

INK SLINGS.

—Work isn't half as hard as getting started to do it.

—Yesterday was one of the kind that will give us all spring fever a few months later.

—Our idea of being rich is to have a turkey on Thanksgiving and enough hard coal to roast it with.

—Instead of being sent to jail the fellow who stole the hogs from the penitentiary ought to be given a medal.

—The winner in the race for success is always the person who keeps on going after his competitors have stopped.

—The friends of Senator Pepper are waiting with more or less impatience to see him flop over to Pinchot for President.

—In some sections of Pennsylvania it is a grave question whether more homes are equipped with radio sets than stills.

—The peace of Europe has been "hanging in the balance" for so long that it probably wouldn't feel comfortable in any other position.

—If Hi Johnson should get the Republican nomination and Henry Ford the Democratic where would the real Republicans and Democrats go.

—Now, supposing Harvard beats Yale and Penn beats Cornell and Pitt beats State, what are the comparative score dopsters going to say about it?

—Dr. Ellen Potter has decreed that the county jail must go. We have a notion, however, that Nellie will be in the discard long before any of the jails have went.

—We'll need a lot of money before January 1st, 1924, and we're not going to have it unless every subscriber to the "Watchman" gets paid up into 1924 within thirty-eight days.

—A stein of beer costs a billion marks in Germany. Here, one costs several hours pussy-footin' through alleys and cellars and then enough regular money to buy several billion German marks.

—It is probable that every good woman who voted against the Amendment that would have given preachers a reduced fare on the railroads, gives her pastor all the white meat of the chicken when he deigns to take a meal at her house.

—One of the Pittsburgh newspapers boasts that twenty million dollars a year are spent for the public schools of that city. But a large proportion of the money comes from the State Treasury, as no personal school tax is levied against Pittsburgh people.

—Governor Pinchot is out in Nebraska talking to the farmers. Nebraska has been in a bad way for some one to talk to it since Bryan moved to Florida and, maybe, Gifford will be able to show them that, next to W. J., he would be the best runner-up who ever entered a Presidential race.

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Law Enforcement and the Pinchots.

Mrs. Cordelia Brice Pinchot, widely believed to be the "power behind the throne" in Harrisburg, has uncovered some of the political plans of the administration for the next primary campaign.

Mrs. Pinchot appears to be very earnest on the subject of law enforcement. In her speech of Monday evening she declared that "law enforcement is the most important issue before us to day."

No man or woman outside of an insane asylum believes that any candidate for any State office in Pennsylvania can spend a quarter of a million dollars in a primary campaign without violating the Corrupt Practices law.

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Small Chance for Bonus.

Secretary Mellon has made it reasonably certain that the army veterans will get no bonus from the next Congress unless they have friends enough in the Senate and House of Representatives to pass a law providing the funds over the veto of the President.

There is a chance to secure the bonus but it is precarious. The small Republican majority in the Senate is the hope. It is reasonably certain that the measure will pass the House.

—The Canadian squirrel which stored sixty-eight golf balls for nuts ought to be shot.

Pinchot and Coal Prices.

We have no brief to speak for Governor Pinchot and little inclination to defend him against his enemies in his own party.

There are a good many service men and they need the bounty. The dis-appointment will be a hardship to many of them and to some extent may be resented.

Secretary Mellon's anxiety

to cut down the income tax of multi-millionaires is the most touching incident of recent official life.

Pinchot Crawling Out of a Hole.

Governor Pinchot is now centering his energies on an effort to crawl out of the hole into which he fell when he "settled" the anthracite coal strike on terms that made a considerable increase in the price of coal inevitable.

Of course that would turn the tide of public opinion in favor of Pinchot, for it would make good his absurd promise that the producers would absorb the ten per cent. increase in the wages of miners which he allowed in the terms of settlement.

Naturally that has caused some alarm among the coal producers. It is a fairly well established fact that ever since the coal famine during the war at least one-third of the coal sent to market comes from abandoned slate and refuse banks.

—In spite of all efforts at repression every roar from Germany turns the mind back to events following the Franco-Prussian war.

—It is intimated that Pinchot may use Hiram Johnson as a club to compel the organization to accept him as "a favorite son."

Wise Mr. Mellon is Mistaken.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon struck a popular note in his determination to force Congress to reduce taxes. His party platform of 1920 promised this relief and the campaign contributors expect it.

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As a matter of fact, however,

the Secretary is mistaken in his notion that it is impossible to reduce taxes and pay the bonus next year.

—We are revealing no secret in

stating that the movement for a "woman delegate-at-large to the Republican National convention" is simply a gesture to secure that honor for Mrs. Pinchot.

Senator Johnson a Candidate.

Whatever else in the political life of the country is in doubt Senator Hiram W. Johnson's attitude on the question of the Presidency is revealed. In a statement given to the public, a few days ago, the California "fire-brand" submits "himself and his political tenets to the decision of his fellow-citizens."

In this connection Mr. Johnson says: "Reaction and progress must fight it out again in the Republican party in the coming Presidential primaries. I question not men now, but their philosophy in government."

It must be admitted, however, that Senator Johnson "has a kick coming." He was viciously treated in the Republican National convention four years ago.

—The frequent visits of Senator Lodge to the White House are ominous. The Johnsons of the Senate will never be reconciled to such an association.

—Colonel Forbes was emphatic enough in his denials but not convincing.

Poincaré and Ollivier.

Ollivier may have denied it late in life, but he has gone into history as saying, on the eve of France's start for Berlin, which was interrupted at Sedan, that he assumed the responsibility for war "with a light heart."

The immediate question now is whether France or Great Britain is correct in its construction of the peace treaty, but whether France owes a decent respect to the opinions of the nations that saved its life.

Italy would not join it, and which Great Britain strongly opposed. France betrayed the treaty of Sevres and betrayed England in the Near East.

—Accidental death was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury that investigated the cause of the death of Clyde I. Hull, of Ridgway, whose dead body was found in the kitchen of his home with a bullet hole through the heart.

A "Hard-Boiled" Combine.

Governor Pinchot pressed home, with relentless severity, his indictment of the anthracite monopoly at last week's session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

It is no answer to the array of undisputed facts relating to coal-company dividends, the ever-widening margins between cost of production and sale prices and the almost invariable rule of unanimity that prevails in price lists for the spokesmen of the coal operators to talk about turning "their heads" on the common sense of the fires of controversy.

Bootlegging in Wheat.

The proposal to increase the tariff on wheat if it should be adopted, may open up a new business in contraband along the Canadian border.

—When you see it in the "Watchman" you know it's true.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A forgotten umbrella led to the discovery that a safe had been blown in the office of a department store in Harrisburg, on Saturday night.

—Fire on Sunday destroyed the Citizens' Bank building at Allentown, Erie county, and for several hours threatened the entire business district.

—Forcing an entrance through a side window burglars early last Friday entered the county treasurer's office in the court house, at Huntingdon, blew open the outer doors of the vault, but before gaining entrance to the inner safe, were presumably frightened in their work, and escaped without booty.

—One man died and five other persons became violently ill on Saturday night after eating home-made drop cakes at the home of Mrs. Stella Jones, in Philadelphia.

—As a result of an argument that started over a gambling game, William Thompson, aged 20 years, of Steelton, is a patient at the Harrisburg hospital with a bullet wound in the right arm, while George White, colored, also of Steelton, is under arrest charged with the shooting.

—A robber who kept only enough of his loot to buy a new suit of clothes was reported to the police in Pittsburgh last Friday. The robber stole \$80 from an East Side barber shop last Wednesday.

—F. G. Morrison, employe of a newspaper at Risersburg, in Clarion county, has been missing from his home there since the first day of the hunting season.

—Attacked by an enraged bull, John R. Hartman, Civil War veteran and prominent resident of Mummasburg, Adams county, suffered injuries early Monday morning of which he died four hours later.

—Dr. T. C. Harter, representative from Columbia county in the State Legislature, was arrested last Friday on a charge of criminal libel brought by district attorney Warren S. Sharpless, of Columbia county.

—Two prisoners at the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon attacked E. A. Fritchey, a guard, last Wednesday while he was sitting at his desk in the automobile tag department, ripped open his chest with a knife, from the temple to the mouth and knocked him unconscious by beating him over the head.

—It cost Albert Mattern, of Sunbury, \$7.40 to blacken his landlord's eye. This amount was the fine and costs imposed on Mattern by Justice of the Peace John H. Vincent when M. L. Snyder, the landlord, sought damages for the assault.

—Mrs. Mabel V. Gray, of Williamsport, the first woman to be appointed sheriff in the State of Pennsylvania, says "there are some jobs that only a man can fill and the job of being sheriff is one of them."

—Mrs. Bertha R. Ickes and her daughter and son, Miss Josephine Ickes and L. Chester Ickes, were indicted by the federal grand jury at Pittsburgh, on Monday, upon charges of fraudulent issuance of money orders at the Reynoldsville post-office, Bedford county, when Mrs. Ickes was postmistress and her daughter the assistant. Separate indictments were returned against each.

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