

INK SLINGS

There is at least one man in the world who thinks that President Grace, of the Bethlehem Steel company, earns his nearly \$2,000,000 a year.

Senator Watson, of Indiana, thinks the Canadian election is an endorsement of the Grundy tariff law. Senator Watson has Mark Tapley shoved off the map.

About the only thing this kind of weather could be good for is a young turkey. They thrive when it is hot and dry and surely it has been that long enough to give them a good start.

Our burgess is pawin' the dust again. He has ordered the police force to rigidly enforce the automobile parking ordinance. More power to him and wit enough to the police to get the councilman who rarely respects the "stop" sign at south Water and High streets.

Just imagine what the part of Spring creek that flows through town would be looking like now if some individual had purchased the Gamble mill property and diverted all of the water down the race. There wouldn't have been enough flowing down the regular channel to carry off the sewage that discharges into it.

The gentleman subscriber who writes to tell us that he took our tip on the infallibility of a market rise in early July and cleaned up nearly eight hundred dollars owes us nothing for it. He might, however, take down four dollars and a half of the profits he credits us with getting him, and push his label up to where it ought to be.

Weary of reforming the Democratic party in Pennsylvania Vance McCormick has taken himself and his two Harrisburg newspapers over into the Pinchot camp. The loss to the Democracy of the State will not be serious and both Gifford and Cornelia will need coaching on how to push a tea wagon as if they had always been in the habit of doing it.

On Tuesday evening we saw a dairy herd being driven from what was supposed to be their pasture field and clouds of dust were following in their wake. While there are no records to prove it, we are of the belief that this must be the hottest and driest period this county has ever experienced. We know that Monday night was the hottest night that we have recollection of.

According to the latest pronouncement from Mr. Price the Highway Patrol has declared war on one-arm drivers. The declaration is not against those drivers who have suffered the loss of an arm. It is against the brazen brats who get a feeble minded girl in the seat with them and then proceed to drive with one arm and paw with the other.

John W. Underhill, Negro philanthropist of Mays Landing, N. J., left one hundred thousand dollars for a playground and a gymnasium for the school children of that town. He started as a barber, then ran a candy store where the children parked their pennies for John to keep against the day he immortalized himself by giving them all back again. For years he was the only Negro resident of Mays Landing and we opine he will be the only Negro for a long time to have a memorial tablet in a white school. It is fitting that it should be there for the hearts of men, not the color of their skins, proclaim them.

A thermometer is a bad thing to have handy when the weather is insufferably hot. A looking glass is a good thing to stay away from when you are not feeling well and nothing is worse for an imagined case of weak heart action than the ability to take your own pulse. In other words, when it is hot it only makes you hotter to know just how hot it is. When you are a little pale around the gills the sight of it in a mirror will scare you into a greater pallor. When a little gas forces the diaphragm up against the old pump so that it goes a little crazy at its work your fingers on your wrist will convince you at once that you have heart disease.

The Hon. Holmes wasn't present on Monday to see how the tax law he voted for was going to sell the roofs from over the heads of many Centre county property owners. According to reports that come to us he is trying to squirm out by admitting that he voted for the iniquitous measure without reading it. Be that as it may, he would have voted for the bill, whether he read it or not, if he had been ordered to. What Centre county needs right here in Centre county, down in Harrisburg and on further, in Washington, are men who won't and don't have to take orders. Let's have an end of being represented by men whose spines seem to be no stiffer than used bath towels.

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Fine Work of Our Candidates.

The Democratic candidates for Governor and Senator in Congress are "making hay while the sun shines." Campaigning while the mercury is flirting at record altitude is not an easy task, but John M. Hemphill and Sedgwick Kistler are fulfilling their obligations to the party in full measure by facing the discomforts of such labor under such distressing conditions. They have been highly honored in having been unanimously selected as standard-bearers in a contest of unusual importance to the voters of the party and the people of Pennsylvania, and by the sacrifices they are making to assure victory they are proving that the honors were worthily bestowed.

Last week these faithful and fit candidates visited several counties of the northwestern section of the State and made hosts of friends by informal contacts with the people. This week they are in the southwestern section adding thousands to the army of supporters. On Monday they were in Washington county and on Tuesday in Greene county. On Wednesday hosts of earnest voters greeted them in Fayette county and on Thursday, according to their itinerary, they were in Westmoreland county where they found abundant signs of a restoration of an old-fashioned Democratic majority. All this excellent work has been achieved before the actual campaign has begun.

This evidence of devotion to the party and fidelity to the people should inspire the Democrats and liberal-minded voters of Centre county to increased effort and enthusiasm in behalf of the candidates. Judge Niles has not campaigned with his confederates on the ticket, not for the reason that he has less interest in the cause or is indifferent to the result, but because he believes the judicial office should not be made a subject of political contention. If the Democratic voters of the State will perform their part with the same energy and determination as the candidates have fulfilled their obligations, the entire ticket will be elected by splendid majorities.

The Election in Canada.

The result of the election in Canada is a direct and practical reaction to the Grundy tariff law. The Liberal government, under Mackenzie King, had already taken steps in retaliation of what seems to the people of Canada as an unjust and unnecessary discrimination against their commerce and industry, but it didn't go far enough to satisfy the voters. Mr. Bennett, his competitor for the premiership, made his appeal on the basis of "the British Empire first, and within the British Empire Canada first; the preservation of our home market for our home producers; the maintenance of our industries to give employment to our own people." That sounds like a leaf from Grundy's diary.

Business has been languishing and times have been hard in Canada. Unemployment has been a problem there, though in less degree than here, and Premier Mackenzie King has not given the matter as much concern as the victims of the condition believed he should. The Grundy law aggravated the evil by practically closing our markets to their products. As the New York Times says, "the resultant commercial feeling against the United States has been a contributing cause to the election of a Conservative Prime Minister pledged to hit American exports to Canada fully as hard as Canadian exports to us have been hit by our own tariff." That is the plain truth of the matter.

Prime Minister King was not entirely responsible for the industrial slump in Canada and President Hoover is not entirely to blame for the unemployment in this country. But both are justly censurable for refusal or neglect to provide a remedy. Mr. King did nothing at all in that direction, if the complaints of his political enemies are well founded. What President Hoover has done is worse than nothing for he simply tried to deceive the people by false promises of improvement, and finally registered approval of tariff legislation which vastly increases the cause of complaint. Mackenzie King has paid the penalty for his offense and Hoover will get what is coming to him in November.

The tree sitters constitute continuing evidence that the fool killer is neglecting his business.

The State Welfare Department vs the People.

In response to an invitation of the board of directors of the Centre County hospital ten interested friends gathered at the Penn-Belle hotel, Wednesday evening, to consider a demand made by the State Welfare Department that a new home be built for the nurses of the local institution.

The threat of the Department appears to be that unless better accommodations are furnished the nurses it will withdraw its approval of our training school. A home that would come up to the Department's ideals would cost from \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

While there could be no possible objection to such a home—indeed it is very much to be desired—we see no reason for getting scared at any such threat by the Welfare Department. What if it does withdraw its approval of our training school for nurses? It can't prevent our graduates from taking the state board examination and Bellefonte hospital nurses are the kind of girls who pass that examination. Doing this they can't be denied their certificate, no matter what the Welfare Department might try to do about it.

With the court house corridors plastered with tax sale notices, industry almost at a stand-still and the county facing possible loss of its corn and potato crops this seems to us an unpropitious time to start a drive for such a project. It is a desirable project, of course, but the people of Centre county should say when they are going to do it and not permit the State Welfare Department to intimidate them. It hasn't a leg to stand on in the threats it makes and the sooner local communities organize to call it's bluffs the sooner there will be an end of its persistent meddling.

Ugly Rumors Afloat Concerning Sharp Fire.

The aftermath of the burning of the Sharp barn, midway between Spring Mills and Coburn, Wednesday evening of last week, has been a grist of rumors implying that it was set afire.

The Watchman published the details of the fire in its last week's edition, but since then stories have been current to the effect that those first on the scene found oil-soaked straw in the attic of the house and the shingles on the roof of the shanty so wet with oil that it could only have been poured there a short time before the rescuers arrived on the scene.

The barn and outbuildings, crops and four horses were burned. The house was saved, but there the evidence of incendiarism is said to have been discovered. Mr. Tharp and his family were in Spring Mills all the afternoon and evening of the fire. He did not live on the place and was farming it by the day. It is estimated that his loss is more than double the amount of insurance he carried. He knows of no enemy who might have had a grievance against him such as would inflame them to such an act.

Bellefonte Kiwanians Hear Talk by Dr. Carmon Ross.

Dr. Carmon Ross, lieutenant governor of the southeastern division of Kiwanis in Pennsylvania, was the speaker at the Tuesday luncheon of Kiwanians at the Penn Belle hotel.

Borough Councilmen Hold Brief Meeting.

The hot weather of Monday evening was almost too much for the borough councilmen. At 7:30 o'clock, the regular time for convening, only four members had shown up, president Walker, Ardery, Badger and Emerick. As no others appeared by 7:40 president Walker took his departure. Five minutes later Messrs. Beaver and Jodon arrived and council organized by electing Beaver president pro tem. Nighthart came in shortly after which made six members.

Secretary Kelly read a communication from borough engineer H. B. Shattuck in which he stated that he had been unable to complete the survey for the new waterline from the big spring to the Gamble mill property, owing to the uncertainty as to the lines of borough property, but hoped to have it ready by the next meeting of council.

H. G. Witter was present in person and gave council blue prints and plans of the new house he intends building on the corner of Curtin and Wilson streets, work on which is already under way. Lester Musser also presented plans for a new bungalow he intends building on east Lamb street.

The Street committee reported completion of the Curtin street sewer and all the work completed on the opening of Burnside street except oiling and top-dressing. On recommendation of the Street committee the Lamb street bridge was condemned as unsafe for any kind of travel and a resolution was passed ordering it closed. The committee was instructed to confer with the county commissioners relative to erecting a new bridge. When the present bridge was built in 1898 the borough erected the abutments and the county the superstructure.

The Water committee reported various repairs and the collection of \$525.00 on water tax and \$12.65 for work done at the swimming pool on Hughes field.

The Fire and Police committee reported receipt of a check for \$50.00 from Miss Mira Humes for the services of the firemen at the burning of the barn on her farm last week, one-third of which will be paid to the Logans.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$217.14 and \$2194.32 in the water fund. Notes for \$2,000 were presented for renewal and a new note for \$3000 was authorized in the borough fund to meet current bills and pay a note of \$1000 held by the American Legion.

The Sanitary committee presented the monthly report of Dr. S. M. Nissley, health officer and milk inspector. Mr. Ardery presented the complaint of residents of north Thomas street in regard to the lime dust nuisance from the hydrating plant of the American Lime and Stone company. He stated that he had communicated with Mr. Shallcross who said that the company hoped to effect some definite plan for abating the nuisance within a month. Another member of council stated that he had been told that the company uses a screen to overcome the lime dust during the day then blows it all out at night when there is less likelihood of it being seen.

DEFEAT.

R. Cecil McMahon in West Penn Life. Defeat has caused the best of men, To wit and quit the fight, To hide away and watch the tide Of life, sweep out of sight, And well they know that by defeats A victory must come, So why give in, keep up your faith, At least say you will run.

In you, yourself, you must have faith, Keep saying "Sure I can" And though defeat keeps on your heels, Feel good because you ran. A loser always is admired, If he has done his best, Put strength in all you try to do, And faith will do the rest.

Defeat is but the normal thing, That happens o'er and o'er, A victory will come but once While failures pile the score Defeat is not so hard to bear, If foremost in our mind, Are truth, faith, honesty, And love for all mankind.

Monday's Heat Set Hot Weather Record.

The sizzling, stifling temperature of Monday, when the U. S. weather bureau at the Bellefonte aviation field reported a maximum of 100.4 degrees, beat all former hot weather records for Centre county since weather records have been kept. The nearest to it was 99 degrees in 1911, as reported at State College. On Sunday the weather bureau reported 98 while at one o'clock on Tuesday the official reading was 92.

While humanity sweaters and animal life suffers accordingly the most calamitous features of the hot and dry spell is the untold damage to all kinds of farm and garden crops. Nothing is escaping the withering heat and unless an abundance of rain falls in the very near future late crops will be a total loss. As a result of the prolonged drought there have been numerous forest fires throughout the State and Centre county has not escaped entirely. Small fires have occurred in various sections of the Alleghenies and the Barrens while one up in Taylor township, on Bald Eagle mountain last week, almost baffled the efforts of a large force of fire fighters to conquer the flames.

Huckleberry bushes had literally dried up on the ground and all kinds of undergrowth was like tinder. The fire not only burned over the surface but followed the roots down to the ground and the only way it was finally extinguished was by enlisting the aid of a number of farmers with teams of horses and plows. The ground surface over a large area was plowed and broken up and in that way the fire was extinguished.

Bellefonte Has No Fear of a Water Famine.

With many wells and cisterns, as well as small streams throughout the county, bone dry, Bellefonte's big spring, like a purring fountain in the midst of an arid desert, goes right along pouring forth its thousands of gallons of sparkling water every minute of the day. The extremely dry weather has not had the slightest noticeable effect on the flow, notwithstanding the fact that the demand has been unusually great. In fact on Monday, the hottest day of the year, the big electric pumps at the spring were kept in operation almost double the high peak for pumping on any former occasion. This was accounted for by the unprecedented use of water in sprinkling lawns and gardens.

Up at State College the water situation has reached that point where users have been cautioned to exercise as much conservation as possible. Out at Rockview penitentiary the big dam recently constructed in McBride's gap, has so far maintained a sufficient supply for all ordinary uses of the institution, although very little water is now flowing over the spillway. But the penitentiary is well provided against dry weather, as it has an emergency pumping station on Spring creek, a never failing stream, which can be put into service whenever needed.

So far no complaint has been heard from any of the local water companies supplying the smaller towns in the county, so that aside from the farmers who are compelled to haul water there is no immediate danger of a general water famine in the county. The Chase bank, of New York, may acquire ownership of the earth, but heaven be praised it can't get title to the sun, moon and stars. By signing the London naval pact King George has proved that he still has some part in the government of Great Britain.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Four Negroes held up the McConnel & Laub Construction company offices near Butler, on Monday, and obtained \$500. State police said their automobile was seen near Kittanning and they were believed to be fleeing to Ohio.

The family of Robert Thomas, of Rushtown, received word this week of a legacy left by a relative in Wales. The fortune is understood to approximate \$100,000. Mrs. Thomas said the family will wait until it got the money before deciding what to do with it.

Concealing his brass-buttoned coat and cap in a nearby graveyard, chief of police James Levan, of Shamokin, accompanied a young lady through the western end of town as her escort in order to arrest a youth who snatched her wrist watch and purse from her.

Clad in pajamas of purple, orchid and blue, three young ladies ventured forth onto Independence street, Shamokin, Sunday evening, and stirred up quite a furor, but refused to pose or tell their names. They were followed by six more modest companions clad only in blue overalls.

The body of William Christian, 67, of Danville, a retired farmer, was found on Sunday, by berry pickers in the mountains about five miles from Danville. Christian had been missing about a month. Montour county authorities have not determined definitely the cause of his death.

Three Philadelphia policemen are threatened with arrest for violation of a law passed in 1706 prohibiting the making of arrests on the Sabbath. This action was threatened after the officers had arrested the managers of two baseball teams and an umpire for playing baseball on Sunday.

No one wants the job, so the Government, unable to get a postmaster for Fordyce, Greene county, has ordered discontinuance of that postoffice, once one of the busiest in southwestern Pennsylvania's rural sections and the most important in the county. Patrons will receive their mail by rural carrier from Waynesburg.

Reports of albino ring-necked pheasants being prevalent in the southeastern counties of the State are being investigated by officers of the Game Commission. Such a condition, officials said, is similar to that which developed among the deer herds of the State as a result of too much inbreeding. The possibility of allowing hunters to kill hen ring-necks as well as the males is being considered.

Mrs. Wesley Miller, 20-year-old mother of three children, was found dead on Sunday, in a woodshed on a farm near Stoverston, York county, a suicide by hanging, according to coroner L. U. Zech. In a note addressed to her husband, Mrs. Miller said she could live no longer because "babies were taken from her." Coroner Zech, in his report of the case, stated that Miller had left home about a week ago, taking the children with him.

The Public Service Commission has been asked to approve the sale of the Johnstown Telephone company's plant in the borough of Somerset to the West Pennsylvania Telephone company for a consideration of \$155,000. The application filed with the commission states that present competition in the area would be eliminated and that existing service would be maintained by the West Pennsylvania company with the Johnstown company and the connecting companies.

With the determination of the total defalcations of Leo A. Haggerty, former vice president of the Old Dollar State Bank and Trust company, at Scranton, as \$347,392, the State Banking Department has instituted additional charges against Haggerty. Haggerty is now under bail, having been arrested recently when his shortages were first found to be only \$33,000. He is charged by the department with using the bank's funds for speculation in the stock market during the crash last fall.

Earl Falck, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Falck, Sunbury, threw a spool of copper wire over a high-tension wire at Green Briar on Monday. His right hand and side became rigid as he fell to the ground, the current coursing through his body. Daniel Runkle grabbed a stick and struck the wire, breaking it at the point of connection with voltage current. He was knocked down by the charge. The boy was rushed to the Mary M. Packer hospital, where the doctors marveled that he had not been instantly killed. He will recover.

The presence of mind of five-year-old Clarence Kugler, Jr., failed to save the life of Mrs. Anna Fellows, 25 years old, of Chambersburg, whose clothing caught fire while extinguishing an oil burner. Clarence turned the garden hose on her as she rolled on the ground trying to put out the flames in her clothes, but he was too late and the young woman died in the Chambersburg hospital from the burns she had received. Mrs. Fellows had been spending a week at the home of Magistrate Kugler, at Rouserville. She and the child were alone in the house when her apron caught fire from the oil burner.

Bodies of Henry Martels, seventy-six and his wife, Katherine, sixty-five, of Jersey Shore, both shot through the head, were found, on Sunday, near the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Linden, N. J. Police believe it a double suicide or a murder and suicide. A picture of a gasoline station owned by a son, Fred Martels, of Patchogue, L. I., led to identification. The son said he had not seen the couple in two years. He learned from neighbors they had seemed despondent and had left home Saturday. The father was a retired superintendent of a silk mill at Jersey Shore.

Three new officers will be connected with the Penn State R. O. T. C. when the college opens this fall, two of whom, Captain Ernest E. Tabcock and Lieutenant Maurice S. Kerr, arrived at the college last week. Captain Thomas H. Ramsey, the third new officer, is expected to assume his duties at the college in August. The three officers whom they displace, Captain Wheat, Captain Biglow, and Captain Cutler, have been ordered to other posts in conformity with the War Department plan of changing part of the officers on R. O. T. C. duty each year, and of not keeping any officer on such duty at the same college for more than four years.