

INK SLINGS. AWAKE

This' morning, some time before day break, I heard a strange bird sing...

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

It will be hardly worth while for Mussolini to try on a cloak of modesty. It won't fit.

It may be set down as a safe bet that there will be no great treasury surplus in Harrisburg at the end of the present biennium.

High hopes are being built on the prospective visit of Premier MacDonald, 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.

We were in error last week when we said that the last day for filing nomination papers for borough and township offices is August 6.

The boot-leggers who bought an entire ship load of Canadian liquors and paid for it in counterfeit money are probably laughing their heads off.

Of course it was only a mistake, but the gentleman from State College 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 Finchs are humming along, somewhere in the south sea, their names are being brought up often where future political line-ups in Pennsylvania are discussed.

We have a hazy recollection that we made the suggestion that resulted in the election of our present burgess. If anybody wants to challenge that they may.

It is true that he turned tall when we wanted him to fly to Bill Thompson's conference in Chicago, but inasmuch as we would have done the same thing if it is not for us to hold that against him.

It is now nine-fifty-five Wednesday night and we're just home from what we believe will be the last fishing expedition in 1929.

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President Hoover's Strange Notion.

In the engineering mind of President Hoover Christian civilization began the day he qualified as a member of the President's cabinet in Washington.

So long as all the peoples of the several signatories of the multilateral treaty are faithful to a voluntary obligation it will serve a great purpose.

But even at that it wasn't an entirely new proposal to the conscience and idealism of civilized nations.

Wyoming Valley's Water War.

For several days the Wyoming valley, in this State, has been disturbed by what has been locally called a "water war."

The enticement offered to the local corporations to surrender their franchises to the holding company was better, more economical and therefore cheaper service.

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Wise Work of Chairman Collins.

The largest vote ever cast for a Democratic candidate for any office in Pennsylvania was that received by Albert E. Smith last year.

Chairman Collins deserves the highest praise for his splendid work in the campaign of 1928, and an equal measure of approval for his subsequent efforts to preserve and strengthen the party for future effort against the common enemy.

It may not be significant at all but it is nevertheless true that Secretary Davis is the only active candidate for Governor who was a 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 become a self-appointed censor of the group of middle-west Republican Senators in Congress who are supporting President Hoover in his effort to fulfill the obligations of the Kansas City platform and the pledges made in his campaign speeches.

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."

Mayor Mackey evidently imagines that farming is a sort of diversion like golf or tennis and has no relation to industry.

Lamentable Indifference of Voters.

There seems to be a surprising indifference in the public mind with respect to the use of voting machines in Pennsylvania since the adoption of the constitutional amendment on the subject.

Voting machines cost a good deal at the beginning but according to experts they are a valuable asset and a wise investment in the end.

The Republican factional fight in Schuylkill county is being watched with interest from all sections of the State, not because there is a choice between them but for the reason that they are equally bad.

Commissioners Forgot to Advise Primaries.

A peculiar political situation might develop in Centre county because the county commissioners forgot to advertise the forthcoming primaries at the time specified by law.

To have complied with the act publication should have been made at the very latest two weeks ago.

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.

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 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 convicts in Auburn were "crazy with the heat."

Utilizing the Census to Attack Unemployment.

The latest and most practical step toward the solution of a great national 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.

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.

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 service, and took no account of such factors as growth of population, immigration and the drift from the farms to the cities, his statement was sharply criticized and, unfortunately, the situation, then so serious, became the football of partisan debate.

But the new idea is not merely to ascertain with a fair degree of accuracy the number of idle in this country in April next.

Unless otherwise directed and provided with a list of questions on this subject, the enumerator would report all these classes as unemployed.

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 in time of adversity, they merely emphasize the necessity for the scientific approach to the problem through the medium of next year's census.

The estimated surplus of stored wheat in this country on July 1 was about 40 million bushels, twice that on hand in July of last year.

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.

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 Governor Pennypacker as an anarchist they monkeyed with a hornet's nest.

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.

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.

Shamokin borough has been made defendant in a \$20,000 suit by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mirarch, residents of the town.

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 illegal 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.

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.

Kenneth, 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cole, of the Peoples Planning 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.

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 top of the baler when he suddenly disappeared.

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.

A big steam shovel, weighing thirty-five tons, which is being used to make excavations for the new Y. M. C. A. building, at Coatesville, is in danger of being swallowed by quicksand, which has developed at the bottom of the pit.

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.

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 1, 1930, and permits will be required on and after September 1, 1930.

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.