

INK SLINGS

The Republican leaders would like to drop the Grundy tariff but they're afraid.

King Carroll of Rumania will now realize that "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

It looks as if Vice President Curtis will be "the goat" in the final vote on the tariff bill.

Senator Reed was really waiting for Secretary Mellon to tell him how to vote on the tariff bill.

Unseasonably cool and an abundance of rain have characterized the weather of the past week.

Mr. Pinchot is just as free with promises he never can fulfill as he was before the nomination.

Mr. Pinchot is fishing in Pike county for two weeks. There is likely to be a dearth of political pyrotechnics in consequence.

The New Jersey Senatorial contest has become an uncertain problem, though Mr. Morrow was a long odds favorite at the start.

If the tariff tax on glass and other products of Mellon enterprises had been increased Senator Reed wouldn't have to study schedules.

Missouri Democrats still hope to send Jim Reed to the White House and a good many others would like to see what would happen if he goes there.

If the wet Republicans put an independent ticket into the running even the Philadelphia machine couldn't defeat Pinchot, anxious as it is to accomplish that result.

Carol is on the throne in Rumania. If he has sown all his wild oats he'll probably stay there. If he hasn't most any fascinating lady is likely to induce him to chuck it for an amour with her.

The overwhelming defeat of Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, for renomination will serve to discourage the hopes of President Hoover that the break in the solid South may be made permanent.

Gaillard in Chicago has been murdering right and left within the past week. So long as they were putting only their own "on the spot" there were few tears shed but the killing of a noted newspaper man is another thing. If racketeers are starting to intimidate the press a very grave situation confronts the country.

The Watchman has been greatly encouraged by the number of Democrats who have expressed their belief that the Democratic state committee did the wise thing in adopting the platform it did. All of those who have talked to us about it seem to be of our mind concerning the matter of getting back to fundamentals, no matter what collateral questions are involved.

What the Democrats of North Carolina did to Senator Simmons was aptly. As an individual the Senator had a perfect right to vote against Alfred E. Smith for President, but as the recognized leader of his party in that State his action openly fighting him was a most reprehensible betrayal of the faith he party had placed in him. Senator Simmons is through. His fall, after nearly forty years of acknowledged leadership, only proves that no matter how big the man he never becomes bigger than his party.

Senator Scott voted for Brown, Pinchot's candidate for Republican State Chairman. That was good political strategy on the part of the Senator, if Pinchot should happen to be elected Governor. But it wasn't Pinchot who got the Scott vote. Grundy did that. As the Watchman has always said, the Senator and Grundy are very close and the exigencies of their party politics are making it so that when a Republican goes to bed tonight he has no idea of who is going to be under the covers with him when he wakens up tomorrow morning.

The completion of the census will show Bellefonte to have made a very substantial gain in population during the last decade. While he total will doubtless be far under the size of the town—if you get what we mean—it is gratifying to know that we haven't either slipped backward or stood still. The corporate limits of the borough are so small that the census figures never have recorded the population of the real Bellefonte; which, if the extensions into the townships on all four sides, were enumerated, would probably prove to be nearly eight thousand.

Figures can be manipulated. Some slickers can add two and two so that the sum appears to be five, but they can only deceive a dummy with such trick arithmetic. In order to furnish employment for more men the plasterers union of Pittsburgh threatens a strike unless employers agree to a six hour day at the same wage that they are now paying plasterers for eight hours' work. What a fallacy in economics? Increasing the cost of construction isn't going to help matters when present costs are so high as to make it next to financial suicide for the average man to undertake the building of even a hen coop.



Grundy Tariff Assured.

The flexible provision of the tariff bill having been re-written and re-reported from the conference committee of the Senate the Republican leaders confidently predict that the measure will be in the hands of the President for approval by the first of July. They are equally confident that Mr. Hoover will approve the measure, though according to a poll made by the New York Nation, a considerable majority of the Republican newspapers of the country would much prefer a veto on the ground that "it will increase the cost of living; that the manufacturing situation doesn't warrant such legislation; that it will injure us economically and that it will impair our international relations."

It required fifteen months for a Republican Congress to prepare and pass a piece of legislation which is thus condemned by the voters of the party, if we accept the press as a barometer of public opinion. Even in Pennsylvania a majority is shown against the bill, which probably accounts for the overwhelming defeat of Grundy in the recent primary. The newspapers of New England are practically unanimous on the subject and those of New York, Ohio and Illinois oppose it in nearly the same ratio. But, the confidence of the leaders is justified. The President is much too shrewd in business matters to deliberately cut the source of supply of the war chest.

That the Republican slush fund will be the principal beneficiary of the Grundy tariff bill is clear. Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, perfectly analyzed it, the other day, when he said: "It is an industrial interests bill. It may be worth a billion dollars to them. President Hoover is never going to part company with the interests that contributed so largely to his campaign and brought about his nomination and election." He talks freely and frequently on morals and ethics but it is only lip service. What he wants is a second election, and in the Grundy tariff bill he has a most powerful lever in the flexible provision. It has magnetic force enough to draw the last dollar out of a corporation chest.

The re-election of General Martin to the chairmanship of the Republican State committee may be interpreted as notice to Mr. Pinchot that he isn't "the white cheese."

Taking Joy Out of Life.

Somebody for some reason is constantly trying to "take the joy out of life." Some years ago a more or less prominent doctor, without any apparent reason, issued an opinion that kissing is a dangerous and deathly evil responsible for a large proportion of the microbes that spread infection throughout the world. For a brief period of time this ominous prognostication spread consternation throughout the world. But it didn't last long. Either the good sense or the courage of the men and women and the boys and girls of the world soon dissolved the fear and osculatory enjoyment, if it had ever been abandoned, was resumed and so far as the records reveal, without great harm.

The other day, during a session of the Dauphin county medical society at Harrisburg, Dr. Joseph Colt Bloodgood, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, declared that "the most common cause of cancer of the mouth is the long continued use of tobacco." In support of this startling statement he said "it was smoking of the short pipe in Ireland that first called attention to cancer of the mouth and lip," and in order to make his theory impressive he added that it makes little difference whether "it is the pipe, cigarette, cigars, chewing tobacco or snuff." The malady was developed among the barbarous tribes of Africa by chewing betel nuts, whatever they are, he added.

Cancer is a dread disease and its cure an unsolved problem of many years. But it is not likely that the statement of Dr. Bloodgood will exercise a deterrent influence on tobacco users. The long experienced tobacco chewer, the cigarette and cigar smoker and the pipe adept is firmly fixed in the habit and only positive proof that it is destructive of health would move him to give it up. It has been the cause of the fracture of more New Year resolutions than any other agent, and more bets have been lost on it than on elections and horse races put together. Maybe Dr. Bloodgood had no purpose of curtailing the consumption of tobacco in mind but if he had he will be disappointed.

Uncle Sam is After Us!
Please Help Us Face Him.

Last fall we told our readers that Uncle Sam had started investigating the newspapers of the country. He had then swooped down on the publications in the New England States and we knew it was only a matter of time until he would turn his attention to Pennsylvania.

Our time has come and we want to tell you right here that we're not Harry Sinclair or Bishop Cannon. We don't want to go to jail, so we're not going to "thumb our nose" and refuse to answer his questions. Like the late Gottleib Haag: "We can't go to jail because nobody knows our meat route."

Uncle Sam wants us to tell him—and swear to its truthfulness—just how much some of you owe on your subscriptions to the Watchman. From our way of thinking its none of his business but, unhappily, he and we don't think alike.

We pay him postage on every paper, whether it goes to a subscriber who is a bit in arrears or one who is paid in advance and if all those who are in arrears were in advance he wouldn't get a cent more in postage or carry our mail a cent cheaper. Its hard to understand just what the big idea is, but some one in the Post Office Department has it and we're "on the carpet."

What kind of a figure we are going to put out is entirely up to you, if you are a Watchman reader who is not paid in advance. We have to tell Uncle Sam and we have to swear that we are telling the truth as to just how long and how much you have been owing the Watchman.

We're willing to trust anyone of our readers. We always have done it and hope always to be in a position to do it. Uncle Sam says on his coins "In God We Trust" but newspaper publishers are something else again. And being among those Methodist Bishops, millionaire oil men, ex-Cabinet officers, rum runners, et cetera, upon whom he looks with suspicion we are reduced to the humiliating position of having to answer up.

We'd just love to report to Washington that the Watchman list is one hundred per cent clean. We've got to make a report within thirty days and you can help a lot by looking at your label right now to see whether you are paid in advance or arrears.

It is easy to understand. If the label on this page or on the wrapper in which this paper arrived appears like this

John Doe Mar 1-29

it means that John Doe is paid up to March 1, 1929. To March 1st, 1930, he would owe \$1.50. And to March 1st, 1931 he would owe \$1.50, or \$3.00 for the two years and be paid in advance.

We know that business is slack and money is scarce, but no one owes the Watchman an amount that could cause any great inconvenience to pay in full. If there are any such we earnestly wish them to write us and we can arrange to tide them over the cramped period so that they can still have their old friend, the Watchman visit them regularly.

The government wants to know how many of our readers are in arrears for even the trifling period of two months and there is no way of evading answer to the question. It wants to know how many owe for more than four, six, nine and twelve months. In fact it wants to know all our secrets except how dirty the office towel is and we are sure if the Health Department got a glimpse of it quarantine notices would be tacked on the door before we could realize what it was all about.

Won't you please help us? Look at your label right now and if you owe anything send a remittance at once. Please don't put it off until tomorrow. Uncle Sam won't put off his demands on us.

The Watchman is proud of its readers. It frequently boasts of the high type of people who have it in their homes and, as we have said before, we want to show Uncle Sam a list that will open his eyes.

Won't you help us do it?

High Cost of the Tariff Bill.

The conference committee on the tariff bill has come to an agreement and submitted the result of its deliberations to the House of Representatives in a 122-page book. The report covers all provisions of the bill except sugar, lumber, shingles, cement, and silver which are to receive further consideration in each chamber. On every item upon which there was disagreement the higher rates have been adopted and it is estimated that "the duties which it levies on four major items, shoes, wool, beef and sugar, will raise the cost of living to the people of America, more than \$1,000,000,000, about \$8.50 for every man, woman and child in the United States."

Commenting upon the subject the esteemed New York Nation says "we are glad the conference committee on the tariff bill has run the rates up all along the line, agreeing invariably on the highest duties. We hope that this measure will emerge just as bad as it is possible to be, for the worse it is the quicker will come the punishment and the reaction." Considered on the basis of past experience the expectation of our New York contemporary is justified. But in view of the cost to the people in the increased expense of living during the two or more years before the reaction can set in, it is positively cruel to share in the hope expressed. It would be more comforting to hope for defeat of the report.

Included among the officers assigned for duty at the reserve officers' training camp at Fort George B. Meade, Md., June 15th to July 26th, are three from State College, Capt. Winthrop Hollyer, Capt. Raymond P. Cook, and Sergt. Jack H. Weske.

Tomorrow will be flag day and the big racing classic will be on at the Altoona speedway. Nineteen of the world's most noted speed demons are entered and great racing may be looked for in this struggle for the national championship of gasoline alley.

Read the Watchman and get all the news worth reading.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of June 13, 1880.

Children's day in the Bellefonte Methodist church was celebrated last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with very impressive services. Rev. Donahue and Sunday school superintendent S. Durbin Gray were in charge. Miss Clara Lyon presided at the organ and D. M. Lieb and John G. Love made speeches. Thanks are due to Misses Bella Bell, Nannie and Sallie McGinley, Mary and Clara Schrom, Miss Fisher, Ida and Anna Green, Mrs. D. H. Hastings, Mrs. Peebles Green, Mrs. Harry Teats, Mrs. D. Z. Kilne and others for the lively interest manifested by them in the work.

Foot Ball Challenge—11 or 22 of State College challenge any 11 or 22 of Central Pennsylvania for a football match on Wednesday, June 30. Send challenge to John A. McKee, manager, State College, Pa.

Jack Hicklen, of Unionville, was the only man of that town who had the manliness to say, on Monday last, that he was going to Bellefonte to attend the circus. All the rest had "business at the bank."

The Bellefonte school board met last Saturday evening and elected the following officers: President, John Hoffer; secretary, S. D. Gray; treasurer, Jared Harper.

The storms this month have been very severe, with the grandest of thunder and the most vivid of lightning. Last Saturday a particularly terrific one struck this section. Rain fell in sheets of water and some drops were big as acorns. And lightning was hitting here, there, dozen houses and other buildings in Bellefonte. Out at Coleville a Sprankle boy was plowing corn when the storm broke. Hurriedly he unhitched his horse and turned it loose to graze while he struck for the house. He had just reached the doorway when a blinding flash and an awful crash caused him to look back, only to see the poor horse dead in the fence corner.

Mr. Clayton Poorman, now of Huntingdon county, where he is the capable and trusted clerk of a large firm, was in town last week looking tip top. He gets handsomer and fatter every day and we are pleased to know that he is getting on in the world.

In some places farmers are replanting their corn. Much of it has been destroyed by worms.

Mr. Will Curtin has purchased the rights of the patent burglar alarm lock and will canvass the county for it.

Robert McCalmont's spirited horse frightened at the circus camel on show day and ran away. The buggy was smashed all to pieces.

Welsh and Sands circus, which exhibited here on Tuesday, drew a large crowd. There were three thousand people in the big tent for the afternoon performance. Of course there were many more than that, for some church members only went to see the animals and they stayed out in the menagerie tent. The street parade in the morning was large and entertaining, embracing a big and little elephant, several camels or dromedaries, a couple of lions with a man in the cage with them, a loose leopard on top of a wagon, five or six noble red men, two brass bands, a steam piano, a lot of actors and actresses on horse back and clowns bowing and making funny faces.

D. F. Chandler, who keeps the temperance house at Julian, called on us on show day and told us a good story on his town. He said a tipsy fellow was going up the valley on a train a few days ago and when the conductor asked him where he was going to, he replied: "I'm goin' to hell. Just then the brakeman went to the end of the car and yelled: 'Julian.' Whereupon the conductor shook his tipsy passenger and said: 'This is your station.'"

The official count of the Democratic vote cast at the primaries in Clearfield county shows that Don S. Gingery became the Democratic nominee for State Senator in the Centre-Clearfield district through the votes he got in Centre county. Clearfield county gave Clarence Keiser 39 more votes than were polled for Gingery, the official count showing 193 for Keiser, 154 for Gingery and 135 for Scott. Centre county, however, gave Gingery 153, Scott 60 and not a vote to Keiser.

J. L. Weideman, one of the strong men from Lytle's addition, State College, came to Bellefonte, on Saturday evening, and backed up by a load of moonshine started out to display his fighting qualities. The result was he ended up in the "cooler" where he raised Cain all night long. After spending the night and Sunday in the lockup he was released, Sunday evening, when another resident of his home locality paid his fine and costs.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Charles M. Schwab, chairman of board of directors of Bethlehem Steel corporation, and Governor Fisher were awarded honorary degrees at Allegheny college.

Joseph E. Heath Jr., former clerk in the Continental-Equitable Title and Trust company, of Philadelphia, arrested on charges of embezzling \$17,000 from the bank on Monday, pleaded guilty to six indictments.

Two persons are dead, two others critically ill and at least 30 more residents of Reading are sick as the result of eating tainted meat, is the belief of coroner W. S. Ammarell, who is making an investigation.

Dewey Rupert, Danville, who was arrested on a robbery charge when he went to a hospital at Bloomsburg for treatment of gunshot wounds, pleaded guilty to breaking into four business places in Berwick, last Thursday, and was sentenced to 5 to 10 years in the penitentiary.

Forty acres of forest land, a sawmill, 60,000 feet of lumber and logs, and two saw mills sets, including saw dust and slash piles, were consumed in a forest fire, near Mercersburg, Franklin county, last Thursday. The sawmill was owned by the Morris Lumber company, of Everett.

Dr. J. W. Brown, of Butler, gave J. Kostenski, 15, Erie hitch-hiker, an automobile ride and was robbed for his accommodation. Kostenski, upon being apprehended later by the State highway patrol, admitted officers said, that he held up Dr. Brown at the point of a revolver and robbed him of \$15.

A jury in United States court at Williamsport was discharged last Friday morning after it had spent several hours in futile effort to reach an agreement in the suit of Fred Sholly, Mifflinburg World War veteran, against the Veterans' Bureau. Sholly claimed compensation, alleging total disability because of war injuries.

Officers enforcing the ninety-day dog quarantine have killed 500 canines in Schuylkill county to date. Forty-five unuzzled animals were killed in Shenandoah recently and twenty-five in Ashland. More unuzzled dogs have been killed in Minersville so far than in any other county town. Several of the dead animals were suffering from rabies.

Mrs. William H. Shontz, Yeagertown, was injured when a beam flew through the open window of a car she was driving and stung her in the face. Three of Mrs. Shontz's ribs were fractured when she lost control of the car and it crashed into a fence. Her companion Miss Leah Snook, received minor injuries. The accident happened near Mount Alto.

In an effort to relieve unemployment in Pennsylvania, Benson E. Taylor, Secretary of Property and Supplies, has instructed outside firms engaged in construction for the State to limit purchase of material to Pennsylvania-made products. His action followed similar instructions by the Department of Labor and Industry and the Highway Department to contractors who were urged to use Pennsylvania labor.

An explosion, followed by fire, destroyed the plant of the Lancaster Pipe Moulding company at Lancaster, Monday. Two employees were injured in fleeing from the structure but thirteen others escaped unhurt. The explosion, the cause of which was not determined, weakened the walls of the two and a half story brick structure and they collapsed while firemen were fighting the blaze which broke out afterward.

Williamsport is mourning the death of its oldest resident, Mrs. Catherine English, who celebrated her one hundred and seventh birthday anniversary February of this year. She died Saturday afternoon at the home of a daughter from infirmities of old age. Mrs. English, who was born in a log cabin at Kettle Creek, Clinton county, was active despite her advanced years. She frequently enjoyed long automobile rides and on her one hundredth birthday anniversary motored to DuBois, Pa., for a family reunion.

Stating there is no legal basis for the contention that Harold P. Watts and Walter J. Lyster, convicted Pittsburgh coal and iron police, had been placed in double jeopardy, Judge William M. Parker, of Venango county, on Monday refused a new trial and ordered both to report on Monday, June 23, for sentence on their conviction of involuntary manslaughter. The men were tried last February for the death of John Barcoski, Tyre, Pa., miner. Judge Parker said the testimony of the men themselves resulted in conviction.

W. E. Paul, Shamokin, former Reading Railway passenger engineer, was awarded \$31,000 by a jury in the Northumberland county court at Sunbury, on Monday, for injuries he suffered when an Atlantic Refining company truck crashed into his locomotive near Muncy, August 21, 1929, and exploded. The defendant indicated it will seek a new trial. He asked \$78,000. Paul testified his larynx and his voice. He said a tube inserted in his throat below the Adam's apple. Testimony was that Paul, after the accident, stopped his train, a Williamsport-Philadelphia passenger express, and, his clothing aflame, ran down into a field and rolled around until he extinguished the blaze. Paul gave his testimony through his wife, who has learned to read his lips since the accident.

Boyd R. Kear, 23, of 2003 north Hobard street, West Philadelphia, a junior in Temple University dental school and a graduate of West Philadelphia High school, was killed on Monday when an automobile he was driving crashed into a telegraph pole near Sunbury, Pa. Police believe he fell asleep at the wheel. Miss Lois Smith, 25, an organist employed by a theatre in Philadelphia, his fiancée, was sleeping in the car when the accident occurred. She suffered severe shock and was unable to give a coherent account of what had happened. Her home is in Milton, Pa. Kear died of a fractured skull shortly after he was carried into the Mary M. Packer hospital, at Sunbury. He was a member of the Blue Key Honorary society and the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He attended the University of Pennsylvania two years, taking a pre-dental course.