

INK SLINGS.

The Forests are dense And the Waters are muddy And their Secretary's grouchy At most everybody.

Judge Furst might have won, but he was weighted too heavy.

The Democrats must have caught the Republican fever on Tuesday for Claude Herr, the only candidate for Prothonotary on our ticket, polled 1045 more votes than he did for the same office four years ago.

The Fisher crowd at Harrisburg laughed at and ridiculed Senator Scott's marching club when it went to Harrisburg to participate in the inaugural ceremonies.

After having manufactured enough ammunition to keep our political guns firing for years to come we presume our friends, the Republicans, who have been engaged in the recent unpleasantness, will immediately begin sending us invitations to a disarmament conference.

Friend Burdine Butler has announced his retirement as a county office seeker. The veteran Democrat who has tried so often to get an office in the Court house for Howard township has nothing to be ashamed of in his last attempt.

They say that one worker at the South ward polls had so much money that his pockets wouldn't hold it. It is needless to say that he wasn't a Democrat, for all the money all the Democratic workers put together ever have would get lost in the watch pocket of a kid's wash suit.

Among other things that the opposition will fight mightily shy of in the contest that is now on is the "wet" and "dry" question.

We're not going so far as to say that Judge Furst would not have been beaten otherwise, but we are convinced that his acceptance of Governor Fisher's appointment, with its collateral embarrassments, was the greatest contributory cause of his defeat—principally the collateral embarrassments.

W. Harrison Walker Esq., polled 1480 more votes at the primary on Tuesday than he did at that of 1927 when he also won the nomination for Judge.

Senator Harry B. Scott was in town Wednesday afternoon, but we couldn't find out whether he called to offer his sympathy to Secretary Chas. Eclipsed Dorworth.

We are going to press before it is known whether Tunney or Dempsey is the heavy-weight champion of the world.

We have learned from a source that is reasonably reliable that the Prothonotary's office is paying approximately seven thousand dollars a year.

The prettiest contest we Democrats had on Tuesday was the race between Hoy, Geiss and McDowell.

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Not So Willing to Take Our Own Medicine.

The administration at Washington has promptly rejected a proposal from the government of France to enter into negotiations for a commercial treaty.

It appears that France has treaty agreements with Germany and some other countries, "favored nations," which is considerably less than that exacted upon products of this country under the proposed treaty.

While the industrial life of central Europe and Great Britain was in a state of paralysis, owing to the war, the products of this country could command a ready market abroad on any terms.

There is nothing mysterious about the withdrawal of Mr. McAdoo from the contest for the Democratic nomination for President.

Treatment of Tubercular Cattle.

The veterinarians in session at Philadelphia, last week, were not only surprised but somewhat startled when Dr. Bang, of Copenhagen, professor in the Danish Agricultural college, criticized the American system of treatment of tubercular cattle.

The system, an invention of his own, which Dr. Bang suggests, is "isolating calves year after year and keeping the young herd isolated from the old and infected herd and by protecting the calves from infection from the milk."

Of course it would be wise to verify Dr. Bang's system of treatment before abandoning that which has proved efficient and adopting the other.

The Legionaires are having a much more enjoyable time in France this week than they had ten years ago.

Vare Machine Disappointed.

The dependence of the Republican machine on false returns and corrupt voting is revealed in the effort of the Vare organization to nullify the law enacted by the last General Assembly commonly known as the Voters' Assistance act.

The enforcement of this law will not guarantee an actually honest vote in Philadelphia or any other city where ballot frauds are systematically perpetrated.

Realizing the fact that the enforcement of this law would materially diminish the machine vote total legal proceedings were instituted in one of the courts of Philadelphia to declare the act unconstitutional.

Jimmie Walker, Mayor of New York, makes them all take notice. He couldn't meet the Premier of France last Sunday because it would interfere with his church programme.

The Mellons in Confusion.

The Mellons, uncle and nephew, Andy and Bill are somewhat mixed in the political cross-currents which have developed since Mr. Coolidge has taken himself out of the reckoning.

Meantime the work of solidifying the Pennsylvania delegates for the Secretary of the Treasury is going forward with the consent and assistance of both uncle and nephew.

Because of the uncertainty of the situation the uncle and nephew were panic stricken when they saw in cold type an expression of favor for Mr. Hughes.

Wall Street having made up its mind on the question of tax reduction Congress intends to waste no time in discussing the subject.

"It Might Have Been."

As time passes the enormity of the blunder this country made in refusing to join the League of Nations becomes more apparent.

In addressing the assembly, on Monday, Dr. Eusebio Morles, representing Panama, referring to the absence of the United States from the deliberations said: "I have no intention of saying whether the United States should or should not enter the League of Nations."

When Woodrow Wilson returned from the Peace Congress at Versailles the United States stood the acknowledged leader of the civilization of the world.

No contest such as we had in Centre County on Tuesday is without its tragic moments.

Mr. Fleming came over the mountain from Philipsburg and the Ruses with a majority of 987 over Judge Furst.

If the statements made by the new Prohibition Administrator concerning the past service be true it can hardly be said that the Secretary of the Treasury is a water-Mellon.

If the quarrel between Mayor Kline and Senator Leslie of Pittsburgh develops into a permanent split some good may come to the people of that city.

Paul Houck, the Pottsville political sharp, gives Harry Mackey, the Vare candidate for Mayor, a certificate of character.

Other airmen are having all sorts of trouble but Lindbergh continues to fly like a bird and reaches his destination every time.

Just to get rid of as much of the trouble as possible at once let us agree that "Dep" is going to be the next sheriff of Centre county.

The greatest achievement Philadelphia Democrats could hope for is the defeat of the O'Donnell annex to the Vare machine.

Business and the Outlook.

Industrial operations are increasing gradually but continuously in many important lines, although it is too early to state definitely whether industry as a whole will equal this month the unusual record of activity set up in September of last year.

In its larger aspects business is progressing along much the same lines as in the two preceding years.

Even as to retail trade, while there are minor differences of opinion regarding volume in this or that locality, it seems to be rather generally agreed that the purchasing power of the public remains virtually unimpaired.

Farm incomes, taking the country as a whole, now seem certain to exceed last year's, one estimate being that they will be \$1,000,000,000 greater.

Tranquility in Spain.

In these days of reaction from the ideas and ideals of so-called free government, it remains for Spain to have instituted the most reactionary regime of them all.

Spain seems to have been hypnotized into tranquility and to desire nothing better than the freedom from disorder and disturbance.

Before publication of the decree it was expected that the National Assembly was to be called for the purpose of drafting a new Constitution for Spain, as a step toward returning to a more regular form of government.

Profit in Power.

On the same day that announcement is made of the creation of another great pool of electrical power in the eastern part of the United States, directly affecting Harrisburg, the New York Times publishes an item in which it is stated that the Pacific Lighting Company, a great electrical company like those now being perfected in the East, has declared a 900 per cent. stock dividend.

There is no relationship between the two save this—that the western dividend illustrates the tremendous possibilities for profit in the power of big electrical combines.

It is estimated that four cities buy half the orange crop of the country and possibly an equal proportion of the booze crop.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Yoh, of York county, announce the birth of their eighteenth child. The newest arrival is a son.

Two children are dead in Johnstown and 10 others are seriously ill of infantile paralysis, three new cases having been reported to health authorities on Saturday.

An ox roast will be one of the events on the program for the annual State firemen's convention which opens at Shamokin on October 3.

Representatives of twenty Classes of the Reformed church which met in Harrisburg this week, voted to raise \$75,000 among the churches in the State toward the erection of a new \$100,000 church at State College.

Joseph McDonald, 18, Albert Gettie, 19, and James Gettie, 27, charged with the larceny of automobiles in Butler, Clarion and Allegheny counties, escaped from the Clarion county jail Thursday night.

Charged with having whipped his wife every Friday night for an entire year, John Stakewitz, of Nanticoke, appeared before Judge Fine in domestic relations court at Wilkes-Barre, last Saturday.

Missing from her home for over twenty-four hours, the body of Miss Helen Wicks, of Somerset, was found hanging from a tree near the Somerset reservoir.

More than a thousand members of Pennsylvania Rotary clubs are expected to accept an invitation sent to the 150 clubs in the State by President Ralph D. Hetzel and the State College Rotary Club to visit the campus on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8.

A royal buck deer, that had eluded the vigilance of hunters for at least nine years, fell before the rifle of an irate Huntingdon county farmer the other day.

Resignation of the Rev. Harold S. Laird, pastor of the Lewistown Presbyterian church at Lewistown for the past three and one-half years, was read to his congregation at the Sunday morning service, asking the congregation to join with him in asking the Huntingdon Presbytery to release him from his pastoral relations with the Lewistown church.

When H. Elvin Herr, of New Danville, Lancaster county, planted an acre of strawberries in the spring of 1926 he didn't have any idea that he would receive a return of more than \$1,000 on it this year.

As the result of a quarrel over a trivial matter, Mrs. Gussie Martz, 49, of Schuylkill Haven, was shot by her brother, Ralph Dress, 41, of the same place, Friday morning and bled to death before a physician arrived.

"Uncle Ben" Spangler, who celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday in Carlisle a few days ago, was once known to the whole State as "Star Spangled" Spangler, due to his habit of drawing from a breast pocket at the climax of a political or patriotic speech a neatly folded little American flag and waving it in the faces of his audience.

Uncle Ben was a member of the Legislature who made his presence felt whenever a lively debate loomed up, for he always had his own personal and unique viewpoint thereon and insisted on letting the world know about it.