

INK SLINGS.

-To Greece, at least, the terrible Turk has lost none of his terror.

-Pennsylvania needs McSparran far more than it needs "magnificent achievement."

-All of the plant life raised its head in gratitude for Monday's rain. Did you bow yours in thankfulness?

-Centre is twenty-ninth in rank among the sixty-seven counties of the State as to the aggregate value of the farm crops raised.

-It is altogether likely that Greece doesn't think as much of Constantine today as she did when she called him back to the throne in 1921.

-Who can recall the night when there was a lodger in the borough lock-up? Possibly the person who thinks the world isn't getting better can.

-Senator Lodge has been renominated by Republicans of Massachusetts. It is well, for otherwise the Democrats would not have had opportunity to give him what he deserves in November.

-Pinchot has admitted that he won't be able to do much, should he be elected Governor, unless he has a Legislature to back him up. Take it from us: His chance of being elected Governor is not of the best and it is a cinch that the next General Assembly of Pennsylvania will not take orders from him, even if he should slip through.

-We haven't essayed any advice to the Irish for some time. Every time we do it a shillalah has been brandished by some of our friends who can trace their ancestry no nearer to Erin than we do our own. But we just have to remark that unless the tail stops wagging the dog over there there won't be any Ireland to be Ireland when England's but a pup."

-We note, with relief, that Bellefonte girls are gradually pushing their skirts down. The relief comes only through dissipation of the fear that our women might be looked upon as pass by their sisters in other places. Short skirts haven't been in vogue for three months or more and if we once get out of style we might as well have Bellefonte taken off the map.

-Hopeful news is coming from the White House concerning the health of the first lady of the land. Mrs. Harding has been very seriously ill and the fact that she has taken a turn for the better is reassuring. She has been a very important personage in her husband's administration; her graciousness and democracy having accomplished much for his popularity in Washington.

-A Paris inventor has placed a new kind of alarm clock on the market. It is fitted with a diaphragm so that before retiring you just shout into it what time you want to arise in the morning and at the appointed hour your own voice tells you it's time to get up. We predict that the clock, ingenious as it is, will not be a success. The man who loves to lie abed in the morning has no fear of his own voice. It's "the old lady's" that routes him out.

-Some of his Republican friends are peeved because Pinchot so persistently refers to his party's conduct of affairs at Harrisburg as a "mess." They don't like the word and much prefer to have Gif. speak of it as a "muddle." As a matter of fact it is worse than either. It is reeking corruption and since Pinchot was part of it he is not the man to do the draining and use the antiseptics. John A. McSparran should be the next Governor of Pennsylvania. He has no friends on "the Hill" to shield, neither is he a millionaire with ideas of spending the public money as if all Pennsylvanians were millionaires.

-William I. Betts, our candidate for State Senator, spent part of last week in Centre county and found much fertile ground here. He is so genial and sensible, so straightforward and earnest that he made a splendid impression on those who met him for the first time. In company with J. Frank Snyder, he toured certain sections of the county and both candidates were convinced that the present outlook is very hopeful for the Democratic ticket. People everywhere were outspoken in denunciation of the extravagance and corruption at Harrisburg and the do-nothing policy at Washington. They are determined to have a change and as the Democratic nominees offer them the only opportunity of obtaining that they are going to support them, regardless of politics.

-John E. Dubbs is a true son of his lamented dad, John G. The elder was and the son is a reader of the "Watchman" and we don't believe either one of them ever thought anything political appearing in this paper had a grain of truth in it. In fact John E. is so convicted of our hide-bound Democracy that he waged his business against that of another one of our readers, that the "Watchman" would not publish Pinchot's speech at Centre Hall. We published it and John lost, but he probably wouldn't have been so much out of luck if Gif. had said anything worth while. The only reason we published it at all was to show our readers what piffle Pinchot is exuding. He didn't voice a single constructive thought. All he did was harp on the "mess" that he must have smelled during the three years he was on "the Hill," yet hadn't the temerity to protest.

McSparran Will Clean Up.

In introducing Mr. McSparran to his audience at Centre Hall last Thursday Colonel Spangler said: "Gifford Pinchot said this morning that he is eager to get to Harrisburg to let in the light and clean up the mess, but what we want to hear is how it happened that he sat at the mess table three years and failed to discover the mess until he became a candidate." And all the people of the State share in this desire for information. Pinchot became a member of the Sproul cabinet soon after it came into existence. He participated in all its activities from that time until he became a candidate for Governor without complaint or protest. He even encouraged profligacy by asking increased appropriations.

The "mess" is certainly a rotten thing and needs "cleaning up." But it is not customary to invite those who create a nuisance to remove it. Probably the worst feature of the mess is the salary grabbing. The treasury investigation shows that fictitious names were put on the pay roll and money paid for services never performed. The records reveal the fact that new offices were created and salaries increased without reason, and that the first offender in this abuse was Gifford Pinchot. Is there any grown man or woman in the State credulous enough to believe that he would be a fit person to clean up that part of the mess? It is the rule to set men up in judgment of their own faults?

The great State of Pennsylvania is overwhelmingly in default on payments of appropriations made during the Sproul administration by the Legislature. Vast sums of money have been collected to meet the obligations which are unpaid. Mr. Pinchot sat in conferences with his associates while these deficiencies were being created and made no objection. If he didn't know what was going on about him he is not fit to be Governor because he is faithless. Asking the people to commission him to "clean up the mess" at Harrisburg is a piece of impudent assurance which deserves the rebuke it is likely to receive.

Some kind friend ought to call Gifford Pinchot's attention to the fact that a nomination is not an election and that assuming the duties of an office before election is usurpation.

Newberry Scandal Again.

Upon receipt of assurance that he was renominated Senator LaFollette announced that his first effort on his return to Washington will be to compel a reopening of the Newberry case. That is both interesting and important. The presence of Truman H. Newberry, as a Senator in Congress, is a public scandal. In a court presided over by a judge of his own party, in the State in which he lives and by a jury of his political faith he was convicted of fraudulently using money to procure his nomination and election. In the face of these facts, and notwithstanding a declaration of the Senate against such misuse of money, Newberry was awarded the seat.

Since that the purchase of nominations has become quite common. Gifford Pinchot procured the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania last May by spending one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of his own and his wife's money, and George Wharton Pepper bought the same party nomination for Senator in Congress by spending eighty thousand dollars. Probably Mr. Pepper might have been nominated without expending that sum or any sum but it cannot be said that Pinchot would have been so fortunate. In any event it may safely be said that neither of them would have been so free with their money if Newberry had been deprived of the purchased seat in the Senate.

It would be impossible to imagine a greater public evil than that of purchasing nominations and elections to office. It simply disqualifies citizens who are not wealthy for public service. It practically puts offices or other forms of party favor on the auction block to be disposed of to the highest bidder. It is not invidious to say that Mr. Alter, who was defeated for the nomination, was better fitted for the office than Pinchot. But Pinchot had the money and dumped it into the campaign with a prodigality that produced the result. He will probably try to procure his election by the same methods, and if the voters are mercenary he may succeed.

It may be true that when Greek meets Greek "then is the tug of war." But when Greek meets Turk a marathon sets in, if recent events are considered.

It should be borne in mind that the first motion to impeach Attorney General Daugherty was made by a Republican Congressman.

Lame Defense of a Bad Act.

The Philadelphia Ledger, influenced more by prejudice than conscience, attempts to justify Gifford Pinchot's shameful salary grab by stating that the proceeds of the operation were appropriated to the public service. It admits that his salary as Commissioner of Forestry was increased in violation of the constitution, which he had solemnly sworn to "support, obey and defend," but claims that the money thus acquired was paid to other employees of the department who were not adequately recompensed for their services, under the law. That is an absolute and unmitigated falsehood and it is not going too far to say that the author of the statement knew that he was falsifying the facts.

The records of the government at Harrisburg show that salaries are provided by law for every person employed in the Department of Forestry, and that every person so employed drew his salary regularly. Some of the salaries may have been less than the employees thought just. But if Mr. Pinchot shared that opinion he ought to have asked the Legislature to increase that particular salary. Instead of that obviously proper course he began a canvass of the Legislature to increase his own salary and was so persistent and importunate that the Assembly consented. After the law was enacted it was discovered that an inhibition in the constitution made it unavailable for his purpose when he entered into a conspiracy with the Governor "by which the strict letter of the constitution was evaded," as the Ledger states. He sent in his resignation and was immediately reappointed.

This was not only deliberate conspiracy to violate the constitution but it was a betrayal of the obligation to "support, obey and defend" the organic law of the State. If Mr. Pinchot had been a poor man, who needed the increased salary to support his family, it would have been bad enough. But as a matter of fact he is a multi-millionaire by inheritance and could have been influenced to the act only by cupidity. He is not in public life for altruistic reasons or he would have been willing to administer the office for the salary fixed by law when he assumed the duties. He was in office for the money and in spending \$125,000 for the nomination for Governor he probably imagines a way to get even.

If Germany makes a payment on account let us hope it will not be in paper marks.

People Can't be Deceived.

The movement to prosecute former State Treasurer Harmon M. Kephart, under the criminal code, comes very near to expressing the full measure of farce comedy. The Attorney General admits that the statute of limitations will protect him against all criminal acts committed except one, and that the law provides no penalty for that one. But the Republican machine managers imagine that even a futile prosecution will look well and may fool the voters into the belief that they have undergone a change of heart. So they propose to make Kephart serve the purpose of a "goat" and Kephart appears willing to assume the role. Anyway he says he welcomes the opportunity for vindication.

The superficial investigation of Mr. Kephart's administration of the office of State Treasurer revealed various misfeasances and irregularities in many forms. He paid men for services never rendered and misappropriated funds in many ways. But the same things were done by other officials in other departments and the practices continued up until the moment the investigation was begun. It was entirely safe, therefore, to investigate and expose Kephart for the reason that the time limit had expired within which he might be punished. If Treasurer Snyder had been investigated it would have been different. Possibly such an investigation is contemplated after the safety zone has been reached.

The Kephart investigation was begun for the purpose of helping Mr. Pinchot to get the nomination for Governor. Kephart was an active partisan of the other faction of the party. It may be assumed that the criminal prosecution is for the purpose of helping Pinchot to secure the election. It is a drastic process, now that both wings of the party are "flapping together," but existing conditions require desperate measures. Pinchot's campaign is breaking down at every point and the false pretense that the Republican party means real reform is the only promise available to check the tide of opposition. It will be as futile as it is absurd, however. The people can't be deceived this year.

The people who do least for the community talk much about those who do most.

Pinchot Will Serve the Machine.

If Gifford Pinchot is elected Governor of Pennsylvania he will be indebted to the Republican machine for that distinction. W. Harry Baker, Edwin H. Vare, Max Leslie, Larry Eyre, Joseph R. Grundy and a few kindred spirits compose the close corporation which is "masquerading as the Republican party of Pennsylvania." These men are selfish and sordid politicians. They are governed by no principles. Their only reason for activity in politics is cupidity. Gifford Pinchot is equally destitute of principle. The only reason for his activity in politics is lust for power. When docility to the bosses promotes his purpose he is docile. When contumacy promises better results he is contumacious.

The Republican machine has neither affection nor admiration for Pinchot. It only admires men who "will stand without hitching." But it is always willing to "deal" on liberal terms with any one who will meet its demands. In the case in point it is more than willing to bargain. The election of John A. McSparran, to the office of Governor, would be disastrous to its plans. It wouldn't allow Pinchot to get control of the organization. That would be depriving it of its franchise. But that point secured it is willing to support Pinchot and even allow him to say unpleasant things in consideration of his promise to be good afterward in the event of his election.

Under existing conditions the election of Gifford Pinchot is essential to the future activity of the Republican machine and if Pinchot is elected the continued activity of the Republican machine is assured. Mr. Pinchot announces that he has no enemies to punish. He admits that many of the present officials will be retained, if he is elected. The machine managers know that he will have to keep his pledges to them because they are in position and have the power to compel him, while the people have no means of redress for violation of pledges to them. If Harry Baker or Edwin Vare were the nominee the voters would revolt. Pinchot will serve the machine as well as either of them could.

The new Republican tariff bill has at last passed the Senate and is in the House for final action. It is an emasculation, of course, with rates averaging slightly lower than those of the disastrous Payne-Aldrich act. The Senate put a snake in the bill, too, when it wiped out the Reed publicity amendment. With this proviso gone the Tariff Commission will be able to carry out the flexible provisions of the act without the public having any knowledge of what has been done. In fact the Commission is virtually empowered to make tariffs without regard to Congress.

It is worthy of note that the Tyrone division of the Pennsylvania system has the unique distinction of having passed through the shopmen's strike without the loss of a single man. This division, which connects with the main line at Tyrone, is 279 miles in length, employs 1720 men, and serves some of the most important coal mining territory in central Pennsylvania. The reason for this condition can be attributed mainly to the admiration and intense loyalty of the men to their superintendent, J. K. Johnston.

Fred M. Warner, member of the Republican National committee for Michigan, has organized a protest against "Newberryism." Here is a chance for Senator Pepper to "spit in the eye of a bull dog," for Warner is a fighter and is staging the contest for the meeting of the National committee.

The judges throughout the State are beginning to manifest an appreciation of the evil of reckless motoring. Several jail sentences have been pronounced upon persons for intoxication while driving, recently, in various sections of the Commonwealth.

"Maine went," beyond question, and probably "hell bent" as the Republicans won, but the normal majority is considerably reduced and there is comfort in that fact.

Mr. Pinchot declined the nomination of the Progressive party after Harry Baker told him it wouldn't do to betray the Senatorial candidates on the ticket.

No wonder the German printing presses are running night and day turning out paper money. It takes a lot of stuff to make something out of nothing.

The anthracite strike is ended and the railroad strike might have been if Daugherty had not projected his absurd injunction into the matter.

Revolt is in the Air.

From the Philadelphia Record. At the August primaries in California the redoubtable Hi Johnson, at the head of the invincible machine and with special gift of gab, pulled through with a comfortable lead over the novice who opposed him for the Republican Senatorial nomination. At the same time Governor Stephens, who has been operating the Johnson machine during the Senator's absence in Washington, was defeated for re-nomination by Friend W. Richardson, California's present State Treasurer.

It seems curious that the builder of the machine should score such a pronounced triumph while its active manager goes down to defeat. In search for the explanation of this anomaly we find that the people of California have at last become aroused to the extravagance of their governmental agents and rebellious against the resulting high taxes. Richardson made his primary campaign on the issue of economy. He toured the State in a Ford—rather a neat bit of strategy, that—pledging himself if elected to reduce the State expenditures by from twelve to fifteen million dollars during the coming two years. The expenses have reached \$91,000,000 during the past two years, and though California has no \$41,000,000 deficit to meet, wanton waste of public funds is frowned upon by the taxpayers, even including those who worship the demagogic Johnson.

We see in the result of the California primaries a hopeful augury for the campaign of John A. McSparran here in Pennsylvania. The same issue is paramount in our State that has upset machine calculations in California—a revolt against Republican extravagance is in the air. Farmers are getting less for their products, labor is confronted with wage cuts, commodity prices in general are lower, and the tax burden falls with heavier weight upon those who have to carry it, and who in war-time conditions were more or less oblivious to the strain of the load. There is no charge in California that the State's money has been dishonestly spent; the accusation concerns waste and extravagance alone.

Here in Pennsylvania the breach of trust has been more serious, and the offense so much the graver. Unless the people of Pennsylvania are far more indifferent to their own interests than are Californians John A. McSparran should be elected to the governorship in November.

The Madness of a Few.

From the Philadelphia Sunday Ledger. So unreasonable does the attitude of the Irish insurgents appear to most Americans who make an honest effort to understand it that the slightest ray of light is welcome. It may be that one such slight ray is supplied by an utterance of Lawrence Ginnell, who was thrown out of the Irish Parliament for disorderly conduct. Among the shouts with which Ginnell interrupted the proceedings of the Chamber of Deputies was one in which he called it a "foreign" Parliament.

Mad, as this description is, it may yet be taken as showing how these darkened minds are working. Ginnell, of course, means that this Parliament for the South of Ireland is imposed upon that country by a foreign power, Great Britain. There never was any sense in that argument, but there was a certain plausibility in it before the elections were held. At the elections the Irish people took the matter into their hands and elected the men who are now meeting in Dublin.

From that moment the last ray of plausibility had departed. If the Irish people had not wanted this Parliament to meet, they could have resorted to the well-known practice of refraining from voting. Instead, they picked out their candidates, went to the polls and voted their preferences. They had been unable to understand the workings of those minds which are still fighting against the rule of the Irish people. This demagogic had made them clearer. They simply have ignored the election and regard the majority of the Irish people as traitors to Ireland. It is they, the minority, who have the only perfect knowledge, and wisdom will die with them. This is the frame of mind which is doing Ireland to death at Irish hands.

Hog-Tied.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer. Miners at Herrin, Ill., the Golgotha of the coal strike, were out of work from April 1 until the other day. Within forty-eight hours after returning to their labors 600 coal diggers went on strike again. The operator of a mine where they were employed refused them permission to park their automobiles within the fence around the works. This was deemed to be sufficient invasion of their recently won paramount rights in all disputes with capital, and they asserted their freedom by refusing to mine any coal until their terms were accepted. No parking space, no coal!

Statistics compiled by Auditor General Lewis shows that 748 wholesale and retail firms did business in Centre county during 1921 and the volume of mercantile business handled was \$16,122,320, or \$228.79 per capita. On this basis the average family of five people used up \$1243.95 worth of merchandise of all kinds.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Farmers in Northumberland county say that the late potato crop will be a failure, due to the lack of rain.

A masked bandit held up and robbed Rollin Hauze and Arthur Delucco, of Hazleton, as they were on their way home by auto truck from Mauch Chunk, where they had made collections. He forced them, at the point of a gun, to hand over the \$200 they carried and then disappeared into the woods.

Miss Anna Dickinson, 21 years old, daughter of former Solicitor Joseph R. Dickinson, of Reading, was sworn in on Monday as a member of the Berks county bar, the first woman to win this honor. She was given a commission to hear a divorce suit as her first case. She will practice with her father. Miss Dickinson wears her hair bobbed.

A lone highwayman, shooting from ambush on a lonely road near Pittsburgh, last Thursday night, wounded two men, one perhaps fatally, and escaped while his victims, faint from loss of blood, staggered nearly a mile to a Millvale store. Robbery is thought to have been the motive for the shooting, which is said to have followed a crap game.

Leslie L. Lanker, of Somerville, on Saturday drew a pay check for \$247 for eleven days' work as a miner in the pits of the Oak Valley Coal company, in Jefferson county. He was paid at the rate of \$1 per ton for coal loaded. In the eleven days, Lanker loaded sufficient coal to completely fill five full-size gondolas. Lanker stated that he had worked a regular day of eight hours during the eleven days.

Threats of death by a burglar who was discovered late on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMurray, on Beechwood boulevard, Pittsburgh, failed to shake the nerves of Mrs. McMurray. She deliberately walked to an open window and blew a police whistle. The bandit threatened to shoot her husband unless she "stopped her racket." When she ignored his second threat the burglar fled without any loot.

After plumbers had worked for three days, a container holding two tubes containing radium valued at \$2500 was recovered on Monday at the office of Dr. F. A. Sherrer, of Easton. The tubes slipped down a drain pipe after the physician had treated a patient last week. As each section of piping was torn up, he used a fluoroscope, and finally the tell-tale glow appeared on the screen and the container was found on the next section.

Bring me the baseball scores while I'm here," was the request of Walter Zechman, aged 13 years, after he had been taken to the Sunbury hospital, dying, as the result of a 20,000 volt electric shock. He died about twenty-four hours after being admitted to the hospital. The boy climbed a pole and threw one leg over a high-tension wire carrying a current sufficient, according to electricians, to kill twenty men. One foot was burned off and a deep hole burned in his back.

The tri-county camp for the Sunday school young folks of Blair, Huntingdon and Centre counties is now assured, as the officers from these counties at a meeting on Saturday decided to furnish money enough to finance the project, supplementing the amount which will be given by the State association. The sum will be sufficient to insure a splendid camp for the training of Sunday school leaders. The site will be selected definitely in a short time. One site was visited on Saturday, but decision as to locality cannot be made in a hurry.

Curwensville drillers have commenced the "prospecting" of the huge Irvin tract in Penn township, Clearfield county, and propose to make a thorough test of the soil in that section, in order to determine exactly its coal deposits. Superficial tests have already been made and if the drilling operations verify the belief that has arisen from results of the superficial tests, it is said that one of the largest remaining virgin coal fields in the district will be plied under development and some of the biggest mines in Pennsylvania will be established there.

Professor Carl Eischner, recently employed in important research work at the Mellon Institute of the University of Pittsburgh, fainted on Saturday when he was sentenced to three months in jail after he had pleaded guilty on the complaint of Marie Sands, aged 17 years, of having lived with her without the formality of a marriage. "You are an eminent scientist," said Judge Cohen in imposing sentence "but you have broken the law. It is true you have lost your position, your good name and your reputation, but you must be punished further."

Nelson Hayes, 54 years old, a Marysville railway mail clerk, had his right thigh broken, and a score of passengers were shaken up, when four cars on the second section of the Pittsburgh mail train, westbound, were derailed at 8:50 o'clock Friday morning at Kittanning Point, a few hundred yards east of the horseshoe curve. The train was made up of postal cars and one day coach. A broken axle caused the second mail car to leave the rails, the three following cars toppling over on their side into the ditch. Hayes was in one of the fallen cars, being pinned against punch bars. He was taken to the Altoona hospital. No passengers were seriously injured.

Frederick Fawcimer, a resident of York, Pa., and one of the type of iron workers known as floaters, was seriously injured in the yards of the Millfin and Centre county branch of the Pennsylvania railroad at Lewistown, early Saturday morning, when in some undetermined manner he was thrown beneath a draft of cars at the Logan scales. Brakeman James Van Baskert found the man upon walking around the draft the accident having gone unnoticed since Fawcimer made no outcry, he evidently having been rendered unconscious before he could call for assistance. Fawcimer was taken to the Lewistown hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the right arm at the shoulder.

Sentence of from 17 to 20 years in the eastern penitentiary was imposed on Friday upon Charles Benner, convicted of the murder of constable Thomas M. Ush, on the night of September 1st, 1921. The sentence was handed down by Judge Barnett, at Millintown, Friday morning, following the reaching of a verdict of second degree murder by the jury, which had been deadlocked from 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon until late that night. The jury with its verdict included a recommendation for leniency. Benner previously had been convicted of first degree murder, but he succeeded in getting a new trial. Benner killed the constable when the latter attempted to arrest him at his home in Turkey valley, near Millintown.