

INK SLINGS.

—It doesn't matter much who pays the expense of Mr. Hoover's trip. The results promise to be worth the price.

—The reformers of the Senate will find little encouragement in the selection of Jim Watson as majority floor leader.

—Representative Britten, Republican of Illinois, who wrote to the British Premier on a public question without consulting the State Department is in bad with the administration.

—The administration at Washington is in a quandary. If the Kellogg peace pact is ratified it will be claimed there is no need of the naval construction programme, another pet measure.

—The Harrisburg Telegraph tells the world if it wants to be cheerful at Christmas it must provide its own share of Christmas cheer. That's all right in principle, but what if some one tells an enforcement officer that you are making cheer.

—In his campaign Mr. Hoover called the Eighteenth Amendment "a noble experiment." When he learns that twenty-two thousand new plans have been submitted for taking it out of the experimental stage he will probably secretly come to the conclusion that it is a damn nuisance.

—Poor old Santa Claus isn't going to realize how overhead has increased until he stacks up in front of the family fire place Christmas night and sees the line of hip stockings hanging there to be filled. It wasn't so bad when the girls wore garters below their knees, but its different now.

—Chicago is talking of financing an expedition to Mt. Ararat to hunt the wreck of Noah's ark. She wants it for her proposed world's fair in 1933. After it is over, we presume, it will be put into the rum running business on the Lakes to make up the deficit that usually follows in the wake of such shows.

—Gosh, only eighteen days until Christmas and when we staggered home at eleven forty-five last Christmas eve, weary under the strain of trying to pick something suitable from the remnants the wise ones had left, we swore we'd shop early this year. We're going to start today and we advise you to do the same.

—They are setting the stage to seat Mr. Vare in the United States Senate. Because of the condition of the gentleman's health, however, it is not to be undertaken at this session. It will be done after the new Senate is sworn in. When that time arrives Jim Reed, of Missouri, will not be a member of the upper House of Congress and if you want to believe that the postponement is because of Vare's health you can gulp down all the flap-doodle they'll give you about it.

—Thomas Fortune Ryan, one of the greatest stock market manipulators of his day, has gone, but the kick he got out of playing with millions was as nothing compared with the thrill a few ladies we know are having riding a ten share lot of a stock that has been sky-rocketing. We use sky-rocketing advisedly. Because the would-be ladies Hogenheimer don't seem to know that things that go up are sure to come down and that one never gets poor taking profits.

—Mert Fallon, of Danville, has been committed to jail because a milk can with a goose-neck attachment was found on his premises. Mert said it was a home-made radio loud speaker, but some officer of the law, who doesn't know that necessity is the mother of invention, told the court that it was a still. And the court believed the officer. That ain't no way to treat budding genius. Of course the loud speaker is now still. But that's probably only because Mert faded out.

—Thanks to the generosity of a friend who has a friend who can hit things when he shoots at them we have a nice piece of young doe. We've often heard, and we have a hunch that it must be true, that it takes less sherry to make young doe "click" than it does old buck. For that reason, if for no other, we should be especially grateful if we had any sherry. But since we haven't we'll have to await some one else's observations as to whether sherry mellow out young doe as it once did the females of another species.

—Harrisburg news is to the effect that "Senator Scott is expected to see to it that State College gets adequate appropriations from the coming Legislature." Does this mean that they are already looking for a goat or are they helping the Senator bill fences that will withstand the 1930 storms? It reads to us like a statement freighted with considerable significance. Governor Fisher has already announced his intention of providing amply for State College, but a Governor's second Legislature isn't always as amenable to his desires as his first, so that Senator Scott is apparently going to be held responsible for the size of the appropriation that goes up to the Governor for approval. There's some pretty politics here. The Senator is a very positive person. He isn't accustomed to eating out of anybody's hand, but if he doesn't change his mind on that where will he stand with the appropriation that he "is to be held responsible for?"

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Hopes and Troubles of Congress.

Reports from Washington indicate that Congress is impatiently hurrying to the consideration of tariff legislation. A meeting of the House committee on Ways and Means has been called for today for the purpose of laying the lines of a new tariff law increasing the schedules of the Fordney-McCumber act. Of course it will be impossible to compass this result within the limit of the present short session. But Representative Hawley, of Oregon, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, believes that he can have a satisfactory bill worked out by the fourth of March ready for the extra session, which is likely to be called soon after the inauguration of the new administration.

There is a double purpose in this activity along the line of tariff legislation. The Republican organization is under deep obligations to expectant beneficiaries of increased tariff taxation and are anxious for speedy relief from the burden. Then the hope of satisfying the farm bloc by laying high duties on agricultural products is a strong incentive to expedition. It seems that a considerable number of eggs were imported from China and elsewhere during the high price periods of recent years, and the proposed law will levy a prohibitive tariff tax on eggs. Rates will also be increased substantially on other farm products which will materially increase the cost of living but yield no advantage to the average farmer.

Other legislation pressing the attention of Congress is likely to cause some confusion. The Boulder dam measure will be pressed with energy and may occupy considerable time, which will be wasted, for the reason that if passed it will be vetoed. The supporters of the Kellogg peace pact and those who favor the administration naval programme are in a quandary for the reason that the opponents say if one is adopted there will be necessity for the other, which puts the success of both in jeopardy. There will be no trouble concerning the several supply bills which will be "log-rolled" with naughtiness and dispatch, and all that remains is to provide for the "lame ducks" of both Houses.

—Senator Moses is willing to forego the distinction of floor leadership if he will be given the chairmanship of the Committee on Rules. Moses wants to know where he is "when the light goes out."

—Senator Reed Shows True Form.

Senator Dave Reed, of Pittsburgh, will enter upon his new term of office in true Republican machine form. Even before he has been officially declared elected he has announced his determination to get from the new administration all the patronage that is coming to "the banner Republican State." He was sadly disappointed in his expectations heretofore. He tried to pack the tariff commission and made a strenuous effort to hand the Interstate Commerce Commission over to the Mellon coal corporations. But President Coolidge had other interests to take care of in one case and the Senate refused to confirm his choice in the other. Now he imagines he "can work" Hoover by beginning early.

Past disappointments, however, have not dulled Senator Reed's appetite for spoils. He is no longer satisfied with a place on the tariff commission for the benefit of the Steel trust and a seat on the Interstate Commerce Commission for the use and in behalf of the Mellon coal corporations. He also demands a seat on the Supreme court bench, though for what purpose is left to conjecture. Of course there are various interests that might be conserved by an obedient Pennsylvania Republican lawyer sitting in that court. Both the Steel trust and the coal corporations are likely to have important litigation in the future and the last Pennsylvanian on the bench showed what might be accomplished.

President-elect Herbert Hoover is a high-class business man and of late has developed some symptoms of a crafty politician. He is on record as favoring most of the policies which serve the purposes of monopoly and he could hardly pick a safer guide in the selection of men to promote such enterprises. Senator Reed is head of the legal staff of the Steel trust, spokesman in the Senate for the Mellon interests, and it is not improbable that Mr. Hoover will give his recommendations along those lines friendly consideration. The corporations in which he is interested were generous supporters of the Republican ticket in the recent campaign and he may be able to "bring home the bacon."

—Mr. Coolidge has Congress "on his hands" again and the indications are that it will be a hard bunch to manage.

Reasons for a Modest Inauguration.

It has been semi-officially announced that the ceremonies attending the inauguration of President-elect Hoover will be conducted on modest lines. Mr. Hoover has himself expressed the hope that "it will be as simple as possible." If this request is met in full measure it will be a great disappointment to the business element of the population. Inauguration day has come to be a harvest season for the merchants, hotels and caterers of the capital city, and if the coming ceremonial were to be reduced to lines laid down by Jefferson not only the present joy but the future hope would be taken out of the lives of those depending upon such events for creating profits.

There is some mental speculation among those concerned in the matter as to the reasons which have influenced Mr. Hoover to prefer a modest ceremony. Previous to his nomination the general public had an impression that he is averse to meeting crowds but the elaborate preparations for and spectacular incidents that attended his speech of acceptance sort of dispelled that notion. It was not only the most expensive but the most ambitious event of the kind that had ever been pulled off in the country. But there are reasons, and good ones, for Mr. Hoover's desire for a modest inauguration. He is ashamed of issues that procured his election and the elements that gave him his majority.

Mr. Charles Michelson, Washington correspondent of the New York World, has been analyzing the subject. He reasons that an elaborate programme would involve a parade, and the Ku Klux Klan has already asked for a place for 50,000 hooded marchers in the procession. The Anti-Saloon League would also claim a place in the parade and the colored voters who did so much to break up the "Solid South" would compose a considerable part of the pageant. This would recognize the claims of these elements of the electorate that they achieved the victory. To refuse their claims would be disastrous and to grant them little less damaging. The only safe course is to cut out the parade.

—Suspicion is already in the air at Washington. The "Old Guard" imagines the President-elect is giving it "the cold shoulder."

—Public Opinion Openly Flouted.

The Republican machine's contempt for public opinion is plainly shown in the elevation of Harry C. Davis to the important position of executive manager of the party in Philadelphia. Mr. Davis has been Director of Public Safety in that city since the beginning of the Mackey administration, and though he has not been accused of participation in the grafting and other criminal activities in the Department, he was denounced by one of the judges concerned in the exposures as "unfit to hold any public office," and was finally forced to resign his office as head of the police force because of incompetency or unwillingness to check the orgy of crime that had been revealed.

For a period of more than three months a special grand jury, encouraged by Judge Lewis and ably assisted by district attorney Monaghan, has been investigating the department directed by Mr. Davis. As a result of this inquisition several police officials have been indicted, one Republican ward leader convicted and another held under bail for trial. But director Davis contributed nothing toward these achievements in the interest of good government. He was in position to render important service. He was invited by the district attorney to join in the inquiry and urged by the judge to give it encouragement. But he was deaf to all such appeals. He wouldn't squeal and detects a "rat."

But Mr. Davis suffers no impairment in estate by his silent protection of the grafters. The office is one of some dignity and considerable emolument but there are better jobs available to a faithful servant of the machine. It requires nerve to place a man openly under suspicion in an important position, but Bill Vare had the nerve, and even before Mr. Davis had relinquished the directorship he was appointed executive manager of the Republican machine, an office of more power and probably considerably advanced pay. Besides he will get oceans of enjoyment in ordering Vaucelain and other millionaires around during the campaigns of the future as Vare will require them to do.

—Commander Byrd has started on his voyage to the South Pole again, this time for keeps. He sailed from Dunedin in Sunday.

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

BOARD OF HEALTH OPTIONAL WITH COUNCIL.

Milk Control a State Affair, Says Borough Solicitor Spangler.

In a lengthy communication submitted to borough council, at a regular meeting on Monday evening, borough solicitor N. B. Spangler specified that he had made a thorough investigation of all the Acts of Legislature regulating boroughs and local boards of health and gave it as his opinion that the maintenance of a local board of health is entirely optional with borough council and not mandatory. The opinion was given in connection with the proposition now before council to pass a milk control ordinance. Solicitor Spangler stated that there is nothing in the borough code relating to the control of milk by boroughs, but there is a State law governing the production and sale of milk and placing the burden of inspection and control on the State board of health.

President Walker stated that inasmuch as Bellefonte maintained a local board of health, it would be only proper and right that it should control its own milk supply. He further stated that there is a wide-spread demand among residents of Bellefonte for a better and purer supply of milk, and he believed it the duty of council to pass a controlling ordinance. Mr. Reynolds stated that while he is in favor of the ordinance he felt that the board of health should be limited in expense by council and not given liberty to contract large bills for council to pay.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the milk dealers of Bellefonte are now considering a proposition which, if put into effect, will assure a pure milk supply for the town without any expense to the borough, and he felt that council ought to consider everything very carefully before passing the proposed ordinance.

President Walker finally referred the matter back to the Special committee and borough solicitor to have an ordinance prepared and submit it to council for consideration.

Secretary Kelly read a notice to council that a hearing in the matter of W. G. Runkle, bankruptcy proceedings, will be held in the office of W. Harrison Walker on Monday, December 17th.

The water committee reported that the electric booster pump installed on Logan street to supply water to residents of Blanchard street, has completely solved the water problem in that locality. The committee also reported the collection of \$34.75 on the 1926 water duplicate, \$212.48 on the 1927 and \$1727.77 on the 1928, a total of \$1975.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the hands of the borough treasurer of \$26,439, and asked for the renewal of notes totaling \$15,500, specifying that one note of \$10,000 at the Bellefonte Trust company is to be paid on maturity.

The Fire and Police committee reported that all the new hose ordered has been received. The committee also reported that burgess Harris suggested installing reflector traffic signs at High and south Water streets and Spring and Linn streets. Such signs will cost \$45 each. Mr. Emerick suggested waiting until the Highway Department puts up its new signs and the matter was left in the hands of the committee. The committee also reported that burgess Harris is not much impressed with the change in the lighting system at the Pennsylvania railroad crossing, on High street, and council suggested, as a remedy the placing of an overhead light across the street at the corner of the Potter-Hoy wholesale building.

Bills totaling \$11866.48, which included the payment of \$9612 to John Curtin, trustee, on account of the Gamble mill property ordered at the last meeting of council, were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

Phillipsburg Couple Celebrate Their Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Morrison, of Phillipsburg, celebrated their golden wedding by entertaining a number of friends at a big dinner, last Wednesday evening. Mr. Morrison, who was born and raised near Loveville, and Miss Amanda Hartsock, of Halfmoon valley, were married on November 28th, 1878. They have three children, Mrs. Martha Lewis, at home; Mrs. Edgar J. Grove, of Detroit, Mich., and George Morrison, of Phillipsburg. Among the guests at the celebration, last Wednesday, were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hartsock, of Buffalo Run, and Mrs. Frank Clemson and daughter, Miss Sarah, of State College.

—The tariff mongers in Congress are eager to increase the rates so as to reimburse the contributors to the campaign fund as soon as possible.

CHARLES GUISER SHOT IN MISTAKE FOR DEER.

Four Other Hunters Also Targets for Stray Bullets.

The 1928 deer season will go down as one of the most tragic in the history of Centre county. At this writing one man is dead as the result of being shot in mistake for a deer, another man is lying at the point of death in the Centre County hospital, and several others have been shot, though not fatally.

The dead man is Charles Guiser, member of a well known Nittany valley family, who was shot about noon-time on Tuesday by his brother, Harvey Guiser, of Hublersburg. Charles was a bachelor and for some years past has been engaged in farming in South Dakota, but every fall returned to Centre county for the hunting season and to spend most of the winter.

On Tuesday morning he and his brother Harvey went over into Rag valley for a few hours hunt. Charles was placed on the watch on an old road and Harvey made the drive. When he came out onto the road Charles had disappeared and seeing something moving in the underbrush some distance away he supposed it was a deer and took a shot. Going to investigate he was horrified to find his brother lying on the ground, dead. The bullet had hit him in the left side of the neck and come out through the right cheek. Harvey secured help as quickly as possible and had his brother's body removed from the mountain and taken to the Neff undertaking establishment, at Howard, where an inquest was held on Tuesday afternoon by coroner Heaton. At the inquest Harvey stated that his brother wore a fawn colored macintosh and this is what led him to think it was a deer he shot at. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

Charles W. Guiser was a son of John and Caroline Yearick Guiser and was born at Mingoville 47 years ago. His survivors include five brothers and one sister, Harvey, of Hublersburg; Samuel, of South Dakota; Frank, of Somerset county; Calvin, of Mingoville; John, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Harmon Bowes, of Romola.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, burial to be held at Hublersburg.

The other man seriously shot is Charles C. Orndorf, 63 years old, a retired farmer of Woodward. On Monday morning he went up onto Sand mountain for a day's hunt by himself. He had not been in the woods long when he became frightened at the fuselage of shots heard in all directions. He decided to go home and was on his way down Sand mountain when he was shot in the back, the ball passing through the stomach and coming out in front.

He did not lose consciousness and was able to call for help. Four other hunters went to his assistance and summoned a physician. His wound was dressed temporarily and he was then sent to the hospital in Bellefonte. Mr. Orndorf was unable to tell who fired the shot that hit him, but game protector Thomas A. Mosier is conducting an investigation.

While hunting down near Spring Mills, on Saturday, Arthur Mervine, of Tower City, was shot through the calf of the leg by a stray bullet.

William Frankhouse, of Terre Hill, hunting near Potters Mills, was shot in the body, on Saturday, and taken to the Lewistown hospital. His condition was not considered serious.

Gilbert Neff, of Howard, was wounded in the neck, on Tuesday, by a spent slug shot from the gun of his brother Willard. The wound, however, was not serious.

Has Gotten Eighteen Deer and is Not Yet Forty.

At the rate of one deer a season M. C. Wieland, of Pine Grove Mills, must have started getting his when he was bordering twenty years of age. He is not yet forty and has bagged his eighteenth venison.

He brought down the first doe on old Tussey mountain last Saturday morning, carried it into Pine Grove cut it up and we know it was a good eating, because we were fortunate enough to have received a nice roast of it.

Real Estate Transfers.

Maize H. Brouse to R. S. Brouse, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$1. Emma Hazel, et al, to Walter P. Fetterolf, tract in Miles Twp.; \$200. John Kaufman, et al, to Walter P. Fetterolf, tract in Gregg Twp.; \$250. Bellefonte Cemetery Association to J. L. Seibert, tract in Bellefonte; \$50. Robert M. Foster, et ux, to Mary Conley Peters, tract in State College; \$1500.

SLAUGHTER OF DOE BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN CENTRE COUNTY.

No Accurate Count Obtainable but Kill Exceeds 1000. Many Bucks Also Killed.

Never before in the history of Centre county has there been such a slaughter of deer as that of the first few days of the present hunting season. While it has been utterly impossible to get any accurate count of the number of deer killed—legal and illegal—it is a safe guess to say the number is considerably in excess of one thousand.

The only district in the county from which anything like a fair report has been received is from the Potters Mills section of the Seven mountains. Forest ranger William F. McKinney, who has charge of that section, gives figures to show a kill of 561 legal deer up to Tuesday evening, while he had record of 28 illegal deer killed. Just eighty hunting parties are camped in Mr. McKinney's district and of this number fifty-three are from outside of the county. The number of deer hung up by the fifty-three clubs totals 325. The twenty-seven camps made up of Centre county hunters account for 121 deer, while 115 were killed by day hunters in ranger McKinney's district.

One of the biggest kills reported in that district was by the Shamokin club, which had 16 strung up. Other big kills were as follows:

- Camp Foust, of Yeagertown, 14.
- Brandywine club, Phoenixville, 13.
- Sinking Creek club, Milesburg, 17.
- Soto Box club, McKees Rocks, 11.
- Fulton Hunt club, 11.
- Ickesburg Hunt club, 13.
- Camp Lost Creek, McAllisterville, 11.
- Camp Sassafras, Thompsonstown, 12.
- Bradford club, Centre Hall, 10.
- Slack party, Centre Hall, 8.
- Big Chicaneas, Manheim, 8.
- Palmira Hunt club, 8.
- Sunset Club, Centre Hall, 8.
- Gentzel camp, Shamokin, 7.
- Decker gun club, 6.
- Camp Shawnee, Paxinos, 7.
- Lakemont hunt club, Altoona, 7.
- Camp Mohawk, Richfield, 7.
- Mexico gun club, Mexico, 7.

And so they run down through the list of eighty camps, a few of whom had only two deer while just four had failed to make a kill.

Down in the Spring Mills section ranger Luther Smith reported a kill of 42 deer by the various hunting parties, while a large kill was made in the eastern end of the county in charge of Carl Motz, but no definite figures on the total were obtainable. The Woodward gun club, of which editor Thomas H. Harter is a member, killed three on Saturday and seven on Monday.

Up in the Pine Grove Mills section kills were made by Billy Corl, a high school boy; Frank Homan, Samuel Tate, J. I. Reed, James Kline, A. L. Bowersox, Charles Homan, Sinie Reish, Blair Miller, Ed Martz, George Wieland, Dice W. Thomas and his two sons, Kenneth and Charles, Samuel Rudy, Clayton Neidigh and Allen Wieland. The total kill reported on the Tussey mountain in that section and in the Barrens, is over a hundred.

A snow white deer was reported killed on Tussey mountain by a State College hunter.

So far no definite reports have been received from the Allegheny mountain section but it is quite probable that the kill there has also been above normal, though nothing like that over in the Seven mountains.

Naturally with so many hunters running wild in the woods, and all anxious to get their doe, the illegal kill of deer has also been unprecedented. Up to Tuesday Thomas A. Mosier admitted having brought in over thirty deer, most of them spike bucks. And we want to state right here that there was nothing about any of them to indicate any deterioration in the race. They were all of good size and fat, showing that there is plenty of feed in the mountains.

A hunter up in the Barrens, on Monday, came across eight bucks which had been shot and left lie where they fell, and it is highly probable that not near all the illegally killed deer will be found, or the killers apprehended. On Tuesday Mr. Mosier stated that twenty men had voluntarily paid their fines for making illegal kills and two others had promised to settle, but this represents only a small proportion of the illegal kills.

The only woman who so far has killed her deer in Centre county is Mrs. Mary Kane, of Roopburg. She went out with a party in the Seven mountains, on Saturday morning, and bagged her doe on the first drive. The party got four, all told, but there was more jubilation over the one shot by Mrs. Kane than the other three.

Last Saturday morning Roland Fye, of Colyer, was driving in a horse and buggy into Nevel's camp when some hunter shot his horse in the hip. The animal was so badly wounded it had to be killed.

Just what the end of the present deer season will be is hard to forecast, but one thing is certain it will result in thinning out the does to an alarming extent, and unless they are far more plentiful than is generally believed will result in a woeful setback to future deer hunting.

—The Boulder dam bill, first measure on the Senate calendar, will indicate the attitude of the new administration on the water power question.