

INK SLINGS.

The latest information concerning one Gifford Pinchot is that he is an interested spectator of events in Washington.

When the new post-office building is completed Spring street will see people licking stamps who never licked them there before.

Senators are now persuaded that Watson isn't big enough for floor leader and that Moses is too funny to be President pro tem.

Having been elected a Justice for the township of Ferguson the Hon. J. William Kepler is now a 'Squire. Until we hear from friend Bill we shall not know which of the prefixes he prefers. Certain it is that he is entitled to both of them.

Yesterday it was the Fourth of July. Tomorrow it will be Christmas. Do you realize that Christmas will be here in thirty-three days? And have you thought anything at all about the remembrances you will be wanting to send those good friends of yours?

Talking about being in hot water, it paid Miss Juniata Hansen, of White Plains, N. Y., rather handsomely. She scalded herself in a shower bath in a New York hotel and the courts of that State have just awarded her one hundred and sixty seven thousand dollars damages. Rarely has getting into hot water such pleasant after effects.

The tenth member of the party that disturbed the last sleep of old King Tut has died. Possibly he would have died at the age of forty-five anyway, but the fact that those explorers—or vandals, if you prefer to think them that—have been dropping off so regularly ought to cause those who are thinking of meddling with the graves of Pharaohs to consider whether they are quite ready to cash in.

If you were to ask us how much we enjoyed the State-Bucknell game we might express our reactions to the nth degree of accuracy by saying that we got about as much leisure out of it as we did out of Mr. Stokowski's interpretation of travinsky music over the radio a few Sunday nights ago. State is on hearted, all right enough. One could see that when she held her opponent for downs three times within five yard line, but outside of possibly three men she doesn't seem to have foot-bal "it."

To L. E. R. who writes to know that we would say about him if he would say he wants "to stop the watchman" we reply: The coming and going of subscribers to a newspaper is a matter of every day occurrence. The publisher, of course, likes to see a net balance in the turnover. L. E. R.'s action in cancelling his subscription would be a regrettable matter, of course, but is what every publisher of a newspaper is steeled to expect, and nothing would be said about it in the columns of the paper, for it wouldn't be parallel with the case he had in mind when he wrote us. If he should like to request us to cancel his subscription and ask for comment on the fact that he had done so we would think of nothing else to say than that we have known him since he was a boy, a darned hard working boy at that, and we are glad that he is gotten on as well as he has.

The savants of the world are assembled at Princeton, New Jersey, right now. We don't know whether they are having the temerity to do or not, but it is generally supposed that they are going to attack Einstein's theory of relativity. We believe that Einstein has beaten a lot of wise men to something and that most of them hate to admit it. If our premise is true we draw a red line over the trail by asking someone to solve the problem at obfuscates us right now. We are writing this stuff on a dining room table. At our left is a sideboard. On it stands four knives. The two at the western end of the sideboard are melted and leaning to the west. The two on the eastern end—rather erect at the moment—indicate that they are going to sag in an easterly direction. Now why do they react to the heat of the room in that manner? If the men can answer that problem we will rally to their support.

If the President's plan for stimulating prosperity in the country results in over production nothing will be gained. We are not much of an economist but our idea of prosperity very much like "Topsy's" idea of where she came to be. You'll remember that when asked that question she said: "I just grewed." Producing more when we can't sell what we are producing now seems to us a disastrous policy. And spending at sums taken from the pockets of those who support the government on public improvements, merely to stimulate prosperity, is dismaying a future no one knows anything about. We are not a pessimist at all. Talking with a friend a few days ago we said: "I can't see how we can hope for better days for everyone if we do, but we do believe our entry needs a lesson and it ought to be left to take it right now. The unprecedented wealth that the war brought to the United States has been too many people with the idea that they ought to lie in the lap of luxury forever.

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Arnold's Corrupt Scheme

When the first lobby committee of the Senate presented to public view a pen portrait of William Shearer it was widely believed that the most despicable figure in a contemptible fraternity stood revealed. But that was a mistake. Senator Caraway, chairman of the second lobby committee, has uncovered a greater scoundrel in the person of J. A. Arnold, president of the Southern Tariff Association and the Taxpayers League. Shearer directed his energies to the task of making "suckers" of wealthy corporation executives for his own personal profit. Incidentally he antagonized some of the cherished policies of the administration but did comparatively little harm because nobody trusted him. But Arnold employed more vicious methods to accomplish more sinister purposes. With the intention to deceive the people of the South he conceived the idea of procuring the nomination and election by Democratic constituencies in northern districts of colored men to Congress, thus alienating white voters of the South from allegiance to the Democratic party. He presented his plan to Senator Reed of Pittsburgh, and Senator Watson, of Indiana, and with or without their approval had the temerity to ask President Hoover to support the enterprise. It was abandoned, subsequently, probably for the reason that means to finance it were not available. It would have cost a lot of money.

The southern people are averse to social equality on the color line. Mr. Arnold imagined he might capitalize this prejudice and use it to the advantage of the party which employs him. Intolerance is a strong force in the South and sending a colored man to Congress as representative of a northern Democratic constituency would cause a shock to a community which for more than a generation has been indulging, if not cultivating, prejudice. But it could only be accomplished by corrupt means and at great expense. That would make little difference to Reed and Watson if the money could be provided. But President Hoover may have vetoed the proposition. Maybe it was too raw for him.

It is a question whether the farm bloc Senators are willing to relinquish their position on the flexible provision in consideration of high rates on farm products which will do them no good.

The Tariff Fight at Present

The organization of a new bloc in the Senate justifies the expectation that the tariff bill, as rewritten by the coalition, may get through the Senate before the end of the special session. The new bloc is composed of a group of first term Republican Senators who are anxious to save the face of the President at any price. They offer to let the coalitionists write the rates on agricultural products if they will consent to the rates on manufactures contained in the existing law. The proposition has not been formally accepted by the coalitionists but the indications are it will be. At any rate no opposition has been made against big tax increases on agricultural products since the offer.

The consideration of the agricultural schedule was begun immediately after the organization of the new bloc and the tax on fresh tomatoes was increased from one-half a cent per pound to three cents and that on preserved tomatoes from fifteen to fifty per cent. ad valorem. The tax on turnips and rutabagas was next increased from twelve to twenty cents a pound and that on onions from one cent a pound to two and a half cents. The duty on peanuts was increased from four to seven cents a pound; that on fresh milk considerable and that on beans from one cent to three and a half cents a pound. The tax on mushrooms, nuts and fruits was increased and all these changes were made without a roll call.

These increases of tariff tax rates may seem flattering to the vanity of the farm bloc Senators and helpful to the purposes of the new bloc which has been derisively christened by the old guard the "band of patriots," but it is not easy to see what other good they can accomplish. Very few of those commodities are imported and the tariff tax on them will afford little advantage to home growers in the long run. They may increase the cost of living for a short time but they will add little to the revenue and competition among domestic producers will soon fix the level of prices. But the tariff taxes on the things they buy, which might be obtained cheaper abroad, will count.

General Emsley Butler protests that he is not a candidate for Governor but would like to have the office.

Secretary Mellon's Quick Change.

It wouldn't be wise to put too much faith in the promise of tax reduction made by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon the other day. The Secretary, after conference with the President, announced that present treasury conditions are such as to justify a tax cut of one per cent on incomes, which in the aggregate would amount to approximately \$160,000,000. The announcement came to the public ear as a distinct surprise. Uncle Andy has not been in the habit of predicting tax reductions. In fact in the past he has been reluctant to even permit them when voted by Congress. All recent tax cuts have been made in the face of his protest and against his warning of disaster.

The last fiscal year was unusually generous to the treasury. A moderately prosperous period in manufacturing and carrying trades swelled the income tax receipts considerably and the immense profits of speculative activities filled the vaults to overflowing. These results influenced many financiers to suggest a tax cut during the regular session of the present Congress. But Secretary Mellon did all he could to discourage such expectations until now. Meantime the speculative market collapsed and the sources of revenue which built up surpluses in the recent past have been closed. The signs point to a treasury deficit rather than a surplus for this year and therefore the announcement of a tax cut was a surprise.

There is an old adage that "whistling keeps courage up." Probably Uncle Andy is testing it out by his announcement of a tax cut at a time when the ordinary observer was preparing for a plunge into the depths of despair. According to the newspapers of the country the promise did exercise a strengthening influence on the stock market and checked the flow to lower levels. If that is true it was a helpful rather than a harmful gesture and nobody will have just cause of complaint against Secretary Mellon even though his promise was a subterfuge. His intentions were probably good and if the expectations raised by his announcement are disappointed next year it can't be helped.

Upon the not too ethical theory that "the end justifies the means," President Hoover's plan to stabilize business may be approved. But it brings conditions perilously close to Joe Grundy's political philosophy, which is that only rich men should have a voice in government.

Absurd Hopes Based on Voting

There is an old adage that "drowning men catch at straws," which is probably true but futile. But in any event it is no more absurd than some of the theories upon which politicians build hope. For example, we learn from an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary that the friends of William S. Vare imagine that because Mr. Grundy outraged the corn belt Senators by publicly stating the States they represent are "backward," and Senator Reed, of Pittsburgh, offended them by likening them to communists, the chances of Vare being admitted to the seat he sought are strengthened. The basis of this conclusion is that western Senators believe that if Vare is not seated Grundy will be appointed by the Governor.

It would be utterly impossible for any intelligent man or woman to think that under any circumstances Governor Fisher or any other man outside of an insane asylum would appoint Mr. Grundy to that or any other important office after his evidence before the lobby committee of the Senate had been analyzed. He expressed a direct repudiation of every principle of popular government as contemplated by the framers of the constitution of the United States and the traditions of the Republic. A government based on the political philosophy expressed by Grundy wouldn't endure a month. To appoint Grundy Senator would be an endorsement of that philosophy and equivalent to writing the epitaph of the party.

The western Senators who have justly taken umbrage at the language of Grundy, Reed and Moses are intelligent men. Some of them stand as among the intellectual leaders of Congress and the party. They know that Governor Fisher would not sacrifice his party and destroy himself by making such an appointment. When Vare's claims are disposed of on the assembling of Congress in regular session Governor Fisher will appoint a Republican who, though a bitter partisan and an ultra tariff-monger, will not be as abhorrent to public sentiment and moral principles as Grundy or Vare. Governor Fisher has not given up hope of future party favors and is not a "son of a wild jackass."

Sound Advice Given to Democratic Women

Jouett Shouse, chairman of the executive committee of the National Democratic committee, gave the members of the Philadelphia Democratic women's luncheon club some sound advice and wise counsel at a luncheon meeting of that organization the other day. "There could be nothing more destructive of the party," he said, "than to have alleged leaders of the organization, whether in State or county or city, who will lend themselves and their following to an alliance with the Republican party or to the election of Republican candidates." He may have had in mind an admonition against the faithless Democratic organization in that city which has been betraying the party for years.

Or his vision may have taken wider scope. There are county organizations in this State which expended all the energy they could command to induce voters to oppose the candidates of the party for President and Vice President, and in at least one county since, party favors and honors have been bestowed as rewards for such betrayal of party obligations. But whatever purpose Mr. Shouse had in view his words were both wise and timely. The Democratic party has great opportunities in the near future but complete harmony, unbounded energy and absolute fidelity to the principles of the party are necessary to realize on them. We must work and watch to achieve results.

It is true, as Mr. Shouse said, that "the Republican party is more hopeless, more disorganized, more bewildered right now than it has ever been," and there is no section in which this demoralization is more apparent than in Pennsylvania. No right-minded man or woman can give even casual approval to the language expressed by Mr. Grundy before the Senate committee, and supporting the Republican party in this State is endorsing that language, for he is the mouth-piece of the party. He is the agent who collects the slush money which buys majorities and the disburser of the favors which serve to reimburse the contributors.

Borough council, at its meeting on Monday evening, entered into an agreement with the Pitometer company to make a thorough survey and test of Bellefonte's complete water system for leakage and wastage of water. The company is to be paid at the rate of two cents a thousand gallons for all leaks or wastes found and overcome for a period of one year, or a maximum payment not to exceed \$1500. If they fail to find any leaks or wastage they get nothing. They have computed Bellefonte's per capita consumption at approximately 400 gallons a day, and it is because of this that they are willing to gamble on a large leakage. To get their maximum fee of \$1500 the company will have to find leakage and wastage totaling a quarter of a million gallons daily, or 75,000,000 gallons a year. At the present time Bellefonte is pumping two and a half million gallons daily to supply the town, which means approximately nine hundred million gallons a year. At the present rate of pumping by electricity to pump the 75,000,000 is costing the borough less than \$1300, but of course that is an annual cost, while the Pitometer company will get paid for only one year's saving.

Some anxiety is being expressed concerning the disposition of the contempt case of Big Tom Cunningham, of Philadelphia. Delaying the issue is becoming increasingly difficult.

Senator H. Johnson, of California, has been assured that he will not be slighted the next time a White House dinner is given, and Senator H. pretends to be satisfied.

The contributors to the Grundy slush fund, last year, will be disappointed when they "cash in" on his promises of reimbursement.

A new parachute jumping record has been established, sixteen persons having stepped from a plane at Roosevelt field on Sunday.

A new war has broken out between the Republican factions in Pittsburgh; this one over the division of the spoils.

If Al Smith had been elected President everybody would know exactly who was to blame for the Wall street debacle.

The voting machine was defeated in Harrisburg by a group of 700 colored voters herded in a single precinct.

Milesburg Plans to Beautify State Highway

Residents of Milesburg are already planning for a beautification of the new State highway being built through that borough from the eastern borough limits to the highway leading to Bellefonte. The distance is approximately fifteen hundred feet and the plans provide for planting catalpa bungi trees (better known as the umbrella tree) on each side of the road, about twenty-five feet apart, which will form a boulevard of beauty the entire length of the highway from the eastern line of the borough to the soldier's monument.

As figured now it will take about 125 trees to do the work, and if permission can be obtained to plant them additional trees will be planted as a background for the boulevard on the west side of the Bellefonte highway, opposite the soldier's monument. The monument committee has a fund in hand left from the monument and it is proposed to use this money in the purchase of the trees. The umbrella tree grows only about six feet in height with a top just about the size of an umbrella. By proper trimming it keeps this shape all the time, no matter how old it becomes.

The state highway through Milesburg will have a twenty-foot width of concrete with an eight foot berm on each side, and it is in the berm that the trees will be planted, the Highway Department having already welcomed the proposition. The Forestry Department has also offered to keep the trees properly trimmed and cared for after they are planted. As now planned the planting will be made in the spring.

Howard Will Have Two Republican Inspectors

Howard Borough will have two Republican inspectors of election as the result of the election on November 5th, and so far as it has been possible to ascertain there is nothing in the election laws or court decisions to give the Democrats representation on the board.

There were no candidates for inspector when the ballots were printed and it was necessary for the voters to write the names on the ballot. When the vote was tabulated it was found that G. Frank Williams, Republican, had 24 votes; M. E. Fletcher, Democrat, 21 votes. Naturally, if the minority party is entitled to representation on the board, Delh would have been declared the inspector, though he had only 4 votes to Fletcher's 21.

But the election laws state that "the two persons having the greatest number of votes for inspector, shall be declared to be inspectors of election." Nothing in the paragraph providing for the election mentions the political affiliation of the persons voted for.

But in Section 12, of Article 15, providing for the filling of vacancies on election boards by court appointment, it specifically states that "in the appointment of inspectors both shall not be of the same political party."

Just why the law provides for a minority party inspector by appointment and fails to do so by election is one of the inexplicable peculiarities of legislative enactments.

"Watchman" Wants Deer Killing Reports

Before the next issue of the Watchman reaches its readers most of the regularly organized deer hunting parties will be on their way to their hunting camps in the mountains. To those, we say the Watchman is desirous of having an early and accurate report of the number of deer killed and would appreciate it if hunters will make a special effort to get the news to us. Telephone the first day's kill.

Also, why not include a camera in your camp equipment and get a good picture of your spoils. We would also appreciate a picture, if received early in the season. Pictures should be marked with name of hunting party and location, and if any of the hunting party appear in the picture names should be given so they can be identified.

Geo. E. Rhoads Sons, contractors, expect to start pouring concrete on the post office building today. The forms are all in place to the ceiling joists and all that will remain to be done after this pouring will be a three foot fire wall all the way round the top. The fire wall is so designed that in the event of adding more stories to the structure it would be utilized as the wall on which the sills for the second story windows could be placed and right on top of the flat roof the second story flooring could be laid.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Five Wilmerding election board members have been bonded for a hearing on election fraud charges.

The West Penn Power company, serving Pittsburgh and a number of western and central Pennsylvania counties, has filed a supplemental tariff with the Public Service Commission, prescribing a new rate for large industrial consumers.

Berks county's pancake eating record was thought to have been broken at the pancake supper held in Zion Lutheran church, Womelsdorf, when one patron ate forty-two. There was no limit to the number patrons were served, with real maple sugar. The supper was most successful.

John Cluston, 18 years of age, playing tackle on the Lock Haven High school football team in its game Saturday against Barnesboro, suffered a fractured left leg. He was taken to the hospital during the game, and was given attention at that institution. His condition is said to be good.

Two proprietors of a Harrisburg hat cleaning establishment had reason to rejoice over their use of two cash registers for convenience. Recently their shop was entered by a burglar who rifled one cash register which contained 75 cents. Twenty dollars in the other machine was not touched and went unnoticed.

Complaint against the Tyrone Gas and Water company alleging an insufficient supply of water has been filed with the Public Service Commission by three consumers. The complaint charged that at times during the summer there was no water at all and the supply of water is inadequate for fire protection.

Bruises and shock were the only injuries received by Walter Keller, of East Prospect, when he fell a distance of sixty feet from the new Columbia-Wrightsville bridge into four feet of water near the Wrightsville side of the Susquehanna river, last week. Keller is a carpenter in the employ of the Wiley-Maxon company, bridge contractors.

A dog's bite cost A. B. Ranshewski, a Phoenixville baker, \$318. A jury in Chester county common pleas court last week awarded Mrs. Elizabeth Sakal, 64 years old, of Phoenixville, the sum of \$279, and her husband, John Sakal, \$39. Mrs. Sakal was attacked by the dog and severely bitten. The husband sued for medical expenses.

When the will of Mrs. Rosa Diem, of Harrisburg, was probated it was disclosed that she had left the sum of \$500 to carry on the work of caring for crippled in Lock Haven and vicinity, through the Lock Haven Community Service Association. Mrs. Diem was formerly Miss Rosa Floruss, of Lock Haven, and her gift is the first bequest to be received by that service association for its work.

Mrs. Mattie A. Cummings, of Dewart, must agree to accept \$11,349 for the loss of her husband, S. L. Cummings, who was killed at a Pennsylvania Railroad grade crossing there April 24, 1928, or a new trial will be granted. President Judge Strouss ordered in an opinion made of record in the Northumberland county court at Sunbury. She had been awarded \$16,149 by a jury, but the court found this excessive.

John McClure, principal of the Fallston public school in Beaver county, waived a hearing before David H. Stewart, justice of the peace, and furnished bail for court to answer to charges of aggravated assault and battery. Maxwell Ayres, Fallston, foster father of Eleanor Scott, 14, made the charge on behalf of the girl. Ayres alleged McClure whipped the girl on the legs with a rattan walking stick, wrapped with tape, until the blood came.

The first jury trial in the federal court in Pittsburgh, of a war risk insurance case ended in a verdict, last Friday, of \$6,900 against the government and in favor of Charles Anderson, World War veteran of Sharon, Pa. The case, based upon Anderson's claim of permanent disability, involved monthly payments due from the time of Anderson's honorable discharge April 5, 1919, to the date of filing suit April 11, 1929. Thirty other similar cases are waiting trial in the same court.

E. S. Edmond and John MacWhite did not mind the loss of \$3 and a watch so much when hold-up men robbed them Friday night but they did think it was a pretty nasty trick for the bandits to take their shoes on such a cold evening. The robbers forced the men into an automobile and rode them to another section of the city. They forced them to remove their shoes and hand over the \$3 and watch. Then they blindfolded them and left them standing on a street corner in Pittsburgh in their stocking feet.

Howard Cramer, aged 21 years, a resident of Karthaus, is in the Clearfield jail following his arrest and confession of having entered the home and drug store of Dr. I. S. Flegal, of Clearfield, and stealing money and checks totaling \$225. About \$185 of the amount was in money and the balance in checks. He had "blown in" over \$100 of the money and the checks were hidden in the woods near his home. He had made a trip to Baltimore and Harrisburg, bought himself a new suit and two extra pairs of shoes.

Roland Lemoynne Clayton, of McDonald, Washington county, who admitted during his trial that he kept as many as 100 dogs about his home, was sentenced, on Saturday to serve 11 months and 25 days in the workhouse for failure to support his wife and seven children. When arrested last December on a non-support charge Clayton was ordered to dispose of 28 dogs which he had at that time. At his trial, on Saturday, he said he still has ten of them and admitted that at times there have been as many as 100 pups about his place.

Robert S. Bachman, Easton attorney, is back in that city nursing an injured leg and lamenting the loss of two tickets to the Yale-Harvard football game. Bachman, an alumnus of Yale, was robbed of the tickets near New Haven, when held up by two armed and masked men. The bandits also took his watch and chain and a diamond stick pin valued at more than \$600, the loss of which he keenly feels, but not so much as the tickets to the gridiron classic. Bachman sustained the injured leg in a scuffle with the bandits as he tried to get back into his machine when he discovered he was the victim of a holdup. He had been forced to stop his machine on a lonely highway when the bandit car cut in ahead of him and stopped. He found out he was being robbed when he got out of the car to argue with the "trash" motorists.