned for half an hour before she could make those outside understand her.
—Prosecution of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper company, for polluting the Juniata river at Williamsburg with wastes from its plant is the first of a series of arrests made this month by state fish wardens. The West Virginia company ignored notices to filter its wastes and paid \$100 fine. If it does not comply with the order it will be fined again. There are a number of plants in northern and eastern counties which have ignored such notices and their managers will likely be arrested this week.
—Walter Wendt, wanted on a charge of murdering Constable Michael McGinley, of Altoona, on Oct. 23, last year is now incarcerated in the Blair county jail, to await trial at the next term of criminal court. The case against young Wendt, and his brother, Alfred, has already been acted upon by a grand jury, and a true bill returned against the boys. Nothing remains to be done except hear their case before a jury, and it is understood there will be no delay in this, the next term of court being listed for the first Monday in October. While it could not be learned positively, it was intimated that an excellent clue to the whereabouts of Fred Wendt had been obtained, and it is possible that both the boys will be arraigned in court at the same time. Wendt was captured in Chicago on Friday and taken to Altoona on Sunday.