

INK SLINGS.

Love may laugh at locksmiths and sometimes weep over nuptial knots.

Probably if there had been automobiles in Atlas' time he would have fallen down on his job.

Under a decision of the United States Supreme Court, handed down on Monday the Fourth amendment of the Constitution can stand up again, look the Eighteenth in the face and say: You're not the whole show. The ruling is clear cut and positive to the effect that a man's home is really his castle and cannot be searched for any purpose without a warrant.

We place a wreath on a new mound that has appeared in the cemetery at Lancaster. Under it lies all that was mortal of Frank McClain, for thirty years a two-fisted, square dealing, lovable Republican leader, who had the courage to challenge his own party when he thought it wrong and a nature that forgave and forgot the moment a fight was won or lost.

Of course we are supposed to know nothing about it, but the report that Barney Dreyfuss is to dispose of his baseball franchise in Pittsburgh rather confirms a suspicion we have had for some years that the Pittsburgh magnate didn't want a pennant winning team because it might demand more than he was willing to put in the pay envelope.

Talk about campaigners. Everybody will admit that W. Harrison Walker is the most incessant one of them all. It's a habit with him to be on the job—no matter what it is—until it is completed.

Just because they seem to have been entirely lost sight of let us tell you that Billy Runkle and John Love are hoping that somebody will discover that they are bona fide candidates for the office of District Attorney.

The pious, plain people of Hecla Park, about whom "a Staff correspondent" of the Philadelphia Ledger wrote such a fantastic tale in his story of the finding of Charley Ames and his wrecked mail plane, would scarcely recognize themselves in the story picture of that tragic day.

We're probably an old fogey, but the announcement that the President of the United States had attended a baseball game on Sunday made a distressing impression on us.

Nearly all judges now appraise a drunken auto driver as worthy of a jail sentence, which is a sign of improvement.

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Purposes of the A. F. L.

When Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared that "the American labor movement will not affiliate with an organization that preaches communism or stands for that philosophy," he expressed the settled view of ninety-five per cent. of the industrial population of the United States.

The outstanding principle of American wage earners is loyalty not only to the government but devotion to the principles upon which the government is founded.

In declaring the attitude of American labor on the subject of communism president Green has fitly and firmly maintained the policy and principles of Samuel Gompers, his illustrious predecessor in office.

Senator Pepper appears to think the bankers of the State will select the next Senator in Congress for Pennsylvania.

Air Service Investigations.

The double-barrel inquiry respecting the air service now in progress in Washington and at Mitchell Field is making slow progress toward its destination, which seems to be nowhere.

An analysis of the testimony establishes one lamentable fact, however. That is that the expedition which resulted in the destruction of the Shenandoah and the death of Commander Lansdowne and thirteen of his comrades aboard was a political enterprise without any pretense of a useful public purpose.

There is little comfort in this to the mourners of the dead airmen whose lives have been sacrificed on the altar of partisanship. It may prevent future enterprises of the sort but it can hardly be expected to procure bread and meat for the families of the victims.

Frankness is a virtue but it is not always safe to say what you think in a mixed company.

A Few Plain Words On the Judicial Contest.

The selection of a Judge to preside over its courts is the most serious duty that devolves upon the electorate of a district. The position, itself, is one of the highest honor, to be conferred only on those worthy of it and its occupant sits in judgment on every phase of its social and business life.

There are many qualifications that are quite as essential to the making of a good Judge as a profound knowledge of the law. The best lawyer doesn't always make the best Judge. Legal sense and judicial sense are quite different and only rarely are they found in the same mind.

Often, common sense dispenses far more just justice than the most literal interpretation of statutes can give to a case.

From the angle of the voter about to select a person to preside over the courts that will sit in judgment of his acts for a period of ten years there should be two outstanding questions to consider. Does this candidate or that have a working knowledge of the law, is he a partisan or not in the sense of having strong and uncontrollable likes and dislikes, is he open minded enough to be responsive to sound argument, does he know the people who come pleading before him.

As you have probably divined we have written this with the candidacy of Mr. W. Harrison Walker in mind. He has every one of the essential qualifications and none of those not to be desired.

Mr. Walker is a successful lawyer. He could not have been successful without a working knowledge of the law. He is not a partisan, for no man who is a partisan in the sense of having strong and uncontrollable likes and dislikes could hold the legion of friends that are his in all walks of life.

Mr. Walker's admitted reputation for promptness in all things is enviable. He is of the do it now type—and there are too few of them. He just can't quit with an unfinished job on his hands and the courts of Centre county would be right up to the minute with him on the bench.

There is no politics in the election of a Judge. A Judge makes no laws; he merely administers them. The many Republicans who are openly supporting Mr. Walker's candidacy know this. They are not striking at their party by their determination to vote for a Democrat.

Opportunity for Next Year.

The esteemed Clearfield Republican in earnest and impressive words urges the Democrats of Pennsylvania to prepare now "for next year's battle." The conditions are propitious, as that veteran editor, John F. Short, sees them and "there never was a time in the history of Pennsylvania when a virile, worth-while, honest minority political organization was so much needed as at present."

Editor Short continues: "The Democratic party of Pennsylvania is facing a great opportunity next year. The unselfish leader, or men who should be leaders, recognize the fact. There are hundreds of unselfish Democrats in this State qualified to lead who could be induced to become active and give their best to a complete reorganization, a respectable organization because it would deserve respect, could they be assured there would be no bi-partisan agreements, connections or deals."

We cordially agree with Editor Short that "the Republican party of Pennsylvania is worse than top-heavy today," and that it "is so unwieldy, cumbersome and crooked that it cannot be either led or driven."

effort to dispossess it that commands confidence and energetic support. If the Democrats of Pennsylvania avail themselves of the present opportunity to organize along the lines suggested by the esteemed Clearfield Republican the result may be easily achieved.

The people will be glad to know that Governor Pinchot's health has recovered sufficiently for him to resume his tour. His descriptions of the inequities of his own party are too interesting to be lost.

The most discouraging rumor that comes from Washington is that as soon as the air service scandal is disposed of a submarine investigation will be undertaken.

Let us see. Isn't this the month when the germs of the modern bandits gathered in Robin Hood's haunts and sang of the brown October ale.

It may be noticed that Mr. Coolidge said nothing that would offend the Klansmen while the campaign was in progress.

If former Secretary Weeks feels as wretched as his pictures indicate he gave up his cabinet portfolio none too soon.

Now that the question of the baseball pennant has been settled the country can turn its attention to business.

It is gratifying to know that no scandal attached to the contest for the baseball pennant this year.

Pinchot's Unhappy Official Family.

The unhappiness in the official family of Governor Pinchot is again drawn to the attention of the public by the resignation of Paul D. Wright as secretary of the Highway Department.

The Governor wanted a piece of road improved in Bradford county to connect with a highway improvement made to the State line by New York. He held that a verbal pledge had been given to New York by the Sprout administration that this would be done, and he argued that it should be done as a matter of honor.

If the Governor wanted only nine miles of the Bradford road improved now, it seems that by the use of tact he might have brought the secretary to his viewpoint. Instead, he appears to have made public statements on the subject in a manner resented by Wright.

But the Pinchot personal view has to be upheld regardless of how many able officers and employees have to get out of the public service.

State College and Its Needs.

Governor Pinchot's reference to State College in complimentary terms calls to mind the fact that the welfare of the institution has had too little attention from the public. The Legislature has given it as little as it could without crippling it beyond repair.

An institution that is doing so much along lines that must be followed if the welfare of the people is to be promoted is entitled to more enthusiastic support than State College has been receiving.

Children and Sleep.

New York United Parent's Associations have issued a list of suggestions as to how children can be aided to start the school year right. One of the suggestions is that parents insist that children under fourteen years of age have at least ten hours sleep.

In these days when children have their dances and parties, when athletic contests are likely to take up most of the daylight hours after school and boys and girls must of necessity do most of their studying at night at the same time when moving picture shows call them—it will probably be a big task to keep many of the boys and girls in bed from nine o'clock in the evening until seven o'clock the next morning.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Edward Brent has received his commission as postmaster at Lewistown, to succeed W. F. Eckbert, Jr.

Lancaster courts decided that approximately 100 gallons of liquor confiscated in raids shall be distributed among the hospitals of the city.

Holidaysburg will decide at the November election whether to go back to the old form of government or continue the borough manager.

Forty applicants for pardons and commutation of sentences have been filed with the State Board of Pardons for consideration at its October meeting.

Falling from a load of hay when it tipped over at stop Eight, Buffalo road, Erie county, Peter Burnett, aged 75 years, was instantly killed on Monday afternoon. His skull was fractured when he struck the pavement.

Fifty consecutive years of teaching in the schools of Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Lancaster counties have been completed by Mrs. Sarah Young, teacher of the glass school in Tupper Angustata township, of Northumberland county. Although past the retirement age, her interest in the work has caused her to waive her pension rights and to continue in active service.

Three thousand acres of hardwood timber in the northern tier of counties—in McKean county, principally—is about to fall before the axe. The tract is owned by Frank Morrison and Edward G. Anderson, of Warren, Pa. The first cutting will be made this month and it is estimated several million feet of veneer logs, 75,000 to 100,000 standard railroad ties and about 60,000 cords of chemical wood will be cut.

Caught in a belt of a tractor he was operating in Irish Valley, Northumberland county, on Friday, George Swank, aged 22 years, a bridegroom of a few weeks, was whirled around until his clothing tore and threw him against the side of a barn, where he was found unconscious by his wife and taken to the Sunbury Mary E. Packer hospital. He suffered a broken jaw and shoulder as well as serious internal injuries.

Potter county bears have killed many sheep and calves, but the first full-grown cow which has fallen prey to the bruisers belonged to James Pollock, a farmer who lives less than a mile from the Mills post-office. Going out to his barn on Friday morning he found the finest of his herd had been slaughtered and partly consumed. Believing the marauder will come back for more, a day and night watch is being kept in the vicinity.

Investigation into the repeated tardiness of a tall, athletic senior of the Greensburg High school revealed that he had retraced his steps three full squares and taken another route to avoid walking past a black cat that apparently lives near the American Legion home, and has the habit of loitering on the street in front of it. The cat had an annoying way of electing to cross the street just when the senior was on his way to school.

When the Rev. Milton Lewis Cook was placed on the retired list at a meeting of the Lackawanna Presbytery at Towanda, a father and son pastorate extending over seventy years of service in the same church was discovered. The father was the Rev. Darwin Cook, who for thirty years occupied the pulpit of Merryll church, Bradford county, was succeeded by his son, the Rev. Milton Lewis Cook, who retired after forty years ministry at Merryll.

Missing since Friday afternoon, Thomas J. Scanlon, 57 years of age, assessor of Washington township, Cambria county, was found dead on Sunday afternoon about two miles from his home in Cassandra. He left home Friday noon on duties in connection with the assessorship and search parties found the body after hunting almost forty-eight hours. There was no evidence of foul play, heart trouble being given by physicians as the cause of death.

Three years are expected to be required to complete the drilling of a 7,000 foot well started near LaMont, McKean county, by the United Gas company. The hole now is only a trifle more than 100 feet deep. As the majority of wells range in depth from 2,500 to 3,000 feet company officials are of the opinion that information to be gathered regarding rock formations below the average depth will be worth the undertaking even if no oil or gas is found. It is planned to continue the drilling to the set goal regardless of whether or not a strike is made before the final level is reached.

George M. Stewart, of Silver Creek, about five miles from Highland Corners, Jefferson county, shot a large bald eagle last Thursday afternoon about four o'clock, while the huge bird was in the act of stealing one of his chickens. The eagle had visited the Stewart place for several days in succession and generally made deals with a chicken at each call. Mr. Stewart was on the watch for the feathered chicken thief and trapped it with one shot. The eagle measured seven feet from tip of tip of outspread wings and was put on exhibition at the home of C. H. Adams, at LaMont. The eagle will be mounted and kept by Mr. Stewart.

Merle Kelley, a Kane youth, who saved his way out of the McKean county jail at Smethport, while waiting to be transferred to the western penitentiary to serve a three year term imposed for burglary, was recaptured by police in the kitchen of an abandoned house on the outskirts of Kane. Kelley had enjoyed two weeks of freedom when police learned that he had been motoring into Kane and visiting friends. His automobile, a big sedan, was followed to a lonely house in an isolated part of the outskirts, and after Kelley had entered, deputies surrounded the house and broke in upon him. He submitted to arrest without resistance, and was returned to jail. He will be indicted for jail breaking and tried before starting his term for burglary.

County Treasurer Russell V. Hysong, of Huntingdon, whose troubles with his invalid wife were the talk of the county during the past summer and whose sudden disappearance from home in August last mystified his friends as well as his enemies, has made a final settlement with his wife of their many difficulties and is now engaged every day with deputy treasurer John K. Irtiger in performing the varied duties of the county treasurer's office. The agreement with Mrs. Hysong provides that he shall pay her a lump sum of \$750 instead of a monthly alimony, deed to her the Hysong residence on Eleventh street, Huntingdon, and either start an action in divorce returnable at December term of court or fail to defend such an action brought by her.