AWAKE

'This' morning, some time before day break,
I heard a strange bird sing
And it seemed to me at that hour
To be an unusually lovely thing. And then, just out of the silence Of that quiet moment gone, Someone passed under my window Whistling a quaint old song.

Softly he carried the familiar theme,
Sure of its beauty, rare,
I wondered if he, too, had heard the tune
Flung out by the bird in the air. And was carrying it on through the

dawning

For each of us, waking, to hear

The songs of the souls on a city street

And the song of a bird in the air. WINIFRED B. MEEK-MORRIS July 24, 1929.

--It will soon be that an annual family reunion will be essential to family pride.

modesty. It won't fit.

bet that there will be no great treas- proposal to the conscience and idealof the present biennium.

High hopes are being built on Donald, and we sincerely hope they will not be disappointed.

-Crickets began to chirp last week and that means that it will be only six weeks until fall sets in. Do you know where your summer has gone?

-We were in error last week when nomination papers for borough and township offices is August 6. Nobody called us to account for the inaccuracy. We just discovered, our- them shall never be sought except fidence and brought into active effort selves, that August 13 is the dead by pacific means." But whenever thousands of voters who had grown

entire ship load of Canadian liquors per," as was done by Germany in ager had ever encountered a more and paid for it in counterfeit money 1914 and was about to be done by stubborn opposition. Religious inare probably laughing their heads both Russia and China, both signers tolerance and a combination of temthe ship thought when got back to agreement is off and there is no way made a formidable foe. Halifax and discovered how he had of enforcing its benevolent provis-

but the gentleman from State Col- events of recent years to guarantee equal measure of approval for his lege who drove out of Bellefonte, Wednesday night, in another man's car, which he mistook for his own, must be as absent minded as we are.

-Notwithstanding the fact that the Pinchots are luffing along, somewhere in the south seas, their names Woodrow Wilson. Then the World are being brought up often where future political line-ups in Pennsylvania are discussed. There is no use of ate for the same reason. But Presiminimizing the following they have dent Hoover is oblivious of all these in this State and since they are out- things and sees only what has occurside the breast-works of their party's red since 1921. organization we think our chairman, John R. Collins, would be well advised if he were to consider some some sort of a fusion with the Pinchot element in the next election in Pennsylvania.

natter of who is to succeed him is company." entirely impersonal. As burgesses go o be-without opposition.

vays we're darned glad the trout ecause three big fellows that we accomplished and the ultimate result ave been pestering for about four is in doubt. veeks will have a season of rest from ur futile but persistent lure. We re regretful because now we supose we'll have to make good to the ady who pours our coffee. You see, re've been promising to do so many ideed. We sympathize with them nd we know they will understand cupidity. ur regret at the ending of the trout shing season.



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President Hoover's Strange Notion.

the President's cabinet in Washington. In his speech of acceptance paign addresses he stated that Amer-It may be set down as a safe logg-Briand treaty he said it was "a the prospective visit of Premier Mac- ideas in the conduct of world rela- There must be other agencies at which there is instant appeal to the enlist the interest of the voters. public opinion of the world as to spe-

cific acts and deeds." fulfillment of this agreement.

coffee and sugar in the egg cup, but of the Woodrow Wilson administra- with the organization, has been if we were to drive off a car with tion the negotiation of treaties of sharply criticised. As a matter of a lawn-mower, a sprinkler and a similar import was begun and confact it was one of the wisest expeditinued until the opening of the World ents he could have invoked to inthinking it to be our own, we'd certainly beat it for a psychopathic League of Nations containing an in- not an aspersion upon the regular ward when we discovered our mising the purpose was adopted by upward of fifty nations, but rejected by gerly appreciated labor. No sincere the United States Senate for the and fair-minded Democrat can justly reason that it reflected honor on complain of that act. Court was organized to achieve the same result and rejected by the Sen-

Wyoming Valley's Water War.

Far several days the Wyoming valley, in this State, has been disturbed by what has been locally calwe made the suggestion that resulted that populous section of Pennsylvain the election of our present burgess. nia had been supplied with water by If anybody wants to challenge that local utility corporations with entire of the distinguished gentleman who er mania broke out, however, and officiates over us and he will tell you by purchase, merger and consolidathat no matter what the other thir- tion the several local corporations ty nine hundred and ninety-five resi- were absorbed by a holding company ients of Bellefonte might have im- with headquarters in New York and portuned him to do the thirty nine absolutely no interest in the welfare nundred and ninety-sixth has not of the consumers. The new corporaasked him for a single favor. We tion assumed the euphonious title of say this because our interest in the the "Scranton Spring Brook Water

The enticement offered to the local we think Mr. Harris has been corporations to surrender their franan exceptionally good one. It chises to the holding company was s true that he turned tail when we better, more economical and therewanted him to fly to Bill Thompson's fore cheaper service. But instead of conference in Chicago, but inasmuch fulfilling these promises, some is we would have done the same months ago the rates of service were hing it is not for us to hold that increased ten per cent. and the natagainst him. Therefore, we think he ural and entirely proper protest rught to be re-elected—if he wants against this betrayal of faith was a threat to cut off the supply to those -It is now nine-fifty-five Wed- who refused to pay. An appeal to lesday night and we're just home the authorities proved as futile as rom what we believe will be the last an appeal to reason was impotent. ishing expediton in 1929. In some The consumers almost unanimously refused to pay and employees of the eason is over. In others we are corporation were sent in to execute claim, had received a subsidy or onsumed with regret. We are glad the threat. Thus far it has not been

This incident is prophetic of what monopoly will do to the people of the other? country unless the wide-spread tendency to consolidation is checked. The that farming is a sort of diversion people of the Wyoming valley might like golf or tennis and has no relaobtain redress by appealing to the tion to industry. There may be the dd jobs about her house and yard, Public Service Commission. But un- discrepancy he speaks of in wages just as soon as the fishing season is der the rules of the Commission in this country and Belgium or Gerver," that we're going to be busier complaint must be made by the vic- many in iron and glass products, but han a hen with one chicken if we time of the evil and the process is the existing tariff tax more than re to get half of them done before so costly as to be practically prohibi- covers the difference and there is he snow flies. We often hear the tive. Besides the records of the neither justice nor reason in robbing romen say: "Men are all alike." Pennsylvania Public Service Comossibly they are, but if any of our mission forbid hope of fair treatment hundreds of producers may increase rothers are in a worse hole than we of the people against any corpora- profits already ample, if not excessive re tonight—so far as having work tion. We sincerely hope that the Mr. Mackey feels deeply outraged benat one doesn't want to do staring people of the Wyoming valley will cause Philadelphia buys Belgium cenem in the face—they are poor fish, find a way to win the war into which ment, "just as good as Pennsylvania they have been forced by corporate cement," which is cheaper. The tax-

-Subscribe for the Watchman.

Wise Work of Chairman Collins.

The largest vote ever cast for a tions. It represented a platform in work, other influences in action to others have expressed a purpose

In the campaign of last year there were several elements contributing So long as all the peoples of the to the large vote of the Democratic several signatories of the multilater- candidate for President and each did al treaty are faithful to a voluntary its part well. But it is not invidious obligation it will serve a great pur- to say that the dominant influence in nature or of whatever origin they committee. His energy and indusmay be, which may arise among try inspired not only hope but conany nation, big or little, among them indifferent or dispairing in recent -The boot-leggers who bought an construes a treaty as "a scrap of pa- years. No previous campaign man-

> Chairman Collins deserves the ions. Possibly the public conscience highest praise for his splendid work has been sufficiently aroused by in the campaign of 1928, and an subsequent efforts to preserve and But even at that it wasn't an en- strengthen the party for future efto them in their arduous and mea-

> > but it is nevertheless true that Seccandidate for Governor who was a son that they are equally bad. guest at the Vare wedding the other day.

Mayor Mackey as a Censor.

Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, who owes his official life to long continued servility to Bill Vare, has be-—We have a hazy recollection that led a "water war." For many years come a self-appointed censor of the group of middlewest Republican Senators in Congress who are supporting President Hoover in his effort to they may. Whether we did or didn't satisfaction to the public and fairly fulfill the obligations of the Kansas is of no consequence. If we did it generous profits to the owners of the City platform and the pledges made was certainly without the knowledge plants. A few years ago the merg- in his campaign speeches. Mr. Mackey's complaint is based on the fact that "there are more farms in Pennsylvania than in either Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Idaho or Montana," and that the "farm population of Pennsylvaria exceeds that of either of those States." In other words, he would have the lone Senator of Pennsylvania, who represents the Steel trust on the floor, speak for the farmers of the country.

On the radio, at whose expense has not yet been revealed, Mr. Mackey declared the other evening that "unfair and unjust propaganda is being disseminated by certain Senators from the West. Theirs is obviously an attempt to limit tariff protection to agricultural products, on the grounds that Pennsylvania and other eastern States are seeking to share in tariff benefits largely or exclusively industrial. They have advanced the specious argument that agriculture is entitled to a subsidy or bounty, because industry, they bounty, under the "protective tariff." Well, where is the injustice in according to one industry that which has for a long time been given to an-

Mayor Mackey evidently imagines millions of consumers in order that the city are not likely to take that victs in Auburn were "crazy with the ernor Pennypacker as an anarchist ing inferno and the woman and her chilpayers who foot the expense bills of view of it.

Lamentable Indifference of Voters. Utilizing the Census to Attack Un-

There seems to be a surprising in-Hoover Christian civilization began Democratic candidate for any office difference in the public mind with rethe day he qualified as a member of in Pennsylvania was that received by spect to the use of voting machines Albert E. Smith last year. The per- in Pennsylvania since the adoption sonality of Governor Smith had a of the constitutional amendment on and in several of his subequent cam- good deal to do with this result of the subject. The 400,000 majority the balloting. His record of achieve- in favor of the amendment conveyed ican prosperity and worth-while ment as Governor of New York made the idea that it was an issue of su-It will be hardly worth while achievement set in with that, to him, a marked impression on the minds of preme importance to the voters. But for Mussolini to try on a cloak of auspicious event; and in his speech, thoughtful voters and the hope of three-quarters of a year have elapsthe other day, proclaiming the Kel- transferring his activities from Al- ed since the vote and comparatively bany to Washington enlisted their little has been done toward providsupport. But the personal popular- ing for putting the machines into ury surplus in Harrisburg at the end ism of civilized nations. It suggested ity of a candidate is not sufficiently use. It is true that a few counties a new step in international law, rich appealing in a State-wide contest to have taken the preliminary steps for with meaning, pregnant with new materially strengthen his party. a referendum at the November election this year, and party leaders in to do so, but enthusiasm on the subject appears to be lacking.

Voting machines are not needed in many of the counties and the expense of introducing them is ample reason for careful consideration of the matter by the commissioners of pose. They are under pledge that raising the party vote to the million such counties. But they are greatly that time at 1,874,000. It was later we said that the last day for filing "the settlement or solution of all mark was the masterful work of needed in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh explained that this represented the disputes or conflicts, of whatever chairman John Collins, of the State and other counties containing cities and large population centers, and the ed on January 1, 1925, and those at citizens of those counties are work on the corresponding date for strangely lethargic on the subject. 1928. It has been announced that Mr. Vare favors the adoption of the machines which, if true, would guarantee their adoption in Philadelphia, but there are no visible signs of preparation to submit the question to vote this service, and took no account of such

money to accomplish that result. at the beginning but according to experts they are a valuable asset and a wise investment in the end. They for a packed registry list will defalse counting and fraudulent returns ment. practically impossible in the future. This will be worth all the machines that every necessary provision is

-The Republican factional fight in Schuylkill county is being watch- vided with a list of questions on this —It may not be significant at all ed with interest from all sections of subject, the enumerator would report tions. the State, not because there is a all these classes as unemployed. retary Davis is the only active choice between them but for the rea-

Commissioners Forgot to Advertise Primaries.

A peculiar political situation might develop in Centre county because the county commissioners forgot to advertise the forthcoming many without regular employment primaries at the time specified by are physically and mentally able to law. The Uniform Primaries act of 1913 states that "Beginning not earlier than nine weeks, nor later than eight weeks before the primaries, the county commissioners shall publish the names of all offices for which nominations are to be made, with the date of the primaries, for three successive weeks, in at least two newspapers, etc." To have complied with the act pub-

lication should have been made at the very latest two weeks ago. Omission to do so, of course, was not wilful on the part of the county commissioners or any one connected with officials. The advertisement has been published this week and the probability is that not one voter out of a hundred will know the difference.

But the principal point is will the Centre county primaries be legally held. There is no precedent to go by, as there is no case on record in the entire State of a similar nature. Of course it won't stop the holding of the primaries. They will be held on the regular date as specified in the primaries act, which is the third Tuesday in September (the 17th.) But it leaves a loophole for any candidate defeated at the primaries to institute a contest on the grounds that the primaries were not legally would be up to the courts for a deci-

The peach crop may have dodged the frost this year but the hot and dry weather has got the huckleberry crop in a strangle hold.

-It will be "too bad" if Governor Fisher is unable to justify the increased gasoline tax by an equally more than they have need for. increased revenue return.

The X-ray is being put to increasingly hard tasks. It is now being used to detect flaws in steel.

-Maybe those New York conheat."

employment.

The latest and most practical step toward the solution of a great na-tional problem was taken during the past week, when Secretary of Commerce Lamont appointed a representative committee of citizens to cooperate in enumerating the unemployed in connection with next year's regular census of the population. Officials of the Department of Com-merce and Labor had previously met with employers, economic and sociological experts and others directly interested in this subject.

The necessity for having full and accurate data regarding unemployment before effective remedial measures can be applied was brought into clear relief a year ago last spring, when so many persons were out of work and the Senate called for the figures. These Secretary of Labor Davis was able to furnish only approximately on the basis of reports made to his department. He placed the total number of unemployed at number of persons gainfully employ-

Since Mr. Davis did not include the so-called "normal" amount of unemployment, which has been roughly estimated at 1,000,000, and no exact figures relating to agriculture, mining, clerical workers and domestic off, but think of what the captain of of the pact, within a fortnight the perance fanatics and bootleggers year, and it will take time as well as factors as growth of population, immigration and the drift from the Voting machines cost a good deal farms to the cities, his statement was sharply criticized and, unfortunately, the situation, then so serious, became the football of partisan debate.

Senator Wagner produced figures do not guarantee an honest election purporting to show 5,796,000 persons top of the baler when he suddenly disapout of work. Other estimates ran as tirely new "proposal to the conscience fort against the common enemy. His bauch the ballot in any event. But high as 8,000,000. These were exand idealism of civilized nations." Al- recent summons of a number of leadmost coincident with the beginning ing Democrats, not officially affiliated lific source of fraud in recent years the discussion was that nobody knew and the voting machines will make the numerical extent of unemploy-

But the new idea is not merely to ascertain with a fair degree of accuracy the number of idle in this councost if they were installed in every try in April next. It is planned to voting district in the State. Honest ask questions showing the number elections are essential to just govern- having jobs but temporarily laid off ment and voters ought to see to it without pay, the number on strike or of the cor time and even the number employed on makeshift jobs, being unable to find work at their usual occupation.

Unless otherwise directed and prois hoped that the statistics to be obtroduction of improved lavor-saving efficiency in management. To what extent are these and other factors affecting employment? How earn their livelihood?

Valuable as have been the suggestions arising from President Harding's unemployment conference of 1921, which has just been praised by Mr. Hoover's committee on recent economic changes for making a really constructive contribution to the discussion, and promising as is Mr. Hoover's plan for a huge State and Federal "construction reserve fund" to provide employment on public works phasize the necessity for the scientific approach to the problem through the medium of next year's census. For until we know the extent andequally important—the many "kinds" the office. It was simply a case of of unemployment and their relation forgetfulness on the part of all the to the main problem, the proper remedies cannot be effectively applied.

Wheat and the Price of It.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Wheat prices have been jacked up in the markets. Why? Because of a threatened shortage of production in Canada and sections of the northwest United States. Too much fierce sunshine. Too little rain. There may be trouble in Argentina as well.

wheat in this country on July 1 was after Septembr 1, 1930. Irwin said that about 40 million mushels, twice that the intervening time would be necessary on hand in July of last year. Sur-pluses have to be exported. When there are crop failures elsewhere will however, as in the past, continue to much of our surplus has a chance to make thorough inspections of all dairies be sold abroad. When crops do well advertised according to law. Then it elsewhere our surplus is disposed of taining the present standards of hygiene only in part. It piles up.

That is the whole story of wheat. We grow too much of it, and a glut means low prices to the farmer and a loss of profit. Could output be gauged to approximate requirements all would be well. Cooperative marketing would protect the farmer. It is the surplus that will be the bane of hours later at the Williamsport hospital. the Federal Farm Board, for there is An explosion of kerosene which she was no way of making consumers buy using to start a fire in the kitchen stove

The law of supply and demand applies to wheat precisely as it applies to all other products. It can't be beaten.

-When the Philadelphia police arrested a daughter of former Govthey monkeyed with a hornet's nest. dren ran onto the highway.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Russell Jackson, 28, a patient in the Blair county hospital, near Hollidaysburg, drowned in a five gallon barrel of water on Saturday. Sent to feed a flock of chickens, the patient fell head-first in the barrel, which was used to catch rain water. He was dead when found by hospital attaches.

-Anthony Wasko's week-long search for his missing horse ended on Saturday when he found the animal, alive and uninjured, in an abandoned mine shaft near his home at Bernice, Bradford county. The horse had been grazing when the ground caved in, dropping him about twenty-five feet into the mine.

-Shamokin borough has been made defendant in a \$20,000 suit by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mirarch, residents of the town. Mrs. Mirarch fell in front of a home and will be permanently lame, she contends, and claims the borough is at fault for compelling the property owner to have his pavement in good shape.

-While operation of the Williamsport post office will be temporarily in the hands of an employee designated by the Postmaster-General, it will not be long before Congressman Kiess will present a name for confirmation to succeed the late Postmaster W. S. Hill. who committed suicide by shooting last week, owing to an allegel shortage in his accounts.

-When a team of horses drawing a wagon loaded with oats arrived at the barn without a driver. Signor Ruhl, of Mount Joy, investigated and found his father-in-law, Milton Miller, lying in the field dead. Miller, 60 years old, is believed to have been overcome by the heat and to have fallen from the wagon. The wheels passed over his body and killed

-A baby asleep in a crib was covered with plaster knocked from the ceiling when the home of William Fink, near New Oxford, Adams county, was struck by lightning. After hitting the roof, the bolt ran down the side of the house, breaking windows, knocking off weather boarding and loosening plaster on the walls. Although covered by the plaster, the baby was not injured.

-Kenneth, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cole, of the Peoples Planing Mill Co., of Punxsutawney, had his right arm almost severed between the wrist and forearm, late on Monday, when a huge piece of plate glass he was helping unload from a truck broke and pinioned his arm against the truck bed. The tendons, arteries and muscles of the arm were completely severed by the glass.

-Augustus Beshore, 66, of Manchester, York county, was killed Friday afternoon when he fell into a hay baler on a farm at Mt. Wolf. He had been standing on peared. The accident was not discovered until a few moments later, when other workers noted that the baler was not operating properly. When the machine was stopped, the body was found with nearly all the bones crushed.

-Two bandits last Saturday held up two employees of the Tech Food Products company in front of the Pennsylvania National Bank, in Pittsburgh, and took \$10,-000 in week-end receipts which the men were taking to the bank. The employees pany, Henry Koch and George the bank. The bandits escaped in an automobile. Pedestrians who witnessed the holdup, failed to comprehend its significance for the first few minutes as the bandits worked so smoothly in their ac-

-A big steam shovel, weighing thirtytained under the new plan will afford five tons, which is being used to make a measure of the effects of changes in excavations for the new Y. M. C. A. buildthe technique of production, of the in- ing, at Coatesville, is in danger of being swallowed by quicksand, which has demachinery of the movement toward veloped at the bottom of the pit. The corporate mergers and of increased steam shovel fell into the quicksand as the crew were trying to move it. Efforts that have been made so far, have only moved the shovel deeper in the mire. Citizens, who have made similar excavations assert that a swamp exists in that section of the town, and the quicksand is virtually bottomless and swallows up anything heavy that gets into it.

-Wading in the shallow Schuylkill river at Blackrock Dam, just north of Phoenixville, Monday afternoon, Anthony Koch, 12 years old, stumbled over an obstruction. He called other playmates to assist in removing it and the boys were horrified as they lifted to the surface the body of Peter Koch, 9 years old, brother of Anthony. There were eight boys in the in time of adversity, they merely em- group that set out for the swimming hole shortly after noon. Peter Koch, a good swimmer, was among them and was playing around in water with his mates. None noticed his disappearance. It is thought he was seized with cramps. John Koch, a Reading railway track walker, was hurriedly summoned and with a physician and five of the older boys worked over the body for an hour, but failed to revive

-Announcement was made this week by Ralph E. Irwin, chief of the milk section of the Pennsylvania State Health Department, that in conformity to the Act passed by the last Legislature relative to milk control, printed copies of which are now being forwarded to all dairymen and milk dealers in the State, application blanks will be available on and after January .. The estimated surplus of stored 1930, and permits will be required on and to develop the required machinery properand milk plants for the purpose of mainand cleanliness now general in this Commonwealth.

-Her clothes ablaze, Mrs. Jennie Hauser, 29 years old, dashed onto the highway at her home at Linden, Lycoming county, last Thursday, and stood screaming from pain, while scores of motorists gathered helplessly around her. She died several set fire to the house, which was burned to the ground. She was the mother of three children ranging in age from four to ten years. The fire occurred while Mrs. Hauser was preparing dinner. The fire was slow and she threw kerosene upon it. There was a burst of flames enveloping her and spreading to the kitchen. The entire house was soon a seeth-