

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

A buck deer, wandering into the center of Altoona, jumped into the windshield of an automobile...

Over fifty deer grazing in one herd were seen by motorists on the top of Hyner mountain...

Frank Hartzell, an Allentown bricklayer, aged 56, last Thursday was the second man killed in the construction of the new Pennsylvania Power and Light building...

The belfry of the new John S. Bell Memorial chapel of the Masonic home at Elizabethtown, Pa. is soon to be endowed with a large bronze chime of bells...

From \$150,000 to \$200,000 will be expended in the erection of a new Scottish Rite cathedral at Conowingo, Md. and the ceremonies for breaking ground for the new edifice will take place in June...

Twenty-seven years to the day from the time he became a rural mail carrier at the postoffice in Gettysburg, John H. Eckhart will become postmaster, succeeding R. C. Miller, who recently resigned...

While 14-year-old Johnny Fedder was recovering in the Butler county Memorial hospital from an operation for the amputation of his leg, his parents moved out of town and left him homeless...

Two officials of the Moose Lodge in Lewistown were fined \$250 each on charges of violating the prohibition laws by Judge Albert Johnson in Federal court on Monday...

Two days after birth, the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Intelcetto, of Wilks-Barre, was a barber shop customer. The hair of the child, Jasper, was coal black and nine inches long at birth...

William Hunsicker, an eccentric but highly successful farmer, who died last week at his home at Hamlin, Lebanon county, left an estate of nearly \$100,000, which is disposed of in a will probated at Lebanon...

At the request of the Lock Haven motor club, the New York Central Railroad company has unobtrusively signified its intention to place an electric warning device at the King crossing, between Lock Haven and Beech Creek...

Because a little girl threw a stone at him while he was at target practice on Monday, 12-year-old William Ulrich, son of W. J. Ulrich, Steelton's assistant postmaster, is being held at the Dauphin county house of detention on a charge of murder...

Harvey Schlee, aged 51, of Renovo, sustained injuries which necessitated the amputation of the left leg midway between the knee and the ankle when he was struck by a car in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Renovo...

George Birney, 22, of Athens, was still alive in the People's hospital at Sayre on Tuesday more than 45 hours after his neck was broken in a motorcycle accident on the Athens-Towanda state highway...

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Biddle Wood, 57, member of a prominent Conchohooker family, lost in the dense fastnesses of the mountains of Union county on Monday last week, was found late on Friday three miles west of Buffalo Mills and about five miles from the point where he became separated from his attendant...

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Good Work by the Governor.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Governor Fisher has met public expectation in signing the so-called election reform bills passed by the recent Legislature. Indeed no other action could have been reasonably looked for...

Of greater significance is the Governor's veto of the bill intended to bring about the division of the Twenty-second ward by providing that all wards of over 70,000 population should be split up...

Governor Fisher gives excellent reasons for his veto, which comes as a bitter pill to William S. Vare and his henchmen. It serves notice upon them that purely factional measures of this kind will not find favor at Harrisburg...

What Will Calles Do?

From the Altoona Tribune.

The horrible massacre of a trainload of passengers on a Mexican railroad will focus public attention on conditions in Mexico as it has not been focused heretofore. It matters nothing whether the barbarians who burned and shot the inoffensive travelers are rebels or revolutionaries...

Already the administration at Mexico City has given earnest of its intent to pursue the culprits and dispatch them without mercy when caught. It has acted so in numerous other instances of lesser gravity.

Conditions in Mexico steadily grow worse. Conditions affecting the Mexican millions, and not foreigners. This is the fact for President Calles and his advisers to consider. If they would have an orderly country they must provide conditions acceptable to the Mexican people.

The Money Value of an Education.

From the New York World.

Dean Lord of Boston University is undertaking a new country-wide survey with a view to ascertaining the effect of an education on one's earning power. Some years ago he made a similar study which indicated that the average earning power of a college-trained man, from graduation until the age of sixty, was increased \$72,000 by his collegiate preparation.

An Optimistic Thought.

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

If all laws were rigidly enforced it would be necessary to build a fence around America and call it a jail.

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Invisible Government in Action.

The incident of absorbing interest in political circles last week was the resignation of William H. Connell, of Philadelphia, chief engineer of the State Highway Department...

One of the newspaper correspondents at Harrisburg, and apparently a close observer of the movements on "Capitol Hill," in summarizing the strife for this fat job says that "for some time Connell is said to have disagreed with Stuart and Mellon organization leaders on requests for rebuilding of roads in various parts of the State."

This is an exhibition of the power of "invisible government" more flagrant than is usually shown. W. L. Mellon is no part of the State administration. He has not been commissioned by the people of Pennsylvania to either appoint or remove public servants.

The season of the year will soon be here for the opening of the Bellefonte curb market, and farmers and truck growers generally have probably arranged their garden plots accordingly.

The Vare machine managers in Philadelphia are anxiously waiting for Mr. Grundy to make up the Governor's mind on the question of naming a successor to Magistrate Rowland, now in jail.

Senator Willis, of Ohio, is telling eastern audiences that the "corn belt" is "solid" for Coolidge, but the leading newspapers of that section declare Willis doesn't know what he is talking about.

Now that the Highway Department is completely under control of Pittsburgh politicians those wanting road improvements will find it to their advantage to see Mr. Mellon.

The young man who shot himself because his "sweetie" refused to marry him is hardly to be commended, but it is a better way than shooting the girl.

It is a safe bet that if Coolidge is not nominated by the Republican convention the favor will go to Hoover. Obviously they are working together.

Insurance rates on stored liquors in New York have been increased 150 per cent. because of the activity of bootleggers in stealing stocks.

Former Magistrate Rowland now knows how Wolsey felt on that mournful occasion referred to by the late William Shakespeare.

The boys are having a "halcyon and vociferous" time this week, and so far as reports have been received they have behaved becomingly.

Among the pardons granted at Harrisburg, last Thursday, was that of Harry Lutz, Centre county, charged with breaking and entering. Clare Jamison, Centre county, breaking and escaping, and George Gables, also of Centre county, impersonating an officer, were refused.

Our Relations with Mexico.

Charles Michelson, Washington correspondent of the New York World, writes: "When President Coolidge made his announcement of the improvement in our relations with Mexico, at a Press Association dinner in New York the other day, he neglected to tell what brought it about. Senator Borah is more responsible for dispelling the war cloud than anybody else."

A group of mercenary American capitalists, who had by one means or another acquired valuable concessions, were operating some of them in violation of the laws of Mexico. The government of Mexico had declared a purpose to require strict observance of law in the exercise of these concessions, and while a considerable number of the concessionaires agreed to comply, a few protested and appealed to the administration at Washington to "protect their property rights."

At this stage of the proceedings Senator Borah, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, arrived in Washington and promptly entered protest against this ruthless and inexcusable action. As Mr. Michelson states, this timely interference aroused the country "to a realization of what lay ahead," and stopped the blustering as well as the preparations for war.

It's hard to tell which is the "wicked" member of the Mellon-Vare partnership, for in eagerness for spoils they are alike.

Grafting in Public Life.

Last week the courts in three counties in Pennsylvania were occupied in the investigation of charges of graft against public officials. In Philadelphia voluminous testimony was given to prove that one of the magistrates had been collecting money from defendants charged with the violation of the Volstead law for ten months to the amount of \$87,000.

The most important objection lies in the fact that if that malignant measure had become a law it would have bestowed upon the political pirates of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh a blanket license to loot indiscriminately and stuff ballot boxes, make false returns of elections and utterly destroy every effort for civic improvement.

The inspiration for this atrocious piece of legislation lies in the hatred which the managers of the Vare machine hold against the Committee of Seventy. That hatred has existed for many years and was further inflamed by the activity of the committee in exposing the frauds perpetrated at the last primary and general election in that city.

The Watchman publishes news when it is news. Read it.

Identity of the Official Spokesman Revealed.

The identity of the "Official Spokesman" at the White House has been revealed. This mysterious and interesting individual was born in Vermont and in early life settled in Massachusetts. He promptly entered into the political activities of that State with the result that after receiving several lesser favors he was elected Governor. He is a rather small man, dresses well and in good taste and has a long and pointed nose.

Some months ago the administration at Washington began dispatching troops of marines to Nicaragua for the ostensible purpose of conserving the lives and property of American citizens who had gone there to "get rich quick." A great many American citizens who had not ventured into such enterprises questioned the propriety of the proceeding and a vast majority of the leading newspapers of the country, irrespective of party affiliation, vigorously protested against what seemed like an attempt by force to control the politics and policies of a friendly but weak sister Republic.

The other evening, in New York, a number of newspaper publishers and editors were assembled and President Coolidge addressed them. The principal feature of his speech was a plaintive plea to the public press of the country to support the President's foreign policies, right or wrong, in order to maintain the prestige of the nation in the sight of the civilized world.

Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, revealed something of the mettle of his distinguished father in sentencing a grafting magistrate.

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Charles Newell was sent up for having killed a drunken acquaintance who was trying to rob him. He had always been known as one of those intensely spiritual old negro persons. One, per chance, who might recall to some of us that mysteriously inspired christian character Edward "babey" Stevenson.

Scant ceremony is that of the burial of the dead in our penal institution. But the prison life of Charles Newell made friends who demanded that the dark casement of a white soul be laid away in a shroud purged of stripes by the esteem of his fellow inmates.

Instead of being hurriedly buried in the prison lot the body of the righteous old character is resting in a beautiful cemetery in Centre county. Five hundred friends assembled for the funeral service Monday evening. There was a real casket, flowers in tribute, women to sing and a chaplain to do more than read "the service for the burial of the dead."

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INK SLINGS.

One after the other two paragraphs appear in the County Correspondence columns of this issue. One tells of the purchase of a new automobile by one family. The other records that a neighbor has purchased a cow. Neither is unusual, but they started us to thinking. In this instance we happen to know that the purchaser of the automobile can very well afford the luxury, but there are thousands of others who might more advantageously have bought cows instead of the motors they race over the country in.

Last week we suggested that instead of building the levees along the Mississippi higher it might be better to dredge the channel deeper. Having since been informed that the old Mississippi is two hundred and fifteen feet deep, just opposite the city of New Orleans, we hasten to beseech the government not to follow our suggestion. Were the channel scooped out much more water might seep through and make it necessary for the Chinese to carry umbrellas every time the Father of Waters goes on a rampage.

Just as we predicted months ago, when we argued that Congress should have reduced taxes further than it did, a great surplus is piling up in the treasury. Secretary Mellon, the financial wizard of the age, told the world that the government couldn't stand even the paltry reduction that the Democratic minority in Congress forced the Republican majority to make. On Monday he announced that at the end of the current fiscal year more than half a billion will have piled up as surplus in the treasury. We call attention to this fact because we believe that the country has been wilfully, needlessly and exorbitantly taxed so that the Administration can start in paying the public debt and reducing taxation on the eve of its bid for retention in power.

Next week the drive for enrollment for the local hospital will be made. The call from each individual is so small that very few will have real reason for refusal to respond. Some will be honest when they say they don't have the dollar to spare. Others will conjure up varied excuses for getting out of a contribution. Mark this prediction: More evasion will be based on the intimation that "I don't like the way the institution is run" than any other cause. We've had some experience in helping to run a hospital. We know something of the criticism that always was and always will be heaped on the heads of those who gratuitously try to do something for the public. The present board, some of the members of which thought the preceding board incompetent, have doubtless heard the same thing said of themselves. Humanity would be very unhappy if there were not something to kick around and, naturally, the job that there's nothing in and few people want is the one on which the anvil chorus always harmonizes. Let us get that spirit out of our hearts and minds next week. Let us remember that the person who hasn't made a mistake has never done anything. Let us tell you that the hospital, with the means at hand, always was and is today being conducted just as well as most and better than many of the hospitals in the State. Let us rise above the petty grievances of self and rally to a movement in which there is no proper place for selfishness.

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