

INK SLINGS.

Mr. Vare declares that he never "threw a bluff." When he announced that he was in the Senate race "to the finish" he threw one which was promptly 'called.'

There's nothing new in measuring warships by the yard. The bright minds who furnished the Capitol at Harrisburg, twenty-five years ago, measured rocking chairs by the foot.

Mr. Grundy declares that women know nothing about the tariff. The sharp cuts made on women's wear, as reported by the Senate Finance committee, indicate that his more experienced colleagues have a different idea.

The primaries are little more than three months off and up to this writing not a Democrat has expressed a desire to have our party's nomination for Assemblyman. There are many Democrats in the county who would make creditable Legislators and we are at a loss to understand why none of them have thus far expressed a willingness to carry their party's banner in a contest where prospects of victory look so promising.

The old political crystal that we gazed into years before other fakirs brought it into popularity is standing right on the table before us. Two years ago we looked into it and advised our friend Phil, Foster, of State College, that he hadn't a chance to be elected chairman of the Centre County Republican Committee. We're looking into it right now and concentrating on every refraction that it shoots out—as a crystal gazer we might be wrong, but it tells us that Phil will be elected this time.

The Bellefonte councilman who lends himself to the project of selling any portion of the Phoenix mill dam site is likely to find himself a damned sight less popular than he was when elected to represent his constituency. The borough paid twenty-five thousand dollars for that property. Not for the mill building or its surrounding land but for the water power. And selling ninety by two hundred feet of its possible impounding reservoir will be doing to it what Delilah did to Sampson when she cut his hair.

Some chickens that have been in a pen up around Milford, Pike county, since 1922 appear to be wandering back to Indiana to roost. Just now, when Governor Fisher is so desperately afraid that the shadows of Sam Lewis and Gifford Pinchot menace the Republican organization in Pennsylvania and should be dissipated at all hazards we would like to ask him who helped conjure up these shadows eight years ago? Yes, Governor Fisher incubated these chickens and it is as immutable as fate that they should be "coming home to roost."

Congressman James M. Beck blames the Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead law on the Democratic party. What a grand old goat the Democratic party is! Beck got his political start as a Democrat and now he turns to revile the party of his first choice while urging the party of his adoption to get out of its willy-nilly position and stand up and be counted as either "wet" or "dry." But it will take more than the ability and oratory of Mr. Beck to induce the Republican party to take a definite stand on any principle. It is after votes and it always has the Democratic party to blame the consequences on.

A recent decision of Judge William H. Keller, of the Superior Court, in the case of Lochetta vs. the Cunningham Cab Co., seems to fix definitely the rights of motorists meeting at the intersections of streets or cross roads. According to Judge Keller the car approaching from the right always has the right of way unless the other car is so far in advance as to afford reasonable time to clear the crossing and avoid a collision. This decision clears up a much disputed right-of-way provision of the State Motor Code which has been often construed that the car arriving first at an intersection has the right of way. It would be well for all drivers to bear this in mind.

We don't know how Senator Scott feels about the opposition from his home town to his ambition to succeed himself as state committeeman from Centre county. We understand the people backing Mr. Hugg have agreed to keep their hands off the Senator if he keeps his minions from throwing harpoons into Mr. Hugg. Hugg's election as state committeeman would mean that the Senator would no longer have a chair among the seats of the mighty. It would mean, also, that he would no longer have to "cough up" on the occasion of every monetary emergency and it would mean that the gentleman who brought Mr. Hugg out would, as mortgagee, be a continual threat when it comes to deciding who is to be the recognized boss of the Republican party in Centre county. The situation intrigues us. A very pretty political game is being played here and we are desperately curious to find out whether the Senator or Mr. Dorworth is drawing to an interior straight.

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The New Chief Justice.

In selecting a successor to Chief Justice William H. Taft, of the Supreme court of the United States, President Hoover has named an able lawyer of wide experience, presumably of judicial temperament and splendid achievement. But he was chosen so soon after the vacancy occurred and accepted the favor with such eagerness as to arouse suspicion of a bargain on the subject. Besides his habits of thought and the lines of his recent activities suggest an ulterior purpose. Since his retirement from public life Mr. Hughes has been a corporation lawyer and all his energies have been employed in devising methods by which corporations may evade legal responsibilities and acquire advantages.

It has been, and will continue to be said that the appointment of Mr. Hughes to the chief seat on the bench of the court which will ultimately determine all questions of corporate rights and privileges will promote conservatism. But Mr. Hughes is not a conservative of that type. He doesn't want to preserve the system of government established by the framers of the constitution. He is more inclined to the Grundy philosophy which aspires to combinations of capital in corporations and big business in all its forms. The old system of industry under which employer and employee were in constant touch and as intimate in social as in business contacts are not in favor of those who think as Mr. Grundy and Mr. Hughes think.

It may be justly assumed that the appointment of Mr. Hughes to be Chief Justice expresses the sympathy of President Hoover for the industrial policies of Mr. Grundy. Mr. Hoover has always been associated with big business enterprises and the trend of his mind, like that of Mr. Hughes, runs in that direction. So long as big business is flourishing it isn't worth while to bother with small enterprises, according to the Grundy philosophy. Industrial millionaires cheerfully contribute to charity organizations and the employees of abandoned small concerns will be taken care of. But pursuing that policy is not conservatism in its true sense. It is destroying by cruel and wicked processes.

Speaking of optimism a bill has been introduced in the present House of Representatives to repeal the Volstead law.

Mr. Beck on Prohibition Enforcement

The speech of James M. Beck, of Philadelphia, in the House of Representatives, last Friday, goes a long way toward confirming a doubt, heretofore expressed in these columns, of the value of the report of the Law Enforcement Commission with respect to prohibition. Mr. Beck was formerly a Democrat and though he has during recent years taxed his mental faculties to persuade himself that his earlier opinions were wrong, the speech in question reveals that some of the fundamentals of the Jefferson philosophy still linger in his mind. The trend of his argument is entirely in support of the principle of individual liberty, within law, and home rule.

Mr. Beck bases his opinion on the language of the Commission's report. It says: "We must bear in mind the Puritan's objection to administration, the Whig's tradition of a right of revolution; the conception of natural rights, classical in our polity; the Democratic tradition of individual participation in sovereignty; the attitude of the business world toward local regulation of enterprise; the clash of organized interests and opinions in a diversified community and the divergencies of attitude in different sections of the country and as between different groups in the same locality." These elements express the habit of thought of the people and enforcement comes in conflict with all of them.

Mr. Beck has not declared a purpose to oppose the enforcement of the Volstead law. On the contrary he states that he is "prepared to vote for any reasonable enforcing measure which the President may ask, provided, always, that it is not inconsistent with the constitution." But he contends that the Volstead law is not only inconsistent with the constitution but that it is repugnant to every principle of civil liberty and revolutionary of the habits of thought of the people. For that reason it cannot be enforced and the attempt to enforce it is a cruel and futile operation. The fugitive slave law was not enforced for the same reason, though the attempt was not so long continued.

Effect of Fisher's Bad Blunder

The fight of organized labor against Joseph R. Grundy was formally opened in Philadelphia last Sunday evening. More than 5000 men and women assembled in the Frakford industrial district of that city and, after listening approvingly to a speech by Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, unanimously adopted a series of resolutions denouncing Grundy as the most outstanding, bitter and relentless foe of all efforts to secure beneficial and humane legislation that this State has known, and pledging the meeting "to do all in its power to defeat Joseph R. Grundy at the polls, either at the primary or general election," and "to shake off once and for all the iron grip of reaction which the Grundy system has fastened on the political system of the State."

Various industrial organizations sponsored the meeting and several labor organization officials spoke. The purpose of the meeting was to protest against the injunction issued in Philadelphia and Northampton county against hosiery strikers. A number of young women who had been committed to the Northampton county jail occupied seats on the platform. Senator Brookhart expressed his detestation of "government by injunction" and highly commended the Shipstead anti-injunction bill now pending in the Senate. But the fact was soon revealed that Grundy was the main target for the shafts that were fired, both in speech and by response of the audience. "We are not going to allow the Grundys who represent only 15 per cent of the strength of the nation," Brookhart shouted, "to rule this country."

In view of the temper of the voters, as shown at this meeting, it is small wonder that Governor Fisher expresses alarm for the future of his party. Asked the other day in Philadelphia how the political situation stood, he replied, "It's all balled up," and in another statement he said "the gubernatorial fight has thrown the situation into an almost hopeless snarl." The Vare war board has served notice that the candidate must be Shunk Brown of a fight, and Vare sends word from Florida that he will not withdraw for any consideration. Gifford Pinchot is getting ready to shy his sombrero into the ring and friends of Senator Schantz are still pleading with Grundy. It is "confusion worse confounded" and Governor Fisher's absurd appointment of Grundy is responsible for it all.

Anyway President Hoover doesn't have to be taught how to fish. He has that much on his predecessor in office.

Lobbyists Are All Bad

To Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, all lobbyists look alike. Addressing a convention of Democratic women, in Philadelphia the other evening, he said, "there is no such thing as good lobbying. It's all bad." Whether a professional propagandist like Pearson or the proprietor of an enterprise seeking special favors from the government, like Grundy, the lobbyist is an evil influence in legislation. If he accomplishes his purpose he acquires an advantage at the expense of the consumers of the product. A sneak thief could hardly do worse by picking pockets or porch climbing. Those are only different forms of vice.

In testifying before Senator Caraway's lobby committee Mr. Grundy acknowledged that he collected upward of a million dollars during the 1928 campaign by promising contributors legislation which would reimburse them. The money thus obtained was used to buy votes and otherwise promote the election of candidates for Senators and Representatives in Congress who would favor the necessary legislation. There is no great difference, morally, between that and stuffing ballot boxes or making false returns of the votes cast. But stuffing ballot boxes and making false returns are punished by imprisonment and Grundy is rewarded by appointment to the Senate for his equally nefarious work.

"There are several classes of lobbyists at Washington," Senator Caraway continued, "and the one to which Grundy belongs aims to control the country by contributing to and financing the party organizations, obtaining vast sums of money from persons who will be benefited by subsequent legislation." If there is any difference at all in the several classes of lobbyists this type is the worst. It not only involves the lobbyist who solicits in an odious ofence against public policy but inculcates the contributor in his unlawful practice. Are the people of Pennsylvania willing to reward such practices by high favors?

Centre County Club Enjoys Annual Banquet

The Centre County Association of Philadelphia met at the Bellevue Stratford, in that city, on Saturday evening, for the annual mid-winter meeting and banquet. Warner Underwood presided and read a telegram from Dr. J. C. C. Beale, the association's secretary, who, with his family is away on a trip through the south-western portion of the United States and Mexico. The message follows:

Mexico City, Feb. 8, 1930
Greetings to the members of the Centre County Association from Mexico. The John Beale family has been having a grand and busy time here in Mexico for the past eight days, and it is only the distance that keeps them from attending the annual dinner tonight.

JOHN C. C. BEALE
Following the reading of the message the meeting was turned over to the entertainer, Mr. Braizle, who started in by calling on Mr. Underwood to sing a little song. Toasts were responded to by Mr. Underwood, Mr. Ardell, Dr. Runkle, Miss Gingerich, Miss Beale and Miss Dale. Then the guests were given a treat when a magician, who had been engaged for the evening by Dr. Beale, was introduced and did some very enjoyable and mystifying stunts.

At the conclusion of the dinner and entertainment the tables were removed and the guests enjoyed several hours of dancing. Those present were as follows:

Mr. Warner Underwood, Dr. and Mrs. Amos Underwood, Dr. and Mrs. Harris Underwood, Miss Speigle, Jimmie Morgan, Mrs. Gingerich, Miss Gingerich, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roan, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bible, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Work, Mr. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Stoops, Mr. F. McGurgan, Miss McGurgan, Miss Corl, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Meyer, C. J. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. McClain, Mrs. Tinker, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Shaughnessy, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Foster, David Beale, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Garman, Mrs. Leopold, Miss Myers, Dr. Runkle, Mr. and Mrs. Corley, Edward Miller, Miss Miller, Mrs. Sutter, Miss Matherson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ardell, Miss Elizabeth Ardell, Miss Rita Kohlhey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matten, Miss Nellie Matten, Miss Ethel Dale.

Of course Mr. Grundy will not follow the advice of those wise friends who want him to withdraw from the fight. But he would save money and avert disappointment by doing so.

A Town Minus Telephones or Electric Service

In these days of flying machines, automobiles, radios, wireless telephone and telegraph it hardly seems possible that there is a town of any size in the populated sections of the United States minus most of the present day conveniences, and yet right here in Centre county is a town with from 75 to 100 residences, a number of business places, and a big manufacturing plant that does not have a telephone in it and the only electric service is from a small plant that is practically obsolete.

The town in question is Monument, in Curtin township. It is the site of one of the Harbison, Walker Refractories company plants. An official of the company came to Bellefonte last week to consult West Penn officials in an effort to have the electric service extended to Monument from Beech Creek, a distance of about seven miles, and the gentleman at that time stated that there is not a telephone in Monument.

The town, though small, has all the appearance of thrift and good living. The houses are all spic and span, the main street is well kept and the business places compare favorably with those of any town in the county. But because the town is located in the foothills of the Allegheny mountains, a considerable distance from telephone and electric lines, it has been deprived of these really necessary essentials.

If Chief Justice Hughes follows the example of his predecessors in office he will have little to do during the first few years of his service.

Possibly Governor Fisher has an ambition to be the last Republican Governor of Pennsylvania in the Twentieth century.

Maybe Grundy is simply giving the public an imitation of the effect of "a bull in a china shop."

It is not easy to imagine how a self-respecting woman can "adulterate" the Grundy vote.

He Marched with Lee.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The last of its Civil War veterans is leaving Congress. It is almost sixty-five years since young Major Charles Manly Stedman stood with his war-weary North Carolina light infantry that gray April day at Appomattox while Grant and Lee were exchanging the somber notes of surrender and acceptance in a Virginia farmhouse. Major Stedman has seen the recovery of the Old South and the slow passing of sectional bitterness. For nineteen years he has been a member of the House, entering soon after his seventieth birthday. Undoubtedly he would have been returned to the Seventy-second Congress but he feels he is "entitled to a rest" and will not be a candidate for re-election.

When the Seventy-first Congress convened there were two veterans of the War between the States in its membership. Senator Francis Emroy Warren, one time infantryman in a Massachusetts regiment, had represented Wyoming in Washington since 1890. His recent passing removed the last Union veteran from Capitol Hill. The Yankee Warren and the Confederate Stedman had been close friends for many years. When Major Stedman goes back to Greensboro, the last living reminder of the Tragic Sixties will have gone from Congress.

The Warren death and the Stedman retirement are reminders that an era in American politics has ended. Thirty years ago the war between the States colored and dominated the political thinking of the Nation. Its veterans still were playing the great parts in the drama of politics, but they were beginning to give way to a new generation. The guns at Santiago and Manila had foretold the beginning of a new political day. William McKinley was the last of the Civil War veterans who ruled at the White House. The stream of history was running steadily toward another and greater war that would make of Civil War memories no more than a faint echo of unhappy, far-away times.

The cheers of his colleagues on his eighty-ninth birthday were something more than a personal tribute to the "Father of the House." They honored also a great generation whose thinning ranks are marching so steadily and swiftly to their graves.

Godcharles for Secretary of Internal Affairs

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.

The Milton Evening Standard State Librarian Frederic A. Godcharles' home-town newspaper, makes the bold assertion that "his name will appear on the Republican primary ballot" as candidate for the Republican nomination for Secretary of Internal Affairs. Further the Standard says:

"Announcement by Mr. Godcharles that he will enter the race for the post definitely settles the question of whether he will be a candidate for Governor, a post he was urged to seek by his legion of friends and supporters in every section of the State."

Apparently this means an out and out contest between Secretary James F. Woodward, who is a candidate for re-election, although not formally announced, Godcharles was a candidate last time, but chose to take himself out of the race in order to throw himself into the contest in favor of the Pepper-Fisher ticket, in return for which he was made State Librarian by Governor Fisher. A post he has since held with distinction to himself and the Administration. For weeks he has been talking with his friends of being a candidate this time.

Secretary Woodward has been getting about the State for months, talking of his candidacy for a third term and, according to reports, receiving no inconsiderable encouragement. His formal announcement is expected any day.

Godcharles is a close friend of Governor Fisher and has represented the Governor on many occasions when the Executive found it impossible to respond to invitations requiring State representation.

It doesn't pay to buy cheap seeds. Often they are full of weeds and when one devotes ground and labor for an entire season trying to grow a crop a few more cents spent for good, clean seed will be highly profitable in the end.

When the fishing season opens 500 special fish wardens will be on duty along the streams of the State.

During January there were 507 prosecutions for violation of the game laws in Pennsylvania.

During 1929 all agencies for the relief of the poor in Pennsylvania expended \$8,451,533.

The return of the Taft smile has gladdened the hearts of millions of Americans.

If you want reliable news read the Watchman.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Ray Cole, 17, serving a term in the Mercer county jail for robbery of the Wheatland post office on Tuesday, attended the funeral of his father, who ended his life Sunday because "disgrace" was brought upon him and his family by the son's misdeed.

Establishment of four-year courses in preparation of teachers in industrial arts at the Millersville and California State Teachers' Colleges was announced on Monday by Dr. John A. H. Keith, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Millersville will be available to students in the eastern section of the State, and those from the west can enter the California institution.

Charged with passing three worthless checks, John W. Sproul, evangelist, is under \$3500 bail at Pittsburgh pending a hearing February 19. The charges were made by F. J. Vogel, who claimed he received three worthless checks for \$1000 each from the evangelist. Vogel claimed he loaned Sproul \$5,000 to build a "glory barn" at Parnassus and that the checks were given in payment.

Luzerne county commissioners have authorized the posting of a reward of \$2500 for information which will lead to the apprehension of the bandits who blew up a Glen Alden coal company pay car near Warren Run January 13, killing four men. The Glen Alden Company will offer a similar amount, making a total of \$5,000. The reward is expected to put more vigor into the hunt for the supposed bandits.

A radium needle, valued at \$1250, owned by Drs. Bryton H. Jackson, J. M. Wainwright and R. T. Wall was recovered on Tuesday from a heap of ashes in the cellar of the Moseley hospital at Scranton. The needle was lost Thursday and was found through the use of an electroscope. It is thought the instrument caught in a piece of discarded gauze in the operating room and found its way to the incinerator.

Charged with passing counterfeit silver dollars, Harry Flail, 22, and Edward Bowman, 25, of Mahanoy City, on Monday were arrested by State police and in default of bail were placed in the county prison at Pottsville. Flail was caught passing a counterfeit dollar. He told that Bowman and his wife manufactured the pieces in their home at Quakake, nearby. The police found Bowman. His wife is still being sought.

Norman C. Young, Hollidaysburg, has been elected to the newly created office of borough manager of Phoenixville for term of two years at a salary of \$4800 a year. Young, who is a native of Hollidaysburg, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has served as councilman and borough manager in his native town. The first big problem which he will face when he assumes office will be the \$500,000 sewage disposal project of the town.

Alderman Michael Cartusciello and private detective John Cartusciello of Scranton, were each held in \$4000 bail on charges of conspiracy and kidnapping preferred by Albert Biman before Alderman Frank Slattery. Biman claims he was forced to leave his home at pistol point and confined in the West Side police station for several days without trial, then taken to the New Jersey State line and turned over to constables. He was wanted there on a charge of non-support.

A new wage scale for crossing watchmen, which would increase their aggregate annual payroll by \$129,000 and provide relief days, was announced at Lancaster, on Tuesday, by C. W. Long, vice general chairman of the Pennsylvania Railroad System Fraternity and representative of employees of the maintenance of way department. Long said the negotiations were concluded that day in Philadelphia at a conference of railroad officials and representatives of the employees. He said he was authorized to make the announcement.

Alexander Rhoads, 22, of Stoyestown, sophomore at Penn State, was killed near Johnstown, last Thursday, when his automobile was struck by another machine. He suffered a broken neck and fractured skull. Eugene Woy, of Johnstown, driver of the other machine, escaped with minor injuries. Investigation by the State motor patrol disclosed that Rhoads' machine skidded into the path of Woy's car. Rhoads was hurled through the windshield. He was visiting with his parents over the mid-semester vacation period.

Loose grapes on the top step of the porch leading to a store room have led to a suit for \$10,650 damages by B. E. Ruby and his wife, Helen I. Ruby, of York, Pa., against a chain store company, according to a statement of claim filed with prothonotary George A. Livingston. It is alleged that about a year ago Mrs. Ruby stepped on one of the grapes as she left the store and fell, with the result that she broke an ankle, and was otherwise injured. The grapes, it is alleged, had fallen from boxes of the fruit on display on the outside of the store.

William Brascker, a farmer of Brady township, Huntingdon county, spending fourteen days in jail awaiting trial on a charge of driving a team of horses while intoxicated, was given his freedom in quarterly sessions court on Saturday morning, when it was discovered that there is no law to support the indictment against him. Judge Miles C. Potter gave district attorney Xopher Beck all moving to look up statutes bearing on the case, but on the prosecuting attorney's failure to find a specific law covering the charge in the indictment, Judge Potter discharged the defendant.

It cost Northumberland county, exactly \$84 to have Jacqueline Parker, of New York city, who was held as a material witness in the case against Clarence Alspach, of Shamokin, locked up in the county prison since January 9th. Under the law, the county must pay \$3 a day during the time a witness is held pending disposition of a case. Jacqueline was committed to jail after being picked up by officer Harold Saxton at Sunbury at 3:30 a. m. on January 9th and remained in the prison for a period of 23 days. When the jury in the case failed to reach a verdict and were discharged, Jacqueline called at the office of county treasurer William Shively and was paid \$84 in cash. "Not bad pay," remarked the girl as she left the office.