

INK SLINGS.

Al Capone can live in his Florida home, according to a court decision, if he can get there without being arrested.

The thunder and lightning of Tuesday evening resulted as those who believe in signs say it always does: Colder weather.

Mr. Pinchot is doing well but to a spectator on the side line he is promising too much. There's a limit in achievement.

Government by commissions and prosperity by proclamation have turned the full dinner pail into soup houses and bread lines.

But wouldn't it be an awful thing to deprive the country of the official services of James J. Davis and his exceptional qualifications.

Former Senator Padsworth, of New York, concedes Pennsylvania to the Democrats this year unless the Republicans adopt a wet platform.

The Republican State organization is a very potent force in Pennsylvania politics, but Brown and Davis seem to have the boys behind them and the boys bring in the votes.

If Mr. Canera wants to fight why doesn't he take on someone of his size in the person of George Godfrey. My, what a sight those two elephants would make swapping punches.

In just eighteen days we will have our annual corroboration of our theory that one gets a thousand times more pleasure out of anticipation than he does out of realization. Trout fishing season will be open then and we'll be darn lucky if we get even one of the countless dandies we've been dragging out in our mind, all winter.

"My garden" is under way. We went to all the trouble of finding a man to dig a patch, the lady of the house bought the sets, the man stuck them and if they keep them watered and cultivated properly it won't be many moons until we'll be doing just what nine out of ten other men do: bragging about having had a mess of new onions out of "My garden."

Delaware county has been directed to build a jail twice as big as the present retreat for the recalcitrants in that community. We are not going to say anything about the predictions that we heard about twelve years ago to the effect that all the prisons would be torn down by this time. All we want to say is to reiterate our belief that the world is getting better, except in such benighted places as Delaware county.

Harry A. Rossman, Register of Wills for Centre county, has picked up the torch so tragically thrown down by the late Phil. Foster last Friday. Mr. Rossman says that he "yields to the appeal of a representative group of Republicans" and intends to make a fight for the chairmanship of his party in the county. The "representative group" referred to were the Dorworth crowd, of course, but just who were among them? Oh, that is what the Flemings would like to know.

It's just too bad, but it can't be helped, the way the Secretary of Forests and Waters exploited the Undine Fire Co., of Bellefonte, on the occasion of its St. Patrick's day dinner. Being an old friend of the Company we rise to refute the gossip on all sides to the effect that it has entered local politics. The Undines are not that kind. All that is the matter with them is that they are so concentrated on the idea of being useful to Bellefonte as a whole that they can't conceive of their devotion to a cause being turned to the aggrandizement of an individual.

The Schroeder woman who murdered highway patrolman Brady Paul was convicted of murder out at New Castle. Murder in the first degree, without mercy, was the verdict. If it is carried out she will be the first woman to be electrocuted at Rockview. It isn't a pleasant thing to contemplate, but it is the law. We are wondering how many of the people who are so rampant about enforcing the law to the letter in the matter of Prohibition will be just as rampant in demanding its enforcement in this case of cold blooded, deliberate murder. We have a "hunch" that Irene won't go to the chair.

We offer the columns of the Watchman to the members of the Water committee of the Bellefonte council if they wish to explain why they have not gone ahead with the equipment of the Gamble mill property. Bellefonte is paying interest on that investment and approximately five hundred dollars a month in water pumping bills while the power that was bought to save the latter is running to waste. Council authorized the purchase of a wheel and pump three months ago. At its last meeting the matter was inquired into, but nothing has been done since. If there is "a nigger in the woodpile" we intend to dig him out. That's the reason we offer the Water committee the use of the columns of the Watchman to explain why we should not have a suspicion that there isn't something rotten in Denmark and no digging for the concealed African.

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Industrial Conditions Worst Ever

In support of his bills providing for the relief of the unemployed throughout the country, which have been reposing in Congressional pigeon holes for months, Senator Wagner, of New York, told a Senate committee that unemployment conditions are more acute now than at any other period within ten years. He declared that in New York city there are bread lines three blocks long, and that in Pittsburgh an average of 2500 men and women are provided with bread every day. In view of the fact that organized charity agencies are disbursing thousands of dollars every day for the relief of unemployed, this is a flat contradiction of the repeated statements of the President that prosperity prevails.

Following the statement of Senator Wagner, Professor Benjamin M. Squires, of the University of Chicago, protested against the frequent proclamations of prosperity as a deterrent rather than a promoter of industrial improvement, and cited the experience of one industrial plant which employs 40,000 men which had an industrial turnover of sixty-two per cent "as an example of the waste and inefficiency in the method of handling the labor problem," and added that "glossing conditions" and "prosperity by proclamation" are not conducive to the desired results. They are simply expedients to deceive the people to a futile hope for political purposes, a smoke screen to conceal the facts.

Meantime what about the "conspiracy of silence" on the bread lines? Starving men and women in Pittsburgh and bread lines and soup houses in Chicago and New York seem to be concealed from public view by the press associations and only come under popular notice when a stray copy of the Congressional record containing a speech of some Senator or Congressman reveals it. During Democratic administrations in Washington the slightest sign of industrial distress is "first page stuff" in all the leading newspapers of the country and Democratic policies are roundly condemned as the influencing cause of disaster. We are under a Republican administration now and the conditions are worse than ever before.

President Hoover's "expert witnesses" are still assuring the public that the industrial life of the country is in fine form. But "expert witnesses" are in bad repute in these practical times.

Hoover Improperly Classified.

Late information from London indicates complete failure of the naval conference. Washington, according to press dispatches, "has given up whatever hope may have been held for a five-power treaty dealing with all categories of vessels." There is still a possibility of an agreement on parity between the United States and Great Britain and upon a ratio for Japan somewhat increased over that fixed by the conference of 1922. But there will be no decrease in naval equipment anywhere. The parity will probably be obtained by additional construction in this country.

Last fall while Prime Minister MacDonald was a guest of the government at Washington President Hoover had himself pictured in the newspapers as the apostle of peace and the supreme architect of international tranquility. Olive branches were sprouting from all parts of his person and a confiding public was assured that the demon War was done for forever. After the disastrous smash in Wall street, last fall, Mr. Hoover again assumed the role of "father bountiful" and announced that he had laid lines which would restore prosperity and make industrial roses bloom on this planet.

But neither of these alluring promises has been fulfilled. The naval conference speedily degenerated into a convention of suspicious self-seekers, each striving to get an advantage over the others and agreeing finally to disagree. The original fiction concerning the restoration of prosperity has been supplemented frequently by equally false statements of economic improvement while soup kitchens are multiplying and bread lines increasing in length. The logical inference is that Herbert Hoover is not properly placed. He is a ballyhooper, not a statesman.

Admiral Byrd will soon be home and maybe he will then tell the world what it's all about.

Then the idea of sending Grundy back to the lobby is intolerable.

Pilots Protest Change in Airmail Route.

Eleven Pittsburgh airplane pilots have filed a vigorous protest with Clarence Young, assistant secretary of commerce for aeronautics in Pennsylvania, against mapping out a new airway across Pennsylvania. The new route, as planned, would start at Philadelphia, and go by way of Harrisburg, Andersonburg, Newton Hamilton, Williamsburg, Altoona, Ebensburg, Black Lick and thence to Pittsburgh. The fliers admit that a feasible route might be found by following closely the line of the Lincoln highway, but claim that no other route that might be selected is preferable to the present one by way of Bellefonte.

Naturally, with the rapid strides aviation is making as a means of travel and carrying airmail and express, every town in the State of any size and importance is awakening to the possible future advantages of being on an airplane line of some kind; and their various Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, and business men's associations can hardly be blamed for advertising the advantages and prospective possibilities of their respective towns.

But so far there has been no intimation from the U. S. Department of Commerce, the National Air Transport or any flying organizations using the present New York to Chicago route that a change is even contemplated. In fact all the mail fliers are now so well acquainted with the present route that it would really be hazardous to attempt to switch them onto a new route.

P. R. K. Work Train Will Be Here Permanently

The Pennsylvania railroad work train, which formerly was located in Tyrone but which has been in Bellefonte the past month putting down additional tracks in the yards north of town, has been shifted to Bellefonte permanently. The main equipment of the train is just now at low water mark, consisting of the train crew of four men and six laborers. At present all the men live in Tyrone and are going back and forth on the trains, but it is quite possible that some of the men, at least, will eventually come to Bellefonte to live.

General superintendent H. M. Carson, and division superintendent H. H. Russell, of Williamsport, were both in Bellefonte, on Thursday last week, and spent the day looking over the company's facilities for handling the business consigned to it here. Bellefonte is easily the most important shipping point on the Bald Eagle Valley road, and while there has been no definite assurance as to the extent of improvements that will be made here both Mr. Carson and Mr. Russell are evincing more than the ordinary interest in the company's welfare here.

A Distinguished Knight to Visit Bellefonte

Bellefonte Council, No. 1814, Knights of Columbus, will be honored Sunday by a fraternal visit from the Hon. James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia. Mr. Flaherty is probably the most eminent Knight in America. He is a Past Supreme Knight of the Order and present Supreme Councillor.

By way of a proper reception for the distinguished visitor the local Council has planned for an open meeting to be held in the State theatre Sunday afternoon at 2:30, to which the public, generally, is invited. The program will include some musical numbers and an address by the guest of honor. There will be no admission fee and no collection lifted.

Owing to the fact that the star witness is suffering with an attack of the measles the alleged robbery case against Sydney Crawford and Dalbert Heaton did not come up for a hearing before S. Kline Woodring, on Wednesday afternoon. The young men are charged with stealing the cash register from W. E. Wion's garage. The hearing was continued until the chief witness gets out of quarantine, which will probably be three weeks.

If Grundy and Lewis and Brown and Davis will withdraw from the contest for Governor and Senator and Judge Von Moschalsker and Governor Fisher are nominated the harmony negotiations will take another slant.

Anyway the Pennsylvania Republican machine is in the worst panic it has experienced since 1910.

Get your job work done here.

Danger Lurks for Boys When Flying Kites.

With the arrival of the kite flying season, any windy day will find scores of kites of all colors and description soaring, weaving, and dipping over almost every town. Kite flying is a healthful and interesting recreation for boys, but unless certain precautions are taken there is likely to be injury more or less serious to the boy flying the kite, or damage to property that causes considerable expense and trouble.

Within the last week an example was brought before the public when a kite became entangled in a telephone wire resulting in a breakdown of phone service to a large number of people for several hours. A similar interruption to service came through the breakdown of electric light wires by kite or kite strings.

If a kite becomes entangled in electric light wires, boys should not attempt to climb the poles or to knock down the kite with stones. By climbing a pole the boy is exposed to live wires which cause serious burns or death, and he also runs the risk of injury through a fall. Stones thrown at a kite may break the wire and damage property when falling.

In the event of a tangled kite, the local West Penn office should be notified so that proper steps can be taken to remove it. In no case should wire or metal string be used on a kite or on a kite tail. Wire is a conductor of electricity and can cause as much damage as actual contact with a live wire. Wet string is also a conductor of electricity.

Often a boy intent on getting a kite to a high altitude will run across a public highway with great danger of being struck by a passing automobile.

The best place to fly a kite is in an open or unobstructed field or lot away from all highways, electric wires, and high voltage transmission towers.

Kites should not be flown so that they come in contact with radio aeriels. Serious and fatal injuries have occurred when boys construct radio aeriels and attempt to draw the aerial across electric wires. Extreme care should be exercised in the construction of aeriels. In no case should they cross telephone or light wires.

By the beginning of April the State Game Commission expects to receive the first shipments of a 15000 quail consignment that will be sent here from Texas for liberation in various favorable sections of the State.

Proposed Mausoleum is a Stately Edifice

On page 3 of this edition of the Watchman is a prospectus of a mausoleum that will probably be built in the Union cemetery in this place. A glimpse at it will reveal it to be a very stately and appropriate structure.

According to plans already completed it will stand on the lot fronting on east High street now occupied as a residence property by Charles Lose and immediately adjoining the cemetery property at that point. The lot has been purchased by the projectors in consequence of an agreement with the trustees of the cemetery association and the location will give the mausoleum a site fitting its dignified design.

In it are to be one hundred and forty crypts, or burial vaults, single, in pairs and family groups. There is also to be a chapel and a receiving vault, where bodies may be laid temporarily while awaiting final burial.

The project has many desirable features. It will be an imposing monument in the cemetery. It will solve the problem of many who have put off too long the matter of securing a desirable burial plot. The Union cemetery is nearly all pre-empted and the only extension possible for it is by crossing Wilson street to ground east of that thoroughfare or buying all the properties on east High street that break its northern line.

Of course the mausoleum will be built only if enough crypts can be sold to justify the undertaking. Its desirability should appeal to all who have not already made provision for the inevitable. As we understand it the price of crypts, singly or in pairs are to be offered at a price that will be lower than many would expect on what they would regard as a suitable marker. In addition to this advantage there is the other that perpetual care would be assured.

It is a matter worthy the serious consideration of those concerned about where their last resting place will be and in what condition it might be a few years after they have gone to it.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of March 26, 1880.

A most remarkable circumstance happened near Jacksonville, Marion township, on Saturday the 14 inst. A cow owned by John Hoy Jr., on that day dropped a calf with two perfectly developed heads, four eyes and three ears. Unfortunately the calf was born dead else Mr. Hoy might have raised a freak that would have made his fortune in the sideshow of a circus.

Michael Decker Sr., of Georges Valley, Gregg township, died on the 5th inst., of consumption, aged over 86 years.

The community learned with deep regret on last Monday that Mr. Joseph Schnell had expired that Bishop street, after a short illness with pneumonia. Mr. Schnell was a Frenchman, having been born in Strasburg in 1812 and was in his 68th year. In 1833 he married Miss Catharine, daughter of Thaddeus Brew, in the Catholic church of this place, from which union sprang a large family of children.

Thomas Flack, of the West ward, Bellefonte died on Tuesday last, of lung fever, in the 67th year of his age. He was a foreman in the employ of the Valentines and had resided here since 1862. He married a lady, by name Logan, who survives him with eleven children, another having preceded him to the grave.

Trains on the Bald Eagle valley leave Bellefonte for Tyrone at 6:40 in the morning and 5:05 in the afternoon. For Lock Haven, they leave here at 10:03 in the morning and 8:32 in the evening.

Theodore Deschner is advertising a fine line of fishing tackle, which may be seen at his emporium on High street.

Mr. Sands will resume the bakery and confectionery business on Monday next, at his old stand on Allegheny street, lately occupied by Mr. Ceader.

On the 1st of April the popular hotel, the Brockerhoff house, will be under the sole control of one of the present proprietors, W. R. Teller, who is going to go it alone, hereafter.

John D. Foote, of Millheim, who hurt one of his legs a year or so ago, had the injured limb amputated last Tuesday by Dr. Musser, assisted by Dr. Mingle, and a physician from Union county whose name we have not learned. A cancerous condition had developed and to save Mr. Foote's life the leg had to be taken off.

Rev. A. D. Yocum, who was scheduled to deliver his farewell sermon to his Methodist congregation here, last Sunday night, was forced to forego it because of a bad cold and left for his new charge in Carlisle, followed by the regrets and kind wishes of this entire community.

Mr. "Cam" Burnside came in not long ago to learn what his title is to be under the Cameron empire that we say is being built up in the State. Being a grandson of Lord Simon Cameron, Earl of Susquehanna, and a nephew of His Grace, James Donald Cameron, Duke of Pennsylvania, we propose to give our good looking friend the benefit of the historic stream that winds its silvery course past the palatial residence (now the summer home of the Garmans at Axe Mann—Ed.) of his most noble aunt, and confer upon him the title; Baron Cameron of Burnside and Count of Logan's Branch.

The venerable John Letterman, of Pleasant Gap, started for Cass county on Monday afternoon. He is 84 years old and very courageous to make such a trip, but his daughter who lives there wanted her son-in-law having come in to take him out.

We are sorry to report that Mr. James Mitchell, of Spring street, is still very ill with rheumatism.

Bellefonte's curb market will reopen tomorrow.

Rev. J. Donahoe, the new minister assigned to the Methodist church, will preach his first sermon here on Sunday.

Master John Fryberger, of Philipsburg, came to town on Wednesday evening on a visit to his grandma, Mrs. John Brachbill. His little playmates are now much pleased at his coming, as he has been greatly missed by them.—What memories this item awakes. We were one of the playmates. And what the friendship of the boys of that day ripened into only God and John and we know. At fifty he was as sterling and unflinching as he was at eight.

Unit buildings are gradually displacing the "little red school house" of other years in the rural districts of Pennsylvania. In 1920 there were 153 one-room buildings in Centre county. There are now only 108.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Presbyterian churches in the State have instituted a nation-wide search for the Rev. Raymond E. Muthard, Erie pastor, missing since December 26.

Miss Mary Walter, 91, who for the past 25 years worshipped alone in the Friends meeting house in Catawissa, died in a hospital at Bloomsburg, on Monday night. She was ill for several weeks.

A covered bridge, a landmark on the Altoona-Hopewell State route, erected in 1781, will be razed within the next week. The State will construct a new concrete bridge. The bridge, the last of its kind on any much-used highway in that district, is located at Yellow Creek.

Some person has stolen the revenue stamps from a number of documents in Clinton county offices, presumably to add to his collection. A check-up of the papers shows that the thefts have been going on for several weeks. It is said that with the stamps removed the legality of the papers could be questioned.

Samuel A. Reitz, 53, veteran mail carrier of Northumberland county, died of a heart attack at Augustaville, near Sunbury, on Monday. He was making his daily trip through a rural section when the attack came. He drew to the side of the road, summoned a farmer and was carried into a nearby home where he succumbed within a few minutes.

Evan Pugh, a Scranton fireman, known in court circles as "the talking juror," was fined \$50 by United States Judge Johnson on Monday for discussing a case with other firemen while he was serving as a juror in the case of three auto thieves. Pugh is said to have told fellow firemen the government could never convict the defendants and also to have scored State troopers' third degree methods.

Lawrence H. Rupp, attorney of Allentown, has formally withdrawn his name as candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania. In announcing his decision Rupp pointed out that his candidacy for the grand exalted rulership of the Elks has gone to such a point "that he cannot break faith with the Elks." John M. Hemphill, of West Chester, has been named as a likely candidate.

A Chippendale solid mahogany card table, inlaid, was sold to Dr. F. G. Hartman for a record price of \$285 at the auction of antiques and other effects of Dr. Martin M. Musser, retired dentist, on the Musser farm, near Lancaster on Saturday. A "Pennsylvania Dutch" desk, a possession of Dr. Musser's grandfather, was sold to Mrs. Elmer E. Shelman for \$122 and a well-fort chest of drawers, with the original handles, brought \$192.

Miss Esther Bland, 41, of Harrisburg, was found dead in her home on Monday, the victim of an attack by rats. Medical authorities who investigated the death said they could find nothing organically wrong and that the woman had apparently battled off the invading rodents until she was overcome. The tragedy was discovered when neighbors saw newspapers of Friday and Saturday at the door of the house where the woman lived alone. Investigating they found her body badly mutilated on the floor.

Mrs. Frances Krenz, widow of B. A. Krenz who met death near Titusville, November 3, 1925, has announced in advertisements a reward of \$3,000 for apprehension of those guilty of the murder of her husband. Krenz was found dead along a highway and it was at first believed he had been fatally hurt when an automobile passed over him. Persons with him were not prosecuted when it was testified by doctors that Krenz died of a heart attack before he was run over by the car.

The bravery of Pennsylvania troops in action during the World war was officially recognized by the Government last week when the War Department announced the award of citations for gallantry in action to five members of the Twenty-eighth division, composed of National Guard troops from Pennsylvania. The names of the five cited are William M. Zimmer and Francis P. McCormick, Philadelphia; Carlton E. Kiser, Danville; John M. Stitzinger, Vandergrift; John Lotto, Blair Station. The award in the case of Lotto is posthumous. He was killed in action shortly after the deed of gallantry for which he was cited.

The State fish fund, used for stocking streams and propagating fish, is to be enriched by \$4000 a year as a result of the \$30,000,000 hydro-electric plant which is to be built on the Susquehanna river at Safe Harbor, Nathan R. Buller, commissioner of fisheries, announced today after a contract calling for the payment of that sum per year by the Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation had been signed. The agreement was reached under the act of assembly compelling either construction of fishways or payment of reparations to the State for damage to fishing caused by erection of dams. The amount is the maximum provided by law.

The churches at Mount Carmel are sponsoring a movement designed to obtain the lighting of the viaduct which is being built on United States highway route 120 from that city to Exchange, over the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley Railroad lines, at the southwestern end of the town. Churches of all denominations have parishioners residing in Exchange and pastors point out that it would not be safe to traverse the half-mile-long bridge after services unless it were lighted. The police also point out that thousands of miners will use the bridge to get from Mount Carmel to their place of work and in view of the many robberies of miners with pay envelopes in that section recently they, too, urge that the structure be illuminated.

An errand to the Eastern National bank, in York, Pa., resulted disastrously for Raymond Good, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Good, who own a grocery store in the East End, that city. On his way home a roll of \$138 worked its way out of the lad's pocket and only \$11 of it has been recovered. The boy was sent by his mother to the bank to get some checks cashed. He put the paper bills in his trousers. He explained his loss by saying that the money fell into a sewer catch basin. The parents notified the city highway department and several laborers fished a five and a one-dollar bill out of the sewer. Another \$5 bill was found on the street. What happened to the remainder of the money, totalling \$127, remains a mystery.