

INK SLINGS.

After listening to the Governor for more than an hour on Monday night we are absolutely convinced that Gif. is the man who put up the moon.

We wonder what friend Tom Harter really intended us to believe when he said, while introducing the Governor, Monday night: "He has made mistakes."

The Governor's logic must be that it is something to be proud of to give fifty per cent. of the State's funds to building roads and only half as much to the schools that must put sense into the heads of the youth who will eventually race over them.

As we hoped, Centre county maintained her traditions on Monday when the Governor of the Commonwealth made his visitation. Everywhere he was shown the office.

Bellefonte High licked the daylights out of a Renovo school football team last Saturday. We're for the High, because we happened to be one of its second annual contributions to the erudition of humanity.

Excepting, possibly, her ends, State's line looks hopeful to us. Of course it wasn't severely tested by Franklin and Marshall, on Saturday, but we are of the opinion that it would have as easily withstood a much more powerful attack.

This office as well as probably every other newspaper office in Pennsylvania has received a "release" copy of every important speech Governor Pinchot has contemplated making since he has been in office.

If the Democrats of Centre county take advantage of the opportunity that is theirs they will have a judge of their own party on the bench after next January. Hundreds of Republicans who are tired of machine domination are eager to help us give it a set back and they know that the best chance to do that is by voting for Mr. Walker for Judge.

To those who might have thought the Governor made such "a grand speech" in the court house, Monday night, we want to put this question: What fact did he state as to the corruption in Pennsylvania politics that any Democratic paper in the State hadn't called attention to years before?

We haven't "laid off" Pinchot this week just to surprise friend Jim Potter, who thought we would be giving him hell. We've been saying it with flowers to the Governor every time he has done anything savoring of personal indiscretion and we'll do as much for any other public or private personage.

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Governor's Enemies "Kidding."

Some of the Republican enemies of Governor Pinchot are trying to persuade themselves and others that the recent speeches of the Governor have impaired rather than improved his political estate.

Those Republican enemies of Governor Pinchot are "kidding" themselves. It may be true that the principal purpose of the Governor's activities is to expose the iniquities of the Republican machine and that the inspection of State institutions and State property is only an expedient to promote his plans.

For example, none of the many startling statements concerning the conduct of the State government that he made in this place Monday night were new.

It is a wicked and willful slander which ought to be resented by an overwhelming flood of popular indignation. We are not undertaking to defend Governor Pinchot against attacks from his own political associates.

Modern Art Flappers.

We hasten to express full and cordial sympathy with the movement, under the auspices of the Camp Fire Girls, Inc., to outlaw the word "flapper," as applied to young women who have adopted the fashion of bobbed hair, as an epithet.

The Camp Fire Girls, Inc., has a membership of 160,000, mostly well-behaved, good-hearted, healthy and happy girls ranging in age from fifteen to twenty-five years.

There is neither sense nor justice in condemning a fashion that commends itself so generally on so slender a basis as prejudice and the Campfire girls have a right to prefer the epithet of "moderns" to that of "flappers."

Contemptible Treatment of Mitchell.

If the Coolidge administration is measured by its treatment of Colonel Mitchell it will not reach into the confidence of fair minded people.

When the great airship Shenandoah was torn into fragments by contact with something like a tornado in Ohio, a month ago, Colonel Mitchell, from his obscure station, uttered a protest against the stupidity which seemed to him criminal.

The court martial was to be expected. Colonel Mitchell was indiscreet in his criticism and it makes no difference that he was sincere.

Long vision and steady nerve to the trigger finger of Tom Quinn, Chicago Lake resort keeper who killed three bandits who attempted to stick him up Sunday night.

Cause of Quarrel Not Frankly Stated.

Neither Paul D. Wright, late Commissioner of Highways, nor Governor Pinchot has been entirely frank in their statements of the reasons why Mr. Wright resigned the office he has filled with much satisfaction to the public since the beginning of the Pinchot administration.

Since the resignation has been accepted the Governor has declared that it was not his intention, nor is it necessary, to violate the pledge of Commissioner Wright to use the proceeds of the bond issue in construction of the minor road in Bradford county.

The chances are that the disagreement between the Governor and Commissioner of Highways was based on something else than that given in the correspondence between them.

Bad weather certainly has loomed large in the story of Charley Ames' last flight.

We Need a Judge With a Record for Promptness.

W. Harrison Walker's well-earned reputation for promptness in the performance of his professional duties will be a great factor in the coming election when it is known that it costs over five hundred dollars a day to run the courts of Centre county when in session.

The manner in which a man conducts his own business is a safe criterion by which to judge how he will conduct the business of the people, and there is not a lawyer at the Centre county bar, or for that matter, in the State, who is closer up-to-the-minute in the transaction of business with his clients than is Mr. Walker.

This might pass unnoticed were it not for the testimony of many, who though they may be opposed to him for political reasons, are compelled, and in frankness admit, that their interests will be safe in his hands; that he is possessed of that rare requirement in the make-up of a Judge and without which all other accomplishments are negligible.

Mr. Walker has rubbed elbows with the world from the time, and even before, he entered public life—a man among men, four-square and courteous in his dealings with his fellows, and ever found promptly on the job when duty called.

He has just passed the fifty first milestone on the journey of life, more than twenty nine years of which have been devoted to the practice of law, in of mature age, and ripe in experience.

Senator Pepper's Change of Heart.

In a speech delivered before the Chamber of Commerce, in Harrisburg, on Monday evening, Senator Pepper declared that the Federal Reserve banking system is "the greatest banking system the world has ever known."

In thus eulogizing one of the principal acts of the administration of Woodrow Wilson Senator Pepper was expressing the sentiments of his "better self."

Of late he seems to have repented this digression from the lines of independence. In announcing his candidacy for the Senatorial nomination, a few days ago, he openly defied the leadership of contractor Boss Vare and allied himself with the forces of decency.

The Governor Given Fine Reception in Centre County.

The visit of Governor Pinchot to Centre county, last Monday was made exactly as per the program published in the "Watchman" the Friday before.

He stopped at State College for dinner, inspected that institution, then visited the penitentiary and fish hatchery and wound up in Bellefonte where he looked over the hospital, called at the highway department offices at supper with the Kiwanians and wound up a busy day by addressing a crowded audience in the court house.

Altogether, it must have been a gratifying day to the Governor. He was courteously and hospitably greeted everywhere for Centre county folks had made up their minds in advance to enter no demurrer to anything he might say or do.

At State College he spoke to the Kiwanians, after they had entertained him at a luncheon and it was a reference to one of his actions effecting Centre county that later caused the Governor to get his ear to the ground.

At the conclusion of the Kiwanian luncheon he spoke for twenty minutes in the chapel of the College and it was there that he disclaimed ever having had any intention of trying to limit the college activities to those purely along the line of agricultural education.

As we have said the Bellefonte Kiwanians entertained him at supper at the Brockerhoff house, after his arrival here and food was followed by another short talk.

The big meeting was in the court house at 8:15. The band was out and when a band gets out in Bellefonte these days it's some event. The auditorium was packed with such a crowd as we haven't seen there since Musser was tried for killing his uncle Bill.

All through his long address the Governor held his audiences' attention. It was meat and drink for Democrats and the Republicans enjoyed it because they always listen one way and vote the other.

On Tuesday morning the Governor made a run to Lock Haven, returning to Bellefonte for luncheon, the entire party, consisting of his private secretary and three newspaper men, leaving here for Pittsburgh at 12:20 o'clock.

Speaking of the crime wave it might be a good idea to offer a reward for the miscreant who first suggested Judge Wilbur for a cabinet post.

You can't always tell. The toughest operator in the plant may wear a starched collar at his work.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

William Sakon, aged 15, of Oakland, near Johnstown, was electrocuted Tuesday evening while stringing an aerial for a radio receiving set at his home.

Judge John C. Haymaker, of the Allegheny county Common Pleas court and president judge of the quarter sessions court, died on Sunday after a short illness. He was 72 years of age.

Unable to pay her delinquent taxes, Sara Dorsey, of Middletown, was placed in the Dauphin county jail at Harrisburg, on Monday. She had locked herself in a second-story room in the house and the collector had to obtain a search warrant before placing her under arrest.

Damages amounting to \$300 were awarded to Annie E. Munne, of Mt. Union, in her suit against that borough which followed her being injured in a fall on an icy sidewalk there last winter.

Fourteen year old Chester Rogers died at his home in Gettysburg on Sunday, as a result of an injury received while playing football 2 weeks ago. He was a freshman in the High school there and was playing on the school grounds when the accident occurred.

It took a surveyor three days to discover who owned a farm in Snyder county where a barrel of illicit whiskey, mash and a still were found. It was finally determined after deed books were searched that it belonged to George Bowers, and he was arrested charged with violation of the liquor laws.

Sale of the Montour and Columbia Telephone company has been ordered by the Montour county court. The bondholders under a mortgage issued 25 years ago petitioned for the sale.

Elam G. Hess, of Manheim, wants the Lancaster county court to restrain the Stell Silk corporation from operating its Manheim plant at night and from using high powered lights to illuminate its building.

Edith Ruth Burr, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burr, of Slippery Rock township, Beaver county, was drowned at the home of her grandmother when she fell into a lard can partly filled with water.

Lycorn county's turkey crop this year will be the best in years if advanced reports from the surrounding country are borne out by the November killings. Big birds are foraging in the fields and meadows and daily destroying grasshoppers while in the process of taking on the form which makes them the prize item of the holiday menus.

The Columbia county Conservation Association announced Saturday it had purchased the corn from a field of Leon Scout in Sugar Loaf township to prevent the trapping of bear there by the State Game Commission.

Recovery of nearly \$1,500,000 for alleged damages, is sought in two suits that have been launched in the Clearfield county courts by Charles T. Kurtz and F. C. Weltenmayer, receivers of the Clearfield Knitting Machine company, against the County National bank of Clearfield.

Frank Hoke, meat dealer in Hanover, demanded and received \$300 in cash and a note for \$2700 from Sarah D. Kuhn, aged 71 years, and her daughter, Alice McWilliam, after the women admitted theft of meat scraps and over-ripe bananas. It was claimed in a petition granted there on Tuesday to reopen the judgment against the women.

The missing persons' bureau of Pittsburgh has been asked by Scotland police to search for Mary Myrtle Hunker, aged 22 years, of Scotland, believed to be held captive there by operatives of a bootleg ring of Westmoreland county, against the alleged leader of which she is scheduled to be the State's star witness at his approaching trial in Greensburg.

A coroner's inquest on Tuesday ended speculation concerning the death of August Pilla, aged 55 years, a farmer, residing near Downey, Somerset county, who was burned to death last week when his farm house was destroyed by fire. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. At the time of the fire it was believed that Pilla had been a victim of thugs, with robbery the motive, but the jury decided there was no sign of foul play.