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INK SLINGS.

—Summer is here.

—Since Lenine has been ordered to take a rest we presume all Russia will enjoy it.

—Any way the nearer the cellar they get the more at home the Athletics must feel.

——As an apologizer for iniquity Senator Pepper has all the old time machine leaders shoved off the map.

—Saturday's storms made many of the wheat fields in Nittany valley look like they had been rolled with a ponderous roller.

——Enforcing the dry law in the American Embassy in London might entice Ambassador Harvey to resign. Anyway the experiment is worth trying.

——If the voters of Pennsylvania are just to themselves and fair to their posterity the million dollars spent for the Republican primary will be wasted.

—By keeping the streams almost always in a muddy condition nature is doing more for the conservation of trout than all man made laws could accomplish.

—If we knew the fellow who remarked that he didn't think much of bald-heads as a shining example surely we'd tell him that he said a mouthful when he spilled that.

—No matter how many home runs Babe Ruth may make this season he can never regain the admiration of the fans. He's too poor a sport to retain the loyalty of real sport enthusiasts.

——It seems that everybody agrees to the sale of booze on Amercan ships outside of the three mile limit. Another concession to the rich. The poor can't get beyond the three mile limit.

—Wheat having tumbled to a dollar fifteen in the local market farm owners are naturally seeing small chance of emerging from the gloom they have been in for the past two years.

—The audit of the State Treasury is daily revealing the loose manner in which the State's business has been managed and emphasizing the necessity of a complete change of administration at Harrisburg.

—The kids of Bellefonte have a fine new play ground and we hope they'll enjoy it to the limit. The life of childhood should be nothing but happiness, for, who knows what sorrow and distress may be theirs in later years.

—Mars was very near to us the other day. In fact the planet was only forty-two million miles off and scientists who were watching it say that there is probably less light and heat there than there is on earth. Maybe the Martians are having a coal strike.

—Glass manufacturers are responsible for the statement that there are ten times as many whiskey glasses being used today as there were before Mr. Volstead got busy. This merely indicates that the average man isn't as clever at washing glasses as the old bar tender used to be.

—President Pilsudsky, of Poland, has come into fifty million dollars through the death of a rich Boston relative. Of course we know Pilsudsky can use every cent of it and we don't begrudge him one of them, but that's no reason why we shouldn't wonder a bit how so many people happen on rich relatives.

—After having heard Dr. Willard declare that beauty is only knee high we stood in the Broad Street station train shed for an hour, Wednesday afternoon, and watched the commuters dashing for the Paoli, Shawmont, Narberth and Chestnut Hill locals. Then we concluded that if Doc. Willard is right there is very little beauty in the world.

—Former Governor Osborn, of Michigan, says the white race is predatory and epiphytic. Before we read this bit of wisdom dropped by the Michigander we thought only a certain class of the white race predatory and we still entertain the same notion, but about that epiphytic matter, we'll let you go to the dictionary yourself and deny or affirm the charge.

—Mrs. Peter Olesen has won the Democratic nomination for United States Senator for Minnesota. She will undertake to defeat the Republican sitting, Senator Kellogg, and harking back to the old Ole Oleson advice to a friend who was trying to land from a boat that would not stay moored we would suggest to Mrs. Peter that she "yump, you can make it in two yumps."

—The Ku Klux Klan has invited the Rev. John T. Davis, federal prohibition director for Pennsylvania, to a tar and feather party. The parson, doubtless, has devoured his share of the white meat of chicken in his time, —most men of the cloth have—but whether he would have the same relish for the feathers of the fowl will be revealed by his acceptance or rejection of the invitation to this party.

—At least something with which we can agree has come out of the present administration. Secretary Weeks has declared his belief that the direct primary is a fake, so far as getting men of high qualifications into office is concerned. We are in entire accord with this assertion. There have been more official misfits in the few years we have had the direct primary than there were in all the years the old party convention was running things.

Pinchot is Amusing Anyway.

Mr. Gifford Pinchot in politics, like the late Artemus Ward's kangaroo, "is a amusin' little cuss." He seems to imagine that the voters of Pennsylvania are exceedingly credulous, if not actually feeble minded. For example, he is now seriously attempting to fool the people into the belief that he is solving the confused fiscal problems of the State by appointing a commission, the members of which are to work without pay, for the ostensible purpose of "making a survey of the State finances." The best that commission can possibly do is to recommend something to the Legislature, to be acted upon subsequently by Senators Vare, Leslie and Eyre, who will dispose of it precisely as they treated his recommendation of General Miner for the chairmanship of the State committee.

In this matter Mr. Pinchot not only usurps functions of government, a grave evil, but imposes upon the ladies and gentlemen whom he presumes to call into public service. He asks them to give valuable time and service without recompense while the records show that he was unwilling to do so himself. When he entered upon the duties of the office of Commissioner of Forestry the salary was $5000.00 a year. At that fair compensation he had a splendid opportunity to give valuable service to the State. But he forgot his pretense of altruism and lobbyed a bill to increase the salary through the Legislature and in violation of the constitution he had sworn to "support, obey and defend," took the benefit of his perfidy by a conspiracy with the Governor he has since denounced.

His action upon the question of financing the campaign is equally insincere and dishonest. For the deception of the idealists and to the amusement of "machinists" he declares that he will not permit an assessment of office holders for campaign funds. The astute and congenial chairman Baker thereupon assures him that the three per cent. tribute of the office holders is purely voluntary and he is satisfied. Every office holder will therefore receive the usual notice to make the contribution and be given to understand that his successor is anxious to pay if he fails or hesitates. That unwritten law of the Penrose machine promptly speeds up liberality and the remittances come, even if grudgingly.

——Secretary Weeks publicly laments the degeneracy of Congress and a good many other people entertained the same feeling when he was Senator.

Time to Strangle an Evil.

The nomination of Gifford Pinchot, as the Republican candidate for Governor, cost a vast sum of money. According to his own sworn statement his own family contributed $125,000. Other friends contributed directly to him $10,000. Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Manufacturers' Association, donated $80,000. Colonel Elverson, of Philadelphia, placed $21,000 in the pool. Various other friends of the forester throughout the State, according to conservative estimates, contributed $100,000 and the several Pinchot committees including the Voters' League, of Philadelphia, raised and spent another $100,000. Thus it will be seen that the nomination cost Mr. Pinchot and his friends nearly half a million dollars.

Mr. Pinchot has said that his friends will reiterate that all this money was legitimately spent. Under the laws of Pennsylvania ten times that amount might have been disbursed if no part had been used to buy votes direct. For example, Mr. Pinchot states that he spent $42,000 for post cards for use in the campaign. That amount of money will purchase a vast number of post cards but nobody has ever seen one of the post cards. It might easily be imagined that part of this post card fund was used for other purposes and many reasoning minds might come to the conclusion that a man who would spend that amount of money for post cards was electioneering for a bed in a lunatic asylum rather than a seat in the executive mansion.

But a man who spends or permits his friends to spend, nearly half a million dollars for a nomination for Governor cannot escape the suspicion of moral turpitude, however securely he may be sheltered under the law. No man in his right senses will waste such a sum of money willfully, and paying it to secure an office which can honestly yield only $72,000 in four years is willful waste. Besides it establishes a precedent that must be destructive of every principle of popular government. No poor man, however capable, and no man of moderate means, however fit, can aspire to an important office if rich men are permitted to buy nominations at so high a price. The time to check this danger is now by defeating Pinchot.

Fordney Tariff Will be Forced.

Under an agreement made between the President and the leading Republican Senators, the other day, the Fordney tariff bill is to be pressed to passage in the Senate under cloture if necessary. The expectant beneficiaries of the measure are growing impatient at the delay. They paid their money to the Republican campaign committee two years ago and think it is time to realize on the investment. Some of them have been "cashing in" already. Prices on woolens and other commodities have been increased in anticipation. But there is hazard in the uncertainty and those who paid most liberally want to be assured of their toll. As the late Colonel Roosevelt said, these are "practical men."

The campaign promise which probably drew the greatest number of votes to the Republican candidate for President was that commodity prices would be reduced in the event of Harding's election. The cost of living was distressingly high at that time and as the war was practically ended two years before it was easy to persuade credulous voters that the Democratic administration could have forced prices down. As might have been expected the result of the argument was a land-slide to the Republican party. But the promised reduction in prices has not come and the disappointment gives the President and his party leaders no concern. But disappointing the tariff barons makes him throw a fit.

The passage of the Fordney tariff bill will vastly increase the cost of every article which enters into the life of the people. Clothing, shoes, gloves, hosiery, ornaments, carpets, furniture and everything else necessary in the life of a human being will be increased in price because of the tariff tax imposed. But that is precisely what the Republican party managers want. When the wage earners are reduced to poverty they are necessarily docile and the corporations and other beneficiaries of the tariff will have an easy time forcing them to terms. And the war veterans have been shoved aside to make the path clear for the tariff measure to travel and do its evil work of destruction.

——The Democratic managers in Pennsylvania will have no quarrel over assessments of office holders this year. But there are bright prospects that the question will be open for discussion next year.

Hughes Rebukes Republican Leaders.

Secretary of State Hughes, addressing the student body of the University of Michigan, on Monday evening, administered a sharp rebuke to the leaders of his party. His subject was "Some Observations on the Conduct of Our Foreign Relations," and his conclusions that "misinformation is the public's worst enemy, more potent for evil than all the conspiracies that are commonly feared." He said: "There are situations of controlling importance which are wholly unknown to the general public and that cannot be appreciated without the special information available only to officers of the government."

While President Wilson was sacrificing his health by his labors in the Versailles peace conference to continue and confirm to the government and people of the United States the controlling position acquired by our troops in the world war, the Republican leaders in and out of Congress and the press of that party faith, acting in the ignorance which Secretary Hughes now deplores, were constantly back-biting and vilifying him with the purpose of defeating his great and beneficent aims. Mr. Secretary Hughes may not have contributed to or encouraged this deluge of vituperation but he certainly remained quiet while it was working its insidious evils upon the minds of the world.

Secretary Hughes now appreciates the evil effects of the campaign for the destruction of President Wilson and as one of the beneficiaries of it enters protest, not against the result to Woodrow Wilson and the country, but against that which may come to him and his party if it is continued. If Charles Evans Hughes had spoken to Lodge and Harding while the fight against Wilson was on three years ago as he spoke at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Monday night, the pages of the history of the world during the period which has intervened would have been written differently, and not only this country but the world would have been benefitted.

——Former State Treasurer Kephart acknowledges that figures were juggled during his term of office but he doesn't say who got the benefit of the operations.

——It appears that Senator Hale, of Maine, has been renominated and it follows that the progressive wave which started in Indiana is broken.

Record of the Rump Legislature.

The journal of the closing hours of the last session of the Legislature has appeared. The session ended on the 28th day of April, 1921, and the journal was due within twenty-four hours of that time. Its appearance last week indicates the limit in tardiness It was nearly fourteen months over due. But there is a reason. If the truth and the whole truth had been told concerning that rump session of the Legislature the political records of the State subsequent to that might have been different. It was a riot and it was a revolution. It not only broke all records but completely demolished the constitution and the law. And out of the confusion it created there is likely to be no end of trouble.

The trouble began when on a demand for the "orders of the day," the session was adjourned, the order having fixed the hour of adjournment at ten o'clock. When a parliamentary body is adjourned in that way it is ended for the day. But the delayed journal shows that the clerk assumed the chair and entertained a motion to lock the doors, which was done. Then a new Speaker was elected and bills still in committee were taken up and passed, including every measure in which the administration was concerned. An adjournment was taken and in two minutes another day's session began in which the bills that had passed first reading ten minutes before were read the second time and adopted.

The constitution requires that every bill shall be read on three separate days in each house. These measures appropriating millions of dollars and creating scores of new offices were read three times within three hours and had never been considered in committee as the organic law requires. The long time which has elapsed since the perpetration of these crimes, with the sanction of the Governor and the help of the Republican managers, may have dulled the edge of public indignation but the belated publication of the journal ought to arouse resentment in the mind of every right minded citizen. Governor Sproul has voluntarily taken himself out of public life but the sins of his associates may be punished.

——Nineteen foreigners were granted their naturalization papers as American citizens at the regular term of naturalization court on Monday.

A Fact Worth Considering.

Several days ago a young lady of Washington, D. C., came into this office and in course of conversation commented upon the prices of the actual necessities of life in Belefonte, which she declared were almost double what they are in the national capital. A well known resident of Bellefonte, whose business requires him to make frequent trips to eastern cities, remarked after the young lady had taken her departure, that the prices she quoted as prevailing in Washington were no doubt correct, as he knew that they were about the same in Philadelphia.

He further called attention to the fact that he knew a number of families in Bellefonte who bought most everything they needed in the cities and saved considerable money by doing so. From the number of parcel post and express packages that come to Bellefonte for private families and individuals every day in the week it is evident that Bellefonte merchants are losing considerable trade that they ought to have. This trade is going out of town for either one of two reasons, or probably both. First, because of price and second, because only a few merchants advertise their wares for the information of the buying public. In any event, it is a fact well worth considering by local merchants.

—Ireland having voted for peace let's hope she gets it.

Who Got the Trout?

Last week the "Watchman" commented on the fact that some of the big trout had disappeared from the closed portion of Spring creek, opposite the "Watchman" office, and now it is reported that last Friday night some unknown persons literally scooped that portion of the creek of all the big trout with the exception of a very few which must have escaped the net. All spring these trout, a hundred or more of them, have been a wonderful attraction for every stranger visiting Bellefonte. They were one of the sights of the town and there wasn't a day passed without its usual crowd of sightseers watching and feeding the trout.

If the trout were scooped from the stream, as is generally believed, every true sportsman should deplore the fact and lend his assistance to the discovery of the perpetrator of the deed. And, if found out, he should be made to suffer the full penalty of the law.

"The Decline of Government."

From the Philadelphia Record.

Secretary Weeks' address, which he said he was tempted to entitle "The Decline of the American Government," is not to be disposed of by calling him a pessimist and saying that everything will come out all right. It will in the end, but the end may be far off, and the country may suffer a good deal in the mean time.

Mr. Weeks has been in public life many years, and is now a member of the Administration and in political accord with Congress. It is of some significance that he says that "the legislative branch of our national government probably never has been at lower ebb than it is today." The methods of electing Senators by Legislature were occasionally deplorable, though few men were elected Senator who had not already been Governors, or Judges, or Congressmen, and demonstrated their ability to get the popular vote. But the quality of the Senate has distinctly declined since the election of Senators has been transferred from the Legislatures to the people. The people do not select the Senatorial candidates; they simply choose between candidates selected by gangs or groups or rings.

"The direct primary," said the Secretary of War, "has so palpably lessened the quality of men willing to serve in public affairs that prompt action should be taken to greatly modify or entirely repeal it." The direct primary has been very much of a disappointment. Perhaps Mr. Weeks' condemnation is extreme, but in spite of the fact that the dircet primary has recently served the purpose of dishing a political group in this State and in Indiana it is still on trial; it has not demonstrated its value, and it is notorious that men have been nominated by the direct primary who could not have got a nomination from a convention.

The quality of the House of Representatives as well as of the Senate has deteriorated. Members rarely use their own judgments and their own consciences and, if necessary, justify themselves to their constituents. They seek only their own re-election, and think only of the possible effect of their action on the chances of that. The people have submitted to legislation impairing their own rights, not because they are convinced, but because they are too supine to offer the necessary resistance to bands of fanatics. The bloc system in Congress would be impossible if there were a rational national feeling; it is based upon the sacrifice of public interests to those of a locality, or a trade, or a group.

"We have a large number of reformers," the Secretary said, "many of them professional reformers, who are rushing about trying to reform everything and everybody. Of course, there are conditions which need correction, but often the suggested cure will result in greater evil than the evil it is designed to correct." We are already getting abundant demonstration of that.

Overestimating Mr. Watson.

From the New York World.

After reading Senator Watson's charges of foreign interference in Republican tariff-making, Sir Auckland Geddes went at once to Mr. Hughes to prove that the text of his address was not as represented in the Senate. But had the British Ambassador been familiar with the history of tariff manufacture in the United States and with Jim Watson's connection with it he would have taken his time about a denial. Mr. Hughes is well aware that the remarks of the Indiana Senaor in a tariff debate are to be discounted at least 100 per cent. and that his opinions about Europe rate on the exchange with counterfeit Russian rubles.

Mr. Hughes knows, too, that the last refuge of a tariff-broker when all other strategy fails is to wrap himself in the American flag and accuse his opponents of alien sympathies.

The Kaiser's Memoirs.

From the Altoona Tribune.

Among the other interesting items of news published on Sunday was a cable dispatch from Paris to the New York Tribune to the effect that the newspapers of Paris have agreed not to print the ex-Kaiser's memoirs, regardless of price. They have taken this attitude, it is said, because all money received from this publication is to be turned into a fund to be used for the restoration of the empire. We have every reason to believe that the leading men of Germany are ardently favorable to the monarchical form of government. Several observers who have visited Germany lately say they find this feeling everywhere prevalent. On the other hand, it is said, the majority of the people are opposed to the restoration of the Kaiser.

——Mayor Magee, of Pittsburgh, having been entertained in Pinchot's home over Sunday, it may now be expected that even the pretense of reform will be abandoned by the candidate for Governor.

——Wednesday was supposed to be the longest day and the begnning of summer, when in reality the day wasn't any longer than the three days previous, while summer did not begin until twenty-seven minutes after midnight yesterday morning.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Frank Gallo, aged 50 years, who was admitted to the Altoona hospital at noon on Sunday with an ear-to-ear laceration of the throat, said to have been self-inflicted, died at the hospital Sunday night.

—More than 1000 Sharon women are delinquent in their 1921 taxes, according to the statement of city treasurer, James Eriser. Cards are being mailed to the women demanding that they pay the county and school taxes before July 1st.

—Miller Ressler, a Lancaster county farmer, early last winter lost his pocketbook. He advertised for it in the newspapers and made personal inquiry without results. He mourned $60 as a dead loss. A little girl hunting potato bugs found the wallet several days ago. The notes were sent to a Quarryville bank for redemption.

—Robbers who broke through a heavy door of the conractor headquarters of John Curtis company, at Wilkes-Barre, last Thursday night, and then blew open a large safe with nitroglycerine received exactly 50 cents in cash and 10 cents' worth of postage stamps for their trouble. The robbery was discovered the next morning.

—William H. Luden, a confectionery manufacturer, has given $1000 to start a $5000 free swimming pool on city property in East Reading. City officials will proceed with the operation in Pendora Park, and will raise the balance of the fund by popular subscription and city appropriations. The pool is to be of concrete, 70 by 100 feet in dimensions.

—Four men, one a former deputy clerk in United States district court, were arrested in Philadelphia on Monday, charged with having sold forged naturalization certificates to unsuspecting aliens at from $25 to $50 each. The certificates were an obsolete issue of 1906, to which had been signed the name of a naturalization official who had died four years ago.

—The monotony of paved streets and bare bridges in Grove City has been solved by public-spirited residents, who contributed funds for the purpose of flower baskets and boxes. These blooms, matured in hothouses, have been suspended in baskets from electric light standards in the streets, while the bridges have been decorated with boxes containing a variety of flowers and plants.

—Stanley A. Winter, aged 25 years, of Barnesboro, Cambria county, was killed and Thomas Duke, also of Barnesboro, was injured when the automobile in which they were returning from a dance at Cherrytree late Tuesday night overturned on a curve. Winter's back was broken. He was the son of George W. Winter, furniture dealer at Barnesboro, Pa., past imperial potentate of the Jaffa Temple of the Mystic Shrine, Altoona.

—The Rev. Dr. H. H. Weber, of York, Pa., in donating $50,000 for the establishment of a professorship at Gettysburg College, has made provision for the chair of romance languages endowed in memory of his father and mother, through whose personal devotion and sacrifice, he says, he was enabled to obtain an education at Gettysburg College and Seminary. The gift of the Rev. Dr. Weber ended the campaign to obtain $1,000,000 for Gettysburg College.

—Razing of buildings to make room for the $150,000 theatre and club-house projected by the DuBois Lodge of Elks was commenced last week. A stock company composed of members of the DuBois lodge, has been formed to finance the construction and plans, providing for what is declared to be one of the finest buildings in that section of the State, have been adopted. No contracts for construction work have yet been let, but it is expected that the building will be under way within a few weeks.

—Kelsey Campbell, 17 years old, was shot in the arm when he went to the chicken house on the farm of his grandfather, T. J. Campbell, near Mahaffey, to investigate strange noises that emanated from the building. He had been aroused from his bed and when he opened the door of the hennery a man jumped out, bowled him over, fired one shot and ran. The boy fired two shots into the darkness, but it is believed the assailant escaped unhurt. Young Campbell has furnished the police with a good description of the intruder.

—Three youths, each about 17 years old, were electrocuted at Swoyersville, near Wilkes-Barre on Sunday night. The victims were George Klebban, Michael Tettruska and Walter Dubozietski. The boys were near an arc light on Slocum street and discovered a chain hanging from a pole. They used the chain as a swing and finally swung out so wide that the chain touched a heavily loaded feed wire and all three were thrown to the ground, unconscious. Doctors were summoned and worked over the boys for two hours with the aid of a pulmotor, but failed to revive them.

—Attacked by six big rattlesnakes, after they had killed one of the species, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Campbell, of Sunbury, had a thrilling experience near Troxelville, Snyder county, according to their story, last Thursday. The party came upon a rattler, which they killed. Almost at once the rattle of a half dozen others was heard on all sides, as hissing, forked-tongued heads appeared above the bushes. The party killed four of these, and have the rattles to prove their story. The women were brave, according to Mr. Wagner, and used clubs with as good effect as the men.

—With one-half of the hand-blown glass plants of the country shut down and the remainder seeking a practical machine to take the place of hand-blowing, Port Allegheny considers itself fortunate because the Mountain Glass company, of Smethport, which controls such a machine, has leased the Port Allegheny plant. It is said to be an interesting sight to watch this mechanical contrivance blow roller after roller of practically perfect proportion and thickness and draw it out twenty-five or thirty feet in length, then take it down and cut it into required lengths. Instead of laying off men 100 extra will be employed.

—With addresses by State Adjutant General Frank D. Beary, of Harrisburg, and Major General Charles J. Bailey, representing the War Department at Washington, the heroic bronze equestrian statue of General David McMurtrie Gregg, last of the brigade commanders at Gettysburg, was unveiled at Reading on Saturday. A parade of Civil, Spanish and world war veterans preceded the exercises. The monument cost the State $37,500, and was designed by Augustus Lukeman, of New York. Two grand-nieces of the General, Eleanor and Janet Green, of Lock Haven, unveiled the statue, which stands twenty feet high on a granite pedestal.