

INK SLINGS.

Some few have responded to our call of last week for all of our subscribers to get into the 1923 class.

Gifford's little boat, that sailed so jauntily down the Delaware, from up at Milford last January, is finding far rougher water on the Susquehanna.

Those ladies and gentlemen who are seeking cheap notoriety through marathon dancing are only proclaiming to the world that they have a good bit more in their legs than they have in their heads.

The Derrick bill, which would prevent any community in the State from having daylight saving, if it wants to have it, is meeting with very proper opposition.

Under a new Act, just signed by the Governor, one need not apply to the General Assembly if he wants his name legally changed.

On Wednesday Governor Pinchot signed the bill which does away with traveling auditors for the Auditor General's Department.

Sure Governor Pinchot is the lucky boy. His troubles at Harrisburg are not without a few bright spots elsewhere.

The Fordney-McCumber tariff put a duty of two cents a pound on bacon, ham and other pork products imported into this country.

The third Asiatic exposition of the American museum of Natural history is under way with the hope of discovering the Garden of Eden.

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Dr. Ellen Potter, the new head of the Department of Public Welfare, says that Rockview penitentiary is being built along mistaken lines and that she hopes to complete the remainder of the institution on the small group plan of prison farms.

Harrisburg seems to be more concerned about exercising complete control over the hospitals of the State than it does over financially aiding them.

To D. J. K. and V. J. B., who have written from Greer, West Virginia, to kid us about our skill as a fisherman it behooves us to reply mildly.

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Latest Phase of the Mess.

The latest development of the rotten "mess at Harrisburg" indicates that the visits of Senators Reed and Pepper, at the State capitol, on Monday, was for the purpose of putting a check upon the activities of the Governor.

The machine managers want to avoid increased taxation. The burden is already near the crushing point. The Senators believe that if the payment of over-due obligations is spread out over a period of four years, rigid economy will work a clearing up of the mess without additional taxes.

Thus far no agreement on the subject has been reached. The House committee on Ways and Means has consented to delay, which indicates that the sympathies of the Members are with the Senators.

Having just been presented with a gold-headed cane, if some other friend will come through with a wheel chair we'll be feeling old enough to try to make the Hons. A. G. Morris, John P. Harris and Thad. Hamilton believe we were their first Sunday school teacher.

Pinchot's Premier Battle.

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The Attorney General, the Secretary of State and Commissioner of Health would have complete control, not only of the revenues but of the disbursements of the State, and all of these officials, being appointees of the Governor, would be obedient to his orders.

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Harding's Embarrassment Increasing.

The embarrassment of President Harding caused by Attorney General Daugherty's premature announcement of his aspirations for a second term is increasing every day.

The premature announcement of his candidacy has completely robbed him of all opportunities along these lines. He is now compelled to meet the public in the capacity of a candidate for popular favor and the opponents of the League of Nations as a porch climber trying to sneak into the League through the back door.

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Pinchot Invites an Odious Comparison.

In his address before the schoolmen in conference in Philadelphia, on Saturday, Governor Pinchot came perilously near to condemning himself.

The increase of the salary by Act of Assembly could hardly be construed as a violation of the constitution. The General Assembly has the constitutional right to increase or decrease the salary of an officer, but not of an officer.

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France and Germany.

So long as we are on the outside of the League of Nations, and are proceeding on the theory that nothing that happens in Europe can be of the slightest concern to the United States, the French occupation of parts of Germany can be of little more than academic interest to us.

Second, harsh as may seem the methods of the French army in dealing with a people inspired to lawlessness and recalcitrance by patriotism, they afford a strong contrast with the methods of Germany when the respective positions were reversed.

War is hell, and the exercise of military power against a disarmed foe is brutalizing.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Walter Frick, a Lewisburg, Union county engineer, has been selected to draw the plans for the proposed bridge between Milton and West Milton.

The Rev. Robert E. Mock, two years pastor of St. John's Lutheran church at Juniata, has resigned to become an instructor at Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio, and will close his ministry there on July 1st.

Anthony George, of Bethlehem, gave his bride of a month his pay envelope on Saturday before he left for his work.

Officials of the Tressler orphans' home, the largest orphanage of the Lutheran church, have announced the appointment of Rev. G. Robert Helm as superintendent of the institution.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Second Methodist Episcopal church at Easton, on Friday night the Rev. Charles Roads was greatly surprised when his parishioners presented him with a handsome residence, on Seitz avenue, which is now occupied by William Gunning, a prominent silk operator, and which congregation just purchased, without the knowledge of their pastor.

C. W. Doughty, of Pittsburgh, was given an "honor parole" last week when he appeared in criminal court in that city before Judge Howard W. Douglas, and pleaded guilty to the theft of more than \$3000 on forged payroll checks.

Women of Sharon will have equal rights in barber shops so far as prices are concerned. With the adoption of a new wage scale a list of prices was agreed upon for 1923.

Unlontown is to save a rat hunt in the near future to rid the city of 25,000 or 30,000 of the pests. It is probable that two prominent men will organize teams and engage in a friendly contest as to which will produce the most dead rats in a given time.

In twenty-seven years William E. Harrison, veteran letter carrier of McKeesport, has walked 162,000 miles for \$30,000. He has walked on an average of twenty miles a day on 8100 days since he joined the postoffice force in April, 1896, and he has distributed about 8,000,000 pieces of mail.

The new Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, at Northumberland, the Rev. H. R. Reader, pastor, was dedicated on Sunday. The property cost \$51,000, and a total of \$46,000 was raised by the congregation, the balance being pledged. There are 375 members in the congregation.

An interstate cocking main was brought to a sudden termination at three o'clock on Sunday morning at New Kensington when a squad of state police raided what appeared to be a specially constructed building, barred the only exit and arrested 211 men.

The fifth generation of blacksmiths in one family is in the making in Brookville, Donald Walton, 15 years old, is being trained by his father, Charles C. Walton. The father of the latter, John Walton, who died in Punsuxutaway a few days ago, traced the blacksmith trade to his grandfather and his father, in County Kerry, Ireland, where he was born.

His throat slashed almost from ear to ear, the body of Philip Finnest of Bloomsburg, 55 years old, missing almost four weeks, was found on Sunday on the east end of Geiger's island, in the Susquehanna river, about five miles below Bloomsburg, by Simon Derr and Willard Walters, who went in search of the body when they learned a reward of \$100 had been offered for its recovery.

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