

INK SLINGS.

—Mr. Bryan is likely to find out that he is a bigger figure on the platform than at the bar.

—Comparatively speaking milk is cheap at present price unless the cost of "white mule" is exorbitant.

—Canada will probably prove more attractive than ever for tourists from the States because she is wet all over again.

—Maybe the sudden change in temperature last Sunday was nature's method of freezing out spring fever germs.

—It is said that Congressman Vane will stay out of the Senatorial fight if he is permitted to name the candidate for Governor. A high price.

—The more we travel around the country the more convinced we become that it is full of people who, if they can't afford anything else they can afford a Ford.

—Judge Dale is still the Sphinx. If he would only tell what route he is going to take to succeed himself a lot of us would have one less thing to worry about.

—It is estimated that the average American spends eighteen per cent. of his life standing in line for something. Well if he gets what he wants it is worth the price.

—Talking about the different lights in which people see the same thing can you think of anything more contrasting than that in which the mother and her young hopeful view the closing of school.

—Of course the oldest inhabitant remembers something later, but we want to go on record right here to the effect that before last Monday morning we had never seen snow on the twenty-fifth of May.

—The announcement that Harry Thaw has been seen back in his old haunts, the "white light" districts of New York, sounds to us, very much, as if Harry doesn't know where he is going, but is on the way.

—With thermometers registering ninety in the shade at two-thirty last Saturday afternoon and hugging fifty less than two hours later winter seems to be doing something more than lingering in the lap of spring.

—Of course we'll have good baseball this summer, now that the county league is all set to start, but it will be a good bit better if the fans in the home towns of the teams all turn out with the horns instead of the hammers.

—And it remained for a Penn State athlete to give the flying Finn his first defeat, from scratch, in this country. Alan Helfrich, carrying the blue and white colors, ran Paavo Nurmi off his feet in the half-mile at New York, Tuesday.

—We note that Queen Mary, of England, celebrated her fifty-eighth birthday on Tuesday, and are surprised. Every time we see her photograph we are convinced that she must have been an old lady when Methuselah was born.

—Those residents of the Aleutian islands, whose letters inquiring as to who was elected President last fall have just reached Washington, must have made the inquiry merely out of idle curiosity. By the time they get their reply Cal will probably have come and went.

—Now since England has cornered rubber and is going to make American automobile owners pay her war debt to us why doesn't France corner the frog market and attempt the same thing. That would end this continual dispute over when payments are to begin, if at all.

It's a round about way of doing it, but there seems to be no doubt of the fact that American automobile users will pay all England's war debt to America if conditions continue as they are at present. Our imports of rubber, alone, from the East Indies, an English possession, if continued at the present rate will pay all that England owes us in a very few years.

—The Wyoming Democrat, published at Tunkhannock, is a fine example of a country newspaper. Usually it is for us to admire the carefulness with which it is edited and that accounts for our surprise at the faux pas it made last week, when in one editorial it attempted to convince its readers that "Appearances Count" and in another that "Appearances are misleading."

—The girl of 1890 who happened to get home from her joy ride in a buggy as late as ten o'clock, slipped into the house and sneaked to bed as quietly as though she had committed an awful offense against propriety. Many of the 1925 girls roll up in front of the "hang out" at two a. m. and immediately start telling the world about it by arousing the whole neighborhood to witness the fact that they have had a fellow with an automobile.

—The fight is on in Tennessee. Prof. Scopes undertook to teach the pupils that we are descended "from a lower order of animals" and such a theory is contrary to the civil laws of the State that employed him. It's going to be a great fight because it's really one between the fundamentalists and the modernists. We pity Scopes, not for what the civil law of Tennessee ought to do with him, but for the hopelessness he will find in life after he realizes that he is not for Me is against Me.

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Governor Pinchot's Soaring Ambition.

That Governor Pinchot still cherishes the hope of election to the Presidency seems certain. His proposed speaking tour of the west can be accounted for in no other way.

But it is not to be inferred that his ambition to be President will take him out of the race for Senator in Congress. While he is "working the west" for the big harvest in 1928 his family and friends are laying the lines for the Senatorial contest next year.

When the Republican machine allowed Mr. and Mrs. Pinchot to buy the party nomination for Governor in 1922 it registered the beginning of the end of its control of the politics of Pennsylvania.

Senator Butler, of Massachusetts, is undertaking to "correct the unfortunate condition growing out of the muddling of government."

Heavy Burden of the Captains.

The great captains of industry in this country have assumed a heavy burden and are struggling with it under adverse conditions. Their engagement is to hold up the drooping wings of prosperity and persuade the people that "everything is lovely and the goose hangs high" in this glorious land of opportunity.

Last week it was Judge Gary's turn. The Judge is a lawyer and jurist as well as a magnate and knows better than the others how to "convince a man against his will."

With a Republican President, a Republican majority in both branches of Congress and Republican policies in force in every direction anything else than the most abundant industrial prosperity is anomalous in view of the promises made by the captains of industry before the election.

—If Amundsen doesn't reach the "pole" a good man may be lost, and if he does somebody will have to tell us what has been gained.

Not Exactly the Right Remedy.

At its State convention, held in Harrisburg last week, the Pennsylvania branch of the American Federation of Labor decided to join with an organization known as the Public Ownership League in a movement looking toward national control of electric power.

We are not able to coincide with Mr. Thompson's theory that the remedy for what seems like a real menace lies in the Congressional action. The idea expressed in Governor Pinchot's super-power plan for State control of electrical energy would be safer as well as more efficient.

Electricity is certain to become the dominant element in the industrial life of the future. The electrical power magnates understand this fact fully and are already moving in the direction of monopoly.

Register of Wills Campbell, of Philadelphia, has thrown his hat into the ring without waiting for Vane's approval and something may happen to Bill.

Promising Change in Immigration.

The inauguration of a system for the inspection on the other side of the sea of prospective emigrants to this country would seem like injecting into the problem an element of common sense.

It may be said that the administration of the law under the present Secretary of Labor has been fairly efficient and as nearly as possible just. But it has been the cause of many hardships, because it has divided families, deported honest and industrious aliens on the required educational test and admitted criminals, conspirators and anarchists because a badly purposed schooling had provided them with the necessary education.

The plan which is now to be adopted, and will be inaugurated at the ports of departure of the Irish Free State, will make the examination there instead of on this side and such as fail to meet the requirements of our immigration system will be refused the necessary visas.

—Senator Pepper is touring the State for the purpose of putting spice into the campaign.

Constitutional Amendment Doomed.

The question of submitting to a vote of the people at the ensuing election the question of amending the constitution permitting the issue of bonds to cover a proposed soldiers' bonus, reforestation and needed buildings and equipment at State College, was argued before the Supreme court at Harrisburg, on Monday.

It is quite likely that if the soldiers' bonus amendment had been eliminated no objection would have been raised against the others. The dominant political machine is not willing to take the bonus question out of politics yet and the submission of the amendment on that subject would have taken it out.

The surprising thing about it is that the boy murderer of Pottsville, seems to enjoy the sensation he has created.

A Pretty Compliment.

Writing from Rudd, Iowa, D. M. Kerlin tells us that he has reached his seventy-third year and throughout the long span of life that has stretched since he was able to read anything the "Watchman" and he have been friends.

Mr. Kerlin is a former Centre county man, gone from the old home so long that few names he sees figuring in the local news of today are familiar to him.

The big revolving beacon light erected on Nittany mountain as a guide to night flyers in the air-mail service was tested out last Friday night. It was turned on about ten o'clock and kept in commission almost two hours.

The board of trustees of the western penitentiary have accepted the resignation of Rev. C. J. Kranhke, as chaplain at the Rockview institution, effective July 1st.

SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN RULING IN CENTRE COUNTY BANK CASE.

The long awaited opinion of the Supreme court of the United States in the litigation arising out of the closing of the Centre County Bank, in which it is couched will discover that even the Supreme court has revised former interpretations of its own rules in consequence of the arguments, jurisdictionally, that were presented in this case.

In fact, the litigation has made legal history in the United States because, besides presenting one question never before argued in the courts, it has been a contributory cause of the revision of the rules governing bankruptcy proceedings.

An appeal was then taken to the United States Circuit court of Appeals based largely on the question of jurisdiction—Rule 8-Sec. 5 of the Supreme court—so comprehensively discussed by Mr. Justice Sanford in the decree published below, and on the legality of combining in the same prayer a voluntary (Mr. Shugert's) and an involuntary petition (the one he made against Harris, Meek, Dale and Breese.)

The case has been hanging there ever since. Several arguments were made on the matter and an opinion might have been expected a bit sooner had it not been for the death of Mr. Shugert. That sad eventually injected two new problems into the situation.

This, in brief, is a history of all the legal proceedings that have led up to the present decree which reverses the orders of both the District court and the Circuit court of Appeals and sets the whole matter back to where it started three years and more ago.

The opinion of Mr. Justice Sanford, which was concurred in by the entire bench, there was no dissenting opinion filed, follows:—

These three cases involve the same proceedings which were before us at an earlier stage in Meek V. Centre Banking Company, 264 U. S. 499. They arose out of a petition in bankruptcy filed by the respondents, Shugert in a Federal District Court in

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Alleging alienation of his wife's affections Winfield L. Neas, of Harrisburg, on Saturday filed suit for \$10,000 damages against William Rineer.

—The Rev. Dr. H. F. King, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, at Tyrone, on Monday celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary. Dr. King has been pastor of the Tyrone church for five years.

—William Ritchey, 60 years old, was instantly killed and his son, William Jr., aged 17, seriously injured on Saturday by a delayed explosion of dynamite on their farm near Blue Knob, Blair county.

—The Public Service Commission, in a detailed discussion of the complaint of the Viscose company against the refusal of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to change rates for shipment of artificial silk from Lewistown and other points to Marcus Hook, dismissed the application. The rate is held not to be unreasonable or unjust.

—The Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal and Iron company, has sold its furnaces located at DuBois and Punksutawney to L. W. Robinson, Frank St. Clair and Frank Becker. The furnaces are idle at present but the new owners state that they will be placed in operation just as soon as the price of coke in the region justifies its being used in the manufacture of iron.

—Trustees of the Geisinger Home for Women at Danville have announced that building operations would be postponed for three years to permit funds to accumulate from the return on the principal now in the hands of the board from the estate of Mrs. Abigail A. Geisinger, who left most of her several million dollar estate to the home and the Geisinger Memorial hospital.

—Dr. Charles F. Hastings, missing former interne at the Homeopathic hospital in Pittsburgh, was discovered at Erie on Saturday as "John Hugh," proprietor of the Erie Toy Exchange. He is heir to an estate of \$50,000 left by his mother. It is said, a country-wide search has been made for Dr. Hastings. He learned only Friday, he said, that he was being sought, and Saturday revealed his identity.

—An airplane is blamed by fire towerman Bruce Henrie for a blaze that swept over seven hundred acres of valuable timber land on Knoch mountain, near Berwick, last Wednesday night, causing a loss of many thousands of dollars. He discovered the fire a few minutes after an airplane, flying low, had passed over the wooded section. Henrie is conducting something was dropped from the plane to start the fire.

—The New York Central is assessed \$40,000. Tioga county \$25,000 and the State Highway Department required to build a bridge and relocate roads and Shippen township to pay certain costs of relocating a township road in the Public Service Commission's order abolishing the Ansonia on the grade crossing on the Roosevelt Highway. It will be a notable improvement on a much-traveled northern tier highway.

—Mrs. Homer Bishop, of Farmington, Westmoreland county, is in a serious condition from shock and burns received on Sunday when a bolt of lightning, entering her home through a tight wire, struck the furnace and followed a heating pipe to a floor register near which she was sitting. The bolt entered her body through the right foot and, jumping at her hips, went through her left foot. Her legs were badly burned. The bolt felled four trees before hitting the light wire.

—After having spent 14 months in building a new home entirely with his own hands, working at nights and on holidays, William Knapp, of Valley Camp, Fayette county, saw it burned to the ground at 1 o'clock Monday morning. The house was a three-story, eight-room frame building and was valued at \$7,500. He carried no insurance. Knapp had completed his work on Saturday and this week expected to move in his household effects. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

—William Stewart, negro garage worker, died last Thursday in the Chester hospital from injuries sustained when he was changing a tire at an automobile school in that city. He had his attention diverted after applying a compressed air hose to the tire. The tire burst and the ground air struck him flush in the face. In addition to fractures of the jaws and nose, Stewart suffered concussion of the brain and internal hemorrhages. He did not regain consciousness after the accident.

—When a pot of tar being heated on the stove, boiled over on Saturday morning and ignited their clothing, Mrs. Lena Alberico, 23 years old, and her 3 year old daughter, Philomet, of New Castle, were so badly burned that they died a few hours later in Shenango Valley hospital. Marco Alberico, 60 years old, father of Matt, Mrs. Alberico's husband, was so badly burned that he is not expected to live. A second daughter of the dead woman, Mary, also was burned but will probably recover.

—The dedication exercises of the Memorial bridge over the Juniata river at Lewistown, built by the county of Mifflin at a cost of \$275,000, will be held Memorial day, May 30, at 2 p. m. Under the auspices of the commissioners of Mifflin county. United Spanish war veterans and the American Legion. With a very appropriate program the magnificent bridge will be dedicated to the memory of men who made the supreme sacrifice for their country during the Spanish-American war and the world war.

—While neighbors looked on, under the impression that club members were removing their belongings, thieves loaded a truck with the contents of the Chippewa canoe club building, at Morrisville Bucks county, last Friday, and drove away. Charles Muschert, secretary, discovered the theft when he went to get his minute records. Silver trophies, furniture, rugs and personal effects were taken, valued at \$700. The truck was not large enough to carry the piano and this was the only article left. The truck bore New Jersey license tags.

—Disappointment met the efforts of expert "shooters" to get oil or gas in paying quantities from the well drilled some months ago on the W. T. Thorpe farm, near Grampian, Clearfield county, when they set off a charge of 80 quarts of nitroglycerine in the well Friday morning. This well produced an estimated flow of 350,000 feet of gas when first tapped, but rapidly declined until the output became negligible. The well had been drilled to a depth of 2,701 feet and it was hoped the explosion of nitroglycerine at this depth would release the gas or oil that was believed to underlie the Thorpe acres.