

INK SLINGS.

At last some one has been arrested for reckless driving on the streets of Bellefonte.

The cabinet makers are showing no signs of invoking the Adamson law to shorten their working hours.

Congressman-elect Bleakley, of Franklin, has decided to fly to Washington in an aeroplane. Symptoms that there will be another flighty member in the House when he takes his seat.

Cauliflower has gone to one hundred dollars a ton in the New York markets. Here would be a chance for a lot of ex-prize fighters with "cauliflower" ears to turn their deformities to good advantage.

There is so much to be thankful for in all of our lives that we should remember not to let the day specially set apart for that purpose slip by without a prayer of thanksgiving for the many blessings that have been ours.

There will be no nation-wide railroad strike on January 1, for the reason that the eight-hour law has not been put into operation because that law will be put in operation on that day. This is not official but it is absolutely true.

Might as well give it up, you fellows who are still counting on the possibility of an error in the count of the vote in California. The official canvass is nearly completed and not an error of any magnitude has thus far been discovered.

We sit and smoke the pipe of peace and wonder what thing more could add one jot to the happy lot that we have had in store; and then the steam runs down and quits and the gas it flickers dim and our happy lot is gone to pot and our language? Its a sin.

Inasmuch as most of us believe that Col. Goethals is in a position to know most about the Panama Canal we are not inclined to believe the professor of geology at Lehigh University, who declares that it is a failure and that the Culebra slides can never be stopped.

As the court proceeds it looks more and more as though Congressmen Barchfeld and Coleman have both been defeated for re-election in Pittsburgh. When Pittsburgh sends two Democrats to Congress we are forced to arise and reiterate our remark of last week to the effect that in 1920 there won't be a Republican party.

Rumors here are to the effect that our boys on the Border will either be home or in Mexico within a month. While we will all pray that it will be home for theirs, we all feel that if they have to be sent into Mexico they will add more lustre to the already illustrious record of the home county as a producer of brilliant military men.

What a wonderful thing the poise of the American people is. It is just fifteen days since the election of a President of this great country of ours and all the excitement engendered by a heated campaign in which over two million of dollars were spent in arousing it has simmered down until about the only persons who ever think of the contest are those who have an office itch that must be scratched.

If you can enjoy mock turtle soup and relish chicken salad that has been made out of veal, call ginger cakes ginger cakes when they haven't a flake of ginger in them why in the world can't you eat a big fat chicken that has cost twenty cents the pound for your Thanksgiving dinner and imagine it is turkey at forty cents. Really, the only thing good about turkey is the white meat and you all know there never is enough white meat "to go 'round."

Chicago is all excited over the experiment that has been started there to feed one dozen men and women a week on an expenditure of not more than ten dollars for food. It might be a wonderfully enlightening proposition to the Chicago Board of Health, but in a community like ours the successful working out of such a scheme of economics would not cause a ripple of excitement, for the reason that scores of families here are living healthily on a far less expenditure for food than that.

The "Watchman" heartily commends the sentence which Judge Quigley imposed on Phillipsburg's confessed fire-bug. Twenty years in the penitentiary may seem like a long time, and it is a long time, but not too long a confinement for a man who wilfully caused the destruction of over a hundred thousand dollars worth of property and jeopardized the lives of innocent people. The only way crime can be held in check is by making the penalty of its commission as fearful as human practices permit.

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Concerning the New Cabinet.

Naturally there is a good deal of mental speculation concerning the next cabinet. The President has given no sign of his purpose with respect to the matter and none of the members of the present cabinet have indicated his plans for the future. Of course all of them will resign and it is equally certain that some of them will be reappointed. But it is reasonably sure that some new material will be brought into service. The West has earned greater consideration than it has received in the past and it may be assumed that in recasting the cabinet some of the strong men of that section will be summoned to the council table. There is plenty of good material in the West.

It has been intimated that Postmaster General Burleson has ambitions in another direction and in pursuit of them will withdraw from the cabinet. His home is in Texas and in all probability his successor will be a Western man. It is also reported that Secretary of War Baker will decline a reappointment and his State, Ohio, has earned the right to claim his successor. There are rumors current in Washington that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will refuse to serve longer than the close of the present term. He is a splendid official but it is commonly believed that he could earn a couple of hundred thousand dollars a year in his business and if that be true remaining would be a great sacrifice.

The cabinet slate makers, and they are legion, all include the name of Vance C. McCormick for a place in the new cabinet but none of them has placed him in the position which would be congenial. That is he is generally selected to be Secretary of War and his natural place would be Secretary of the Treasury. All his life he has been concerned in vast business undertakings and in organizing the Federal Reserve banking system the President selected him as a member of one of the boards. If Mr. McAdoo desires to retire, therefore, the natural thing would be to call Mr. McCormick to the vacancy. Pennsylvania would thus have two seats in the cabinet but the Keystone State is big.

Knocks Out Class Distinction.

In an address to a delegation representing the American Federation of Labor, at the White House, last Saturday, President Wilson sounded the keynote of true Americanism. "What I am striving for, and what I hope you are striving for," he said, "is to blot out all the lines of division in America and create a unity of spirit and purpose founded upon this, the consciousness that we are all men and women of the same sort and that if we do not understand each other, we are not true Americans." The evil of our day and generation is the mistaken idea that American citizens are divided into classes and that wealth or birth makes a material difference between one element of our people and another.

The main hope of the American Republic is that class spirit and class distinction shall be entirely and completely eliminated. Based upon wealth it is bad enough but the pretensions of the New York and Newport men and women who find their diversions in vice and their remedies in divorce courts was more amusing than important to right-minded folk. But recently there has developed an element which imagines that within its membership is vested all that is patriotic and wise and that they have been put upon the earth to govern, and rule and regulate the affairs of the nation. This presumption is as harmful as it is absurd and in his determination to wipe it out the President should be cordially supported.

There are Republicans who imagine that nobody outside of that party faith is capable, honest and patriotic enough to administer the government and unfortunately this element of that party is in control of the organization. Possibly there are some Democrats who imagine that they alone are fit to hold office but they are in a hopeless minority. The truth is that there are genuine Americans and true patriots in both parties and the worthy men of all parties aim to conserve the interests of the people. No party has a monopoly either of patriotism or intelligence, and the rank and file of both parties are earnestly striving to promote prosperity and avoid public and private misfortune.

Real Truth About Mexico.

Events clearly show that the bandits of Mexico whether partisans of Carranza or adherents of Villa are murderous enemies of the United States. For several weeks a bogus peace conference has been in session, first at a New England coast resort and subsequently at Atlantic City, in which distinguished American diplomats have been earnestly striving to guarantee the safety of the lives of residents of the border and such security of property as will make residence there tolerable. But upon one pretext or another every suggestion is rejected by the Mexican Commissioners who seem to have no purpose except the protection of Villa and his murdering marauders.

For more than five months an army of nearly one hundred thousand troops has been kept on the Mexican border as a measure of protection of the regular troops which compose the punitive expedition sent to capture Villa. Within a month from the time that General Pershing entered upon Mexican territory Villa would have been captured if the defacto Mexican government hadn't shielded him. But he is not only not captured but he is able to defy the United States and defeat the force of the de facto Mexican government whenever he is inclined to do so. That means, if it means anything, that Villa and Carranza are in a conspiracy to raid the border regions and murder and rob American citizens there.

The President has been as wise as his policy has been beneficent in his treatment of the Mexican question up until now. He has refused to put the force of the United States behind the land pirates like Randolph Hearst and the Standard Oil company who have probably financed the operations of both Carranza and Villa in the hope that their crimes would force intervention. But the time has come when the Mexican murderers of all factions must be brought to punishment. In other words an expedition of sufficient strength should be sent to Mexico to capture and hang Villa and Carranza and give to the honest and patriotic people of Mexico an opportunity to set up a real government.

Good News from Washington.

The gratifying information comes from Washington that the President will bend his energies from the beginning to the completion of the legislative program outlined soon after his inauguration. We still confidently believe that the next Congress will be Democratic in both branches but in that event the margin will be so narrow as to preclude the hope of enacting party legislation. But during the last session of the present Congress which assembles a week from next Monday a vast amount of beneficent legislation may be enacted. There are three full months in which to work for the public good and every moment of the time ought to be used to best advantage.

Easily the most important legislation to be considered is the perfection of the tentative programme expressed in the eight-hour day. All the corporations concerned are preparing to fight against the fulfillment of this promise to labor and it will tax the energy and ingenuity of the Congressional leaders to circumvent them. Their first attack will be made in the courts where it is hoped adverse interpretations may be obtained. But if Congress is sufficiently alert and energetic the expectations of railroad managers with respect to this will be disappointed. Before the courts have opportunity to decide the weak points the legislation may be strengthened and the validity of the law secured.

Nearly ten years ago Congress enacted a law making eight hours a day for lower operatives employed by railroads. The corporations concerned fought the proposition at the time but when the measure became a law quietly acquiesced and now freely admit that it was a most beneficent measure. But they are not going to permit an eight hour day for trainmen for the reason that they believe that the passage of the bill providing for it elected Wilson President and defeated Hughes from whom they expected much. The suits entered to nullify the law are reprisals through which they propose to punish organized labor for voting to conserve its own interests.

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Good Suggestions for 1920.

The correspondent of a New York newspaper who suggests Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, and Hiram Johnson, of California, as the Republican ticket in 1920 has sounded a true note. Roosevelt and Johnson is a familiar combination in nomenclature. It was with those names the army of Armageddon conjured in 1912 and though defeated then both gentlemen have managed to keep themselves in the white light ever since. It will be admitted that their popularity has not kept pace with their pertinacity during the interval but the tail of the ticket has at least held his own in California while the head has lost none of his strength in Wall Street and among practical men.

Besides it would afford so much pleasure to the vast majority of the American people to get one more chance to swipe Roosevelt. His hypocrisy has been so clearly revealed within the last few months that every man with red blood in his veins, and nearly every American citizen, has red blood in his veins, would take delight in an opportunity to prove Roosevelt the weakest candidate who has ever offered himself for popular support. A falsifier, coward and traducer of men soon finds his level in the lowest depths of public contempt and Roosevelt has written himself down as all of these. Taft would not, as he should not, hold the low record as a Presidential candidate.

Of course so far as results are concerned it doesn't make much difference who the Republican candidates for President and Vice President will be in 1920. By that time the people of the country will be so completely attached to the policies of the Democratic party that the Democratic ticket will be invincible. But it would be so much more enjoyable to overwhelm such an arrogant hypocrite as Roosevelt and so confirmed a demagogue as "Hungry Hi," than to defeat a couple of reputable gentlemen, that we hope the suggestion of the correspondent in question will be adopted. There will be no mourning at the funeral and no regrets when the event is finished.

Democratic Vote of Pennsylvania.

The Democratic vote in Pennsylvania this year is considerably larger than the average of recent years and almost up to the highest ever polled. The official returns are not available as yet but the unofficial returns make the total in the neighborhood of 110,000. In 1912 the Democrats of Pennsylvania polled 395,637 votes which was the smallest with one exception since 1888. In 1904 Mr. Parker polled only 335,430 votes and the highest record was made in 1892 when Cleveland got a magnificent total of 452,264. Mr. Bryan got 427,125 in 1896, 424,232 in 1900 and 448,782 in 1908. Many Democrats of 1892 have been alienated by policies since adopted but this year we are nearly up to high water mark.

The increased vote of this year is ascribable almost entirely to the work of the present administration. The foreign policies of Woodrow Wilson have appealed to the hearts and consciences of the voters of the State as the acts of no other President have. He has kept us out of war and without the least impairment of national honor. He has guided the country through a labyrinth of difficulties, encountered myriads of troubles and solved vast numbers of vexed problems without moral or material harm to the people. The big vote of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania three weeks ago is the free and full tribute of popular appreciation of these splendid achievements of President Woodrow Wilson.

It is up to the Democratic people of the State to hold together for future occasions this magnificent force of voters and increase the number as population multiplies. This may easily be done if those who have control of the organization of the party have the breadth of vision and the unselfish devotion to duty to be just and fair to those who contributed to the result. Thousands of railroad men voted the Democratic ticket for the first time this year. Other thousands of working men followed their example and still others were almost persuaded to do so. The Democrats must prove that they deserve the confidence thus expressed in them. President Wilson will do his part.

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Worrying Over the House.

From the Philadelphia Record. It is rather amusing to note the feverish interest with which Republican newspapers follow the changes from day to day in the political complexion of the House of Representatives and how exultant they are over the possibility that the G. O. P. may tie that body or have a majority of one or two in it. They seem to imagine that they will be able effectually to block any beneficent legislation urged by President Wilson and to embarrass his administration at every step. They even talk of making that hopeless reactionary, Congressman Mann-of blackmail law fame—Speaker of the House.

All this shows how hopelessly Bourbon a large element of the Republican party still is and how little it learnt from last Tuesday's election. Certainly it should know that Republican Congressmen from such States as Kansas, California, Nebraska, Washington and others which gave majorities for Wilson, while electing the G. O. P. State tickets, are not going to form an alliance with Eastern pullbacks to block all progressive legislation. That would be political suicide for them.

It is a safe guess that, whether Democrats or Republicans secure the House by a trifling plurality, a substantial majority of its members will be in accord with the President's advanced views and will tolerate no backward steps. The votes in the present Congress show that. It must also be remembered that the new House will not meet until December, 1917, and that in the meantime there are large possibilities for events that may obliterate all political lines. Why worry, therefore, over the switch of one or two districts from Democrats to Republicans, or vice versa?

Pennsylvania is supposed to be weak in its Democracy, but according to the unofficial returns reported this State cast more Democratic votes than Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia and North Carolina and South Carolina combined. The votes are here, but they need more thorough organization to make them thoroughly effective. This should be one of the great tasks of the coming four years.

Wilson's Re-Election.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The American people did not elect themselves with saying "Thank God for Wilson." They voted as they prayed. The result of the election is a tribute to accomplishment. What is more, it is noticed that partisan appeals, demagogic outpourings or the poisoned personal rancor of disappointed leaders can no longer be relied upon to swing elections in this country. No President, not even Lincoln, was ever forced to sustain the storm of vilification that Woodrow Wilson faced. No Democratic candidate, not even Bryan in 1896, faced such a flood of misrepresentation, of direct misstatement, of falsehood artfully conceived, of innuendo framed with cunning malice as was launched upon the President. Insincere from the very start, the Hughes campaign fell of its own weight. The Republican nominee became a stalking horse for Roosevelt, spoke an alien tongue and mouthed phrases with whose inner meaning he could not in conscience agree.

During the last days of the campaign there appeared the brazen but futile attempt to convince the American worker that if he did not elect Mr. Hughes he would surely starve. That our people have paid to earnest and sincere endeavor. It marks the definite triumph of patriotism over partisanship.

The Buzzing of the Bee.

From the Springfield Republican. The colonel, of course, is "mentioned" for 1920. He won't talk about it, for he doesn't "discuss pipe dreams." But he cannot so easily convince us that the bee is not buzzing.

Not a Rainbow Chaser Either.

From the Philadelphia North American. If all the cabinet members are going to stick, the President might make Vance McCormick chief of the weather bureau, in recognition of his ability at making predictions.

A thought to Console.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette Times. Nothing is as bad as it seems. When prohibition arrives saloonkeepers will cease to be marks for holdup men and macears.

Mary's Lamb Up to Date.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Mary has a little lamb. Its fleece is white as snow. Its chops are worth 10 cents apiece. Its quarters \$5 or so.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Jacob W. Haney and son, Ira, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, raised over 500 bushels of Sir Walter Raleigh potatoes this season and are disposing of the lot for a snug little sum.

Judge Charles N. Brumm, of Schuylkill county, may succeed the late former Governor Pennypacker on the State Public Service Commission, according to a statement made at the court house at Pottsville.

The first oil-producing well ever brought in in Jefferson county has been drilled near Corsica. The well, which is producing five barrels a day, is about fifteen miles from what was once one of the greatest oil-producing sections in Pennsylvania.

George Stuart, of DuBois, recently lodged in the Clearfield jail to answer a serious charge, has had another criminal count added to his list, having been caught just about as he was going to leave the jail after having made extensive preparations to escape by digging through the stone wall.

A building to cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000 will be erected at the Loysville Orphan's Home by the York County Conference of the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church as a monument of the quadricentennial of the Reformation. It is expected that the building will be completed in time for the celebration next year.

With probably 1,000,000 bushels of potatoes held for higher prices in the great potato belt in northern Berks county, signs of a slump in prices are apparent, rural bankers and shippers say. The price at present ranges from \$1.35 to \$1.65 a bushel, with the latter price the exception, but many farmers believe they can get \$2.

Seventy-seven prizes, totalling \$500, were distributed by the insurance department of the Berwind-White Coal Mining company on Tuesday, the 14th, at Windber, to the tenants whose premises are in the best kept condition, or which showed the greatest improvement during 1916. The prize distribution is an annual event, and every house-holding employee of the Berwind-White company is interested.

Samuel McCollis, the 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. McCollis, of Market street, Jersey Shore, choked to death on a piece of raw potato shortly after 12 o'clock Saturday morning. The child was playing in the kitchen and his mother, who was preparing dinner, gave him the piece of potato to chew. It lodged in his throat and the child choked to death before Dr. S. E. Bickell, who was summoned by the frantic mother, could reach the house.

David M. Mast, of Morgantown, has won the Berks county corn-growing championship. He harvested 3,000 bushels from twenty acres. By experimenting with seed he succeeded in producing a large-seeded variety with a heavy stalk growth. The ears average 1 1/2 inches in length, twenty-two rows and about fifty grains to a row. It was grown on limestone soil, with a heavy manure dressing on a thick sod, fertilized with a high grade chemical combination.

More than \$2,000 bet on the Wilson-Hughes fight is in jeopardy at Sunbury over a threat of the poor directors to attach the money and take it for poor purposes. It is said a law passed in 1872 makes it mandatory for the directors of the poor to cause the arrest of bettors or stake-holders and that money be confiscated. Wires are being pulled among politicians to prevent the threatened raid and exposure of the bettors, some of whom are prominent in business and social affairs.

George Emmler, of Big Soldier, who pleaded guilty to selling liquor without a license and was released on his own recognizance by Judge Corbett, at Brookville last week, declared he was born in Russia 103 years ago. He was a soldier in the Russian army fifteen years and fought all through the war with England. For 20 years he had been living with a broken back, which he received in a mine accident at Elderton from which he was only recovered after he had spent six days and nights behind a wall of dirt without anything to eat or drink.

One man was burned to death and two others badly burned when a boarding house owned by the White Deer Lumber company at a logging operation five miles west of Milton burned on Sunday. The dead man is Daniel McLaughlin, about 48 years of age, of Philadelphia, and the injured are Joseph Markie, burned from head to foot, may die, and William Winterode, many burns over his body, will recover. They were taken to the Williamsport hospital. The men were asleep and Winterode was awakened by the smoke and was able to get Markie out.

One of the heaviest single shipments of express that has gone out from Clearfield county for some time and especially to such a distant point, was shipped on Thursday morning, November 16, from Wallaceeton to Silver Bow, Montana. The shipment consisted of ten cases of fire brick bound for a powder company at that distant point. The shipment weighed 4,400 pounds and the express amounted to almost \$300. It is significant that such a fine quality of fire clay is produced in this section of the country that shipments of the finished products are sent to such distant points.

The Etna Explosive company, of Mt. Union, has received an order from the British government that will keep the plant going for at least a year, according to an official announcement made on Monday. The plant has been idle for several weeks, but will resume operations on the first of the month with a force of 2,000 men. According to the word received the company is under contract to deliver 700,000 pounds of powder during December, 1,500,000 pounds during each of the months of January, February, March and April. Following that the company is to manufacture indefinite amounts until the end of the war.

After a four day's trial, a jury in the United States District court at Philadelphia last week, ordered the Pennsylvania railroad company to comply with an order of the Interstate Commerce commission, awarding the Clark Brothers Coal Mining company \$31,237.96 damages for alleged coal car discrimination. While the jury allowed the principal of the award, it gave no interest, which was also used for from June 25, 1907. This is the third time in little more than a month that federal juries have enforced awards against the Pennsylvania railroad. In the suit of the Bulah Mining company, awards were made for \$49,791 and to the Hillsdale Coal and Coke company, which is owned by Clark Brothers, \$42,592, was allowed.