

INK SLINGS.

—Gosh, how perturbed and unhappy we are. We just abhor fights.

—Senator Borah is a strict constructionist. That is he construes his contract with the people as binding.

—This lovely March weather is merely setting the stage for the tragedy of frozen peach blossoms in April.

—Pity poor Jim Furst. Think of all the good fishing he is going to miss while he's keeping the courts going and hustling around for votes.

—Also, pity poor Arthur Dale. Jim Furst has his Dorworth, Ward Fleming has his Scott, but Arthur: Both his political god-father and god-mother are gone.

—In a very short time you will know whether Governor John Fisher is the man you, who voted for him, thought him to be or whether he is the one Mellon and Grundy knew him to be.

—Here's hoping that "General" Rosalie Jones, militant suffragist leader and multi-millionaire, who has just embarked on the matrimonial seas with the Senator from Washington won't find herself in a Dill-pickle.

—The conviction of Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil magnate, of contempt of the United States Senate, isn't any too reassuring to "Big" Tom Cunningham, the Philadelphia ward leader, who is charged with the same offense.

—Why put a tax of three cents a gallon on gasoline? If the State needs the money why don't we do away with the Legislature. It can't do anything without the approval of W. L. Mellon, anyway, so why the use of paying a lot of rubber stamps for sitting in Harrisburg.

—Justice Seeger, of New York, has our approval of his finding in the Browning-Heenan separation suit. "Peaches" married "Bunny" for his money—nothing else. She made her bed. Let her lie in it. If there were more Justice Seegers there would be fewer "gold diggers."

—Like Banquo's ghost old John Barley-corn keeps rising and rising in the halls of the Legislature at Harrisburg. A few years ago he was downed for the count every time he came up. Now he seems to get on his feet before the count of ten—very time he is knocked down. It is beginning to look as if Gifford took the "brass knuckles" with him when he moved out of that Front street house in Harrisburg.

—If we thought that any of you wear flannels anymore we would suggest that you stick to them long after they stick to you. But flannels have gone the way of the strip of eel skin around your wrist and the string of red yarn around your neck to prevent nose-bleed. Woolens are passe. If you don't believe it tell us why American Wool paid, a seven per cent. stock was down to fifty-nine on Tuesday.

—A few days ago a five year old lad who lives on Water street, Bellefonte, swallowed a nickel. When his mother learned of her son's gastronomical performance she was worried. Worried lest there might be some direful consequence. Sensing her concern the little fellow tried to reassure her and said: "Oh, mommie, it was only one of them with a lady and stars on it. If it had been one of them with a buffalo it might have kicked the stuffin' out of me."

—That Leopold boy is on the front pages again. The pampered, college youth who murdered little Bobbie Franks for a thrill, only two years ago, is said to have planned and financed recent escapes of fellow convicts from the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary. If Leopold has the super-mind that he was credited with having at the time of his trial in Chicago it seems to us that there are a lot of dumb-bells in charge of the Joliet prison if they permitted him to "worm" his way into a position where he engineered a general delivery of all of its inmates.

—We've never had the utility of undertaking to cross the bridge before coming to it brought home as overwhelmingly to us as it was last week. We had worried for several days, spent one sleepless night and fell off a bit on our feed, all because we thought we would have to be the goat and start the fight that seemed inevitable between the Dorworth and Scott factions in Centre county. Lord, how we suffered and shrank from it. Almost, we had decided to follow Tom Harter's policy of pouring oil on the troubled waters when a copy of Mr. Secretary Dorworth's Republican was handed us and we read the startling announcement that if there are any chips on Senator Scott's shoulder Mr. Secretary Dorworth is going to knock them off himself. He has brought about the appointment of James C. Furst, Esq., to be president judge of the courts of Centre county, announced his intention to fight for Mr. Furst's nomination and election and stated that all friends of the Fisher administration will be expected to stand loyally back of him in the massacre of Senator Scott and his friend Mr. Ward Fleming, who has the nerve to aspire to judicial honors in defiance of the wishes of the new Secretary of Forests and Waters. So you see, the fight's started and all our worry about "pimpin'" it was for nothing.

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Vare Falsely Pretends He Wants a Fair Count.

In writing to the chairman of the Slush Fund committee, Senator Reed, of Missouri, said that "I expect upon the convening of Congress next December to make a request for a prompt and complete recount of the vote of the entire State by the Committee on Privileges and Elections."

Mr. Vare was appealing to public credulity. He knows as well as Tom Cunningham and Senator Dave Reed know that a recount of the vote of Pennsylvania for Senator would show that he was defeated by a very considerable majority.

But the Committee on Privileges and Elections will not have an opportunity to count the Senatorial vote of Pennsylvania for 1926 for the reason that that work, in-so-far as it seems necessary, will be performed by the special committee of the Senate, created for that purpose and still in existence.

Under the resolution of Senator Robinson that committee was created to perform a certain service. It worked diligently during the period since it was created but the close of the session found its work incomplete.

But as the Senate is a continuing body and must make and keep a record of its activities, the special committee will continue to function until its report is submitted. The pretense of Mr. Vare that he is willing to have the vote recounted comes with poor grace in view of the strenuous efforts made by himself and his friends to stifle the investigation at the close of the recent session of Congress.

It cannot be claimed that the special committee of the Senate was partisan or unfair. It is made up of two Republicans, two Democrats and one Independent, elected as a Republican, and it was unanimous in all its actions. Not a single complaint was made against its decisions during the long period it functioned in various sections of the country.

Yet William S. Vare casts a reflection upon it by his preference for the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Earthquakes have been unusually active and destructive this year and nobody has ever been able to find any good reason for them.

Trying to Protect Fraud. Senator Keys, of New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate Committee on Accounts, has refused to issue a warrant for funds to pay the expenses of impounding the ballot boxes of Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties in this State.

Gasoline Tax on Hard Lines.

Every man and woman in Pennsylvania wants good roads and is willing to pay a fair price for them. This sentiment is the result of experience. We have had all kinds of roads from the worst possible to the best attainable and find that good roads are not only profitable to all classes but afford pleasure and comfort besides.

Good roads place every farmer within reach of markets for his products and enables every business man to practically double the volume of trade by expediting his operations. Thousands of dollars which under the old system were wasted in repair to vehicles are saved and in numerous other ways good comes to thousands through the medium of good roads.

But these facts afford no reason why there should be discrimination in the levy of the expenses of good roads. For some unaccountable reason the owners and users of motor vehicles in Pennsylvania have been "held up" by the Legislature for the alleged purpose of improving the highways.

This proposition put forth as an administration measure is without excuse other than that ancient one "we need the money."

The State Supreme court, on Monday, handed down a decision in the case of Charles H. Watson vs. M. D. Kelley and H. P. Kelley, trading as the Kelley Bros. Coal Co., in which they affirmed the decree of the court of common pleas of Centre county except as to the item of interest.

The record was ordered remitted to the lower court to adjust the interest in accordance with the rule laid down by the Supreme court.

Mr. Watson obtained a verdict in the Centre county court and the case was appealed by the Kelley Bros.

General Chang, who is leading one of the many armies that are tilting at windmills in China, wants the people of Shanghai to pay him five million dollars to go outside the city to meet the advancing forces of Ho-Ying-Yin. The poor heathen. He's no sport at all. He ought to come over here and absorb a bit of the spirit of Mr. Secretary Dorworth. He's ready to fight anywhere. No matter where or where the dung-hill is.

The Associated Glee clubs of America are offering a prize of five hundred dollars for the best composition of a four-part male chorus. Why the extravagance when no glee club that we have ever heard has been able to get all the possible harmony out of "Genevieve" or "Bring the Wagon Home, John."

If the administration fails to organize a three-power arms limitation conference, it will still have a chance for a one-power affair. Meantime the League of Nations will attend to the arms limitation. The Governor threatens to extend the session if his programme is not fulfilled within the time limit. That means an extra session or else.

"Fatty" Arbuckle is going to Germany to make pictures. That will help to make life easier for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll over there. City Treasurer Mackey's "History of the Election of Vare," is the very latest thing in fiction and by far the most absurd.

Controlling Power in the Legislature.

The other day, in the news columns of the daily papers, under a Harrisburg date, a statement that "substantial increases in benefits under the State Workmen's Compensation act of 1915 to injured industrial workers and dependents of workers killed while at work are provided in amendments to the act introduced in the Senate and House."

This represents legislation that has been urged upon the General Assembly for at least ten years. The compensation provided by the act of 1915 is inadequate and the processes of applying the relief too slow. The Republican organization has stood in the way of improvement from the beginning and it has been known that Joseph R. Grundy expressed the purposes of the party.

In view of these facts it was surprising to learn by the language of the same dispatch that "the bill, according to Col. Eric Fisher Wood, chairman of the Republican State Executive committee, who has conducted the negotiations between representatives of capital and organized labor, has not only the approval of these two, but of Governor Fisher, the Republican organization and Joseph R. Grundy, head of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association."

Mr. Mellon who has gone into politics for the same reason that another man might go into bootlegging, is anxious to please Mr. Vare and those who manage his organization in Philadelphia.

It may be that anxiety to secure the renomination and re-election of Senator Dave Reed is the moving cause in the case. Every one knows that if the Pinchot committee bills had gone through the extra session Vare would not have been nominated.

In view of recent events Senator Dave Reed occupies a place in public estimation very similar to that of Vare before his election and it looks as if Mellon is trying to hitch them up together for the inevitable battle of next year.

Ramsay McDonald, labor leader and formerly Prime Minister of England, will visit this country next month. His purpose on the visit has not been announced.

James C. Furst Wins Appointment for Judge of Centre County.

As predicted in this paper last week James C. Furst has won the appointment for president judge of Centre county. The Watchman was so informed on Monday night although his nomination was not sent to the Senate for confirmation until Tuesday, when it was promptly acted upon.

Mr. Furst is a son of the late Austin O. and Caroline Chamberlin Furst. His father served as president judge of Centre county from 1885 to 1895. James was educated at the Bellefonte Academy and Princeton University. He read law under his father and successfully passing the Supreme court examination was admitted to practice at the Centre county bar on April 6th, 1906.

He at once became associated with his father and following his death fell heir to the lucrative practice of the firm. In the fall of 1915 he was elected district attorney and re-elected in 1919, serving until the first Monday of January, 1924. During his eight years in that office he successfully tried a number of grave Commonwealth cases and had a creditable record during his eight years of service.

Mr. Furst has practiced before the Public Service Commission since its creation in 1913 and also before the Interstate Commerce Commission, in Washington. He has represented the Centre county bar at State bar association meetings and is a director, secretary and attorney for the First National bank of Bellefonte.

Mr. Furst's appointment will be good only until the first Monday in January, 1928, but he has already announced that he will be a candidate at the primaries next September for a full term on the bench. If Mr. Furst's commission arrives he will be sworn into office at 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning by Recorder Lloyd A. Stover, and will be the third Judge Mr. Stover will have sworn in during his four year's term.

Recorder Lloyd A. Stover, and will be the third Judge Mr. Stover will have sworn in during his four year's term; Judge Dale following the death of Judge Quigley; Judge Harry Keller and now Judge Furst, a record never before equalled in Centre county.

Elisha Lee, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, was at State College, on Friday, and made an address to the eleven hundred students in the school of engineering. He told them to "forswear allegiance to the white collar and avoid the practices of the lounge lizard" if they hoped to make a success of railroad work or any other important profession.

Mr. Lee came to Bellefonte from Pittsburgh and was met here by Dean Sackett and taken to the College by automobile. When the train which brought him here pulled into Bellefonte the Dean had his eyes set for the vice president's private car, but there wasn't any.

Mr. Lee climbed off the rear end of a day coach in which he had ridden from Pittsburgh.

A Check for Election Frauds.

Among the election measures proposed as a check on fraudulent practices is one providing for the opening of a percentage of the ballot boxes, selected by lot, before noon of the day following each election, and a recounting of ballots. The more thought that is given to this the better the proposition appears to be liked by those seeking election reform.

The natural effect of it should be to put all the election officers on guard against error or fraud, since no one would know which boxes would be likely to be it. As now before the Legislature the bill would require that the president judge of the common pleas court of each county order three per cent. of the ballot boxes used to be brought in and the ballots re-counted, the boxes affected, as referred to, to be determined by lot.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—A. C. Bressler, of Greenburr, Clinton county, sustained a fracture of the arm when he turned, in the State highway, to catch an apple a friend was throwing him, and stepped backward into a snowbank.

—An unidentified highwayman was shot and killed by Howard Grankin, a Delaware and Hudson railroad patrolman, at Carbondale, late Sunday night during an alleged holdup. The two accomplices of the dead man made their escape.

—Cashier William Richards, of the Elysburg National bank, has identified John Mayoros, of Cleveland, as the man who handcuffed him to the assistant cashier during the bank hold-up several months ago. Several other suspects have been arrested.

—As a result of a sting from a wasp, while on duty at the General Refractories plant at Mount Union, where he was employed, R. M. Gutschall developed blood poison and has been in a serious condition. Mr. Gutschall had continued at his work for several days.

—Angered at his wife because she bobbed her hair in defiance of his wishes, Thomas Belock, 44, of South Scranton, severely scalded the woman when a kettle of hot water was spilled in a scuffle. Belock walked into police headquarters and surrendered. He said that his wife held the kettle in her hand when he grappled with her.

—James Cox 24, of Claysburg, Blair county, preferred the icy waters of the Juniata river at Hollidaysburg to the Blair county jail. Arrested on a minor charge, he was escorted to the jail by two officers, but eluded the police on the doorstep and fled toward the river, escaping the officers when he waded the waters. He is still at large.

—A verdict of guilty was brought in against three young men of Nuremberg, who were on trial in the Schuylkill county court for smearing tar on Mrs. George David and her son-in-law, George Repko, of Nuremberg, and then after compelling them to roll in sand, setting them free on the mountain and compelling them to walk home.

—Frank Maderfer, of Pottsville, under sentence of death in the electric chair for the murder of James Laro, has been indicted by the grand jury of Schuylkill county for keeping a disorderly house at Ringtown. Maderfer smiled when a copy of the charge was shown him. "I have been repairing to enter another world but that brings me back to earth again," he said with a smile.

—Bloomsburg's worst fire in three decades on Saturday destroyed the Victoria Theater, the Reimard building, housing a department store and eight apartments, and damaged several other buildings in the business section with a loss estimated at \$150,000. Firemen from Danville, Berwick and Catawissa helped fight the blaze, which was prevented from spreading to an entire block along Main street.

—In an opinion handed down Saturday morning by Judge Stock, of York county, the award of \$2400 made by the Workmen's Compensation Board to Mrs. Florence S. Saylor, whose husband, Harry Saylor, was drowned at a picnic of Gehly carpet store employees on July 24, 1924, was affirmed. It was held that Saylor was actually engaged in the furtherance of the business of his employer.

—Released from the Elkton, Md., jail on Saturday, after serving a short term for a minor offense, Jacob Dill, 50, colored, on Sunday hopped a freight train to return to Peach Bottom, Lancaster county, in an effort to obtain employment with a construction company. As the train sped past the station, Dill leaped from a car. He landed against an embankment, but fell backward underneath the train and was ground to death.

—The nineteenth child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray Rivula, at Tyrone, last Wednesday. Rivula, who is janitor at the Tyrone passenger station, is quite proud of his family and states that he and Theodore Roosevelt believe in large families. Five of the nineteen children are dead, and the family is well taken care of and educated by their parents. Mr. Rivula is a naturalized citizen and his family attend the Columbia Avenue Methodist church regularly.

—A Wheling, W. Va., man, who refused to give his name, exhausted after a supply of gasoline in the country, near Washington, Pa., late last Saturday night, and tried to flag down a big truck going toward Wheeling. The truck swerved and slowed up as the stalled motorist waved his flashlight, but did not stop. As it passed, something struck the motorist in the face. It was a sealed envelope containing a \$100 bill. That he was mistaken for an officer by the driver of a liquor-running truck, who thought to bribe him, was the explanation of the police.

—A little thing like swallowing a plate of false teeth during a violent coughing spell did not prevent Graham J. Dagne, milk dealer, from continuing his rounds until he had served his entire route in Coatesville. Then he consulted a physician who took him to a local hospital where an X-ray picture showed the teeth lodged near the entrance to the stomach. He was removed to the University of Pennsylvania hospital, at Philadelphia, where the teeth were removed by Dr. Gabriel Tucker, assistant to Dr. Chevalier Jackson, inventor of the bronchoscope.

—The mystery of a series of burglaries at Barnesboro, extending over a period of a year, was cleared up on Monday when Cambria county officers arrested nine boys, a girl and the father of two of the youngsters. A large part of the loot was also recovered. The minors are being held for juvenile court and the man, Frank Baks, is in the county jail in default of bail. Some of the youngsters are also lodged in jail. The theft of a salesman's sample case from his automobile Saturday night led to the arrest of the gang, which had looted stores and railroad cars.

—A girl was burned to death and three other members of the family were injured when fire, believed to have been started by bootleggers, destroyed the home of George Wilson, justice of the peace, and five other buildings in the mining village of Wilpen, near Ligonier, on Monday. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Investigation showed that the blaze was started under the porch of the Wilson home. County and State officers are investigating. Eva Jane Wilson, 13 years old, was burned to death. Her mother and a brother, Arthur, were rescued with difficulty. They were burned and other-wise injured, and were removed to a hospital. Wilson, active in enforcing the prohibition laws, was not at home when the fire was discovered.