

INK SLINGS.

Mr. Edison is still working on the problem of fighting the submarines and he usually gets results. When he speaks he will "say a mouthful."

Don't encourage any one to attempt to evade registration next Tuesday. The government will later find the slackers and punish them severely.

Tuesday, June 5th, will be registration day in Centre county. Every male person who has attained the age of twenty-one and is not yet thirty-one years old must register.

Take no chance on going to prison for a year. If you are twenty-one years old and have not yet reached the age of thirty-one go and register. That will be the only safe plan.

The worst of it all for the fellow who tries to evade registering next Tuesday will be that after he has served a year in prison he will be enrolled as soon as he is released.

Troop L is to be called out afoot and not on horseback this time. There are no cactus plants on the fields of France and Belgium so the boys will not need their jumpers to clear them when they go to charging.

Science records several instances where sleep has continued over a period of twenty years. The Altoona newspaper men think Johnstown is one of them and the Johnstown newspaper men think Altoona is the other.

Those who don't think the recent rains have been helping the wheat and grass and all other crops are convinced that they have been rotting the corn and potatoes. Some farmers always see the doughnut. Others see nothing but the hole.

If you are of the eligible age, no matter what your physical condition, how many dependents you may have your employment, or whether you are married or single you must register next Tuesday. The government will decide from the statements you make when registering whether you should be called for service or not.

The submarine kiss is the newest thing. You take the lady in the bath, then induce her to dive with you and slip her the kiss under the water. It was invented by a Chicago preacher who was investigating means of combating the starvation which the government threatens his calling with by taking all the marriageable young men off to war.

A really, truly maiden speech was made in Congress on Monday when Miss Rankin, the lady from Montana, broke the silence that has surrounded her desk since being sworn in as the first Congresswoman in the United States. She moved an amendment to the food bill pending that in making the survey of food supplies in the country women be employed as far as practicable. Her amendment carried.

You will recall that the "Watchman" was much interested in raising Centre county's share of Pennsylvania's proportion of the deficit of the national campaign and succeeded in raising a considerable sum, which was forwarded to national treasurer Marsh. Therefor you might be interested in knowing that Pennsylvania won first honors in raising her quota. Our State was assessed \$40,000 and already we have sent more than \$43,000 toward liquidating the debt.

John D. raises the price of gasoline a cent a gallon and then starts in to buying Liberty Loan bonds in five million dollar blocks. He expects to buy twenty-five million dollar's worth of the bonds and on these he will save \$250,000 a year, for the reason that they will be tax free and even though they pay only 3 1/2 per cent. interest the new taxes on any other securities bearing a higher rate he might have invested in would have been so great as to make them yield \$250,000 a year less than the Liberty Bonds. Some John.

No excuse will be accepted by the government for failure to register next Tuesday. If a person who is twenty-one years old and has not yet reached the age of thirty-one should be ill or away from home that day that will not be accepted as an excuse. If an eligible should be too ill to present himself personally at the polling place for registration some relative or friend must procure a card for him, have it filled and signed and present it to the registration officer, who will then enter the name of the eligible and give him a card showing that he has conformed with the requirement of the law.

If you have a son or friend whose voting place is in Centre county, but is away from home visiting, working or attending school write or telegraph him at once if he is of the age to register next Tuesday, and might by any possibility overlook the necessity of registering. If he doesn't want to come home to do it personally he can procure a card in the city or county in which he is temporarily located, fill it out and mail it to the registration officer, who will be the judge of the election, of his home voting precinct. Do this for your son or friend because if he should be unaware of the strict provisions of the law you will surely save him from arrest and imprisonment for a term of a year. There is no fine for failure to register. The penalty is imprisonment.

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Commercialism in Politics.

The war between the Brumbaugh and Penrose factions of the Republican party is to be ended on a commercial scale. According to an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary the conditions are on a 50-50 basis in the distribution of spoils. The Governor has the best of it under existing conditions. That is to say he has the appointing power and though his nominations to office have not been confirmed, his appointees draw the salaries. An unconfirmed appointment would be an empty honor without the salary. The refusal to confirm is an "iridescent dream" if the salary is not stopped with the adverse vote. Being thrifty gentlemen Brumbaugh and Penrose are alike discontented with the situation.

There are two or three exceedingly choice specimens of fruit on the gubernatorial plum tree. The death of the late Governor Pennypacker created a vacancy in the Public Service Commission and that of the late Dr. Henry Houck left the Department of Internal Affairs without a head. The duties of the Insurance Commissioner, those of the Commissioner of Banking and the Superintendent of Public Grounds and Buildings are being performed by unconfirmed nominees. The agreement is said to be that Penrose will consent to the confirmation of Brumbaugh's appointments already made if Brumbaugh will appoint friends of Penrose to the places still vacant. The Governor gets the lion's share, under this arrangement, but half a loaf is better than no bread to Penrose's dependents.

Senator Vare is said to have negotiated the deal and as it involves the nomination of a Penrose follower for Governor next year there is a good deal of room for conjecture. For example the nomination of Senator Sprull for Governor would relegate Brumbaugh and his friends to perpetual obscurity unless the candidate of the party should be defeated at the ensuing election. On the other hand if Brumbaugh should control the nomination next year and elect his man there would be an end of Penrose. It is plain, therefore, that Senator Vare is simply taking a gambler's chance for if Penrose wins he will go into the discard with Brumbaugh unless he can make terms with Penrose on a commercial basis.

There is no politics in the preparation for our part in the world war and if President Wilson can prevent it there will be none in the conduct of it so far as the United States' contingent is concerned.

Censorship a Necessity.

There is no legislation pending more essential to the successful prosecution of the war than the censorship bill. Every day presents new evidence of the necessity of preventing the publication of information that will give aid and comfort to the enemy. Only last Sunday one of the leading Republican papers of Philadelphia contained an article in which it was declared that nothing has yet been done to abate the submarine evil and the tone plainly indicated that "the wish was father to the thought." A few months ago an ex-Secretary of the Navy was filling columns of space in all the anti-administration papers which could be induced to publish his rubbish that our navy is worthless.

Every day some of these newspapers are filled with complaints that nothing has been or is being done to prepare for the service in the war that all know must be rendered. But the military experts from Europe recently visitors in this country commented freely upon the marvelous progress that has been made in this direction. Of course it pleases the Kaiser to learn that our army is helpless and our navy a joke and such statements make it easy for the German press to encourage the uninformed or ill-informed German peasantry that our entrance into the war makes no difference and in no respect impairs their certainty of a speedy victory. But it makes a vast difference to the allies.

There are newspaper editors and managers who need no espionage for the reason that their patriotism is greater than their cupidity. Newspapers directed by such men will not publish stuff that strengthens the enemy and causes death and suffering among ourselves and our allies. But unhappily there are also the other sort, and still others, who, influenced by partisan bigotry, publish rumors that do harm. This sort must be restrained and the legislation necessary to accomplish this result should be enacted promptly and be sufficiently drastic to make it effective. The patriotic people of the United States do not want news at the expense of thousands of precious lives.

Everybody will have a chance to buy a Liberty Bond, anyway, and by the same token everybody who can afford it ought to buy.

REGISTRATION DAY!

JUNE 5 Tuesday All Between 21 and 30 Years Old Inclusive Public Duty For Americans

YOU MUST REGISTER!

SEVEN POINTS ABOUT REGISTRATION

- 1-There is only ONE day for registration, June 5, 1917. 2-Every male resident of the United States who has reached his twenty-first and has not reached his thirty-first birthday MUST register on the day set, June 5, 1917. 3-Registration is distinct from draft. 4-Registration is a public DUTY. 5-Those who through sickness shall be unable to register should cause a representative to apply to the county or city clerk for a copy of the registration card. 6-Any person who expects to be absent from his voting precinct on registration day should apply as soon as practicable for a registration card to the county clerk of the county where he may be stopping. 7-Registration booths will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. on registration day, June 5, 1917.

Army Draft Registration Blank

Following is the form prepared at Washington for the registration on June 5 of those called under the first draft for the new army: REGISTRATION BLANK FOR ARMY DRAFT.

REGISTRATION CARD. Given name. Age in years. Family name. 1-Name in full. 2-Home address. 3-Date of birth. 4-Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? 5-Where were you born? 6-If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? 7-What is your present trade, occupation or office? 8-By whom employed? 9-Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12 solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? 10-Married or single (which)? 11-What military service have you had? Rank. Branch. 12-Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

The women of Philadelphia are planning what they call a three course dinner, following the example of their plutocratic cousins across the sea. Meantime some of us up here in the country will be satisfied with a one-course dinner even if it is only vegetable soup.

The Liberty Loan is a safe enough investment and fairly remunerative. But you have to have money to buy the bonds and "there's the rub." Many of us have more patriotism than patrimony.

Senator Lewis, of Illinois, might encourage enlistments in his proposed agricultural army, if he would offer his whiskers for use as sunshine.

After all maybe the Hindenburg line was only the shadow of a rainbow.

The city steam heat made its exit yesterday, and the question now is will it be revived in the fall? If it is any consolation to steam heat users, however, it might be added that Williamsport and Lock Haven are in about the same predicament Bellefonte is.

Miss Rankin made her "maiden speech" in Congress the other day and according to the press dispatches won her point. It may be said therefore, that she talks better than she votes.

The worst thing about it is that the German Republic will be obliged to pay indemnity for the property brutally and senselessly destroyed by a crazy monarch.

Sugar is three cents a pound on the wharves in Cuba. Here it is ten. Surely the way from the producer to the consumer is a costly one.

TORNADO TAKES HEAVY TOLL.

More Than 150 People Killed and Millions of Dollars in Property Destroyed.

Chicago, May 30.—More than 150 persons were killed, 1,000 or more injured and millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed by tornadoes which swept through Kansas on Friday, Illinois and Indiana on Saturday, and parts of Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky and southern Illinois on Sunday. Reports indicate that a large amount of farm implements, needed to produce the bumper crop desired this year was ruined, although the sporadic wind struck only here and there in its frightful play through the rural regions. Crop damage is said to be not heavy in grains.

Mattoon, Ill., May 30.—Stoically taking up the task of recovering the dead, nursing the injured and housing and feeding the homeless, Mattoon and Charleston, swept Saturday evening by a tornado that took a toll of more than a hundred lives in Central Illinois and northwestern Indiana, by night had established systematic methods of relief.

Sunday's sunrise showed that Mattoon had lost 51 known dead, with a score of persons missing and 500 injured, some of whom may die, in the devastation of 140 blocks of homes occupied by working men in the north part of the city. The wind razed 498 houses and partly destroyed 146 more, rendering 2,000 persons homeless. These are sheltered with friends, in public buildings and in a tented refuge in Peterson Park.

Morning disclosed hundreds struggling over and through the demolished houses, seeking lost relatives or personal belongings. At the wrecked home of Thomas Patrick the mother sat on a stool and cared for a baby while the father and other children collected bits of broken furniture and clothing from the debris of their home.

One woman and her two children were blown through a window of their crumbling home and deposited unharmed at the entrance of a cellar in which Mrs. George Kemper and a few neighbors had taken refuge. The women and children were taken into the cellar to safety by Harry Beavers, who later left the shelter to look for his wife and children, only to be killed by a flying plank.

DEAD IN CHARLESTON. Charleston, lying 10 miles east of Mattoon, 5,000 population, suffered a larger loss in proportion to its size than Mattoon, the known dead totaling 38, with over 100 injured. Four are missing in Charleston also, and some business buildings were wrecked, including the Maple Hotel, two railroad stations, three grain elevators and a lumber yard.

Flag Raising at Curtin. A beautiful flag was floated to the breeze at Curtin on Sunday afternoon with appropriate exercises. The affair took place at four o'clock in the presence of practically every inhabitant of the village and country-side. Ten members of Troop L rode down to be present for the occasion and the Curtin band furnished the music. Capt. H. Laird Curtin was master of ceremonies and he first introduced Rev. Josiah Still, who offered prayer. The flag was raised by two old soldiers after which addresses were made by Burgess Edmund Blanchard and Col. H. S. Taylor, of Bellefonte. In response to a request of his neighbors and friends Capt. Curtin also made a brief speech, after which Rev. Still pronounced the benediction.

Earnings at State College. More than 450 students at The Pennsylvania State College have earned \$4500 to help pay for their education during the present college year, according to the annual report of John M. Horner, acting secretary of the student employment bureau. This is a slight increase over the earnings of the student workers last year. It is estimated that double this amount will be received by the students for their work during the coming summer. Hundreds of them have already left college to go onto farms and into the army and navy. About 500 students are accepting jobs with industrial plants, munition factories and steel mills, where wages are high. One-third of the students are earning their own way through college.

Young Schwab Enlists. Charles M. Schwab, Jr., of New York city, nephew of the Bethlehem Steel magnate, has dropped his studies at The Pennsylvania State College and enlisted in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve. He has been ordered to the training station at Newport, R. I., where he will join the mosquito fleet. "Young Charlie," as Schwab is familiarly known to his State College friends, is a Sophomore in the department of industrial engineering. For two years he has been a sergeant in the college regiment.

At an early hour on Sunday morning there was an exchange of shots between an unknown man and one of the guards at the Titan Metal company's plant, but the unknown got away without being recognized.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Huntingdon borough has retained nearly all her old teachers for the coming year and given each an increase of \$5 a month in salary.

Three times during recent weeks has a German flag been discovered flying from a tall tree in the Licking Creek region, Juniata county, and been removed.

The liquor sellers of Cambria county have graciously determined to close their bars on Memorial day for two hours—while the people were in the cemeteries, we suppose.

The directors of the Knights of St. George, in session at Johnstown, have adopted a resolution pledging their loyalty to the country and authorizing the purchase of \$25,000 worth of Liberty War Bonds.

Cyrus B. McCurdy, a well-known resident of Dunstable township, Clinton county, is dead of a complication of diseases, in the 57th year of his age. He was a commercial traveler, traveling for a Lock Haven tobacco house.

Sheriff Wilson, of Huntingdon county, recently sold the plant of the Union Furnace Manufacturing company to Howard Himmelwright, trustee, for \$1,000, subject to a mortgage of \$35,000. The plant will be operated to its full capacity.

Workmen on the new highway between Mill Creek and Huntingdon held up Governor Brumbaugh's automobile near Ardenheim, on Saturday, in accordance with instructions from the constructor to permit none to pass, obliging the Governor to return to Mill Creek and go to Huntingdon by a detour, by way of Union Church.

Seventeen-year-old Fred Cunningham, of Licking Creek valley, Juniata county, became mentally deranged and escaped from the home of his parents one night recently, clad only in his night clothes. He was found on Black Log mountain next morning and conveyed to jail at Mifflintown whence he was removed to a State institution.

Miss Catherine Coleman, of near Bloomsburg, had her clothing stripped from her body when the horse her mother, Mrs. George Coleman, was driving, ran away. The two women were dragged under the buggy top for several rods. The mother was only slightly injured, but Miss Coleman was rendered unconscious and had her arm broken and suffered serious lacerations.

The officials of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company last week made an official announcement of the fact that the state-wide express will be continued in service. It will be remembered that the train had been ordered off on May 1 but was subsequently retained pending a settlement of the issue. An agreement has been made between the Lehigh and the Pennsylvania and the state-wide express will continue.

The will of H. S. Williamson, of Lancaster county, philanthropist, filed on Tuesday, makes bequests of \$10,000 each to Franklin & Marshall college, Lancaster general hospital, Lancaster Free library, Shippen school and Morrisville, Bucks county, the last named to buy a tract of land to be known as Williamson park. Morrisville is required to plant at least one tree annually on the tract. It is given an additional \$10,000 for the maintenance of the park.

Smallpox in Pennsylvania, on account of the large number of men who have come into the State lately from other States, is at the present time threatening the public health, according to State Health Commissioner Dixon, who says that conditions mentioned in his warning last week still hold good. Drastic steps are being considered at the Health Department, whose staff is keeping in close touch with conditions throughout the State by order of the Commissioner.

Daniel Gerrity, of Shamokin, has received word from his son, Daniel, Jr., that he is held a prisoner at Dulmen, West-fallen, Germany. The latter aged twenty-one, disappeared from his home last December. His father did not know what became of him until he received a card stating that he had shipped as a sailor on the vessel Esmerolds, which was sunk in the Atlantic ocean by a submarine. Only fifteen of the crew escaped. They were taken by the submarine to Kiel, Germany, and afterwards removed to a prison camp. He is well taken care of, he says.

There will not be any Allentown fair this year. A lease has been signed between the officers of the fair and the War Department, whereby the grounds will immediately take over the fair grounds as a training camp for the United States ambulance corps. Men enlisted as members of the corps will receive their intensive training there prior to being sent to France. The rental is \$30,000 a year. There will be accommodations for 3,700 men, and 2,000 motor ambulances are to be taken there. Two Universities of Pennsylvania companies and four companies of the Cooper battalion, of Philadelphia, will go there for training.

Mrs. Rose Brandie, of South Altoona, through her attorney, Samuel B. Hare, Esq., on Monday brought suit in the Blair county courts against C. J. Potts and M. G. Irvine, trading and doing business as the Linsen Motor Car company and R. J. Zavitz, for \$10,000 damages. The plaintiff is the widow of Joseph Brandie, who was killed by being run down by an automobile, the property of Potts and Irvine, on March 25 last. The widow claims damage because she and four minor children are deprived of the earnings of the husband and father, as well as his fellowship and companionship, hence this suit.

Farmers throughout central Pennsylvania have been approached during the past week by speculators who endeavored to close a contract for all the potatoes they will harvest this fall. The prices offered range from \$1.40 to \$1.70 per bushel. The potato raiser, however, failed to respond to the attractive proposition, as they have been warned against just such schemes. The plan is this: The stranger gets the farmer to sign all his crop over at an attractive figure and if the general yield the country over is poor and potatoes scarce, he promptly appears on the scene and binds the farmer to his bargain. But, on the other hand, if there is a bountiful crop and the price low, the stranger never puts in his appearance and the farmer is left to dispose of his crop the best he can. The scheme was unearthed recently in New Jersey when the federal authorities attempted to run it down, but the farmer's copy of the contract meant nothing, as the name given by the speculator was probably fictitious.