

Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS

Telephoning from a rapidly moving train is the latest achievement.

If there were less time wasted in trying to fool the public concerning prosperity there would be more time available to do things which would promote prosperity.

The expectation that Congress will adjourn about the first of June is likely to be disappointed. The tariff bill will not be through by that time unless the "alliance" lays down on the job.

"Ole" Howard Sargent just won't let us alone. Several weeks ago he offered to send us a can opener for our camp shower. Another friend tendered a cork screw. It isn't can openers and corkscrews that we need so much as what they will put our gustatorial organs in sympathy with—accent on the doings of the corkscrew. Yesterday we received from Los Angeles a copy of the "Times" of that city. Attached to it was the comic section with "Winnie Winkle," the breadwinner, at the circus, the program of the Al G. Barnes show and the stubs for four grand stand seats. The latter means that Howard has beaten us to the exquisite agony of encouraging callouses on the eastern end of us, if we were headed for a visit to him at his present home in Hollywood.

In answer to the several letters we have daring us to reveal what happened on the 15th of April we admit almost utter failure. Four little ones that if a warden had looked in our basket after they had dried would have caused us some embarrassing moments and, maybe, a few smackers. But we've got the feather in our fishing hat now. Last Saturday afternoon we ambled along our favorite stream for only two hours and took fourteen beauties on a red quill and royal coachman. We are not boasting over this. It is not at all unusual for us to make such catches. We only mention it because we know our friend Cunningham will work his old gray head off every time we go out together to get that feather out of our hat and the net result will be that there will always be fish in camp for those who honor us with a visit. Incidentally, we'll be sport enough to tell you when he gets it.

It is our guess that both the Scott-Fleming and the Dorworth wings of the Republican party in Centre county will be flapping together for Grundy and Brown before primary day. And a Grundy-Brown victory will mean more to the Scott-Fleming crowd than it will to the Dorworth faction. You ask why. We'll tell you. Governor Fisher is sore at Grundy, but he is for him to save his own face in having appointed him to the United States Senate. He is sore at Brown, too, but he can't be for Pinchot, nor can he go over to Phillips, so he'll come out for Brown. When he does that Dorworth's lieutenants will talk Brown. In fact they're doing that now. Scott always was a Grundy man. He wouldn't have had any standing with the present administration at all had not the Grundy will to be obeyed permeated the executive mansion at Harrisburg. Scott has never been out of political touch or sympathy with the Vane organization in Philadelphia so that it is just natural for him to be with them. And somebody who is just naturally with the winning crowd is always closer to it than somebody who just happens to be there because there is no place else to be.

According to some stories that are going the rounds sheriff "Dep" Dunlap is getting rich up on the hill. We hope he is. The sheriff's a good fellow. He was good when he was poor and he'd be a helluva-sight gooder if he were rich enough to do all the things his big heart busts to do. But he didn't get \$22,229.60 out of his office last year as some think the auditor's statement said he did. \$7,851.31 of that amount was due and unpaid for 1928 and should come off the \$22,229.60 before calculation of what he got in 1929. Out of that he paid his deputy and for all other service about the jail, paid his transportation every time he had to take prisoners to other institutions and furnished twenty-eight thousand and two hundred and twenty-seven meals to prisoners in the county jail. Inasmuch as there are no riots up on the hill it is to be assumed that the sheriff is feeding them fairly well. To do that takes money. We know, because we have never talked to a College or Prep school boy who didn't start "crabbing" about the grub before the conversation had gone more than fifty words. And we know what at least one college boy pays for the grub he "crabs" about. Taking one case with another, since there is no "crabbing" in the jail we imagine those who think sheriff "Dep" is getting rich have another think coming. Again, however, we want to say: What if he is? Every body ought to be glad when someone succeeds honorably.

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Work of Senate Lobby Committee.

In suppressing the "confidential" reports on members of Congress, collected for the association against the prohibition amendment, the Senate Lobby committee, the other day relinquished a great opportunity to "add to the gayety of nations." The reports by Carter Fields, a special investigator, purported to be a survey of the habits or proclivities of Congressmen in Washington and elsewhere. The purpose of the survey was, it may be assumed, to expose the fact that a good many of the Senators and Representatives in Congress who regularly vote to continue and even strengthen the Eighteenth amendment and the Volstead law are not teetotalers in fact. Many of them are arrant hypocrites.

These reports were obtained by the committee by processes which are denounced as in violation of the Fourth amendment to the constitution which guarantees citizens "against unreasonable searches and seizures," of "persons, houses, papers and effects." Under a subpoena of the committee the office of the association against the prohibition amendment was forcibly entered and the papers seized. During a session of the committee, with less than a quorum present, Mr. Robinson, the Ku Klux Senator from Indiana, insisted that the one on the habits of Congress be made public. Senator Blaine, of Wisconsin, objected and the question was held for the full committee, which decided to suppress it.

This lobby committee has afforded considerable amusement to Washington and the country and a good deal of valuable information, since it began operations several months ago. The sinister methods by which tariff laws and other legislation has been enacted has been made clear to every man and woman who takes the trouble to observe current events. This is certainly worth-while information and if the activities of the committee had been limited to inquiries along these lines it would have rendered a useful public service. But in spreading its functions too far afield, prejudices developed which detract from the value of its work. Still a complete exposure of hypocrisy would be interesting.

Anyone in need of a good safe will find one advertised in another column of this paper. It is a Hall safe and can be bought cheap.

The Judge Parker Case.

There are fifty-six Republicans in the United States Senate. Of this number eighteen, including the floor leader, have urgently requested President Hoover to withdraw the nomination of Judge John S. Parker, of North Carolina, to fill an existing vacancy on the Supreme court bench. The reason for this action on the part of that considerable number of Republican Senators is that each of them believes that voting for the confirmation of Judge Parker will be resented by his constituents and cause his defeat for re-election. It is said that the President flatly refuses to withdraw the nomination. He will take a chance of rebuke at the hands of his party in the Senate.

The reasons given for the opposition to Judge Parker are that he is a reactionary in thought and that his elevation to the Supreme court bench will further increase what is politely called "conservatism" of the court, already too dominant. Judge Parker, in a case in the Federal District court some time ago, handed down a decision affirming the validity of "yellow dog" contracts which is resented by organized labor. He is also accused of discriminating against negroes in some of his political activities before he went on the bench. The Republican Senators who are protesting against his confirmation believe that for these reasons his confirmation will wreck the party in several States.

Both these reasons are valid. The "yellow dog" decision was an expression of favor to property rights, as against human rights, and is as unjust as it is a dangerous policy of government. The race discrimination is unwise and unfair to an element of the population which has kept his party in power for a quarter of a century. But there is a greater reason why the Senate should refuse to confirm the nomination of Judge Parker. It was frequently, but not quite frankly, expressed several times during the consideration of the nomination of Judge Hughes to be Chief Justice of the court of last resort. It is that even the President has no right to pack the court in the interest of monopoly.

Pinchot and Grundy Alliance.

The signs point plainly to an alliance between Joseph R. Grundy, candidate for Senator, and Gifford Pinchot, candidate for Governor, in the primary campaign. There is a striking incongruity in such an affiliation, but present time politics consists largely of incongruities and absurdities, and after all, a combination of Grundy and Pinchot would be no more surprising than that between Shunk Brown, Vane's legal and political "guide, philosopher and friend," and Jim Davis, the whilom labor advocate and professor of political morality. Yet this alliance is in active operation and in open pretense of sincerity. It may develop some artistic "double-crossing," before primary day, however.

There is a good deal of sentiment in common between Grundy and Pinchot. They are in complete agreement on the question of tariff taxation and not very wide apart on the subject of money in politics. The difference between them in that respect is, as we pointed out some weeks ago, that Pinchot spends his own money and Grundy disbursts that of others. They are in complete agreement on the subject of prohibition enforcement, though the ex-Governor is the more articulate on the subject, and they share alike in detestation of the Vane machine in Philadelphia and the Mellon machine in Pittsburgh, but are always willing to accept their help in emergencies. In other words they are practical politicians.

But there are other things in their recent experiences which might exercise a more potent influence in bringing them together. For example, Grundy is obliged by the nature of things to make choice between Pinchot and Shunk Brown. There are Phillips, the ultra wet candidate, and another "also ran" entrant. But Grundy could hardly stultify himself by supporting Brown, whom he has denounced as a crook and corruptionist, and Pinchot has no alternative from Brown except Davis, who is the favorite of the Pittsburgh "strip," and the antithesis of all that Pinchot admires in politics. Besides, the Pinchot bankroll and the Grundy ability to collect slush funds would create a formidable "war chest."

Nobody can say that the wet candidate for Governor lacks confidence. He not only expects to be elected but thinks the new Legislature will be wet.

Hoover's "Shadow-Boxing."

President Hoover appears to be again "shadow-boxing" with a deficiency ghost. It will be remembered that some weeks ago he admonished Congress against over-appropriating funds and an investigation revealed the fact that he was simply casting aspersions on the Senate in resentment of the insurgent alliance on the tariff bill. The other day he wrote letters to the chairman of the committees on appropriation of both branches of Congress protesting that too generous appropriations threaten a treasury deficit of considerable proportions. He did not indicate which appropriations were excessive or where the scalpel might be most safely applied. But he wants some cutting done.

Senator Jones, chairman of the Senate committee, commenting upon the letter, said: "I have followed closely all the measures that we have passed. So far as general appropriations are concerned the appropriations committee has held them in the aggregate at any rate, below the budget estimate." Representative Wood, chairman of the House committee, said: "In drafting the supply bills the House kept within the budget brackets and the Senate has fallen in line with this programme in compliance with President Hoover's wishes," and added, "the budget estimate upon which the appropriations for the new year are based, were cut about \$145,000,000 below the current appropriations."

As the budget is made by an officer of the executive department and has the President's approval before it is considered by Congress, it is not easy to see why he should blame Congress for any excesses that may result from the legislation. An investigation of the subject might lead to interesting revelations, however. Gossip in the corridors ascribe it to an unfriendly attitude of the White House toward pending legislation for relief of world war veterans. There seems to be a disposition among the Congressmen to considerably increase the amount provided in the pending measure on that subject and the President seems to think it is amply liberal at present.

Rumors of Trading Candidates.

The increasingly current rumors among the supporters of the Brown-Davis slate has forced chairman Bernard Myers, manager of the combination, to protest. In a statement, issued the other day, Mr. Myers complains that "propaganda is being sent over the State that in certain counties our leaders are carrying none but Secretary Davis, and in order to complete these wild tales of disaffection, reports have spread that men close to General Brown are willing to make trades with opposing candidates. No Republican with common political sense will give attention to such stories and loose talk." As a matter of fact no propaganda has been circulated in that form.

Stories have been circulated widely but not wildly that a considerable number of Mr. Brown's influential supporters are striving with all their energies to nominate Mr. Grundy for Senator against Davis, and though Mr. Brown has been in conference with them he has made no protest. It has also been alleged that intimate friends of Mr. Davis are earnestly working for the nomination of Mr. Pinchot for Governor. Another rather well authenticated report runs to the effect that a number of Vane's adherents, including members of the War Board, are actively trading the Brown-Davis candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, Philip H. Dewey, in favor of James F. Woodward.

With the Mellons openly advocating the nomination of Brown for Governor and Grundy for Senator, and Governor Fisher openly for Grundy and secretly for Brown, there is substantial grounds for suspicion of trading operations. There is nothing in common between Brown and Grundy to influence thought in their direction. Grundy anathematizes Brown as a corruptionist and Brown, though more discreet in speech, abhors Grundy with equal earnestness. Yet they are acquiescent in an effort to nominate candidates who despise each other. "No Republican with common political sense" can ignore the rumors of perfidy. They are so obvious "that a wayfaring man though blind" must take notice.

As there has been no dead cat found in the Bellefonte reservoir for twenty years and Mr. Cobb did not pour any chlorine into the Big Spring folks who pay heed to the prattle of children will have to believe that the epidemic that has been plaguing Bellefonte during the past two weeks is what the physicians say it is: Intestinal flu, brought on by unusual weather conditions. If the public school children were as good at their lessons as they are at conjuring wild and wondrous tales there would be no use of having "b," "c," and "d" columns on their quarterly report cards.

Announcement was made at Pittsburgh, on Monday, that Nebraska will be Pitt's turkey day attraction in 1931. This does not mean a severance of athletic relations with State College as Pitt will come to State College for the annual game which will be played late in October. State has been the Thanksgiving day attraction in Pittsburgh every year since 1903, and will play the same date there this year. Next year Pitt will play at State and in 1932 State will again go to Pittsburgh for the final game of the season.

The Brown-Davis aggregation of Republican spell binders are booked for a visit to Bellefonte next Wednesday morning, and it will be interesting to see which faction of the party will be most in evidence in the welcoming crowd.

The wet organization is plunging into the fight with great energy and may poll enough votes to surprise the Anti-Saloon League.

The increased revenues will make more impression on the Congressional mind than Hoover's admonition against big appropriations.

Even the D. A. R., supposed to be imperious to fear, side-steps the prohibition enforcement question.

Aviation is taking a rather heavy toll in human life but all new ventures cost heavily at first.

Attorney General Mitchell is getting ready to start a real crusade against liquor law violators.

Read the Watchman and get all the news.

A FRIEND.

An anonymous contribution postmarked Bellefonte, Pa.

They say the world is a dreary place;
To me, it is always Spring.
We find what we look for, of Love or Hate,
But this is the song I sing.

Be loyal, be brave, be true, my dear,
And search to your journey's end,
For the heart that is kind, for the open mind,
And the soul you call a Friend.

Like a hidden spring, like a perfume rare,
Like a haven of rest in storm,
And a light to brighten the darkest night
That brings you again to the morn.

Your burden will lighten, your heart will sing,
With joy, to your journey's end.
Go, seek while you may you may find it today—
God's wonderful gift, a Friend.

(Admitting, without argument, the questionable taste of anonymous offerings, we submit the above jumble of words,—claiming no merit—from one who burns, always, on the Altar of Memory, a candle to a faithful friend.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Items taken from the Watchman issue of May 7, 1880.

Died.—Pennington. On the 29th of April, 1880, at her home near Fillmore, Centre county, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pennington, wife of Thomas Pennington, aged 48 years, 7 months and 17 days.

Mattern. On the 29th ult. Mrs. Samuel Mattern, of Half Moon township, of inflammation of the bowels, aged about 45 years.

Mattern. On the 29th ult., Mr. George Mattern Sr., of Stormstown, Aged 79 years and 29 days.

—Straw hats are appearing on the streets.

—Squire Rumberger, of Unionville, came down to town on Monday looking for a cool place. He wanted to get in out of the hot sun and found the Watchman lounge the most comfortable place he had met with.

—At Providence, Rhode Island, last Saturday, the Providence base ball team defeated Boston in the opening game of the League season. The score was 8 to 0 and our own Monte Ward pitched for Providence.

—Mr. Joseph Green died at his home in Milesburg, last Saturday, at the age of 80 years. He was the father of our townsman, F. Potts Green.

—John Musser, of Benner township, died very suddenly last Friday. He had gone up stairs to take his daily nap and when members of the family went to awaken him, later, he was found to be dead. He was a very aged man.

—J. M. Kepler Esq., formerly of this county, but now editor and proprietor of the "National Democrat," in Tionesta, Forest county, was in Bellefonte on Tuesday. Mr. Kepler, though new in the business, puts vim and spirit into his paper and it is bound to become a force in the party in that part of the State.

—Mr. John Wagner one of the three fish wardens who recently issued an order to all people commanding them not to fish with nets was detected, bright and early, the other morning, fishing with a net himself. And he had a goodly number of fish, too. One of the other wardens, Geo. C. Miller, swore out a warrant before Justice Rankin and now the law is after John, just as he warned others that it would be after them.

—R. E. Cambridge, of Unionville, opened a select school at Julian last Monday. Twenty of the young ladies and gentlemen of that place are in attendance.

—Eggs are only 10cts a dozen.

—Mr. John Wolf, who fell from a building last week and broke his left arm, is able to be out again.

Decorated Day.—Having been appointed Marshal by Gregg Post, No. 95, G. A. R., and as it has been decided to decorate the graves of our deceased soldiers in a fitting manner, the Marshal respectfully requests all organizations and citizens in general to assemble in the Diamond on Saturday afternoon, May 29, at four o'clock where the line of parade will be formed.

JOHN I. CURTIN, Marshal.

—Mr. Shunk Brown will find that persuading the public that the Vane machine is a philanthropic organization is a big, hard job.

—If the new Senate Slush Fund committee goes deep enough into Pennsylvania politics it will acquire a lot of information.

—It is said that Colonel Lindbergh has a one-track mind. Maybe so, but one track is as good as a dozen above the clouds.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—The Rev. Frederick C. Fowler, of Marietta, has accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Mount Union.

—J. Hurst Nelson, former tax collector in Carroll township, York county, who pleaded guilty to embezzling \$3,500, was sentenced on Monday to serve two years and six months in the county jail. The funds alleged to have been embezzled by Nelson were taxes collected for 1928, 1927 and 1928.

—Edson Sofford, a resident of New Jersey, has brought suit for \$25,000 damages against two Pennsylvania game wardens who arrested him and held him over night, in spite of the fact that he carried a license to fish with him when the officers found him following his favorite sport on a stream in Lackawanna county.

—An attempt to rob the Gallia silk mill at Bethlehem early on Monday failed when the robbers were scared away after perambulating fourteen bales of silk, valued at \$14,000, for removal. The watchman, Miles Vandoren, was overpowered by four or five men, shortly after midnight, and the silk was carried from one part of the building to another before the intruders were frightened off.

—Warren J. Bauman, of Lock Haven, has constructed an electric roadster in miniature for his children, which runs as well as the largest 1930 models. It is dark maroon in color with all the modern improvements in equipment, fenders, bumpers, running boards, rubber tires, rubber floor covering, and has a storage battery to furnish the power to run the car, and the storage battery may be recharged at night from an electric switch.

—William Collins, aged 67 years, of Lewistown, had his left arm torn off at the shoulder when the sleeve of a heavy sheepskin coat, which he was wearing, caught in a cinder crusher at the block plant of James L. Shreffler at which he was working with Robert Pennebaker. He was rushed to Dr. W. Black's hospital and it is believed that he will recover. He is unmarried and lives with his brother, Charles Collins.

—H. H. Styers, of Bennage Heights, Lock Haven, was held for court by Alderman Allen Sterner, following a hearing before that official Thursday afternoon, when Styers was formally charged with arson. Witnesses alleged that he set fire to his wife's house on February 17, and when the prompt action of the Lock Haven fire department saved the building, again set fire to it the following morning, when the structure was burned to the ground.

—Stanley Sibulsky, chief of police of Exeter borough, near Scranton, has a warrant to serve on Lieutenant Commander Vincent A. Clarke, Jr., who commanded the naval dirigible Los Angeles on her recent flight over that section. The warrant, issued on orders of Burgess Louis A. N. Jacobs, charged the dirigible paid no heed to stop signals and passed two red lights on the main thoroughfare of the town. The action of the burgess is a puzzle to Sibulsky, who asked: "What 'cha goin' to do about it?"

—Twenty-three boys from the Cooper township, Clearfield county, High school assisted in planting 1,700 fruit trees at the planting demonstration conducted by the Agricultural Extension Association at the farm of Oscar Gustafson near Kyrletown, Monday afternoon, April 14. The boys are to be congratulated on the splendid interest which they took in the work. Mr. Gustafson has also secured 1,500 white pine and 500 pitch pine seedlings for planting an acre and a half of waste land lying adjacent to the Kyrletown-Snow Show road.

—Miss Marie Nolan, pretty road house hostess, was fined \$500, and sentenced to from one to two years in the Northumberland county jail at Sunbury, on Monday, by Judge Lloyd after she pleaded guilty to a technical jail breaking. The young woman, who is said to come of a prominent Northumberland family, was convicted at the May term of breaking the law at the Out-of-Town Inn, near Shamokin. An application was made for a new trial. Before her bail could be renewed Miss Nolan disappeared. Two weeks ago she was caught at Lancaster.

—It takes all kinds of jobs to make a police department. Two officers of the Wilmerding force have learned. Town Council recently ousted James B. Maguire as chief and promoted H. L. Snyder to head man of the department. But Maguire gets \$242 a month and Chief Snyder only \$175. Maguire was reinstated as a patrolman after Council passed a bill to increase patrolmen's salary to \$192 per month. They forgot, perhaps, to boost the wages for chiefs. Maguire also earns \$50 a month as health officer, and would rather be a cop than a chief.

—Fire destroyed a section of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad roundhouse and one locomotive and the damage possibly might total \$250,000. Thirteen locomotives were in the section of the roundhouse that was burned. The one destroyed was valued at \$80,000 and the value of the others was estimated at between \$25,000 and \$75,000 each. Hoisting apparatus in the shops also were destroyed. The fire apparently started on the roof. The emergency fire crew at the shops was unable to cope with it and the DuBois department was called out. The north half of the building was burned before the flames were controlled. The entire loss is placed at a quartermillion dollars.

—A woman who supports a bigamist forfeits her right to become from the first husband, even though the second mate dies. Judge E. C. Newcomb ruled in the case of Margaret Morrison against Elvin Morrison, of Scranton. While the Morrisons were living in Hamburg, Sussex county, N. J., the wife separated from the defendant and went to New York city. In 1921 she married James W. Bailey without having obtained a divorce from her first husband, the court records show. A year and a half ago Bailey died. Two weeks ago the woman claimed the arrest of Morrison on a charge of non-support and desertion. An Alderman's ruling in her favor was appealed, and Judge Newcomb handed down a decision that she had forfeited all claims against her first mate.