

INK SLINGS.

—Stocks are on the toboggan and sliding with them are the air castles that a lot of amateur operators who hadn't sense enough to take profits had builded.

—It must have been nice in the Garden of Eden. There was no one to drag us out of bed in the morning, and no radio to keep us from going back to it at night.

—The sweet girl graduate might soon be upon us, but her reasonable companion, the blushing June bride, is lost forever, we fear. Girls don't blush anymore. They're too sophisticated for that.

—If the Democratic party would only get as fighting mad as its representatives to the State convention became last Saturday there would be a scrap of some proportions in Pennsylvania next November.

—Inasmuch as the new moon is lying far in the northern skies it is reasonable to expect cool weather. That being what we have had nothing else but this spring the change will not be specially noticeable.

—Another problem for the street committee of council to work on is this. If we lay a half-inch of indestructible surface on our streets each year how long will it be until they are all higher than the sidewalks?

—In the recent Pennsylvania primaries Smith received only 25,445 votes less than Hoover. On the Republican ballot he received a quarter as many votes as Hoover. Ponder over this. It certainly is food for thought.

—That the Republicans are not sure of electing Herbert Hoover is beyond question. If they were why should the higher-ups in the party councils be clinging to the hope that Coolidge will permit himself to be drafted?

—Before us lies an unsigned postcard which was mailed at Philadelphia last Monday evening. On it is inscribed: "Mr. Editor, please remember that Barnum was right and Lincoln was wrong." Just what our unknown censor admires us for we are utterly at a loss to know and are only guessing when we suggest that Barnum's assertion that a sucker is born every minute is set up to controvert Lincoln's famous epigram about not being able to fool all of the people all of the time. Not knowing what application could be made of this to anything that has recently appeared in the Watchman we shall content ourselves by admitting that Barnum was right but disagreeing with the assertion that "Lincoln was wrong."

—My, what a long tail the circus cat is growing. Several years ago the featured lady performers began putting on drawing room airs. We recall how awed we were when we saw the first of them enter for her act, trailed by a trim personal maid who took the gorgeous wrap from the shoulders of the performer and posed stately until the act was over. On Tuesday morning the press representative of a circus that was exhibiting here that day called to settle for advertising we had done for the enterprise. As has been customary in the past we offered him the cuts that had been used. They were wrapped up neatly and made only a small bundle. The gentleman, for gentleman he was, looked at us rather pityingly when he said: "Oh, those! My chauffeur will drop in and get them later."

—The general conference of the Methodist church has assailed "militarism in American schools." The leaders of our church policy are doubtlessly sincere, but they "don't know their onions." Writing from personal experience and evaluating fairly all we got out of a college course we believe that the realization of the meaning of and necessity for discipline has proven of as great value to us in life since as anything else we learned. Our military training was compulsory. If it hadn't been so we would never have profited from it. We are not a swashbuckler. We are against arms and armament. We are for peace at any price that is honorable. We saw many slouchy, unkempt youths march away to war in 1917 who came back well set-up men who had found out what it means to obey and what health and vigor counts for. Military training contaminated none of them with a mania for war. Neither did it us.

—If the matter of whether a man is "wet" or "dry" is a qualification, in the minds of some, as to his eligibility for President we would like to ask them: What of President Coolidge? Is he "wet" or is he "dry"? If he is "dry" what single act during his administration can be pointed to as proving such a position? The truth is that President Coolidge has done nothing; absolutely nothing to further either the cause of the "wets" or the "drys." He is impotent in the matter. Just as impotent as any other President would be, simply because the fate of the Volstead law lies in the hands of Congress and the powers of that body. President Wilson couldn't cajole Congress into joining the League of Nations. President Coolidge hasn't been able to persuade Congress to take his advice on a single one of the major measures that have been before it since he came into office and it has been a Congress of his own party at that.

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An Impudent Proposition.

The National Association of Manufacturers, according to reports in circulation among politicians in Washington, has drafted what it calls "a platform of American industry," which is to be offered to the Republican National convention at Kansas City and the Democratic convention at Houston. It will assume to be an expression of the needs, requirements and hopes of the industrial element of the electorate. It will probably be urged on both conventions by an extensive and expensive lobby and accompanied by a threat that unless it is adopted in spirit, if not in language, the country will "go to the dogs." The Republican leaders will understand it as a bluff, and if the Democrats are wise they will throw it into the waste basket and kick the lobbyists into the street.

The National Manufacturers' Association is a conspiracy organized by a group of political buccaners to bestow upon Big Business all the powers of government. Its methods are as corrupt as its purposes are repugnant. Joe Grundy, who is the head of the Pennsylvania branch of the organization, exemplified its system in his testimony before the Slush Fund committee of the Senate a year ago when he acknowledged that he contributed four hundred thousand dollars to the Republican campaign fund in this State "in order to safeguard the interests of himself and his associates in the organization." The election of a Senator willing to vote for the higher tariff without respect to its injurious effect upon the people was worth that amount of money to him.

The National Association of Manufacturers and the Joe Grundy branch of that piratical organization has sinister purposes other than protecting and perpetuating the odious tariff taxation. It aims to prevent legislation, National or State, that tends toward improvement of labor conditions, adequate wages or relief from the industrial peonage its managers hope to create in this country. For many years Mr. Grundy has attended the sessions of the General Assembly in Pennsylvania lobbying against every proposition to improve the conditions of the wage earners. In this nefarious work he was fulfilling the purposes of the National Association of Manufacturers and an organization with that object in mind has no right to a voice in a Democratic convention.

—There are persons who think that Mellon was forced to speak a kind word for Hoover by Vore. The Philadelphia "neck" appears to have the Pittsburgh "strip" terrorized.

Not a Certain Victory for Vare.

It is not surprising that the subcommittee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections has determined to report in favor of admitting Mr. Vare to the seat in the Senate which he bought and paid for. It was for the purpose of making such a report that the investigation was committed to a partisan committee. The Republican organization needs votes in the Senate very badly. Its majority is scant and the leaders feel humiliated when they have to appeal to Borah, Shipstead and Brookhart to secure partisan legislation. Besides, the power trust is none too sure of its control if conditions should arise that required a majority. Vare's name on the roster would be re-assuring.

When the question was referred to the standing committee of the Senate the Watchman expressed the opinion that a report might possibly be returned against Vare, but the chances were against such a result. The sympathies of the committee were with Vare and the committee had the power to fix the scope of the inquiry. If it determined to simply recount the votes cast in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Delaware, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties, as they were put into the boxes, they would have found discrepancies but not sufficient to overcome the Vare majority. But if they had, as they had a right to, declared invalid the votes of districts where much fraud was shown, the result would have been reversed.

But even if the committee on privileges and elections does recommend the seating of Vare, the report is not likely to be adopted. The resolution of Senator Norris, of Nebraska, proposed to deny the seat to Vare, not because he had failed to get a majority of the votes but for the reason that he had violated the law by excessive expenditures in securing a majority. That was why Frank Smith, of Illinois, was refused a seat and Newberry, of Michigan, was forced to resign. The consideration of this question is in the hands of the Slush Fund committee of the Senate, and in the light of the evidence of former district attorney Fox, it is not likely to report in favor of Vare.

The Work of the State Democrats.

The reorganization of the Democratic State committee, at Harrisburg on Saturday, by the selection of John R. Collins, of Potter county, as chairman, deserves the approval and will receive the cordial endorsement of the voters of that political faith throughout the State. Mr. Collins is a capable and experienced campaigner and a faithful and enthusiastic Democrat. He has never been a factionist or laggard and will give the party honest and efficient service. The selection of Sedgwick Kistler, of Clinton county, as member of the Democratic National committee, is equally deserving of approval. That highly prized party favor has been justly bestowed upon a veteran worker of the best type.

The proceedings of the committee were not free from acrimony. Democratic meetings are not always harmonious. But the more or less caustic disputations served to clear the atmosphere rather than cause enduring enmities. The attempt to register repudiation of the Philadelphia organization will work good results, though it failed of its purpose. It will serve as an admonition to the gangsters of that city that the Democratic people of the State "have their number" and will not much longer tolerate their perfidy. But it was realized that the drastic method proposed was not exactly just. As Mrs. Bergey said, there were honest Democrats in the group and it would be unfair to punish them for the crimes of others.

The widely asserted statement that one faction won over another in the scrimmage is hardly borne out by the facts. That there was a purpose in the minds of some of the participants to express hostility to one of the prominent candidates for the Presidential nomination was as plain as pikestaff. This purpose was defeated absolutely and properly. But it was neither a personal nor factional victory for any man or group. It was simply a proclamation that the Democratic party of Pennsylvania is true to the traditions and faithful to the policies of the party of Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland and Wilson, and will strive earnestly to give the candidate earnest support in the impending contest.

—General McCoy, who is home, believes that the work of pacifying Nicaragua is progressing. In other words he thinks the American marines are too strong for the Nicaraguans.

Centre County Grangers to Hold "Home Coming" Week.

Centre county Grangers have completed plans for the holding of a "Home Coming" week, the first of its kind to be held in the State, during the week of June 4th to 9th. It will be characterized by special rally meetings in each Grange hall in the county during the week with a final home coming field day on Grange park, Centre Hall, on Saturday, June 9th. A musical concert will follow the field day program and at 8:15 o'clock in the evening interesting talks will be made in the auditorium by Senator David H. Agans, of New Jersey, and E. B. Dorsett, Master of the State Grange. Other special entertainment features will be included in the program.

J. Gross Shook, master of Centre county Pomona Grange, has appointed a large group of committees to conduct the home coming event. Walter C. Gumbel has been given the responsible position of chairman and is being supported in a most loyal manner by all the Granges of the county.

The purpose of the Grange home coming week as summarized is to awaken a new Grange interest, a ten-per-cent increase in membership, every Grange to launch a community project and to clear up general Grange activities. Already State and national Grange officials are eagerly awaiting the results.

It is clearly evident that never before in the history of rural organizations has any order held a higher place in public estimation than the Grange today. It is everywhere recognized as the spokesman for the American farmer—the group agency through which he can most effectively voice his convictions and assert his needs. The Grange is serving rural people in every line of farm activity and its vast contributions to agriculture and better methods of rural living are appreciated throughout the county, State and nation.

Centre county Grangers should remember the date, June 4th to 9th. Special programs will be furnished covering the entire week's program. Be sure and get yours from the master of your own Grange.

—With a keen, capable and courageous State chairman in control the tricks of party bandits will not go far in the campaign this year.

Kiwanis Hold Ladies' Night Luncheon at Y. M. C. A.

The committee in charge of the ladies' night dinner of the Bellefonte Kiwanis club, of which Arthur Sloop was chairman, sprung quite a surprise on their guests when they assembled at the Brockerhoff house at 6:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening of this week. Instead of pointing the way to the hotel dining room each one was furnished with a fancy paper hat then escorted in marching order to the Y. M. C. A. where long tables systematically arranged in the big gymnasium were lavishly spread with an appetizing feast. Sammy Bryant's orchestra was on hand and furnished delightful music during the repast.

A number of interesting announcements were made by president W. Harrison Walker. Robert F. Hunter introduced resolutions in honor of Bent L. Weaver, and, following a few appropriate remarks the resolutions were read by Kiwanian Thena. Mr. Weaver responded in his customary happy manner. Mr. Sloop urged all Kiwanians to attend the joint club meeting to be held in Tyrone. Mrs. James Craig was awarded the ladies' prize and A. Miles Barr the gentleman's.

Contracts Let for Addition to Presbyterian Home.

Contracts were awarded, last Thursday, for the construction and equipment of the new wing to the Presbyterian home, at Hollidaysburg. Joseph Drass, of Hollidaysburg, was given the contract for erection of the building; Mulch Bros., also of Hollidaysburg, will place the heating plant, and Frank Pressler and brother the plumbing.

The bidders were selected from a large number and in each case the home town man submitted the lowest bid. The total cost will approximate \$46,000. The addition will conform in style to the present building and will be of the same kind of brick. It will be of sufficient size to house the present waiting list and others, and is intended to meet the needs for some years to come.

Work is to start at once and the new wing is to be ready for occupancy by fall.

Flowers Wanted for Graves of Departed Heroes.

The American Legion requests that all those who have flowers suitable for use in decorating the graves of our soldier dead, on Memorial day, send them to the Legion home on Howard street late Tuesday afternoon or early on Wednesday morning.

The Legion has taken up the torch that the tottering arms of the Grand Army of the Republic can no longer bear. They will see that no graves are missed which might be the case were the work left to unorganized effort.

John T. Taylor, of State College, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Federal Judge Albert W. Johnson, of the United States court for the Middle district of Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, appointed John T. Taylor, a young attorney of State College, referee in bankruptcy for Centre county, as successor to M. Ward Fleming who resigned when he became judge. Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Allegheny College and was admitted to practice at the Centre county bar on February 20th, 1928. The appointment is worth anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 per year.

Kiddies' Day at Hecla Park will be Thursday, June 14th.

The Bellefonte lodge of Elks' annual Kiddies' Day picnic at Hecla park will be held this year on Thursday, June 14th.

All kiddies of Bellefonte and vicinity between the ages of 6 and 12 years are eligible, and to be able to go with the crowd must register at the Elks club with George W. Rees. The registration will open on Monday morning, June 4th, and close on Saturday, June 9th.

Buses will leave the Elks club on the morning of the 14th at 8 o'clock, and all little guests are requested to be on hand promptly.

On the afternoon of the 14th Flag day services will be held at the park by the Lodge. Hon. M. Ward Fleming will deliver the address and the public is cordially invited to attend these services.

—It looks as if the "Solid South" may split in nearly equal parts on the question of the availability of Governor Smith as a candidate for President.

—The Watchman gives all the news while it is news.

NUTTY GRAY.

(One of the wise old grays that dwell in the great hickories at "Anawan.")

O, little Nutty Gray All through the livelong day You watch dull care away. You live with elf and fay, Lighthearted, free as they.

Up with the early morn, High above the hawthorn, With your coat all untern, So handsome and unshorn, You are never torn!

O, little Nutty Gray, Tell me ever, I pray, That with you I may play, Where dwell the elf and fay, Lighthearted, free as they.

—Eddie Wieland.

American Legion Will Have Charge on Memorial Day.

With the G. A. R. Vets so few in number as to be a negligible quantity the American Legion has assumed the work of carrying on the honored custom of keeping green the graves of all soldiers who fought in defense of their country and its principles. In Bellefonte the Brooks-Doll post has assumed the responsibility and the program they have arranged for this year is as follows:

Memorial services in the Reformed church on Sunday morning, at 10:30 o'clock. The American Legion members of Troop B and all old soldiers are invited to attend.

On Sunday afternoon a detail of the Post will visit Shiloh and the Meyers' cemeteries and hold exercises as well as decorate the graves of all soldiers. Rev. Homer C. Knox will have charge of the religious part of the program and Judge M. Ward Fleming will be the patriotic speaker.

Next Wednesday memorial services will be held in the Catholic cemetery in the morning at ten o'clock. In the afternoon the regular services will be in the Union cemetery. The parade will form in the Diamond to move at two o'clock, instead of 1:30, as in previous years. It will consist of Wetzler's Boys' band, of Milesburg, Troop B, G. A. R. veterans in autos, the Brooks-Doll post led by its drum corps in their new uniforms, P. O. S. of A., fire companies and school children. The speaker for the day will be Dr. Carol D. Champlin, of State College.

At the completion of the services in the Union cemetery the Post and Troop B will go to Milesburg and hold services there.

As many flowers will be needed school children and all who have a supply are requested to send or take them to the American Legion home, on Howard street, early on Wednesday morning.

Unusually Honored.

It is seldom that a resident leaves Bellefonte with so many public expressions of regret on the part of the community as have been evidenced by the numerous recent entertainments in honor of Bent L. Weaver.

There is a reason, of course. Mr. Weaver came to Bellefonte only a few years ago, but immediately took his place among the most interested workers for civic welfare. By nature a modest gentleman he did not aspire to leadership; preferring always to stay in the ranks where his clean cut, constructive, and broad minded intellectuality inspired enthusiasm and hope in his co-workers.

In everything pertaining to public welfare he has been generous to a fault with both his time and resources so that it has been quite fitting that Kiwanis, the Y. M. C. A., and individuals have taken cognizance of what his intended departure means to Bellefonte.

It must be highly gratifying to Mr. Weaver, these expressions of appraisal of his worth as a citizen, for they are proof to him that his ambition to be of service to his fellows is being attained.

—Because of the fact that quite a number of cases scheduled for trial at the May term of court, which opened on Monday, have been continued, Judge Fleming has cancelled the third week of court and all jurors summoned for that week were notified not to appear. On the list of cases continued were the seven in which an action in trespass had been brought against the Pennsylvania Railroad company by residents of Centre and Huntingdon counties to recover damage wrought by a forest fire along the Fairbrook branch about a year ago; and which, it is alleged, was caused by a spark from one of defendant company's locomotives. This is the third time these cases have been down for trial and continued.

—Big Tom Cunningham will not need "a pass" when he goes from the District of Columbia court to the jail.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—Bill Cox, Penn State's mile run and cross country champion, was a member of the United States Olympic team in 1924, while still a high school runner. He is expected to repeat this year.

—State foresters all over the State are now busy working on the roads and trails in the State forests. There are approximately 22 miles of forest roads and 28 miles of trails in the Commonwealth.

—Miss Kathryn McGlaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGlaughlin, of Renovo, has arrived home from Venezuela, South America, where she has been superintendent of a hospital for the past year, and will spend the summer with her parents.

—Anxious by the barking of her police dog, Mrs. Vera Bender, proprietor of Shamokin Manor, a roadside, near Sunbury, escaped from her burning home only in her night clothing. The building and contents were destroyed. The loss is placed at \$10,000.

—Reuben Bantleton, 50, an employee of the New York and Pennsylvania Paper company plant, at Lock Haven, was badly burned about the head and the entire upper part of his body when he was putting caustic soda in a vat of liquor at the paper mill plant. He will lose his sight, physicians say.

—Watson's town's burgess and town council have announced plans for dedication of a new \$450,000 cement bridge being built across the Susquehanna river between that place and White Deer. It will take place July 4, and will include a big parade with prizes for floats. Harry S. Knight, Sunbury, a former president of the Pennsylvania Branch of the American Bar association, will make the address.

—An early morning fire at Clearfield, last Friday, destroyed four stores and contents and routed five families from apartments over the stores entailing a loss of \$90,000. The origin of the fire is undetermined. The blaze destroyed the Neelin block, which housed the National meat market, Reliable clothing store, the A. and P. store and a candy store. Occupants of the apartments were rescued by the firemen who had to carry them from third story windows.

—Three hundred hogs have been eating in three eight-hour shifts to dispose of Wilmerding's garbage, and by a court decision they will continue to do so. Taxpayers of the borough sought an injunction to prevent the borough council from renewing a contract with David H. Chambers, owner of the hogs, for garbage disposal. They claimed Chambers was not the lowest bidder. Common pleas judge James H. Gray decided the councilmen had not abused their discretion in awarding Chambers the contract.

—The Rev. James H. Goss, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Goss, of Lewistown, R. D. 4, has resigned as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, of Johnson City, N. Y., to accept the pastorage of St. Peter's Lutheran church, York, effective June 1. The Rev. Goss is a graduate of Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1924, and degree of Master of Arts from the same University in '25. During 1925-26 he continued post graduate studies in philosophy and psychology at Bucknell University, Lewisburg.

—In an effort to curb the devastation of the Japanese beetle, the Jenkintown Improvement Association is sponsoring a demonstration which involves spraying all the trees and shrubs in the city. When spraying starts, about the middle of June, a large meeting will be held for all property owners from neighboring places who wish to learn how to protect their landscape materials from beetle destruction. At the end of the beetle activities another meeting will be held to survey the results obtained in the city-wide campaign against the foreign invader.

—Sneaking from his house towards the barn where he thought robbers were at work, Arthur Davis, 40, Ennisville, farmer, was instantly killed Thursday night as he tripped and a gun in his hands discharged a bullet into his skull. Several robberies have occurred in the vicinity of the Davis farm, with Davis the victim on two occasions, and that night when he heard noises in the barn he grabbed a gun and went toward the outbuildings. A few minutes later his wife heard the gun fired and went out, thinking he had shot at them. Instead she found her husband's head lying in a pool of blood. He apparently died instantly.

—Because he was forced to serve a jail sentence which he believed was due to the testimony of his former wife, Frank Radzajewich, of Shamokin, sought revenge by sneaking into the cellar of his estranged wife's home and loading the coal bin with several sticks of dynamite. He then waited in a less dangerous territory to hear the report of his wife's death. When Mrs. Radzajewich put a bucket of coal in the kitchen stove, a slight explosion of a duatin cap gave sufficient warning to her to leave the premises. She fled to safety before the dynamite wrecked the kitchen and its contents. The accused husband is in jail awaiting a hearing.

—Frank Johns, drowned at Bend, Ore., on Sunday, was 39 years old, a carpenter by trade. He was born in Sunbury, Pa., February 23, 1888, and educated in the public schools there. His family moved to the West and he attended high school in Spokane, Wash. Johns became secretary of Socialist-Labor party in 1920, having cast his political fortunes with them five years before and in 1924 was nominated for President of the United States. Since his graduation from high school he had been a farmer, postal clerk, letter carrier, ship builder, shoemaker, day laborer and a carpenter, the trade in which he was registered at his death.

—Awaiting action by the Water Power and Resource Board is an application of the Clarion River Power company filed in 1925 for the right to construct the largest and highest dam in the State. This proposed structure, to be known as Mill Creek Dam, would be built across the Clarion river about two miles above the mouth of Mill Creek and about six miles northeast of the town of Clarion in Clarion county. It would be made of concrete and would be 300 feet high and 2000 feet wide, creating a reservoir with a capacity of 284,000,000 gallons of water. If this dam should be built it would back up the water of the Clarion river as far as Ridgway, Elk county, a distance of forty-eight miles. There are no villages in the valley that would be submerged, but it is highly probable that part of Cook forest, for the purchase of which the Legislature recently made an appropriation, would be permanently under water.