

Sam Lewis' faction was defeated in the York county primary and that may work an elimination of one figure in the contest for Governor next year.

The announcement that "Uncle Andy" Mellon will remain in the Cabinet until the end of President Hoover's term doesn't surprise us a bit. In truth we never believed, for a minute, that there was any danger of his resigning. Money has been his play to all his life and the Treasury of the United States means just as much to Mr. Mellon as a Christmas tree does to the average five year old.

Senator Sheppard's proposed amendment to the Volstead law, that would make the buyer of illegal liquor as guilty as the vendor, is causing sleepless nights, even for some of the driest Senators and members of Congress. It seems to us to be a perfectly logical proposal. If law can go half way in making a crime out of what isn't one surely it would be more consistent if it were to go the whole way.

In Philadelphia, today, even the ground keepers at Shibe park will be bigger men than Bill Vare or Mayor Mackey. In fact we believe that if President Hoover and Ramsey MacDonald should be walking up Chestnut street this morning at the same time Howard Emke and Jimmy Fox were walking down the other side no one would notice the men who might be holding the peace of the entire world in the palms of their hands at the moment.

Not that we are in any of the pools or have any side bets on the series, but we'd like to see the "Afatics" put the bee on the Cubs to-day and tomorrow, too. Mr. Cornelius McGillicuddy Mack doesn't photograph a bit better than Calvin Coolidge did and we think you all know how tired we have become of looking at Cal's picture in the paper. Cal always looked to us like he was smelling a bad smell and "Connie" just can't camouflage his Adam's apple. We got our fill of Adam's apples when good old Charley Wavelly, the sewing machine agent, used to filter in and through Centre county.

"H. S. S." writes from Osceola a response to our S. O. S. for advice on how to manage a furnace so will please everybody in the house. He says he has a "tiny furnace lock," for which he paid five smackers and, "it still works." Evidently H. S. S.' didn't get the gist of what we call our "touching appeal for assistance." It isn't a clock reminder we need. No, far be it from that! We never get our nose inside the door that some one doesn't remind us that "the furnace needs attention." That we need is damiana or something like those pills that are advertised to work while one sleeps. In other words, we'd like to have the furnace please everybody without having to be annoyed with reminders of any sort about it. And we don't think "H. S. S.'s" five dollar clock would help a bit, for we'd regret to wind the clock just as certainly as we forget to go to the furnace.

Talking about pulling boneheads, we have done in another paragraph somewhere in this column, that do you think of the State's recent broadcasted advice to farmers and woodsmen to put corn out for wild turkeys? We once tried to take potato cakes out of some pie crust dough that was standing in the refrigerator, because we thought it as left-over mashed potatoes. We're dumb enough to have done that because we are not a high salaried urinary specialist. But we are not dumb enough to believe that the suggested practice of putting corn out for wild turkeys now is good for wild turkeys. In the first place it is the season in the year when they can get all the corn they want flying to the nearest corn field. The second, we hate to think of what will happen to the poor wild turkeys on the morning of November 1st, when they flock into the corn fields that the game commission is urging farmers, woodsmen and sportsmen to put out now.

Two weeks ago we made a terrible bull. It was September 27 and we ran nearly our entire edition before we noticed that the head date had not been changed and was reading September 20. We mailed a misdated paper as far as we could and saved the corrected copy for local distribution so as to avoid being razzed for the "bonehead." It appears that we didn't get far enough away, for former Griff Cronister promptly called upon Altona to know when he was going to get his paper of September 20. It cost the gentleman forty or more cents to rub it in on us that day, and he probably would have done the same thing had he been living in Chicago where he would have had to pay two dollars and fifteen cents to gratify his glee at having gotten something on the Watchman. We have no come back on that, but the sheriff was seeing things when he charged us with having said that the boats ran into Bellefonte fifty years ago. We admit having sent a paper on September 27 that was dated September 20, but we never said the other. In the language of the late Hon. Jim Schofield: "I deny the allegation and can lick an allegator."

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President Hoover's Ambitious Program.

The Washington newspaper correspondents interpret President Hoover's recent demand that Senator Howell "lay his evidence of liquor law violation before the Department of Justice" as "fair notice to all critics of the administration, or those who seek to lessen the rights and privileges of the executive office, that the President may be expected to stike back in the most public way." In other words, the President proposes to exercise the powers of a Czar by intimidating Senators as well as citizens who happen to disagree with his policies and practices. To that end he intends to enlarge on the methods of the late President Roosevelt and take chances on the result.

Referring to this purpose one of the correspondents writes, "he had tremendous power of publicity, more than any other person in the United States, or probably for that matter in the world. Every word the President utters for publication is sent out by the general press associations to all sections of the country and the circulation obtained in this way is supplemented by comment in hundreds of dispatches telegraphed to newspapers by their Washington correspondents. No matter how voluminous a Presidential utterance or what the subject may be every effort is made by the press associations to telegraph it in full to their clients." This is unquestionably a vast power for good or evil.

Invested with this great power President Hoover, according to these well-informed persons, proposes to bludgeon, not only the Congress but the press and the public into submission, without protest, to every "sin of omission or commission" he may choose to commit. But he is liable to meet with disappointment in these expectations. There are men in Congress sufficiently independent in mind and courageous in heart to defy mandates to silence and consent, and there are newspapers and individuals in this land of free speech who have the nerve to not only approve but applaud such expressions of manhood. President Hoover is not equipped mentally to put over such a programme.

Senators and Representatives who voted for the four cent gas tax are paying the penalty. Ealy has been defeated for judge in Somerset county and Ashton for controller in Luzerne county.

The Constitution Vindicated.

The action of the Senate in striking from the pending tariff bill what is known as the "flexible" provision is not only a wise vindication of the constitution but a just rebuke of the President's demand for authority, under the law, to scrap the fundamental law of the land at his pleasure or for his advantage. The constitution specifically declares that all legislation shall be enacted by Congress, and in fact as well as by virtue of custom fixing, tariff rates is legislation. Notwithstanding this provision, President Hoover asked the Senate to bestow upon him this power, with the co-operation of a commission which he may appoint, pack and control, to exercise this prerogative.

From the date of the adoption of the constitution until the time the "Ohio crowd" came into the control of the government at Washington no party or administration attempted to subvert the organic law by the usurpation of the taxing power. In 1922 Congress, delirious over the election of Harding, inserted a provision in the tariff bill enacted that year which has enabled the President to increase tariff rates whenever political expediency seemed to make it desirable. This power has been exercised three or four times and at least once in a way that was scandalous. President Hoover, who is already stringing wires to secure a reelection, correctly estimates the advantage it would afford him.

In the wise action of the Senate, the other day, thirteen Republican Senators participated. Four "pseudo" Democrats, probably under agreement for a share of the spoils, deserted their party and violated its traditions by voting with the Republicans to violate the constitution which they had sworn to "support, obey and defend." The defeat of the purpose in the Senate was a splendid achievement but it is not a certain victory. The fight will be continued in the conference committee and the full force of patronage will be employed to put the inquiry across. But there are reasons to hope that the opposition will remain steadfast and the principles of the constitution be maintained.

There is a silver lining to every cloud, and the Vare victory in Philadelphia has squelched the ambition of Mayor Mackey to be Governor.

Premier MacDonald's Visit.

The cordial reception accorded to Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald on his arrival in this country a week ago, is convincing evidence of the full sympathy of the American people with the ostensible purpose of his visit. He came, according to his own declaration and the common understanding, in the interest of peace, and practically all Americans want peace. He is not, as he stated in a speech before the League of Nations, under the illusion that in a few brief conversations between President Hoover and himself this result may be guaranteed. But he hopes that out of such conversations world-wide public sentiment will be created that will ultimately result in universal and enduring peace.

It is folly to expect that world-wide harmony of purpose can be accomplished by an agreement, however cordial, between two nations, even though they be recognized as leaders in industrial and commercial life. It is equally futile to hope that an agreement between the United States and Great Britain will secure that measure of fraternity that will guarantee universal peace. This result can only be achieved by a movement in that direction in which a large number, if not a majority, of the nations of the world participate. Prime Minister MacDonald understands this fact as fully as any other man. His hope is that his visit here may lead up, through the League of Nations, to that.

The British Premier "is in our midst," however, with "his heart on his sleeve" and an olive branch in his hand, ready and willing to meet any demand which seems to him reasonable, and the enthusiasm of his reception, not only in New York and Washington, but throughout the length and breadth of the land, indicates that the people of the United States are of the same mind. But we mustn't expect too much of him. At the recent conference at The Hague, for the purpose of setting the new reparations plan in motion, the representative of the MacDonald government of Great Britain asserted himself in a manner that left no doubt on the world mind that Johnnie Bull "wants his."

Republican women of Gettysburg protest against the assessment of State employees for campaign purposes, but the State administration doesn't mind little things like that.

Shearer and Other Lobbyists.

For some reason the investigation of the shipbuilders' lobby was suspended during the period of time that Premier Ramsay MacDonald was a guest of the government in Washington. Probably it was for the purpose of concealing from the distinguished Englishman the sinister methods by which legislation is enacted in this country. But if that was the purpose the result will be disappointing. Mr. MacDonald knows a good deal about parliamentary practices and with a keen mind can "see as far into a millstone" as another. He is probably as fully informed as to the operations of Mr. Shearer as any of the Senators or Representatives in Congress, and understands Shearer quite as well.

Mr. Shearer is not a new element in the processes of legislation in this country. He is a type, and as such has become as essential in the work as a presiding officer or a clerk. He represents a selfish interest seeking favors and his business is to buy or blarney members of a legislative body into supporting the measure in which he is concerned. Every tariff bill that has been enacted since the Civil war, with the exception of the Wilson bill in the seventies and the Underwood bill enacted during the Woodrow Wilson administration, has been procured through the efforts of paid lobbyists, and the same is true of every other piece of legislation to promote special interests.

William P. Shearer is a well-dressed man with an abundant vocabulary and no conscience. He is strong on patriotism and weak in morals. He is in favor of anything that will get him easy money and secure a life of luxury. But in this he is not different from any other professional lobbyist in Washington, Harrisburg, Albany or any other seat of legislation. He is an expensive luxury both to those who employ him and the people who pay the taxes. The interests pay him liberally and reimburse themselves by robbing the public through the legislation he procures for them. It is to be hoped that the exposure of Shearer will result in the elimination of that element in legislation.

Joe Grundy wants to go to the Senate and his ambition may cause a rupture in the relations between Governor Fisher and the Mellon family.

Women Against the Pending Tariff Bill.

A group of women in New York have formed an organization under the title of "The Women's Non-Partisan Fair Tariff Committee" for the purpose of opposing certain schedules of the Hawley-Smoot bill now pending in the Senate. The members of the committee, according to the New York World, are "professional and business women, teachers and heads of various civic organizations." They have promise of the adherence of the National Housewives League and the Women's National Civic Organization. Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the Housewives League, is actively affiliated with the movement and calls for "a merger of housewives to protect the economic foundations of the American home."

The declared purpose of the organization is to protect against the "proposal of higher taxation upon women's wearing apparel and shoes." The pending bill lays particularly high rates on commodities of these types and it is small wonder that resentment has been aroused in the minds of the intelligent women who have organized this form of resistance. Wearing apparel and shoes compose a considerable part of the expense bill of the average woman and there is no perceptible reason for pyramiding the prices which are already inordinately high. For these reasons the Women's Non-Partisan Fair Tariff Committee is justified and ought to have the cordial cooperation of all women of the country.

But the intelligent women who are engaged in this laudable enterprise ought to know that there are other features of this odious legislation quite as objectionable as that against which they have chosen to oppose. The proposed tax on sugar will cost the consumers hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and increases on every article in use in the household will add to the domestic budget already too burdensome. If the women of the country will act together and vigorously they can defeat this conspiracy to rob them. Even without the right to vote the resentment against the McKinley tariff bill resulted in an overwhelming defeat of the party responsible for that relatively mild measure.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth has set Washington society aghast. She and her husband sent their "regrets" to the President and Mrs. Hoover and did not attend the state dinner in honor of Ramsey MacDonald and his daughter. Such things simply aren't done in Washington and the lady who pours "Nick's" coffee is being talked about very much. It seems to us that that is nothing new to her. We think she thrives on it, for when she was "Princess" Alice of the White House she was always doing something that had the appearance, at least, of focusing public attention on herself. Unless we are mistaken she is the lady who one time jumped into a fountain for no other apparent reason than creating a sensation.

Only four borough councilmen reported for the regular meeting, on Monday evening, and the result was no session could be held. Bond White was on hand to secure approval of the plans for the new postoffice building and while no official sanction could be given him the four councilmen who examined the plans expressed themselves as satisfied that they will meet all requirements for a building within the fire zone of the borough. According to the plans the main entrance to the lobby of the building will be in the centre on the Spring street side.

The new moon is about as far around in the southern heavens as it can get, but we haven't noticed that the sign is making good so far as bringing warmer weather is concerned.

The kite flying record is now fifty-one hours, but there is no telling what the American boy will achieve along these lines in the future.

The first football fatality of the season occurred near Philadelphia, last Saturday, but it wasn't put any restraint on the players.

The defeat of the flexible provision of the tariff bill will make it much harder for Hoover to trade for votes in the South.

Hoover and MacDonald have come to an agreement on something but nobody seems to know exactly what it is.

Unless the flexible feature stays dead the Hawley-Smoot bill will go to the "bone-yard."

Imagine, if you can without a nightmare, Judge Maxey, of Scranton, for Governor.

TO THE "SHUT INS."

Shadows on my wall, some times huge, And then, so small I fear they've flown away. Never mind who knows—perhaps one day The wind will let them stay. Shadows on my wall! Why, they're not there at all. There they go, the wind outside is blowing so. It keeps the shadows dancing to and fro, As the tree tops bend and bow. Oh, yes, 'twas always and forever so About the lovely shadows on one's wall Or, in fact the shadows of one's heart. But that, in truth, is a sacred thing, apart.

For shadows all are fashioned from precious things. Light and sunshine, trees and folks, who live and sing. Then the playing wind, it comes along and all A sudden shadows dance upon one's wall. And when the final shadow falls, And we go out to leave it all, Would our passing be made more clear Could we leave one good shadow here?

So we must be thoughtful. What we say, and do, through all Can make bright shadows, or will mar Every shadow left upon life's wall. WINIFRED MEEK-MORRIS September 1929.

Men of the Shearer Breed.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Gathered in Geneva in 1927 were expert representatives of various nations with naval restriction the topic for discussion. They could not agree. To Geneva went William B. Shearer, who was in the pay of certain shipbuilding corporations. But for a suit entered by Mr. Shearer against these corporations for money he claims is due him the world never would have heard of him, or at least would not have given him a thought. A statement issued by President Hoover that his activities ought to be given an airing and an inquiry ordered by the Senate committee on Naval Affairs brought him into prominence.

Now, what did he do for his wages? Nothing—so far as actual accomplishment was concerned. Then why his employment? The shipbuilding officials insist that they did not hire him to influence the conference. They merely desired his services as a reporter and observer. Summoned to defend his presence in Geneva, he explains that he was there to see that our Navy got a square deal as to publicity. Having been given the impression that he claimed to have broken up the parley the public is now asked by him to see that he certainly was not responsible for the deadlock. It is readily understood that he could not have been. One lobbyist—or "observer"—in the midst of a multitude of governmental experts could have had no serious standing.

The shipbuilders insist that they were not seeking to block a naval agreement at Geneva; that they are not seeking to block one now. What do they want? They may know what to expect and prepare for. But what practical return could they have anticipated from their investment in William B. Shearer? The gullibles are always with us, and even great corporations contain them. Of what possible good did the captains of industry imagine Mr. Shearer could be to them? A reporter? An observer? They could have obtained every important bit of news from the trained and well-informed newspaper representatives on the spot. However, it is not at all peculiar that Shearer should have been dispatched to Geneva, considering the fact that it has become quite common for corporative organizations to maintain "observers" in Washington. When will their employers learn that these paid agents can not give them any information that the newspapers practice is that other, one of flooding newspaper offices with the propaganda of publicity promoters. Don't they realize that editors are quick to spot the nature of such communications which go into the waste baskets unread? When gullibility ceases a vast amount of money, now wasted, will be saved.

Scratching for a Living.

From the Worcester Telegram. The Chicago preacher who is sending five children through school and college on a salary of \$2000 a year is something of a financier. Of course on the face of it the thing simply do not supply? Alkin to this practice is that other, one of flooding newspaper offices with the propaganda of publicity promoters. Don't they realize that editors are quick to spot the nature of such communications which go into the waste baskets unread?

But this preacher's explanation is simple and available to all who are willing to make some sacrifices that their children may have a thorough education. He began young to teach them to scratch for a living, by making them how to make every day and every opportunity count on the side of earnings and thrift.

These boys and girls learned to do productive work during vacations, on Saturdays and holidays. They have been able, and will be able, he says, to pay their way as they go along. We have an idea that this regimen will provide them all with more than book learning. They are destined to know how to evaluate what they have, how to discriminate between things of equal cost but not equal value; how to meet problems in the class room and on the campus and, later, in the business and professional world.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

With \$14,000,000 worth of contracts on hand the Sun Shipbuilding Company, at Chester, has enough work to keep it going at top speed until the summer of 1931.

With thousands of dead fish floating down the Susquehanna river, fishermen say the stream is suffering from the worst case of pollution ever known. The water has turned red-brown in the North Branch, rivermen say.

Just as he was boarding a street car in Pittsburgh, to go to the coroner's office where he was to serve on the coroner's jury, W. J. Patterson 72, was stricken with apoplexy and died a short time later in a Pittsburgh hospital.

Another prolific gas well in Southwestern Pennsylvania went on record when the Peoples Natural Gas Company drilled in a well on the Hiram Robinson farm in Washington county, with a flow of 1,700,000 cubic feet daily. At present retail gas rates the daily output of this well is worth \$1020.

L. M. Stover, forest ranger and a crew of men, with road machinery, are widening the White Deer-Sugar Valley turnpike from Mile Run to the water dam. When this work is completed it will make it possible for motorists to traverse the highway from the Tea Spring to White Deer through the most picturesque part of Clinton county.

Construction was started at Barnesboro this week on the new Philips-Jones Collar and Shirt factory, which will be erected in that place. The foundation for the new \$80,000 structure will be completed within a few days and work on the building will be rushed to early completion. It is believed the factory will be ready for occupancy about January 1. More than 300 girls will be employed by the industry.

Baker Diehl, 23, of Duncansville, was instantly killed, on Sunday, at the Cross Keys airport when he struck the ground as his parachute failed to open after a jump from an airplane at an altitude of 3000 feet. A thousand persons looked on as he plunged to death. Diehl's regular summer schedule of parachute exhibitions ended last week, but he went up on Sunday to thrill the large crowd gathered at the airport because of the fine weather.

Mrs. Frank Bartley, aged 50 years, is in a critical condition in the Lock Haven hospital suffering from concussion of the brain, severe lacerations of the skin, fractured left ankle, four fractures of the pelvic bone and other injuries sustained Sunday night just outside the city limits of Lock Haven when she was struck by a car driven by Rebecca S. Berry, of Salona. Mrs. Bartley was trying to cross the street when she was hit.

Frank J. Gabriel, of Johnstown, was found guilty, last Friday, of a charge of forgery and false pretense in connection with a deal by which he was said to have obtained \$1,769.40 worth of eggs from R. V. Kerr, Indiana merchant. Kerr claimed that Gabriel obtained the eggs on false pretense and paid for them with forged checks, bearing the signature of Morris A. Aumann and drawn on the William Penn Trust company, of Pittsburgh.

J. F. Birth, 72, of Nescopeck, soon will complete a seven-room bungalow on which he has worked in spare time for two years. Not a builder by trade, he conceived the house building idea several years ago and has done all of the work except digging the cellar, wiring the building and installing the plumbing. He raised heavy beams alone. The beams were salvaged from a church razed several years ago and were cut 60 to 75 years ago.

Pennsylvania farmers have produced annually during recent years approximately twice as much buckwheat as was produced in the Commonwealth eighty years ago, according to the State Department of Agriculture. Even during the last forty years, the average acre yield of buckwheat has been increased from ten to twenty-two bushels, so that in spite of the decrease of approximately 4000 acres in area producing the crop, the production has increased over 1,500,000 bushels.

The thirteenth tooth extracted during a visit to a dentist at Sayre, last Friday, proved fatal to Howard Daly, 50 years old. He had been given an anesthetic but died just after the last tooth had been pulled. Acting coroner George Bonfoey investigated the Daly's death and after a physician had reported that he was apparently in good condition to take the anesthetic, released the body to an undertaker with a report that the dentist, Dr. G. M. Maxwell, had taken all necessary precautions.

With more than 100 chickens slaughtered by a mysterious killer, believed to be a fox, farmers of North Coventry township, Montgomery county, formed a posse, on Monday, and armed with rifles and shotguns, with beagle and bird dogs to trail, they brought the animal, a seven year old, weighing 15 pounds, to bay at Cedarville. George Henderson shot the animal. For a week the weird cry of the coyote was heard in the hills at night, but only once before was it seen in daylight. How it came to be so far from the Western prairies is not known.

A settlement of the tax problem arising from the \$24,000,000 estate of the late Philip F. du Pont, of Fairville, Chester county, was effected on Monday, when the register of wills office received a check for \$786,863.41 from the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust company, trustee of the estate. The check represented the remainder of the normal inheritance tax due upon the huge estate. To date nearly \$1,000,000 in taxes have been paid by the trustee. The Chester county court recently decided that the taxes should be paid out of du Pont's private estate of \$8,000,000 rather than from three huge trust funds which he created during his life. The estate is the largest ever administered in Chester county.

In one of the most extraordinary proceedings marking the closing of a business enterprise, the A. J. Deanan company, of Williamsport, one of the oldest and best established manufacturers and retail sellers of furniture, in Central Pennsylvania, announced their intention, at a joint meeting of all their employees on Monday to give their employees all their property with incurrence, with the exception of the building from which the retail business is conducted. The gift included a large furniture factory located at Montoursville, with the ground upon which the building stands, all manufactured furniture, work in process, stocks and accounts receivable, and the entire stock of merchandise contained in the Hellman building, in Williamsport. The employees are to form a corporation to be known as the Susquehanna Furniture company.