

INK SLINGS.

—And we are to have steam heat tomorrow.

—Have you started that Christmas shopping? There are just eighty-six days yet and you know how fast they fly.

—Col. J. L. Spangler and Dr. Jos. M. Brockerhoff are the Centre county members of the Democratic State finance committee.

—The 45th Penna. Vols. had a fine day and a fine time during their reunion here, but then visitors always have a good time in Bellefonte.

—Senator Cummins seems to have gone about as far as he could without calling candidate Hughes the real name that is frequently given to persons who don't adhere to the truth.

—Mr. Bacon might have been nominated for Senator if Roosevelt had kept out of the scrimmage. The hyphenates refused to take both Bacon and Hughes even though Hughes was their first choice.

—Of course it costs money to keep the National Guardsmen on the Mexican border but they are learning the art of war and if they hadn't gone there a war might have broken out that would have cost ten times as much.

—Ten thousand more troops have been ordered home from the border but Troop L is not included in the list. Being cavalrymen our boys are of more service than infantrymen so that they will probably be among the last to get back.

—Just now the woman who has never been able to bake good bread has it on her more expert sister. We never eat as much bad bread as we do good, so that the one who bakes the bad bread is the one who is really saving the dough.

—The Bellefonte Gas Co., seems to have been revived within the past two or three days. Actually the gas has been bright enough to make a light and they say it is all because someone accidentally discovered that the gas pump had been pumping more air than gas into the mains.

—You can fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. This old epigram is really the platform on which candidate Scott places his hope of re-election to the Legislature. It all depends on whether he can fool enough of them this time.

—The "Watchman" is authorized to receive contributions for Woodrow Wilson's campaign fund. If you feel like you would like to help defray the expenses of re-electing one of the greatest Presidents the country has ever had bring or send your contribution to this office. It will be gratefully received and will be acknowledged directly by the national treasurer.

—Anyway, the Germans were the foxes. It took them two years to gobble up a lot of Ally territory and now the experts say that it will take the Allies two years to get it back again and by that time both sides will be so exhausted that they can fight no longer. If this should be the way it will work out Germany will probably have to settle, but her territory will not have been despoiled by warfare.

—The acquittal of the three men who were on trial here for manslaughter during the week was not much of a surprise. It will be recalled that upon the occasion of their first trial Judge Johnson, of Union county, who was presiding, indicated that the jury would be quite justified in returning a verdict of not guilty and when it did not he granted the new trial which resulted in the freedom of the defendants.

—Governor Brumbaugh has sprung a wonderful new plan for the future of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. He has had a "prevision," as he calls it, of what will make the party impregnable for the next twenty years. The Governor had better stop peeping so far into the future and take to looking in the mirror. He will see more of himself there than he will in the future of the Republican party in Pennsylvania.

—The motto of the Philipsburg "Ledger" is: To Speak his Mind is Every Freeman's Right." As the "Ledger" has not yet put candidates Rowland's or Scott's names on the Republican ticket that it publishes weekly at its masthead we are wondering whether they might have thought the motto means what it says and said something unpleasing to the vanity of brother Boulton or brother Richards. The attitude of the "Ledger" is strange, indeed, and they say that both Rowland and Scott are secretly showing symptoms of being worried about it.

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Hughes Inincere or Incompetent.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, is a Republican and a supporter of the Republican candidate for President. But he will not stand for the demagogic methods which Justice Hughes and his party managers have adopted. Chairman Wilcox of the Republican National Committee some time ago issued a statement charging that the child labor law enacted by Congress, at the instance of the President, contains a "joker," which destroys its merits. Candidate Hughes, without investigation, adopted the statement of Wilcox and in a speech at Milwaukee added, "our opponents claim to have emancipated child labor. If our opponents are genuinely devoted to the interests of children, let them act in States under their control and there will be no child labor problem in the United States."

This of course is an assertion of the States' rights principle that the regulation of labor conditions is a prerogative of the State Legislatures and that Congress has no authority to act upon it. Generally speaking that is true, but the act of Congress in question limits its operations to child labor which produces commodities in interstate transactions and under the provisions of the article of the constitution which regulates interstate commerce the courts have held that Congress has a right to legislate. Mr. Hughes' attempt to hide behind the State rights principle is as insincere as it is discreditable. He doesn't believe in that policy and never did. His assertion of it under existing conditions is a false pretense.

Senator Cummins refuses to justify false pretense, however, even to win votes for his party and in a letter to Owen R. Lovejoy, Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, fitly rebukes the demagoguery of his candidate. "The child labor law," he writes, "received in the Senate the most exhaustive consideration and those of us who were for it, employed the utmost care to exclude every possible objection to its validity consistent with its effectiveness." Notwithstanding this direct statement on the subject, however, Hughes continues to declare it invalid and to reiterate the statement which provoked the Cummins rebuke. It is small wonder that the Iowa Senator added: "These criticisms are without any foundation whatsoever, and the persons who are giving them publicity are either insincere or incompetent."

Not a Defensive Campaign.

The Philadelphia "Public Ledger," the most unfair partisan organ in the State, says that President Wilson's defence of his surrender to the railway brotherhoods and the action of Congress in passing the railway wage law is an adroit piece of special pleading and will undoubtedly have considerable weight with those who are content to accept his arguments at their face value and to accept without examination all his premises." There may be a few voters in Pennsylvania who will be fooled by such assertions but not many. It is too absurd to deceive any man with reasoning power. In the first place President Wilson has not made a defence, adroit or otherwise, of his action with respect to the law in question. His action in that matter requires no defence. In the second place President Wilson did not surrender to the railroad brotherhoods or anybody else. He was influenced to his action by his conscience and his sense of justice. In his speech at Shadow Lawn last Saturday afternoon, he explained the eight-hour law and outlined his expectations with respect to the legislation to supplement that law which he contemplates. But there was nothing in the nature of a defence.

So far as the Democrats are concerned this is not a defensive campaign. Our candidates for the various offices to be filled from President down to Representative in the Legislature are men of the type that commend themselves to the public mind and need no defence. Whatever defence is projected into the campaign will be on the other side. Hughes may defend himself against the obvious fact that his nomination was procured by the German-Americans who openly declare their allegiance to the German empire rather than to the United States of America. If he is able to invent a defence against that charge he will be busy enough.

Senator Borah's Loose Tongue.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, known as the blatherskite of Congress participated in the factional effort, at York, to make the Vares appear as leaders of the Republican party of Pennsylvania. Borah who owes his political distinction to the friendship of the Mormon voters of his State professes to be greatly outraged because the appropriations made by the last session of Congress exceeded those of the last session controlled by the Republican party by a matter of \$500,000,000. "If I were not speaking from a partisan platform," he said, "I would call the record of Democratic extravagance just what it should be called, pure, naked, unadulterated, impudent graft."

Manifestly Senator Borah is one of those loose-mouthed adventurers who give the tongue free reign without such a thing as thought to control it. We admit the increase of appropriations but call attention to the fact that nearly \$700,000,000 of the total amount was appropriated to the increase of the army and navy and to preparedness for defence that every intelligent man, woman and child in the country approved of and that therefore by his own figures Senator Borah proves that for ordinary expenses of the government the appropriations of the last session were at least \$200,000,000 less than those of the last Republican Congress.

Unhappily for this country a period immediately following the Civil war produced a bunch of slovenly thinking or half-baked persons some of whom in later years were projected or broke into public office. Borah is a fair sample of this peculiar brood and his loose talk about graft and extravagance is a fair sample of his trend of thought. He knows, if he knows anything, that no part of the appropriations of the recent session has been disbursed and that money honestly expended and in pursuance of the public good is not graft whether the amount be great or small. He probably thought his audience was made up of men as ignorant as himself, however.

Let Us Accept the Issue.

The Democratic managers may well accept the challenge of candidate Hughes to make President Wilson's action on the eight-hour law the main issue of the campaign. Mr. Hughes insists that the approval of the measure was a great outrage. Standardizing the eight-hour day, he declares, puts a grave injustice upon the transportation corporations and that President Wilson ought to be defeated because he permitted the railroad trainmen to enact such legislation. Of course there was no coercion in the matter. Congress enacted the law because it expressed a just principle and averting a great calamity and the President approved it for the same reasons.

The President's programme of which the eight-hour law is a part contemplates a series of laws which will make labor strikes impossible in the future. The eight-hour feature will make contentment among workmen which removes the principle cause of strikes. The other features will eliminate other causes which lead to strikes and thus the heaviest tax on transportation corporations will be removed. Is such legislation to be condemned? The attitude of the Republican candidate for President would imply that it should. But intelligent men will take another view of the question. They will see in the action of Congress and the President a cause for rejoicing, a popular beneficence.

The eight hour day will not put a hardship upon employers of labor as Justice Hughes declares. On the contrary it will work an advantage to employers quite as certainly as to employees. It will make employees more fit for work and add mentally to the producing power of the laborer. It will diminish, in an equal ratio, the causes of quarrels and dissensions between employer and employee, and as the President has said, will eliminate strikes. Let us, therefore, accept the challenge of Mr. Hughes to make this the leading issue of the campaign and appeal to the intelligence of the voters and the justice of the workmen to sustain the President. It will make victory both certain and overwhelming.

—For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN OFFICE.

Crow and Penrose at Odds.

Senator Penrose and State Chairman Crow of the Republican committee were in Harrisburg at the same time the other day but they were heading in opposite directions. Senator Penrose was on his way to Pittsburgh to attend a reception to Candidate Hughes. Chairman Crow, who lives near Pittsburgh, was on his way to York to attend the meeting of the League of Republican clubs, a function under the auspices of the Vares. This incident lends color to the current report that Crow has abandoned Penrose and joined the Vares crowd. Senator Crow denied this report, according to the Harrisburg papers, but it is not recorded that he met Penrose in Harrisburg.

Senator Crow has always been a faithful henchman of Penrose. He wanted the Republican nomination for United States Senator but Penrose bestowed that party favor upon Senator Knox who is better able to take care of the railroad interests in the Senate. He gave as a reason for turning down Crow the financial troubles of Mr. Thompson, of Uniontown, with whom Crow was to some extent associated in business operations. At the time Crow seemed to be satisfied with the arrangement and consented to putting his friend Harman Gephart on the ticket for State Treasurer. But if Crow affiliates with the Vares faction public opinion will take it that he has had a break with Penrose.

The truth of the matter is that the Republican party of Pennsylvania is broken up into fragments to such an extent that the State may be lost to the party entirely. The Democratic leaders are already confidently predicting the election of the Democratic State ticket and claim a considerable gain in Congressional seats and legislative strength. Brumbaugh has been cutting up capers ever since his Presidential ambition was cut off by Penrose and if Crow has also abandoned the Penrose machine there is little chance of reconciling the factional differences. But Penrose has Hughes at his command anyway and whatever else happens he will keep the Vares away from the National crib.

The first man of Troop L to return home since going to El Paso, Texas, in July, was John Morrison, who returned on Saturday afternoon. John's term of enlistment expired before the soldiers left Mt. Gretna but he consented to go along as veterinarian until they could get somebody to take his place. John continued veterinary right along until the officers tried to induce him to re-enlist when he decided that he had soldiered long enough, and with his honorable discharge in his pocket took the train for the north and good, old Bellefonte. Mr. Morrison came home the very picture of health and if every member of the troop is as rugged as he is their trip south will have done them good physically as well as military.

—Women of Lycoming, Centre and Clinton counties are again reminded of the tri-county one-day conference of Women's clubs, of Lycoming, Centre and Clinton counties to be held in the Lock Haven Central State Normal school Saturday, October 7, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., the hostess club, the Lock Haven Civic club, serving hot coffee and ice cream to the guests. A most interesting program, including club reports and several formal speeches, will please everyone. Make your plans to attend.

—The Brumbaugh circus will finish its farewell tour today and the whitewash will be scraped off the elephant tomorrow. It wasn't much of an attraction but it served the purpose of feeding Brumbaugh vanity for a time.

—If Hughes had lost his voice before his speaking tour was begun his chances of election would have been much better. But by losing it now he may save the pieces.

—Former President Taft is trying his best to be a hypocrite and after his reconciliation with Roosevelt he may be able to fool the majority.

—The Mexican peace commission is not making rapid progress but it keeps Hughes busy hoping for the worst.

—Roosevelt and Taft have made up and now there is nothing left of Taft except the smile.

Of Divergent Views.

From the Johnstown Democrat. There are two classes of statesmen that are always present among us. One takes cognizance of the fact that the "average American" is a worker who has a family and who most of the time finds it rather difficult to make both ends meet. The other style of statesman does not concern himself with the "average American." He takes the view that the stock broker, the wealthy manufacturer, the banker, the money captain is the chap Wilson reserves consideration. President Wilson, when formulating his policies, called the "average American" in mind. Candidate Hughes takes the "big business" view.

At the present time there are a great many keen financial leaders who are planning to extend the commerce of the United States. These keen captains think in terms of millions. They represent capital. Their schemes are worth while. The country needs such men. There should be no disposition to curb their operations. But statesmen of the Wilson stripe are inclined to question the promoters with a view of ascertaining whether or not any thought has been given to the question of making the worker and the general public a participating partner in the enterprise. It will not do to say that if a few vigorous men in the laborer will benefit the country that the laborer will benefit directly. He should benefit indirectly. And, while your money captain might not agree, it is not worth while extending trade at all if the only benefit is that a few men who already have a great many million dollars manage to collect a state the proposition simply is mostly concerned as to the general benefits that result from the great enterprises undertaken by our people. Candidate Hughes is mostly concerned as to the special benefits. The President views the proposition from the standpoint of the public. His opponent views problems from the standpoint of the capitalists. The President is inclined to ask regarding every campaign as to whether it is a good thing for the army. Candidate Hughes is concerned as to whether the various moves contemplated are a good thing for the general. The difference in those points of view is fundamental.

Inconsistency of the Partisan.

From the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader. The Philadelphia "Ledger" has been hammering President Wilson for averting the railroad strike and is now calling upon Governor Brumbaugh to demand that the contending forces in the Wilkes-Barre Street Railway controversy get together, settle their difference and restore normal transportation facilities to this valley.

Under how the "Ledger" figures it Governor Brumbaugh to but in and settle a local street car strike, but was absolutely wrong for President Wilson to use his great office to avert what would have been a thousand fold greater calamity? And by the way, those of this community who condemn President Wilson for averting the nationwide railroad strike in one breath and then complain bitterly of the existing conditions causing inconvenience and losses in this valley due to a street car strike, should stop and consider what a nation-wide tie-up of transportation lines would have meant and thank Providence for Woodrow Wilson who averted such a calamity.

Paying for Preparedness.

From Capper's Weekly. Congressional appropriations for the present fiscal year, closing next June, will exceed those of the last year by half a billion dollars, of which 400 million dollars is the extra cost of military "preparedness." Congress appropriates ordinarily about 180 millions for the army and 140 millions for the navy, with additional appropriations for fortifications. In round figures the purely military appropriations this year are 650 millions, to which are to be added 20 millions for fortifications, 20 millions for a nitrate plant and about 20 millions for increased army and navy expenses. Military and naval appropriations all told for the present year will go far over the 700 million mark. This is 65 per cent. of the total cost of government, this being estimated now at 1,126 millions. The total appropriations exceed this figure by several hundred million. What it finally comes to is this: That though the United States has not been engaged in an important war for upward of 50 years, yet its disbursements this year are to be 800 millions for purposes relating to war and 265 millions for all other.

Educators Line Up for Wilson.

From the Springfield Republican. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard and Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams college and son of a Republican President of the United States, are supporting President Wilson for re-election. They are not doing it, however, as members of a mystic order of present and former college presidents honoring a fellow member. They are the first and second Vice Presidents of the Woodrow Wilson Independent league of Massachusetts.

—The singular thing about the Hughes brand of Americanism is that it pleases the hyphenated Germans quite as much as the Kaiser's estimate of the merit of Kultur.

—The rumors of Villa activities are simply a part of the Republican campaign. Villa activities would be a great help to the Republicans.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The lodge of Elks located at Clearfield has authorized the trustees to proceed at once with the erection of a \$10,000 building on a lot owned by the society.

—Portage will hold an election on November 7 to decide whether or not a bond issue of \$25,000 shall be floated to pay present floating indebtedness and provide a sewerage system.

—Some few hours after he had said: "When I have to die I want to go with my boots on," Uncle Peter Lalley, of North Wales, Montgomery county, fell dead. He was aged 74 years.

—Thus far the citizens of Williamsport have subscribed \$13,496 for the support of soldiers from that city on the Mexican border, and of that amount more than \$11,000 has been paid in.

—Miss Caroline Nasse, whose home is near Pennsylvania, Montgomery county, who has just celebrated the growing anniversary of her birth, has never been ill more than two days at a time during the whole of her long life.

—The Cunard Coal company, whose new mining operations near Morrisdale, Clearfield county, are giving employment to a large number of men, will erect fifteen dwellings not far from the plant for the use of its employees.

—Former Commissioner Harrison D. Taylor, who was tried in the quarter sessions court at Huntingdon last week on the charge of embezzlement, growing out of the settlement of an estate, was acquitted but ordered to pay half the costs.

—Probably for the first time since its invention the cow-catcher on a moving train caught a Westmoreland county cow, carried her some distance and gently dropped her off by the side of the road, without apparent injury. This happened one day last week.

—Mrs. John Smutz, of Somerset, was struck by an automobile and sustained a broken leg. The driver stopped his machine, got out, approached the injured woman and apologized. Then he drove off before anybody inquired his name or took the number of his car.

—Bucknell University opened last Thursday with an enrollment of approximately 800 students, against a total of 725 last year. The incoming Freshman class numbered 250. At the Woman's College conditions were crowded last spring, and it has been found necessary to rent a second house.

—Even in the face of the exclusion of children, on account of infantile paralysis, the Allentown fair this year broke all records, both as to attendance and receipts. Outside of the hotel rental, which runs about \$6,000 the receipts this year were \$71,494, as compared to \$71,488 last year, a gain of \$6.

—During a recent electric storm in Clearfield an automobile was struck by lightning. No damage was done to the car, but the lights were lit by the flash and could not be extinguished by using the button switch. It was necessary to tear out all the batteries before the lights ceased burning.

—Mystery surrounds the finding of a suitcase containing the dead body of an infant, at Arnold, Westmoreland county. The find was made by a woman who was burning paper and refuse in the rear of her lot. The condition of the suitcase and its contents indicated that it had been placed there some time ago.

—With one side of her face crushed by the kick of a frightened horse as it was being taken from a burning barn, Mrs. Jesse Anthony, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, returned to the burning building and rescued the only other horse in the barn. The building collapsed as she left it. A calf and practically all the season's crops were destroyed.

—Samuel Immel, aged nearly 70 years, undertook to drive across the railroad at Centre Hall some days ago, when the buggy in which he was riding was struck by an engine. The old man was thrown on the cowcatcher and thence to the ground, but was not injured. He carried two half pint bottles filled with whiskey on his person, in addition to what he carried in his stomach. The bottles were uninjured and not a drop of their contents spilled.

—Residents of Curwensville are considerably agitated over a "Peep-a-Boo" individual who has been doing some spying at windows along the row of houses near the finishing tannery. He makes his appearance about ten or eleven o'clock and peers through windows at the inmates. Just what his object is residents have been unable to fathom, but a load of shot in the right place some night when he is at work, might help to clear up the mystery.

—Russel Nichols, of Goodville, Pa., was killed by a bull at the Glen Mills Reform school Sunday. The animal crushed the boy against the side of a stable. The boy went to the building with other boys to do the stable work. There were no guards about and he teased the bull which was tied in a stall. The animal, which had been doctored, resented the teasing and caught Nichols with his head and threw him into a corner of the stall. He then lunged against the boy's body with his head, crushing the ribs.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Grove, of Lewistown, died deeds for record last Thursday in which they transfer real estate valued at \$40,000 to the trustees of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The deeds cover practically all the real estate holdings of the aged couple located in Lewistown and will be used in the annuity fund for aged and infirm ministers of this conference. Mr. Grove is now 78 years old, has been one of the active and prosperous business men of Lewistown since the Civil war, his name still remaining on the sign of Grove & Rice, although he no longer takes an active part in the business life of the firm.

—Andrew Rubie, 64 years old, was struck and almost instantly killed at Lewistown Junction at 7:35 Saturday evening by train No. 61. His body rolled at the feet of his son to whom he was talking a minute before the accident. Mr. Rubie, who was deaf, went to the Junction from his home near Milroy by automobile in company with his aged wife and two grown sons, to take the Pneysy excursion to Niagara Falls. The party were standing at the corner of the depot in conversation, when Rubie stepped to the curb of the brick platform, leaning over on the tracks to expropriate, just as the locomotive of train No 61 flashed by striking him fairly on the side of the head. His skull was fractured and death resulted 15 minutes later. The wife and two sons witnessed the accident. Rubie frequently visited at Centre Hall and was well known by many Pennsylvania people.