

Friendship that is tainted with the dollar mark isn't worth thirty cents.

The Turks keep right on killing folks as if they'd never promised to be good.

Harry Baker was the walking delegate who settled the threatened Miner strike.

A lot of the fine stand of wheat in Centre county is so flat on its back that it can't get up to be harvested.

The grass is coming so fast that hay-making will be on the farmers before they finish their corn working.

If our delinquent readers knew what even a dollar and a half means to us now they would cut out next Sunday's trip in the flivver and send us the gasoline saving.

There are signs that the union miners are coming to their senses. Unreasonable wage demands create no popular sympathy and without public support a strike never gets far.

After all the frosts and freezes there seem to be quite a few cherries in the trees. The birds seem to be doing more to destroy the crop than that April cold snap is supposed to have done.

Of course fishermen are not always liars but we don't know just where to place the fellows who come off Buffalo run with fine catches and then look us straight in the eyes and say they "got 'em up Spring creek."

The Pepper and Reed minds do not run in the same groove as does that of Pinchot. The latter is opposed to assessing office holders for campaign purposes and the former, by inference, at least, say why not? What are office holders for when there are no rich wives in the offing?

Out in Iowa Col. Brookhart beat the machine and had himself nominated for U. S. Senator and it cost him only four hundred and fifty-three dollars. Maybe Iowa has the one Charley Snyder had in mind when he advised those who don't like the way things are run in Pennsylvania to move to some other State.

King George is wearing his trousers creased at the side this week and England is more excited than she is over the Irish question or the Hague conference. Of course the King has a right to have his pants creased just where he wants them, but because he affects a silly notion of that sort is not a good reason why others should do the same thing.

They might not be bad but it certainly doesn't look good to see young girls parading the streets of State College at six o'clock Sunday morning, gowned in clothes that you have to look under the table to see, and smoking cigarettes. What they need up there far more than father's day is a mother's day every time her flapper is permitted to visit State for a weekend.

The meeting of the Democratic state committee, at Harrisburg, on Monday, was all that the most sanguine could have hoped it would be. Mr. McSparran was permitted to name his own campaign manager and there wasn't a cross word in a barrel of it. In contrast was the action of the Republican state committee in completely ignoring the preference of its standard bearer.

Fifty-one of the five hundred and forty-five graduates from State this year took first honors. Waiving discussion of the anomaly in fifty-one persons taking "first" honors we have to give it to the brains of the class of 1922, for we recall the days of 1890 when there must have been a lot of scratching of intellectual domes to find one man meriting "first" honors in the graduating class.

Dr. Muttart, osteopath, says, if you want to cure indigestion stand on your head. Having a horrible case of it we propose trying the Muttart remedy so if you happen in at the "Watchman" office any time and find us upside down in a corner don't run for a squirrel or ask the judge for a commission, steady our feet and wait until we announce the discovery that this Muttart fellow is a fake, just the same as all the others who have tried to relieve the uneasiness we always get after a feast on oil pickles, bananas and ice cream.

Last week we had occasion to use the quotation "all men are liars," crediting it to "some philosopher at some ancient period of time." On Monday we received the following: "Read Psalms 116-11." The brief communication was signed "Rummy." To many, a fellow signing himself "Rummy" would seem an unexpected source from which to draw so quickly a Bible reference, but "Rummy" happens to be our Harry Rumberger, of Unionville, Philipsburg and now Scranton. We own surprise at his familiarity with the good Book, for while we always knew he wasn't just bad we never did know that he spent much time at anything else than talking Democratic politics and selling oil. It has just dawned on us now how a connection with the Bible might have been effected by him. Possibly "Rummy" like many others, heard in his youth that "next to the Bible stands the 'Watchman'" and being curious to learn what could be better than this old sheet has always been bent on poring over the big, gilt-edged only family Book that we'll bet stood on the centre table in the "settin'" room of the home of his childhood.

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The New Democratic Chairman.

The harmonious reorganization of the Democratic State committee, at Harrisburg on Monday, adds brilliancy to the already bright prospects of the future of the party.

The election to the chairmanship of Mr. Austin McCullough was no personal victory for him, and it was certainly not an expression of enmity or personal opposition to Judge Bonniwell, of Philadelphia.

Mr. McCullough is an earnest, active and capable young Democratic leader of Lancaster, and though not widely known in distant sections of the State from his home, he is highly respected alike as a citizen and party worker there.

President Harding had Senator Newberry as a guest on his week-end junket in the Presidential yacht last Sunday. That leaves to conjecture the question as to whether he is fishing for a future campaign contribution or trying to justify Senator Pepper's first vote in the Senate.

Pinchot's Altruism Not Supported.

There are probably less than one hundred men and women of the two and a half million voters of Pennsylvania who could pay \$125,000.00 for a nomination for Governor, and it is reasonably safe to say that not one of the hundred would do so without expectation of complete reimbursement.

It is not possible to do that without prostituting the office to base uses. The late Richard Croker, of New York, is said to have been able to make political power amazingly profitable. But his methods are not popular among honest men.

Mr. Gifford Pinchot, who paid out of his own and his wife's purse the enormous amount of \$125,000.00 for the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania, will solemnly say that he made the sacrifice for the public good. But his official record affords no support of such a claim. When he entered upon the duties of the office of Commissioner of Forestry he assumed a splendid opportunity to serve the public at a salary which amply covered his living expenses.

A man who will resort to such sinister expedients to get money is not likely to pay profligately to an enterprise which promises no profit. It is far more reasonable to imagine that he intends to use the office in a way that will guarantee reimbursement of the vast sums he expended. There are ways to achieve this result. It is estimated that within the period of the tenure of the next Governor more than a hundred million dollars will be disbursed by the State in building and maintaining highways and a man who can secure an increase of salary in spite of the constitution in one office will probably find a way to get substantial returns out of a much more powerful and influential office.

Pinchot Insincere or Without Influence

The election of Mr. W. Harry Baker, of Harrisburg, to the important office of chairman of the Republican State committee, proves either one or other two things. It shows that Gifford Pinchot was insincere in his expression of preference or else that he has absolutely no influence in the councils of his party.

If we assume that Mr. Pinchot was insincere in his preference for General Miner, and his frequent iteration of the matter justifies a question, he is a hypocrite and morally unfit for the office to which he aspires.

On the other hand, if Mr. Pinchot was sincere in his opposition to Baker for chairman, the election of that gentleman by a vote of more than three to one shows that the power of the machine over the activities of the Republican party is unimpaired by the purchased nomination of Pinchot, and that his election would be a hollow mockery so far as reform in the State government is concerned.

Robert T. Barry deplores the fact that foreign newspapers publish only the froth of America and give little or no space to the serious side of our social and political life.

By nominating Henry C. Niles, of York, for Judge of the Superior court, the Democratic State committee on Monday fitted rounded out an admirable ticket. Mr. Niles is not only an eminent lawyer, among the foremost in the State, but he is a consistent and capable champion of civic virtue and decent government.

Henry C. Niles for Judge.

The great men who framed the fundamental laws of Pennsylvania and made provision for the creation of that appellate tribunal had in mind a non-partisan judiciary. With that idea in view they inserted a provision which it was hoped would secure minority representation on the bench of every court of more than two judges.

The voters of Pennsylvania are now, by the nomination of Henry C. Niles, given an opportunity, not only to rebuke the bigotry of Governor Sprull but to restore the Superior court to a non-partisan basis and the judiciary of the State to public confidence. The State committee was wise in nominating Mr. Niles for that reason and the voters of Pennsylvania ought to be glad that they have the chance to place so able a lawyer and worthy a citizen on the bench.

The voters of Centre county will do their part in carrying out this righteous purpose. Henry C. Niles will not only ornament the bench. He will improve it.

Buncoing Agricultural Senators.

Those Republican Senators who compose the "agricultural bloc" are having great difficulty in justifying their support of the Fordney tariff bill. The measure provides for tariff protection on agricultural products to an estimated total of twenty-one and a half per cent.

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Prominent Men Invited to Conservation Meeting.

John A. McSparran, Democratic candidate for Governor; Gifford Pinchot, Republican candidate; Seth Gordon, State game commissioner, and N. R. Buller, State fish commissioner, have all been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Centre County Conservation Association to be held at Boalsburg next Thursday, June 22nd, a complete program of which is published in another column of this paper.

Steam-Rolled.

The contractors' combination, repudiated at the primary, Saturday, took desperate measures to retain its hold upon the machinery of the Republican party in Pennsylvania by flouting the expressed wishes of the head of the State ticket and by forcing W. Harry Baker into the chairmanship of the State committee.

It will be worth the price of admission to see Vare, Leslie and Eyre when the report of Pinchot's commission to regulate the finances of the State reaches the Senate.

The unwelcome information comes from Russia that Lenin is improving. But that refers only to his physical condition, not his morals or methods.

A Colleague on Pinchot.

From the Philadelphia Record. In his speech before the Republican State committee Saturday Major Reed, Republican candidate for the Senate, did not hesitate to criticize the Pinchot idea of financing political campaigns.

The second method of financing a Republican campaign in Pennsylvania, according to the Major's frank statement to the committee, is "by getting contributions from a very few rich men. I will not stand for that."

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Making the Tariff Absurd.

The amendment to the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill offered by Senator Harrelld, of Oklahoma, to provide a duty of 35 cents a barrel on crude petroleum and 25 cents a barrel on fuel oil appears absolutely indefensible.

Dry Rot in Congress.

The practice of the seniority rule means dry rot everywhere and in everything; the practice of the seniority rule in Congress is dry rot.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

White Mrs. Arthur McGregor, of Smethport, was visiting in Pittsburgh last month, a sealskin coat valued at \$800 was stolen from her home.

A jury in the Northumberland county court last Thursday awarded Mrs. Carrie V. Hill, of Sunbury, \$15,000 damages against the Pennsylvania Railroad company for the loss of her husband, Harvey H. Hill, killed in a grade-crossing accident at Selinsgrove Junction last September.

Thomas B. Foley, pioneer oil and gas operator, who died at his home in Pittsburgh late last Friday was buried Monday morning. Mr. Foley served three terms as a member of the board of inspectors of the western penitentiary, being appointed by Governors Tener, Brumbaugh and Sprull.

Gordon M. Gray, aged 25 years, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, was instantly killed Friday afternoon on the new highway construction job just beyond Reynoldsville.

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Scottdale sports are now offering to back Emil Rocco, a shoemaker and world war veteran, as a champion long-distance eater. Rocco snattered out of his place of business one day last week and ate fourteen plates of ice cream.

Collection of an inheritance tax on an estate said to be valued at \$500,000 forms the basis of a legal contest between Pennsylvania and New York authorities over the probating of the will of Mrs. L. E. Wells, of Danville. The estate involved is that of the late Stewart B. Wells.