

INK SLINGS.

The first half of 1923 is gone. Yes, thank you, the finger is well enough to push a pencil again.

A New York jury has convicted a woman of first degree murder, but that doesn't mean that she will finally pay the penalty in the death chamber.

Vegetation is practically dried up. The recent rains might help some but for the most part early garden produce and fruit will be small and of inferior quality.

The million dollar joy-ride on the Leviathan ended last Sunday and all of Lasker's guests are enthusiastic over the pleasure they had riding on the sea while the rest of us were digging for the million to pay for their fun.

Geraldine Farrar has been granted her divorce from Lou Tellegen and with it given the right to resume her maiden name and take a fresh gander, should one turn up. But pity poor Lou! The law denies him the right to grab a fresh goose.

Hogs are bringing only six and three-quarter cents a pound in the Chicago market. The price is the lowest recorded since the last year of Taff's administration, in 1912. Republican policies are surely calculated to make the farmer's life a happy one — we don't think.

An now we're going to seize the foreign ships that bring liquor under their own governmental seals into our territorial waters. It is the only thing to do by which we can hope to command respect for our laws, but the consequences of it may be more far-reaching than some of us are able to foresee today.

Next week we take off. Nothing doing but fishing and loafing about a camp in the mountains. If you feel like it we would be glad to have you come to visit us during the week.

All you'll have to do is catch what trout you hope to eat, take your turn at washing dishes and carrying wood and sleep out in the open if you snore loud enough to disturb the slumbers of those who don't.

It would be interesting to know just how much the tenants in Mr. Heverly's new flats, on Allegheny street, would give to have those grand old elm trees casting their cooling shade over them these days.

The locusts sure got on our nerves. From morning 'til night we heard nothing but their monotonous drone, wherever we went. It was such a mournful, depressing sound, too, to be always in one's ears.

The locusts came, we had what must have been the same reaction to their doleful song that "Daddy" had to the good sister's "Hark! from the Tomb, a Mournful Sound."

This Mrs. McCauley lady, of Beaver, who has followed Marcus Aaron, of Pittsburgh, in resigning from the State council of education, threatens to be Pinchot's Mrs. Bellamy Storer.

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President Harding's Queer Ideas.

President Harding has made some very absurd statements and advanced some strangely preposterous ideas since he left Washington on his campaign trip through the West, but he touched the climax in his speech in Denver, Colorado.

In the same connection he declared that in repealing the enforcement act of the New York Legislature he relinquished its sovereignty.

President Harding, in lamenting the surrender of sovereignty by the States in this matter, says: "It will be necessary, at large expense, to create a federal police authority, which in time will inevitably come to be regarded as an intrusion upon and interference with the right of local authority to manage local concerns."

There is some comfort in the thought that those foolish persons who are trying to make Governor Smith, of New York, and Henry Ford candidates for President will get tired sooner or later.

Only Promises for Soldiers.

The veterans of the World War will have to wait another year for the bonus which the Republican machine has been promising to their ears for some years.

When the resolution providing for this amendment was pending in the Legislature, attention was called to the fact that a vote on it by the people might be hastened by an amendment changing the date from 1924 to 1923.

The war veterans are getting used to disappointments, however, and this postponement of provision for them will not worry them much.

It is safe to say that the history of Henry Ford's campaign for President is "bunk."

School System the Victim.

In resigning her seat in the State Council of Education Mrs. E. Grace McCauley, of Beaver, Pa., not only administers a sharp rebuke to Governor Pinchot but makes a charge of grave moral and official delinquency against him.

Upon assuming the duties of the office of Governor Mr. Pinchot solemnly took that oath. If the statement of Mrs. McCauley is true he has certainly committed perjury.

Thus far there has been no denial of the charge made by Mrs. McCauley. Possibly Governor Pinchot imagines that the constitution of Pennsylvania is "a scrap of paper" and may be set aside as it was evaded when his salary as Commissioner of Forestry was increased from five to eight thousand dollars a year.

It isn't necessary to leave our finger prints "in the sands of time." The police bureau will preserve them if they are worth while.

Chairman Hull's Hopeful View.

Mr. Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National committee, takes a hopeful view of the future of the Democratic party. He is a member of Congress with long experience in public life and wide acquaintance among public men.

Having thus set his premise Mr. Hull proceeds to reason out his conclusion. The farmers of the country are \$30,000,000,000 worse off today than when Harding was elected and their future is practically hopeless.

In conclusion, Mr. Hull asks, "Why should the average business man feel any friendship or gratitude toward the Harding administration? His business is confronted with hopeless uncertainty as to the future and he is utterly unable to plan ahead on account of the operation of wholly unsound domestic and foreign economic policies."

Senator Beveridge is still doing his best to prove that the people of Indiana wisely defeated him.

That scientist who says the sun has lost its heat isn't a scientist at all. He's simply a fool.

Harding's Absurd Proposition.

In his St. Louis speech President Harding has practically surrendered to Senator Lodge on the question of the world court.

The court is already in operation with a membership of upward of fifty nations, including all the important governments of the world except the United States.

A certain gentleman was considerably exercised a few days ago over the belief that Bellefonte's big spring was dwindling in capacity.

Last winter, and even up to a month ago, most everybody was complaining about the cold weather; now there is just as much complaint because it is too hot to be comfortable.

As a result of Tuesday's rain, the water in Spring Creek is muddy. Ordinarily this is not an unusual condition, but thus far this season it is; for only twice since April 15th have the waters been discolored at all, which indicates the fact that we have had no heavy rains in that period.

Senator Pepper rather vehemently declares that he is in accord with the President's desire to enter the world court and that will create sentiment against it.

It may interest the public to know that Mr. Lasker is fairly well pleased with the trial trip of the Leviathan and entirely satisfied with himself.

In the course of time Mr. Harding will come to understand that Herbert Hoover is a false prophet. The rest of the people already know it.

Without official authority to speak on the subject it is reasonably safe to say that if the Germans will pay the French will go.

One of Mr. Bryan's friends says "he's a good loser." But that is only conjecture. Mr. Bryan has never lost any money.

For all the news you should read the "Watchman."

Three Words.

By Douglas Malloch. There are three words, the sweetest words in all of human speech—More sweet than are all songs of birds, On pages poets preach.

The American Model in China.

From the Kansas City Star. In their poor, weak strivings to master the mystery of government as they have observed its workings in more enlightened countries, the Chinese, we fear, have not always been given credit for what they have accomplished.

These Chinese bandits now are not without the instincts of government. We read that they have worked out a system, crude indeed and inefficient compared with our own, by which business is regularly made to turn over a share of its profits.

In view of this showing we ought perhaps to take back much of what we have said about the Chinese incapacity for government. They are really learning. Their system may be wasteful, for it is probable the taxing power sometimes fails to get all that business has. The merchants frequently get away with their shirts.

Sometimes political knavery disguises itself in the garb of righteousness and camouflages its real purpose to such an extent that honest men are deceived. In the political raid upon the Municipal Court for the purpose of establishing the right of the organization to dictate Republican nominations in Philadelphia and to compel obedience to its mandates, there has not been the slightest attempt at disguise or camouflage of any kind.

The purpose lying back of the bill taking away from the president judge the power of patronage has been openly avowed. The character of the political service to which the measure is expected to give aid is subject to no doubt. The bill will confirm the strength of those elements in the local Republican party, against whom the successful effort for the nomination of Governor Pinchot was a protest.

The Governor must be acquainted with these facts. They are patent to him who runs, and reads or listens but casually. To ignore them would be unfortunate under any circumstances and doubly so when such action would have every appearance of being the settlement of an acknowledged debt.

The Governor still declares he made no bargains for legislation and Senator Vore is still confident that all agreements will be kept.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

After an absence of 30 years, Fred W. Meuroth, Escondido brick expert, will return to Germany to make an exhaustive study of brickmaking.

Lewistown council increased the salary of Chief of Police Yeaman from \$100 to \$125 a month, with instructions to get after violators of traffic laws.

While swimming in a dam at Ore Hill, Blair county, Saturday evening, David R. Boyer, 13 years old, of Queen, was drowned. He tried to reach a stump in the center of the dam and exhausted his strength. Three boys, swimming at the time, made an unsuccessful attempt to save him.

Using the contents of a fire extinguisher in an effort to induce sleep, Garfield U. Lintner, a contracting painter, of Lancaster, went to a field near his home and was suffocated by the fumes, the police say. He was accustomed to using chloroform to induce sleep, but substituted the other liquid instead.

Clarence E. Mentzer, yardmaster at Harrisburg of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, was electrocuted on Saturday when he grasped a sagging telephone wire as he was riding on the top of a train in Steelton. The wire came in contact with a high-tension line and Mentzer was killed instantly.

Schuylkill county commissioners last Friday gave orders for legal proceedings to be entered against two-score tax collectors who have not collected the increased taxes on the coal lands. The bondsmen of the collectors will be compelled to make good the shortage. The amount of the deficit is about \$400,000.

The Rev. Judson Barnes, pastor of the Baptist churches at Ashland and Girardville, has resigned, stating that he is unable to live on his salary of \$80 a month. He was selling automobiles as a side line when the congregation objected. He presented his resignation. The Rev. Mr. Barnes went to Ashland from Shamokin two years ago.

Although 78 years old, A. J. Frederick, a Civil war veteran, of York county, is cutting a tooth. Some of his friends thought it a joke on hearing of it, but Mr. Frederick displayed a tooth cutting through the upper gum. As a matter of fact, he said, he has suffered considerable pain the past few days as a result of the tooth cutting gum.

Palmerston physicians are trying to keep a man's heart from jumping out of its orbit. Louis Meal, a laborer from Nesquehoning, was taken to the Palmerston hospital, where surgeons are trying to check his heart from moving further from its correct position. The organ in some mysterious manner has moved two inches toward the center of the body and thence downward two more inches.

An unusual spirit of co-operation is being shown by property owners along the state highway between Bloomsburg and Berwick, where a permanent road is being constructed. In places the road is narrow and lawns, shade trees, a house and several barns encroached. One man will lose ten feet off the end of his barn, but agreed to accept the actual cost of cutting off the end of the building, the county paying the contractor. Other property owners have settled for small sums.

The hot weather last Friday was responsible for a brutal fight near Berwick, as a result of which Channey Everhart, of Wapwallopen, is under bail on a charge of assault with intent to kill. H. W. Schwepfheiser, of Berwick, went fishing. Everhart went swimming. Both picked the same hole in Wapwallopen creek, but Everhart was there first and refused to leave the pool. He says Schwepfheiser hit him with a stone, whereupon he left the creek and is alleged to have administered a severe beating to the fisherman.

Falling through a window in a passenger coach of a Pennsylvania railroad excursion train, Sunday, William D. Mullett, Altoona, is suffering from lacerations of the scalp and a fracture of the wrist. Mullett was on an excursion train being operated from Altoona to Atlantic City. He fell or leaped through the window as the train was passing the RJ tower near Rockville. Just prior to the accident Mullett had gotten out a flask which was taken from him and the contents poured in the drain by the officer accompanying the train.

Picking up a live wire carrying several thousand volts, George L. Tirsh, a company lineman was instantly killed at Shamokin Sunday evening. He was 25 years old and resided at Ososola Mills. A severe electrical storm had done much damage to the wires and Tirsh, with a gang of repairmen, had been ordered out. While the foreman of the gang was telephoning the power station to have the current turned off, Tirsh picked up the wire. He was instantly killed, the charge having passed through a small hole in a defective glove, to his hand.

Former members of Altoona Castle No. 145, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will be required to pay back to the grand castle of the order the sum of \$5,000 which they divided among themselves after dissolution of the local unit, and also turn over to the grand castle \$5,000 which yet remains in the treasury. The Supreme court, in a decision rendered Saturday, sustained the appeal of the grand castle and reversed the decision of the Blair county court, which upheld the Altoona castle in its action. The appeal was a test case and the outcome is of interest to all lodge men.

Stricken while attending services on Sunday evening in St. John's Catholic church, Johnston, John C. Ryan, head of the wholesale merchandise house of Ryan-Correll company, of that city, died in his pew. The services were dismissed and Mr. Ryan was removed to the rectory where four physicians worked for two hours with a pulmonary and also made injections of adrenalin in the hope of reviving him. Mr. Ryan was general chairman of the executive committee in charge of the Mercy hospital campaign for \$250,000 which closed Saturday afternoon with a total amount raised of \$283,000.

The Eastern police department's new tear gas weapon was put into use for the first time last Thursday when it was used on Walter Molin, convicted slayer of police officer Rush Stehlin, of Eastern, whose death sentence was recently commuted to life imprisonment. Molin had been changed from one part of the prison to another when he began to tear the furnishings of his cell apart. Procuring an iron bar, he hammered on his cell door and threatened to kill any one who came near him. Efforts of the prison officials to quiet him were fruitless and the police department "gun" was sent for. But one "shot" was necessary and Molin begged for mercy and became as docile as a kitten.