

Mr. Pinchot is trying to dodge the Prohibition question, as an issue.

The Liberal party of Pennsylvania and the Women's Association for Prohibition reform have both endorsed the candidacy of John M. Hemphill for Governor.

Let them who want to believe that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is sending psychic messages to his wife. When they prove to us that there is any kind of communication between a departed spirit and a living soul then we will be ready to believe that all preachers and priests are fakes and that the gospel is just a lovely fantasy like "The Night Before Christmas."

The President has a new engineering problem on his hands. Smart tailors are of the opinion that Warren D. Robbins, social secretary at the White House, doesn't know what clothes to wear for certain functions.

One of "The Specialists" one-holders that has long been part of the scenery at the rear of a Bellefonte business place has had to be removed to make room for a miniature golf course that is being located there.

The corridors of the Centre county court house are plastered with notices of tax sales. Next Monday the Commissioners will sell several hundred properties for taxes, all because a drastic and wholly unnecessary law was passed by the last Legislature.

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Why Niles Should be Elected.

Recent actions of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania have materially impaired public confidence in that tribunal. We do not share the freely expressed and widely diffused opinion that in shifting the dates of the hearing of the Luzerne county primary election dispute there was a sinister purpose.

There are seven justices of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania. In framing the present constitution of the State the distinguished gentlemen who composed the convention unanimously agreed upon a non-partisan Supreme court and so worded the instrument that there would always be minority representation on the appellate bench.

It is fair to assume that if there had been one able lawyer inclined to the political philosophy of the minority party on the bench the action of the court in the Luzerne county case would have been accepted without complaint.

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London Naval Treaty Ratified

Taking into consideration the opinions of the naval experts and the stubborn resistance set up in the Senate by the opponents of the London naval treaty, the vote by which it was ratified on Monday of last week was surprising.

Of the Senators voting for ratification eighteen were Democrats. During the long drawn out consideration of the subject the President never called in a Democratic Senator for consultation. He had the wisdom, or cunning, to appoint the floor leader of the minority as one of the delegates to the convention and seemed to think that was sufficient courtesy to the party.

In discussing the question at the final day of consideration Senator Wagner, Democrat, of New York, said: "It is a feeble treaty, a weak and insufficient instrument; but it is better than competitive building. If it does not carry us forward far toward the goal of disarmament, at least it applies the brakes against the rapid backsliding which had already begun."

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An Obviously Natural Alliance.

It was perfectly natural that Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, should attach himself to the Pinchot faction in the confusing conflict now in progress in the Republican party.

Probably the hardest bump Francis Shunk Brown got during his campaign for the Republican nomination for Governor was the announcement that he had the earnest support of Mayor Mackey.

There is not and cannot be any personal advantage to Mayor Mackey and William S. Vare in the election of John M. Hemphill the Democratic nominee for Governor.

It seems that the people of Canada want higher tariff rates than the Liberal government fixed in retaliation to our Grundy atrocity.

Penalty of Being Found Out.

Claudius H. Huston, President Hoover's hand picked chairman of the Republican National committee, has finally made a definite promise to resign "for the good of the party."

It is hard to create in reasoning minds a sentiment of sympathy for Huston. For purely selfish considerations he employed his considerable influence as an active and efficient party leader to betray the public by sacrificing an immensely valuable property.

Thrown "as a tub to the whale" Mr. Huston will, on the 7th day of August, plunge into oblivion as a delinquent. He has served the purpose of his political associates "to the best of his ability," and with all the zeal he could command.

Hoover Content While Distress Threatens.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned," but at that he had nothing on President Hoover. The other day, after a conference on the subject with the President, Senator Smoot issued a statement through the Republican National committee in which he ridiculed the complaints of foreign governments against the excessive rates of the Grundy tariff bill.

Replying to this expression of contentment Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, says "Whether Senator Smoot and President Hoover look upon this inexcusable increase in our tariff rates as serious or not the American people must know that it has caused a tremendous shrinkage in our exports.

One of the last public statements of the late President McKinley was an admonition against excessive tariff taxes. A protectionist of the most radical type his experience as President led him to declare that we cannot expect foreign markets to open freely to our wares unless we show a willingness to at least tolerate their products in our markets.

Senator Borah will take a month's rest in Maine and let us hope he'll give the rest of us a rest wherever we may be during that period.

President Hoover to Blame.

The troubles of Alexander Legge, chairman of the Federal Farm Board, are multiplying and largely because of his careless use of language. In reply to some of the complaints of farmers Mr. Legge said it was "political bunk."

This is literally true but it is hardly fair to lay the blame on Legge and his colleagues of the Farm Board. With the absurd idea of checking an alarming decline in the price of wheat the Board bought some 67,000,000 bushels at \$1.25 a bushel.

The Farm Board enterprise is solely a Hoover conception and is based on the Hoover idea that the average farmer has little, if any, understanding of business principles and commercial methods.

Latest Population Figures.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Basing its calculation on the returns from forty-one States and the District of Columbia, the Associated Press estimates that we have a total population in the United States of 122,975,000.

It is significant that the rank of the leading States remains the same. New York continues to head the procession, with Pennsylvania second, Illinois third, Ohio fourth and Texas fifth.

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Erasing Party Lines.

From the Philadelphia Record. A staff correspondent of this newspaper, after traveling round in Mercer county, reports that party lines are wiped out in this campaign.

The eraser is resentment against prohibition and its enforcement. Mercer leads in rigor of enforcement; and Mercer is convinced that the price is too much to pay for the results obtained.

As the Democratic party pledges itself to repeal, Mercer county Republicans are said to be ready, in large numbers, to vote the Hemphill-Kistler-Niles ticket.

Such dominance by a single issue became inevitable when the 18th amendment, the Volstead enforcement law and the Snyder act went into effect.

Nothing should be permitted to prevent the election standing as a decisive referendum on prohibition. There will be no peace in this Commonwealth until we have a full and honest expression of the people's will on this question.

The Hemphill ticket, opposing the Quasi-Liberalism of Pinchot, which fades out in presence of the now supreme issue of personal freedom to rule one's own habits of living, can bring about if it will strike out more boldly, expand its program to include all the liberal issues.

Thank the Lord the trout fishing season is over. Not that we wore ourselves out lugging home the fish, but we haven't been able to concentrate on anything since April fifteenth because of fear that some one else was lugging them home while we should have been concentrating.

The ratification of the London treaty is desirable because it will hasten the adjournment of the Senate and the resignation of chairman Huston.

It was hardly necessary to embargo Russian ships in order to decrease foreign commerce. The Grundy tariff law will accomplish that result.

The political "sneak-thieves" who attempted an age-worn trick to defeat Senator Norris, of Nebraska, for renomination have been foiled.

It's bad enough here but in Paris they arrest the victims of automobile accidents for "getting in the way of the automobile."

The Vare war board has rendered valuable service to Pinchot by its futile attack on the Luzerne county returns.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Asserting that he broke his teeth on a nail embedded in a loaf of rye bread, Thomas Shields, of Fort Perry, near Pittsburgh, has filed suit for \$30,000 damages against the Ward Baking company.

As he was preparing to retire early last Friday, Howard Riddle, 83, Wilkesburg, a suburb, thought he heard a shot fired beneath his bedroom window. He rushed to the window, lost his balance and fell to the street. He died an hour later.

Harry Luders, of Strasburg, an employe of the Edison Electric company, was electrocuted on Monday while working on overhead wires of the company near Reddigs cemetery, about a half-mile from Reamstown, Lancaster county. He leaves a wife and four children.

John E. Kuhns, a motorman, of Lancaster, claims the record fish story for the season. Kuhns and his family went swimming in Mill Creek at Bell Bank, near Union. Following their swim they changed clothes at the home of a friend. When Kuhns, who weighs over 300 pounds, took off his swimming suit a six-inch bass jumped out onto the floor.

As the result of a fractured skull and shock caused by a fall down a flight of stairs Mrs. Sarah Jane Gemmill, the oldest resident of the lower end of York county, died at her home near New Freedom. She was 99 years, nine months and 25 days old. The aged woman fell down 12 steps and then struck her head against a door. Death occurred about two hours after the accident.

To quiet mothers alarmed over the possibility of their babies being mixed at the maternity wards of two Hazleton hospitals, announcement is made by the two institutions of their methods to identify newly born infants. They are "foot-printed" at birth and again at discharge to check on their identities, as well as checked up with necklaces which bear numbers carried in the medical records of the cases.

Christ Bacusis, of Greece, charged by immigration authorities with illegally entering the country at Niagara Falls in a rowboat after paying \$150 to smugglers of aliens, is being held in the Allegheny county jail awaiting deportation proceedings, following his arrest in Johnstown in a mill of the Bethlehem Steel corporation. He was one of a group of nine taken to Pittsburgh from Johnstown on similar charges.

A skeleton, apparently that of a human being, was uncovered by James Nolla and Thomas Arkins, of Minersville, on a coal bank near Pottsville, on Monday while the youths were riddling coal. An investigation was started by county detectives, who expressed the opinion that the find might lead to the solution of a murder years ago. Dr. Valibus, county coroner, said the skeleton might have been buried by a medical student.

A double funeral was held for Miss Violet M. Durr, 23, and Robert L. Bookhammer, 23, both of Altoona, an engaged couple drowned while canoeing in Lake Mokonka, near Eaglesmere. They were taking John Prutzman, Altoona aviator, to the center of the lake for a swim. Prutzman, attired in a bathing suit, was rescued. The victims were members of a party of eight camping at the lake, arriving there a few hours prior to the accident.

Because she cannot pay her taxes, Mrs. Sophie Gurka is confined in the Carbon county prison while her seven children go uncared for at their home in Summit Hill, near Tamaqua. Her taxes amount to \$30, and as a result of the hearing which sent her to prison she owes \$3 more in costs. Her husband has paid his taxes and gives no attention to the obligation which has lodged his wife behind prison bars. The eldest of the seven children at home is a girl of 13.

A cat measuring 32 inches from the tip of its tail to its neck and believed to have been a wild cat, on Monday attacked J. O. Jacobs, of Espy, near Bloomsburg. It bit Jacobs on the knee, inflicting a small wound. Jacobs freed himself and as the cat was attempting to spring a second time Jacobs' dog attacked the animal, which was later killed. Fearing it might have been a mad cat, the head had been sent to the State Department of Health for examination. Harry Miller, State game warden, said the animal had the marks of a wild cat.

Belief that James Bunt, arrested by sheriff Lester Crabb, of Union county, on a charge of vagrancy at Hartleton, was a Chicago gangster, was lessened when the prisoner was interviewed by corporal Walter Powell, of the State police, at Lewisburg, on Sunday. Powell found the man had been arrested by the Pennsylvania railroad police for illegal train riding several weeks ago. He had served a term of 10 days in the Northumberland county jail and was released a day previous to his arrest by Crabb. The man has passports and bank books showing large deposits in Chicago banks.

Laura, the "Wonder Mother," world record pure bred Jersey cow, owned by the McManus Brothers' Farm at Towanda, died Friday. She was 27 years old and had given birth to 21 calves, 15 of which were heifers. In 1926 she squalled the world record of King's Financial Interest, of Greystone Farms, West Chester, Pa., and surpassed it the following year. King's Financial Interest died at the age of 21. She had a butter fat production record of 400 pounds, while Laura's record was 408 pounds. McManus Brothers have about 50 head of cattle in their herd, all direct descendants of Laura. They have never had to buy a cow.

Sticking to his post in the face of inevitable collision with a seventy-car freight train, Lewis Hartman, of Tamaqua, engineer of a Reading Railway passenger train, running between Williamsport and Tamaqua, averted a tragedy at Shamokin, on Sunday. The passenger train had been flagged to permit the freight to cross over to another track, and the freight engineer, thinking the switch had been thrown sent his train smashing into the passenger cars. Although he knew the crash was inevitable, Hartman succeeded in starting his train in reverse just before the collision, thus lessening the force of the impact. George McDonald, negro, a pullman attendant, was badly scalded when a pall of hot water spilled over him in the kitchen of the diner. No one else was injured.