

INK SLINGS.

In thirty-one days fall will be here and it seems that spring came only yesterday.

In other words the Pennsylvania Republican ship proposes to sail without a rudder.

The miners have gone back to work, but if the railroaders continue on strike there will be no cars to load.

The business men have had their picnic. Now let the American Legion go to it for a bigger one on Labor day.

Talk about deflation, there are a lot of people who bought farms a few years ago who know exactly what it means now that they want to sell them.

Those statesmen who declare the bonus proposition is an insult to the soldiers would be perfectly willing to have a similar insult put upon themselves.

Without any inside information on the subject we are willing to risk a small wager that Senator Pepper will not "spit in the eye" of Senator Vares' pet bull dog.

The Prohibitionists who are moving upon Germany are "riding for a fall." The average German would as soon pay the reparation claims as give up his beer.

The sale of liquor on board American ships continues in unabated volume while all the energies of the government are being employed to suppress the back alley bootleggers.

Judging by the vehemence with which some corporation managers insist on keeping faith with the strike breakers one might imagine that they never betrayed a trust in their lives.

Those millionaire bootleggers might find it worth while to employ chairman Lasker, of the Shipping Board, in some such capacity as the movie kings got Will Hays for a screen.

In the coming fight for Senator the soldier boys will have a chance to decide between Col. Kerr, one of their pals who wants to do something for them, and Senator Pepper, who wouldn't do anything when he had a chance.

Gradually the stage is putting the lid on "wet" and "dry" jokes. People are tired of them, of course, but it must be admitted that about ninety per cent. of all other jokes they hear coming across the footlights make them just as tired.

The soft coal strike is over and mines that have been idle for months are producing coal again. The price is high at present, but if those who actually don't need coal until later hold off their orders until more pressing demands are met the price should fall rather than advance.

President Harding's feet have been examined by an expert who has pronounced them to be muscularly and anatomically perfect. We presume this discovery will be used in the next Republican campaign book to prove that their candidate is a man of perfect understanding.

The Senate has given up the attempt to make a palatable pill of the Fordney tariff measure and turned the whole mess over to President Harding. The nearer election day approaches the more desperate are a lot of Senators and Congressmen becoming in their search for a goat.

We note that some one has given the Pennsylvania State College fifty-six dollars with which to provide homes and shelter for the birds on the campus. Of course this is for the feathered variety, but on certain rare nights in June we have seen the need of homes up there for numbers of the other kind.

One of our contemporaries announced on Tuesday that "forty-five state clerks will lose one week's work." Isn't it pathetic! What a pitiable plight for fellows, who have been accustomed to the grind, grind, grind of departmental endeavor at Harrisburg. Why, they won't know how to loaf.

The London parley has broken up with relations between the Allies more strained than ever. It is a lamentable outcome, indeed, and we may be more vitally affected by it than we know. The world is not sane in thought these days. The little crevices between friends may be great chasms tomorrow and then—well, let us look it squarely in the face; war looms again.

Those of our readers who are reading, with so much pleasure and hope, benefit the sage counsel that Levi Miller sends, on occasion, from Pleasant Gap will find his contribution next week profound with wisdom. Really we never expected to hear from Levi again after he undertook to write a cook book and betrayed his wife's culinary secrets. Evidently the good lady didn't give him what he expected to get,—h—and we may hope for further fulsome dissertations from Levi.

Lord Northcliffe's death removes a striking figure from English journalism. His rise to power in the British Empire was almost sensational and his death, at less than sixty years, and his natural sequence of burning the candle at both ends. For a time he made and unmade cabinets but the ravaging strain of his prodigious work finally broke his physical and mental powers to the point where he lost his last battle with Lloyd George and since that he had been a broken man.

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Who is David A. Reed and Why?

On Tuesday, according to news dispatches, Governor Sprout appointed David A. Reed, of Pittsburgh, to the great office of Senator in Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Crow.

A year or so ago Senator Penrose set out to administer the affairs and distribute the emoluments of the Republican machine of Pennsylvania for the immediate future.

Mr. Bell had been an obliging adjunct of the machine and was satisfactory to both corporations. He had given former State Treasurer Kephart full liberty to use his name on checks and other evidence of debt or credit in the manipulation of the public funds for the benefit of some one or group not yet revealed or identified.

In justice to David A. Reed it must be admitted that he is a capable corporation lawyer and that he has been a faithful and efficient servant of the Steel trust.

The American Steel Corporation, known as the Steel trust, may have performed some useful service to the public in standardizing business and stabilizing industry.

Mr. Reed may have contributed a considerable part to this achievement. But we can see no reason why the people of Pennsylvania should reward him in this extraordinary manner for such a service to the corporation.

Upwards of seventy-five funeral directors of Central Pennsylvania held their annual summer outing at the Nittany Country club last Thursday.

Get your job work done here.

Delegating the Taxing Power.

The Senate has approved the suggestion of Mr. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, vesting in the President the power of regulating the tariff tax schedules.

The constitution of the United States declares that Congress "shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises."

The reason for this prostitution of power is plain. The tariff mongers who furnished the funds to buy the election of Harding are pressing for dividends on their investments.

The "Watchman" this week begins the publication of Miss Zona Gale's latest story, "Miss Lulu Bett."

Crime Against Women.

Another "Richmond" has entered the tariff fray in Congress to confuse the protection mongers. Mr. F. H. Miles, widely known as former chairman of the National Tariff Commission association, has interposed objections to the Fordney measure and places his substantial arguments where "they will do the most good."

His statement presented in the form of a circular shows that "the rates on corsets will cost American women up to \$58,000,000, while rates on hosiery and knit goods will invite price increases up to the preposterous total of \$587,000,000.

Mr. Miles is no longer a spokesman for the National Tariff association but represents the Fair Tariff League.

The "Watchman" gives all the news while it is news.

No Platform for "the Gang."

The Republican machine leaders of Pennsylvania have arrived at the determination to conduct the campaign without a platform.

Mr. Baker will attend to the collection and disbursement of the funds. Mr. Pepper will "spit in the eye of the bull dog," Mr. Reed will milk the Steel trust and Giff will "guff" the public.

It is easy to see that a platform with such a ticket and in such circumstances would be an embarrassment rather than a help.

John W. Yearick, of Marion Township, Appointed County Commissioner.

John W. Yearick, a life-long Democrat of Marion township, was appointed minority County Commissioner on Wednesday morning by Judge Henry C. Quigley to succeed the late George M. Harter.

Dog Poisoner Abroad at Howard.

The people of Howard and vicinity are considerably wrought up over the fact that a dog poisoner is abroad in that neighborhood and, according to reports, a dozen or more dogs have met their end by the poison route.

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It may as well be remembered that a wet straw vote will neither abrogate the Prohibition amendment nor repeal the Volstead law.

The Tariff and Labor.

From the Chicago Evening Post. One of the anomalies of the politico-industrial situation in the United States is the fact that, while the movement for deflation of production and service costs is in progress, Congress is determinedly pushing on with a tariff bill which must inevitably increase the cost of living.

Wage deflation is justified on the assumption that living costs are dropping. The assumption is sustained, in the main, by the figures of the government's bureau.

Labor is insisting that the true measure of a wage is its relation to commodity and other cost factors in the individual and household budget.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Realizing that she was about to die, Mrs. Amanda Garrison, a well-known resident of Bloomsburg, made all the arrangements for her funeral, even selecting the text from which the minister was to preach.

While working at the bottom of a thirty-seven foot well on the Jacob Brubaker farm at Cross Keys, Blair county, on Monday, Brooks Brubaker was overcome by gas and is in a critical condition.

Dr. H. A. Surface, of Susquehanna University, has determined to be a candidate for the State Legislature on an independent farmers' ticket in Snyder county.

On his way home from the Geisinger hospital, where his wife is a patient, Roger Wainwright, of Lewisburg, ran into a horse driven by a woman out of a lane directly in the path of his automobile.

During an electric storm at Middleburg, Snyder county, last Thursday, lightning struck the residence of John Winey. The chimney was demolished and bricks thrown 200 feet.

After having extracted seven teeth for Howard Breiner, 40 years old, of near Nazareth, last Friday, Dr. C. M. Kowitz, a local dentist, was surprised to find his patient dead.

Henry J. Straub, 51 years of age; his daughter A. A., 14, and her chum, Mary Kuski, 17, all of Shamokin, on Sunday drove to Bluff Point, a mile below Catawissa, for an outing.

Mrs. Mary Gross, of Bethlehem, who is 86 years old, lays claim to being one of the oldest, if not the oldest, woman Sunday school teacher in Pennsylvania.

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A. M. Stine, a Clearfield lumberman, closed a deal on Monday last, whereby he became the owner of a tract of timber, part of which is located in Curwensville borough, which contains nearly five hundred thousand feet of saw timber.

Charging a violation of the prohibition laws when prominent citizens of Shamokin and Sunbury broknt a bottle of champagne on a new state road last Friday night, a celebration commemorating the opening of the last link of a \$500,000 state highway.

Women complaining to the State bureau of elections against assessment of taxes when they own no property have been referred by chief George D. Thorne to State laws on the subject, and where they complain of inequality, to county commissioners.

Sudden and unexpected spread of diphtheria at Pottsville is declared by Dr. Henry Dierscheid, president of the board of health, to be due to people disregarding quarantine of homes where the disease exists.

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