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INK SLINGS.

-Today is groundhog day. Did you have sausage for breakfast?

-Are you reading "K." It is really worth while, if you enjoy good fiction. -Barney Baruch may not have known of the "leak" but he managed to get a lot of lamb fleece.

-A thunderstorm the last night in January is very unusual. It meant colder weather and we have it.

-Here's hoping that he won't see his shadow. We like cold weather, but we simply can't stand the coal bills.

-The leak investigators will have given very general satisfaction if they succeed in landing Tom Lawson in prison.

-Roosevelt started at Armageddon and has now arrived at or near Meroz. Roosevelt - Armageddon - Merozall are matters of ancient history.

-It appears as though the fact that there was a "leak" has been established, but it will be a more difficult matter to find out who leaked.

-The hens have started in toward doing their share of reducing the high cost of living. They are beginning to visit their nests with greater regularity.

-We have just discovered that there is a town named Jambouree in Kentucky. Spirit of moonshine and bourbon, how appropriate the name of Jambouree.

-Talking about the freedom of the the affair assumed a new aspect and seas. We note that a local agitation has already started that doesn't augur from the falls to the High St. bridge.

-Public sales have started in the county and the fellows who are looking for someone to accompany them avert defeat and that it will be revivon the tail of a slow note are getting ed again when the session is resumtion time.

-A larger percentage of people of the United States are going to school than of any other country on the globe. Does this prove that we are the smartest lot or that we need education more than the others do?

-Germany's notice to the United States that she intends to resume ruthless submarine warfare knocked the bottom out of the stock market yesterday. Stocks fell from ten to twenty points and everything was



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to Work of Present Im-An Armistice Has Been Called. Attend

portance. When the shower of billingsgate was most furious we predicted that neither Penrose nor Brumbaugh would permit it to go so far as to get beyond control. These machine chiefless foxy Iowan pretends to be in the Sproul resolution to investigate tains were really vexed with each other and in the heat of passion might have done some personal harm. But they understood that an injury to one is harmful to both and that a quarrel carried to conclusion might interfere with the personal liberty of a lot of them. For these reasons we conjectured that after both had suffered

some and before either had suffered much, they would get together and could be found worth while. As the beneficent legislation contemplated by nothing else is moving. poet says, "it was ever thus." On Monday Governor Brumbaugh

protested with a fine exhibition of of Congress. outraged dignity that the proposed

himself up into a passionate defense of the Governor and a vitriolic denunciation of Penrose. But on Tuesday

swearing he'd never yield Senator Sproul, author of the resolution to inwell for the freedom of Spring creek vestigate practically "called it off" by asking that "it go over, in its orlike an abandonment of the investigation of the Governor.

a war very far into the lines of the other. Both live on the spoils of pol-

-The organization of a Farm Bu-reau for Centre county has been ef-fected. Surely the richest agricultur-Nichol can stuff the same ballot box- that must be dispatched and let the port his policies. es in the future.

Work in the Legislature. One month has elapsed since the From the Philadelphia Press (Rep.) The country will hardly be deceiv- General Assembly began its present ed by the efforts of Senator Cummins, session and nothing has been accomof Iowa, to discuss the President's re- plished. Several bills have been introcent address on peace. The more or duced and referred to committees and ed States. To get the money, each the Sproul resolution to investigate State must itself do and pay for half

sympathy with the purposes of the the Governor has passed the Senate President and alleges that his inten- on second reading. But that is the ture. Under this law Pennsylvania tions are to divert public sentiment sum total of achievement. The Ap- will receive \$461,288 to be expended in along the lines laid by the President. propriations committee and the But the effect of his manoeuvre will be Judiciary General committee of the the opposite. He will simply con- House and the Appropriations comsume time that ought to be given to mittee of the Senate have been organthe promotion of the President's ized. It was necessary to go so far plans through legislation. Every in order to consider the Sproul resohour spent in debate at this time is lution. But so far as public interests join in whatever looting operations waste and too many hours so em- are concerned the record is blank. ployed will defeat some of the most The expenses are running along but

Some mathematical sharp figured the President for the present session out that the prayer of the Chaplain Senator Cummins - is a good deal of the House at the opening session investigation was an expression of like Roosevelt. His ambitions have this year cost the treasury three or factional frenzy. In the evening of been disappointed so frequently with- four hundred dollars. As it was the the same day Senator Vare worked in recent years that he has become a only session in a period of three weeks political misanthrope. Because he the compensation for that time was cannot get what he wants for himself grouped to make the result. The salhe would prevent achievement of aries of Senators, Representatives and others however desirable. That is the officers of the Legislature aggregates license fees, and it would be just like real reason for his resolution to de- about \$6,000 a day so that it has bate the President's peace proposi- cost the people of Pennsylvania about gest this year that the State road aption. There is nothing to be gained \$180,000.00 for Penrose to make Govby prolonged discussion of the ques- ernor Brumbaugh docile enough to der," not for a day but for a week. tion. It is not a subject for present eat out of Penrose's hand. If the Possibly that was an expedient to legislation and there is no time for Sproul resolution is passed finally irrelevant discussion of any subject. and the iniquities of the State capi-The supply bills must be enacted and tol are revealed, it may be worth the as polite as a candidate around elec- ed. But to the uninitiated it looks a considerable number of other bills money, but present signs are not ought to be enacted and there are only promising.

Moreover the legislative juggling five weeks in which to accomplish it. The Senate which is part of the and waste is not ended according to turn of affairs in either event. Neither treaty-making power of the govern- reports from Harrisburg. Upon re- willing to make for two years' high-Penrose nor Vare can afford to carry ment ought to express its sympathy assembling next week a couple of way work. The Federal appropriawith the purposes of the President days will be spent in factional ma- and devoted to post roads throughout and its confidence in the integrity of noeuvering which will be followed by the State. Road improvement is an train which killed Rowe continued on its itics and a real quarrel would stop his professions. But it ought not to another recess of nearly a week. A expenditure towards which the State the supplies. That would be awful consume valuable time in talking few days of work then will be follow-be liberal if our State roads are to and they are wise enough to avert it. about the matter. Such an expression ed by a recess until after the inaugu-Brumbaugh has been taught a lesson. is not essential to the prosperity of ration of the President on March 5, bors, which at the present time they He understands that his ambitions in the plan anyway and if legislation 1917, by which time there will be do not do, though their improvement future are subject to review and must that is essential to the administration such anxiety to pass personal bills is progressing and is apparent be held until released. And Penrose of the government has to be sacri- that any old thing can be jammed may also draw a valuable lesson from ficed in order that Senators may rev- through. In view of these facts it is class highways throughout Pennsylva-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Thomas S. Crownover, of Huntingdon, has been appointed manager of the Huntingdon reformatory.

--- A change of directors and the donation of \$7,000, deficiency on up-keep, are counted on to keep Greensburg's \$150,000 Y. M. C. A. going.

-While watching a shooting match at Centralia, Allen Oppenhouse was shot by one of the shooters, who slipped on ice, discharging his gun.

-John H. Shook, of Greencastle, who died December 13, left his entire estate to his wife for life, then to the Home for the Aged in Chambersburg.

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Money for Good Roads.

The Government of the United

States kindly appropriated \$10,000,000

for the improvement of public roads,

that are rural post roads, in the Unit-

the work on plans to be approved by

the Federal Department of Agricul-

the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918.

appropriation for highway construc-

State ordered the State automobile

license fees to be paid to the Highway

Department for road improvement.

The regular State appropriation for

State highways was \$6,000,000 for

vision added that "the appropriation

shall include and not be in addition to

the money received from license fees."

The State appropriation in effect was

diminished by the amount of the

some cheese-paring statesman to sug-

propriation be further diminished by

the amount received from the Federal

The automobile license fees for the

year past exceed \$2,000,000. They are

in part from motor trucks, which are

hard on the highways, and the whole

amount should be devoted to the work

two years, with the weakening pro-

tion, improvement and maintenance in

Four years ago the

session.

Pennsylvania.

Treasury.

-Rev. S. E. Vance, pastor of the Church of God at Wormleysburg, is in a critical condition following the drawing of a tooth, an artery having been severed.

-Four engineers, sent out by the State Highway department, are making a preliminary survey of the State road between Renovo and North Bend, and which is stated on good authority will be completed this year.

-One of St. Marys best known young nen mysteriously disappeared on Friday night. He has been acting strangely for several days and his friends are much concerned for fear he may have met with an accident or foul play. Every effort is being made to locate him. What the State will add to this Fed-

eral aid for the year named will be -The greatest excitement that has stirred the people of Luthersburg for determined by the Legislature now in years prevails there because of the activities of representatives of the T. W. The State will of course accept and Philips Gas & Oil Co., of Butler, in taking utilize the Federal money, but it would be nothing less than a crime if it allowed the liberality of Congress up options upon thousands of acres of land to the immediate south, southeast and to abate by one dime the regular State southwest of the town.

-The Pennsylvania Railroad company will build at the Altoona shops, 92 all-steel passenger cars, 225 locomotives and 2,100 freight cars for use on the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie. All of these will be used to replace other cars and locomotives now in service, and will apply on the company's 1917 equipment program.

-As an outcome of the death by a bullet through the head of Charles H. Woodworth, of Meadville, while in the office of Dr. H. L. Lewis. of Erie. last Tuesday evening, the mother of the dead man, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Woodworth, has sworn out a warrant charging Lewis with the murder of her son. Lewis is now in the county iail.

-Rev. J. M. McJunkin, aged 69, secretary and treasurer of the Synodical Home Missions of the Presbyterian church of Pennsylvania, died at his home on Monday in Oakdale, near Pittsburgh. He had held that office since 1890. He was born in Washington county and was well known throughout the State, having frequently visited in Bellefonte.

of putting and keeping our highways in first-class condition. These fees -H. M. Rowe, an enginerr on the Middle should go to the highways in addition to the \$6,000,000 or larger appropriadivision of the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a freight train a short distance tions which the Legislature may be west of Tyrone last Friday and instantly killed. He stepped from his engine to the track and did not notice the approach of tion should of course be clear gain an eastbound preference freight. The dent. Rowe made his home in Altoona.

-Imputing prejudice to Federal Judge compare favorably with our neigh-Charles B. Witmer of middle district of Pennsylvania in deposing Samuel Wintner, Wilkes-Barre attorney, as a bankruptcy trustee, Wintner on Monday asked the Supreme court for leave to transfer the propublic declarations in favor of highceedings. The Wilkes-Barre attorney charged that a clique of lawyers-"a bank-

al county, naturally, in the State, should be most progressive in developing the resources nature has endowed it with.

-The new Legislature is considering a plan to meet for two weeks and then rest one. That would be fine, only it ought to be turned the other way round. They ought to meet one week and rest two. There would be less harm done.

-Brumbaugh has taken the bull by the horns and demands the fullest kind of an investigation. Surely he would have nothing to fear for we couldn't conceive of anything more discreditable being discovered than has already been revealed concerning him.

-Of course the Mexicans will refuse to bathe before being permitted to cross the international bridge into El Paso. Do our health officers imagine for a moment that the Greasers will do something they have never done before just because we tell them they must?

-That Johns Hopkins bacteriologist who examined hundreds of books all offenders against law and decency that had been handled by hundreds of alike and Penrose as well as Brumdiphtheretic children, without finding a baugh would have been summoned to single bug, might be all right in Bal- the bar of justice to answer malfeatimore, but we wouldn't like to guess at what Dr. Dixon would do to him out of office. But Penrose felt that should he come exploding culture theories in Pennsylvania.

-My, what a holler a lot of people are making because the government threatens to build its own ships and manufacture its own armor plate and ammunition. The printers of the land look on with unfeigned glee. They would think the millennium had dawned if the government were to announce that hereafter it intends to supply and print only its own envelopes. In principle what difference is there between a battle ship and a box of envelopes?

again veto the immigration bill be- tion cannot fail to mark him a corrupcause of the literacy test in it. A tionist. He doesn't court an investitest of the "character, of quality or gation under such circumstances any personal fitness" of an alien applicant more than a murderer taken redfor admission to our shores would be handed would court indictment and loved Grover Cleveland "for the quite proper but to exclude those who cannot read nor write, especially when Senate, therefore, is not only a bluff people are beginning to accept Roosethey may not have had an opportun- but an impertinence. He can veto ity to learn either, seems contrary to the resolution but if the Legislature our ideals of a Democracy. In fact some of the most brilliant men of our the inquiry. country would not be here today if

such a literacy test had been applied to their forbears.

Brumbaugh's Absurd Message.

Governor Brumbaugh's official notice to the Senate that any resolution to investigate his administration will be vetoed, will hardly divert Senator Penrose from his purpose to force the

Sproul resolution to passage. No doubt it is a factional enterprise but support the Governor's ambitious projects was also factional and dangerously subversive of public morals. right as the others to use the instruments in hand to accomplish results and the Governor reveals a lack of sporting blood in squealing when

'hoist upon his own petard." The adoption of the Sarig resolution would have been the better way of been influenced by fear of nobody proceeding. Having been prepared by impartial observers of a rotten

factional row it would have treated sances and misfeasances in office and he had sufficient force in the General who constantly opposed the policies the State garage. Assembly to carry through any pro- of President Lincoln and criticised

ject he might undertake and he adopted the course expressed in the Sproul resolution. He pretends to think that it is broad enough to cover or inculpate himself and if that be true, the Governor has no cause of complaint. Of course the Governor's statement that he invites the widest and fullest investigation is a bluff. Without official or even organized inquiry prisons and in other ways punished enough has been revealed to stamp for their treasonable conduct. Brumbaugh in a most unenviable light. No man of decent impulses would have used the public -The President has done well to funds as he used them and investiga-

is self-respecting a veto will not stop

-----If you find it in the "Watchman" it's true.

fected. Surely the richest agricultur-Shunk Brown is a shyster he musn't expression of confidence to another Governor in 1918 and a Legislature roads has o say so. Meantime the Vares and Mc- time. Attend now to the business Democratic in both branches to sup- mobile license receipts increase large-

future take care of itself.

-----After all Deborah didn't cut much of a figure in history and Roosevelt has not added to her reputation for amiability.

Roosevelt's Impotent Rage.

to the occasion. He has dug out of in early April. Of course, that is no ancient history the "curse of Meroz," assurance that the backbone of the the dismissal of capable and faithful and poured it upon the head of the winter is broken. public officers because they failed to President. It appears that wherever usual he perverts the facts to justify dy troopers who have returned from iod of readjustment coming with the his application of the incident. He the Mexican border do not share in The Penrose faction has the same says that fear of the Germans influ- the opinion that the expedition was of enced the President to certain actions no value. Every man of them is fit and declares that the President utter- for service and willing and that sort ed the shameful untruth "that each of preparedness is of inestimable valside is fighting for the same thing." Both these assertions are deliberate

falsehoods. President Wilson has and what he said about what the belligerents are fighting for is that both claimed to be for a just cause.

Roosevelt is a falsifier by nature and delights in bearing false witness. He declares that the President represents now what the "copperheads" represented during the war of the rebellion. As a matter of fact those

his actions during the rebellion period vituperative assault upon the President are the "copperheads" of today. During the war of the rebellion men who acted as he acts now were put in

Of course what Roosevelt says or does is of little consequence now. Most people have come to understand him and only those who shared in he commends it raises a suspicion of trousers around the corner to be his grafting operations in the past insincerity. and hope for opportunity to loot in his company again, pay any attention to General Bragg said that he him. trial in court. His message to the enemies he had made" and intelligent velt's enmity as a badge of merit. His support of Hughes cost that candidate thousands of votes as his opposition in the convention secured him the nomination. Roosevelt is not only

dead, politically, but rotten and he can neither help nor harm aspirants for public favor in the future.

--Winter weather is always variable, and we have had about as many kinds of it this winter as ever, but its economy in other directions.

nobody could complain about the balmy temperature of Sunday. It was really like a spring day and had it not

been for the snow and ice covered Colonel Roosevelt has proved equal streets it would have been like a day

> -Those who have seen the sturue to the country.

-The Democrats in the Legislature are disappointed, of course, because they are not permitted to conduct a real investigation. But any investigation will bring grist to their mill so they needn't worry.

-Possibly "a guilty conscience needs no accuser" but a threatened investigation sort of hurries up the payment of gasoline bills of officials who "inadvertently" took gas from

-The Steel trust acknowledges were called "coperheads" and that its most prosperous period but insists is precisely what Koosevelt is doing on higher tariff taxation. This fact now. Therefore the epithet applies to creates the impression that protechim and those who aid him in his tion is more a habit than a necessity.

-If the expectation of peace and order in Mexico is fulfilled Roosevelt will have a fit. But froth is about as useful as anything else that comes

-Senator Cummins may be favorable to the President's peace program but the faint praise with which

-It looks as if the Governor is opposed to any kind of an investigation but even a factional inquiry is better than none under existing circumstances.

-There will be opposition to anything President Wilson does so long as Roosevelt and Jim Beck live but it will not be serious.

-For high class Job Work come to the "Watchman" Office.

roads has died away. The State autoly every year. The United States government adds its contribution in state aid. The State itself should supplement both this grant by a liberal additional appropriation and exercise

Equal Rights for the Jew.

From Leslie's Weekly.

The question as to whether or not the Jew will ever return to Palestine is not such a burning issue as that the Jew shall have equal rights with other men wherever he may live. The war has brought the latter issue to the front, for it is seen that the time to strike for rights will be in the perin all of the warring countries will then demand justice. No people, unish empire, have been more wantondefense of all the persecuted members of the race the loyal support of all fellow Jews the world over who enjoy the blessings of freedom. In the United States 51 national organizations with a membership of 3,000,000 are planning to call the American Jewish congress to meet at Washington in the spring to demand equal rights for Jews in all lands. Free from all disabilities in the United States, the Jews by force of character and ability have risen to leading positions in business and the professions and in public service. Known throughout the world, a protest by such lead-ers against the blind prejudice which works such hardships to their race will be heard with respect.

Teddy's Helpless Rage.

From the Philadelphia Record. How Roosevelt must gnash his teeth over the fact that in the advancement of Dr. Grayson President Wilson has performed one official act which even he lacks the unblushing effrontery to

Treachery Most Foul.

From the Philadelphia Record. The Governor had better look out, or Senator Penrose will catch him some time when he has sent his

Bible Reading in Vogue.

From the Detroit Free Press. A St. Louis paper says that St. Louis women are making a profound study of the Bible. That's one way to get the Bible read; make it fashonable.

A Deep-Dyed Plot.

From the Pittsburgh Post. Then, again, there is supposed to be malice back of the desire of some that T. R. run in 1920. He can't get too many lickings for them.

eems to have been lately placed in the danger zone by the Wells Fargo Express company, judging by the large and formidable looking revolvers that made their appearance strapped to the waists of the several express drivers last Friday morning. Somerset has during the past years been considered safe and the recent precautionary action of the express company is causing some comment.

--Instead of remaining in the mountains, the herd of thirteen elk liberated in Blair county a year ago, nas been making its headquarters on the farms of F. S. Snoberger, John Baker, John Wyant and S. T. Shaw, at Catfish, near Hollidsysburg. The elk have trampled down the winter grain and raided the hay stacks, and have made several attacks on cattle. Farmers and their families are afraid of them and have complained to the authorities.

-When Lloyd Kesslar, aged 45, returned home in Johnstown about midnight. less it be the Armenians in the Turk- Thursday night and started a row with his son and wife, Elmer Kesslar, aged 19, ly persecuted than the Jews. Their in bed upstairs, became alarmed, grabbed strong racial solidarity enlists in the a revolver and hastened down stairs in time to see his father strike at the mother. Without hesitation, the young man fired twice and his father fell to the floor, seriously wounded. One bullet penetrated the left arm, the other cut off the little finger of the left hand. Kessler is in Memorial hospital. The son is under arrest.

--While piloting "St. Lousi mail," one of the fastest trains on the Pennsylvania system, scheduled to stop only at terminal points west over the Pittsburgh division, Engineer William Kemp, of Altoona, saw a fat little pony attached to a wagon standing on the tracks at a grade crossing west of Johnstown. It apparently did not intend to move. He halted the train, jumped off, led the pony out of danger, tied it to a telephone pole, and continued his trip. The train arrived at Pittsburgh on time, notwithstanding he was 10 minutes late leaving Altoona.

-The jury at Uniontown in the case in which Harry Sheppard, of Dawson, sued the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for \$15,000 damages for injuries he suffered when he was put off the train, returned a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff. Mr. Sheppard asked \$5,000 for personal injuries and \$10,-000 punitive damages from the railroad company, claiming he had been injured by train-men when he refused to pay the 10 cents excess fare from Jacobs Creek to Dawson. He said the ticket window in the station was closed when he boarded the train at Jacobs Creek October 1, 1915.

-Judge Thomas J. Baldridge, in an opinion handed down in Blair county, decided that a constable is not an employee of the county. The case was an appeal from the decision of the workmen's compensation board, taken by Mrs. Charles R. Shipe, of Juniata, whose husband, a constable, was murdered in Greensburg last July, while serving a warrant. Shipe was a former resident of Shamokin and was buried there. The court held that a "constable elected by the citizens of a certain ward of the municipality cannot be said to be an employee of Blair county. The county has nothing to do with his election, nor can it remove him. At most, if he performs any services they are casual in character."

