

INK SLINGS.

In the end Kipling's measurement of the Russian character will be accepted as the standard.

Possibly one reason why Eve was never all dressed up was because, in her day, there was no place to go.

We presume that the girls who are wearing the rolled down stockings have opened an account in a regular bank.

Will somebody please tip us off to the women whom rumor persists in hinting at as coming out for Burgess and tax collector at the eleventh hour.

King Peter of Serbia is dead. He was "the grand old man" of continental monarchs and his constructive and devoted service to his country made him the idol of all Serbia.

Congress has so amended the Willis-Campbell beer bill that after its passage any person can make "hootch" in his own home and be free from molestation so long as he offers none of it for sale.

The "Watchman" is going to announce, some of these fine days, the name of the gentleman who has won the brown derby for making the most noise while starting and stopping his Ford motor.

There are hitches in the negotiations but between the lines of the letters passing there is hope for enduring peace in Ireland. "Swearing they'll ne'er consent" both disputants may consent in the end.

Mlle. Lenglen, the world's woman tennis champion, blew up in the second set at Forest Hill, N. Y., on Monday and gave her crown to Molla Mallory, the American champion, by default. This seems to be a bad season for French champions in this country.

If that Bellefonte policeman really did stand guard over a bootlegger's van of whiskey and if the bootlegger really did give him a quart of whiskey for services rendered why should council dismiss the officer? Are the thirsty solons of Howard street envious?

Between council, the burgess and the policemen there seems to be a great diversity of opinion as to who is running Bellefonte. And the people, usually the most interested, and the least considered have a sneakin' notion that nobody is running it, but haven't the gumption to say so.

Phillipsburg can't find any one who is willing to run for burgess of the town. The way Osceola and Clearfield have been trimming that most touted ball team over in the capital of Rush township isn't much wonder that all of the burgess material has taken to the storm cellars.

Of course we don't know how you feel about it but the "Watchman" is opposed to the proposal to revise the constitution of Pennsylvania. The time is not propitious, the public mind is not properly poised for such a profound work and the treasury is in no condition to bear the expense of it.

In this column, on April 15th last, we announced that John Liberty Knisely would be the next postmaster of Bellefonte. Those who know that the "Watchman" doesn't merely guess at things were, therefore, not surprised when the confirmation of our news of months ago was realized on Tuesday evening.

Honestly, we just can't suppress the devilish glee with which we anticipate the coming of September 1st. You know council has resolved that it would be resolute with the tax collector on that date and as there hasn't been much doing in the old town since circus day we're just dying for excitement.

Blair county is enjoying a greatly enlarged and interesting fair this week. Next week Milford county will witness a fair that will almost double in exhibits and attractions the wonderful exhibition held at Lewistown last year and the Centre county fair ground looks like the breaking up of a hard winter. Why can't our annual show be revived?

Our Republican friends have decided not to make the repeal of the excess profits tax retroactive to January 1st, 1921. Another grand-stand play! This decision will make a lot of us poor sumps believe that the corporations will have to carry the burdens of taxation again this year until we waken up and find out that in such times of industrial depression there can be no such thing as excess profits.

If all men were lazy over-production would probably never occur and there would be work at all times for everybody. Intensive production invariably supplies in excess of the demand and consequently results in periodical stagnation, nervous wrecks, crowded asylums and graves filled with suicides. Therefore the lazy man not only gives his brother a chance to obtain work but insures himself a longer lease of life, if he has a wife who will take in washing on the side to supply the food and raiment that he doesn't earn.

The Portage Dispatch is all het up over the possibility of the election of a woman as mayor of that city. The most of its perturbation seems to be caused by doubt as to how she should be addressed. To us "Madam Mare" would seem quite the proper form for addressing a woman in such a position. The Dispatch is worrying over trifles and missing the big things in such an eventuality. Well might it ponder over the delicacy of such a situation as having "Madam Mare" in control of the "Bulls" who keep peace and order in that town up in the Alleghenies.

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Administration in State of Panic.

The Harding administration is having all sorts of trouble with its proposed funding bills. The Secretary of the Treasury demands blanket authority to deal with the subject as he wishes, while a number of Senators and Representatives protest that placing so much power in the hands of one man would set a dangerous precedent.

It is easily believable that former Secretary of the Treasury, William G. McAdoo, who was head of the railroad administration during most of the period of government control, knows more about this question than any other person. During the early period of government control the railroad managers flim-flammed Mr. McAdoo shamefully by padding payrolls, multiplying employees and in other ways.

At the joint meeting of the committees last Friday Senator Pittman, of Nevada, moved that Mr. McAdoo be called as a witness and the committee practically "threw a fit." All the Republicans present, except Senator LaFollette, who joined with the Democratic members in demanding a vote on Pittman's motion objected.

The Mexican government compels officials using government owned automobiles to supply their own tires and gasoline and pay for repairs and storage. Such a rule in Pennsylvania would work a great hardship.

False Pretense the Policy.

When Republican floor leader Mondel admonished his associates in the House of Representatives, the other day, that taxes must be reduced during the present session of Congress or the party would be headed toward the "demnition bowwows," he put an irreparable puncture in the tax plans of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Mondel being a politician rather than a business man figured out that the promise of tax reduction might be fulfilled and the expenses kept up by skillful manipulation of tax accounts. That is to say by so reducing the taxes as to compel notice the public would be satisfied and the balance subsequently secured by deficiency bills.

But even with this subterfuge it will be noticed that the tax burdens are shifted as much as possible from the rich who are able to pay to the poor who can't pay. Mr. Mellon's proposition to stamp tax bank checks is rejected summarily but his plan to reduce the income tax and surtax on big incomes is promptly adopted.

Hold-over postmasters are to be "dumped," according to Washington dispatches, and yet Republican Congressmen have been demanding anti-dumping legislation for several years.

Present Constitution Not Inadequate.

Thus far the proponents of a constitutional convention have given no substantial reason for such an enterprise at this time nor have they offered any evidence that the present constitution of the State is inadequate. It is nearly fifty years old, it is true, and great changes have taken place since it was adopted in 1873.

The constitution of the United States was adopted in 1788 and is therefore nearly a hundred years older than the constitution of Pennsylvania. But nobody contends or even pretends that it is antiquated or inefficient. It has been amended twenty times within the period of its existence and covers every phase of life as completely as when first adopted.

There may be defects in the constitution of Pennsylvania perceptible to minds trained in legal lines, but they are not such as to justify the organization of a convention at vast expense to frame a new instrument at a time that the public conditions are not propitious for such work.

The surprise is that the Republicans of the Senate committee didn't recommend that Senator Newberry be reimbursed for his profligate campaign expenses.

Lord Bryce Expected Too Much.

It is utterly impossible to understand the reasoning of Viscount James Bryce in relation to the Versailles peace treaty, as expressed in his speeches at the Institute of Politics, now in session in Williamstown, Massachusetts. As author of the "Modern Democracies" and other classics on the principles and sciences of government, Mr. Bryce might have been expected to not only wisely but correctly appraise the possibilities as well as the limitations of a body assembled under the conditions which obtained in the Paris peace Congress.

Mr. Bryce criticizes the treaty because it contains some minor imperfections. He imagines that an ideal ought to have been set up to which every member would cheerfully adhere. If that had happened a perfect treaty might have been formulated. But the representatives of each of the governments participating in the deliberations had theories, some of which were selfish and some philanthropic, and out of the wool and warp thus offered an agreement had to be woven that would be acceptable if not exactly agreeable to all.

Viscount James Bryce stands among the foremost statesmen of the world. In all his public acts and essays he has shown a broad mind and just purpose. But his criticisms of the Versailles peace treaty are little, if any, removed from puerile. Nobody claims that it was perfect. No human action is perfect and the work of that body of illustrious men is certainly above the average.

The achievements of science are marvelous. Here's a scientific cuss who has made "a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

The Kaiser seems to have abandoned wood chopping but keeps his axe on edge.

Philadelphia's Amazing Degredation.

The political gossip which has been coming out of Philadelphia during the past several weeks presents the most amazing evidence of community imbecility that modern history reveals. A city of more than a million and a half inhabitants, with probably 400,000 voters, male and female, is waiting helplessly upon the pleasure of one man to determine whether it shall have decent and efficient government in the future or revert to the control of the most vicious gang of plunderers ever organized for purposes of piracy.

Senator Penrose, in Washington, is the arbiter in the case and nobody has sufficient faith in his integrity and civic righteousness to predict that he will choose the proper course. At the last election for Mayor of the city precisely the same lines were drawn and the same issues raised.

According to the gossip it is up to Penrose to decide. If he puts the force of his influence behind the decent element it is commonly believed that the pirates will not only be defeated but completely subdued. But Penrose withholds the important word. Emisaries from both forces have been sent to importune him to declare himself but he is as silent as a grave.

Bellefonte business men took a day off yesterday and journeyed to Hecla park for their annual picnic, and the result was Bellefonte was literally closed tight.

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No new cases of typhoid fever have developed in the Snow Shoe region since last Thursday and everybody naturally hopes that there will be no further outbreak. Dr. J. L. Seibert, representing the State Board of Health, states that so far they have been unable to obtain the slightest clue as to the cause of the infection, and they are at a loss to account for so many cases of the disease.

W. Harrison Walker Esq., will be a candidate at the forthcoming primaries for a renomination as a candidate to succeed himself as burgess of Bellefonte. Mr. Walker will be a candidate on both the Democratic and Republican tickets and so far as now known will have no opposition.

The executive committee of the Centre County Veteran club held a meeting in Bellefonte on Tuesday to make arrangements for their annual reunion which will be held at Grange park, Centre Hall, on Wednesday, September 7th, during the Grange encampment and fair.

Prohibition may be a great blessing but the enforcement of prohibition legislation makes it an oppressive luxury.

King George declares his salary inadequate but thus far he has not made up his mind to strike.

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The Comedy of the Far East.

Japan is making renewed efforts to get the Shantung issue settled with China before it comes up in the disarmament conference. The attitudes and the policies of the two countries are extremely diverting. Japan wishes to get rid of Tsingtau, but it is not willing to recognize that the matter is any of the business of the Western Powers.

China wishes very much to get back what it leased to Germany for 99 years, but it won't take it from Japan; it wants the Western Powers to take it away from Japan and present it to China on a silver salver. A year and a half ago Japan invited China to open negotiations for the retrocession of Tsingtau, and China declined.

Japan has proffered Tsingtau since, and with no better results. The disarmament conference is coming on, and China is counting on it to serve its ends by making Japan give up the port and leasehold on Kiao Chau Bay, and then present it without condition or qualification to China. And Japan fears exactly what China hopes for.

Unofficially it has been known that Japan wished Shantung, Yap and Saghalien left out of the program. But fearing that they would not be, it is showing renewed anxiety to get Shantung disposed of before the conference. China is determined not to negotiate. It has repudiated its responsibility for treaties and leases made under compulsion, and being powerless in the presence of Japan, it intends that the Occident shall pull its chestnuts out of the fire.

Well-Heeled Wilhelm.

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The Kaiser is now sending a formal letter to his late subjects of a sort not calculated to increase their affectionate regard for his memory. He is very sorry that he can not comply with the various requests for contributions to what might be termed the Republic campaign funds; but the fact is that since he got away from the chandeliers and the pier-glasses of Potsdam the government that rose up behind him has left the mark drop down so far in the world market that the remittances to the amount of 70,000,000 marks he has received are just about enough to keep him in cigarettes and club dues at Doorn.

A few months ago Wilhelm was trying to squeal out of his taxes at Doorn. The authorities then announced that he was receiving the equivalent of \$140,000 a year. He tells his generous hosts of Holland they lie; he gets not more than \$60,000 a year. A former accountant of the royal household is cited as authority for the statement that in 1920, while the ex-Kaiserin was still alive, the income was \$240,000 per annum.

Altogether, the tale of woe does not seem to have made the impression of abject poverty that Wilhelm wishes to create in Holland or in Germany, or anywhere else.

Warren Gamaliel is not the only Harding in the lime light. That gay old roysterer, George T., may have been obliged to sneak in but he got on the front page just the same.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

While working in her own garden a few days ago, Mrs. Oliver E. Shupler, of Pottstown, found an unset diamond valued at \$250.

Governor Sprout has set the week beginning October 22d as the time for the execution of two murderers, Anton Weber, of Allegheny county, and Frank Palmo, of Lackawanna county.

Mrs. Rhoda Mowry, a resident of Lycoming county, died at the home of a daughter, near Hughesville, a few days ago, after suffering for a year from a broken back, the result of a fall from a cherry tree in the summer of 1920.

William Main, a Potter county resident, was recently fined \$750 and \$6.25 additional costs for gross violations of the fish laws of the Commonwealth. He paid \$50 for selling trout, \$100 for fishing in a closed stream and \$600 for sixty trout in excess of the limit.

On the verge of death, following an operation, Mrs. Rebecca Harper, aged forty years, of Shamokin, will probably owe her life to the sacrifice of Thomas Edwards, a stalwart Shamokin youth, who permitted a quart of blood to be transfused from his veins to those of the woman.

Barfooted and thinly clad, Victor and Samuel Aldright, aged 10 and 8 years, respectively, of Mahaffey, Clearfield county, have disappeared from their home and the widowed mother believed that they had been kidnapped. Searching parties on Monday discovered their bodies in a nearby creek, they having fallen in and drowned.

Hanging by his neck to a noose fashioned from his belt and attached to the upper bars of his cell in the Indiana county jail, the dead body of John Hvozda, aged 59 years, a resident of Indiana county for the past five years, was found the other morning. He had been arrested on a serious charge and leaves a widow and four children.

Playing with other boys who were amusing themselves with a shotgun at the home of Les Lesh, of Bethel, Venango county, William Magee, 12 years of age, was shot through the heart and died instantly. When the accident occurred Mrs. Lesh was out picking berries and Mr. Lesh was away. The gun was in the hands of one of the Lesh children when it exploded. George A. Lesh was shot in the left arm.

Twenty-one separate suits for damages totalling \$250,000 were brought in the Northumberland county Common Pleas court at Sunbury last week by Mount Carmel residents against the Lehigh Valley Coal company for alleged injury to their property, due to coal dirt from big Shamokin creek being washed on their lands. They claim the coal corporation is liable, as this refuse came from the mines owned by it.

L. W. Kline, aged 45 years, was instantly killed by lightning on his farm in Millbrook township, Mercer county, last Thursday. Kline was plowing in a field near his home. He drove his tractor within twenty feet of the house. Just as he stepped from the machine there was a blinding flash and Kline dropped dead. Mrs. Kline and children witnessed the tragedy from the window. Kline was a wealthy farmer.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company has begun the greatest anthracite coal stripings known in the history of the coal business at Rausch creek, Schuylkill county. Mine experts who visited the scene predicted more than \$100,000,000 worth of coal will be uncovered to the light of day by the stripings and make the mining of this vast body of coal possible without the danger of ordinary mining.

An American eagle, wounded near Martinsburg by a hunter who did not know the federal law protected this species of bird, is being nursed back to health at the poultry yard of deputy game warden W. C. Bayle in Altoona. It was wounded in the head. The eagle measures 12 feet and 6 inches from tip to tip of wing and has legs as thick as a man's arm. It consumes 1 1/2 pounds of beefsteak at a meal. As soon as it recovers it will be liberated.

A stray kitten given shelter two days ago in the home of Arthur Wylie, of Altoona, saved Mrs. Wylie and her two children from burning to death last Thursday night when their house caught fire. Mrs. Wylie was aroused by the kitten scratching on her bedroom door. When she opened it she was confronted by a mass of flames and smoke. Mrs. Wylie and the children escaped in their nightclothes by way of the porch roof. The house was gutted.

While Antasia Karsly was at the station at Berwick waiting for a train to take him to New York to sail for his native Austria he was arrested on a charge of attempting to defraud a merchant out of \$17. He protested to the officer that he was likely to miss his boat, but he did not like to pay the \$17. Finally he told the officer that if he had \$17 he would give it to him. Pulling a roll of bills out of his pocket he turned over five \$1,000 bills, numerous centuries, and finally peeled off a \$20 and handed it to the officer, receiving his change. He had almost \$10,000 in his pocket.

With exactly a dozen years of married life behind him, during which time his wife never even threw one ray of suspicion upon him, Robert Sibert, of Pittsburg, is in the West Penn hospital with a fractured nose, and Rose Nauman, an old sweetheart is in the same institution, while Mrs. Sibert is under arrest, charged with assaulting the injured party. Mrs. Sibert said her husband left home last Saturday night to go to a barber shop. "He didn't need a hair cut and always shaves himself, so the story sounded too thin to believe. I followed him and found him on the steps of a church, and you know the rest," she told the police.

A chance glance at one of the numerous pamphlets received at the Milton police station solved the mysterious disappearance two months ago of John S. Schreyer, a native of Milton. Two months ago Mr. Schreyer wrote to his mother, Mrs. P. H. Schreyer, of Milton, telling her of an intended business trip to Washington, D. C. That was the last heard of him, and it was thought he had gone to his mining operation in the backwoods of Canada without informing his relatives. Several days ago a pamphlet was received by the Milton police from the Washington, D. C., department of police. While casually glancing over it a Milton officer thought he recognized the face of the man whose identity was sought. The man's mother and sister, Mrs. L. C. Townsend, quickly confirmed the identification. The pamphlet, after describing the body, stated it had been found in the Potomac river on June 8th. The man had been murdered, everything of value taken from his clothes and the body thrown into the river.