

INK SLINGS.

Making promises is the thing Mr. Pinchot does best. Keeping them is one of his notable failures.

The tax refund record shows that contributions to the Republican campaign fund is the most profitable investment that could be made.

Mr. Pinchot has become very chummy with the Pittsburgh machine. If it perpetrates its usual frauds in his interest he will be delighted.

There seems to be another oil scandal brewing and on a much larger scale. The lesson of Secretary Fall's adventures have had no influence on the mind of Secretary Wilbur.

It's surprising how rapidly some women who have been yammering around the house all morning recover their health when they unexpectedly get a call to substitute in a bridge game in the afternoon.

Up to this moment not a member of the County W. C. T. U. has challenged our declaration of last week that there are members in their organization who are attempting to use it for political purposes.

Senator Scott and the Hon. Holmes both voted to put the extra tax on gasoline. Don't forget that when you drive up to the filling station, don't forget it, either, when you go to the polls in November.

John M. Hemphill and Sedgwick Kistler will be in the county tomorrow. Mark their dignified progress over the highways and compare it with the blatant procession of Mr. Pinchot. The bigger the drum the more wind there's in it.

Mr. Pinchot's star seems to be waning. He hasn't been on the front page of the metropolitan papers for a week. It's just too bad that Pennsylvania is finding the gentleman out before he puts his bunk over for the second time.

Senator Scott and the Hon. Holmes would like you to forget that they voted for the obnoxious Reed tax law. Some will forget it by election day, but certainly none of those whose properties and names festooned the corridors of the court house for weeks.

Pinchot is the last man in the world to talk loyalty to anyone. As chief forester under President Taft what loyalty did he show to his superior? As State forester under Governor Sproul what loyalty did he show to the Governor? He thinks people have forgotten those notorious displays of his "know-it-all" attitude. Many have, but many haven't.

The Skidmore boy who created the sensation on the Allegheny mountains at the end of last week is to be pitied. Pitied not to the extent of clemency for any of his crimes. Pitied only because he so lightly threw away what might have been a happy and useful life.

All the hopes of family and friends are blasted. The thrill he probably got out of his escapades is nothing but a drab memory and will be poor solace when he comes to pay the price.

When Mr. Pinchot was elected Governor eight years ago Harry Mackey, now Mayor of Philadelphia, was chairman of the State Workman's Compensation Board. Gifford lost no time in letting it be known that he thought Mr. Mackey incompetent and the latter saved himself by resigning before he could be fired. That was eight years ago.

Mr. Pinchot didn't need votes then. He does now and he has taken the "incompetent" Mr. Mackey to his bosom. What for?

Miss M. J. M. who writes from New Paltz, N. Y., to "raz" us about a faux pas made in the Watchman last week has the goods on us. In reporting a motor accident that occurred on the new Waddle road, on Sunday, this paper said: "was arrested on the charge of 'Wreckless driving.'" To that the alert lady says: "We wish more of the accidents were that kind." It would be nice, wouldn't it? Then the drivers of horseless carriages wouldn't need to concentrate any more than the proprietors of fireless cookers.

Relatively few people take enough interest in the tariffs that are imposed on foreign importations to have anything more than a hazy idea about what it is all about. They must know that it affects everyone, but in what way or to what extent they have little or no definite knowledge.

A local merchant was discussing millady's handkerchief the other day when he told us that the only good article he could buy was the one made abroad, but that the new tariff had added one hundred and forty-five per cent to its cost and that made it almost prohibitive in price for his trade.

When we expressed wonderment as to the accuracy of his figures he produced a letter from his New York importer in which the duty on a bill of \$14,808.49 worth of handkerchiefs was actually \$21,527.52. Think of it! Three-fifths of the cost of a handkerchief is tariff alone.

A tariff levied under the guise of keeping industry going in the U. S. of A. and how it is doing it.

Pinchot's Campaign of False Pretense.

Gifford Pinchot continues to practice his game of false pretense. In Philadelphia, the other day, he shed crocodile tears copiously in sympathy with a community he has denounced in every known epithet, because utility corporations have been robbing them.

The Democratic platform pledges its candidates to reorganization of the Public Service Commission "so that it can be made to serve faithfully its public function." That is all Mr. Pinchot or anyone else can do in the matter, but he falsely asserts that he will do more.

Moreover he habitually assumes that his election is certain, appoints committees to report to him after his election and promises impossible things.

The purpose of this type of campaigning is to deceive credulous or mercenary voters into confidence of his success and thus influence a considerable number who want to be on the winning side to support him.

He is trying to envelope them in an atmosphere of confidence that he will be elected. As a matter of fact Mr. Pinchot has no more chance of being elected Governor of Pennsylvania this year than he has of being made King of Rumania.

There were a trifle more than 1,800,000 votes cast in the Republican primaries and he received only a fraction over 600,000. Ninety per cent of the approximately 1,200,000 who voted for other candidates voted him as a braggart, buffoon and hypocrite, and will vote for John M. Hemphill, the Democratic nominee.

Gifford Pinchot "has been weighed in the balance and found wanting." He betrayed most of the promises made during the campaign of 1922. The Volstead law closed up the saloons and the Snyder law opened ten speakeasies for every closed saloon and created an army of bootleggers which are infinitely worse.

Mr. Pinchot might have obtained effective ballot reform legislation but because of his pre-election bargain with the Vire machine he never mentioned the subject during the 1923 session of the Legislature. He might have abolished the coal and iron police but he approved a law increasing that force. He might have put restraints on utility corporations but he postponed action until it was too late. His are the habits of a humbug.

Movement Worthy of Support

The movement organized by a group of lawyers of Pennsylvania to secure non-partisan appellate courts in this State deserves the most cordial support of the voters.

It originated in York and contemplates State-wide activity. Every lawyer in the State has been, or will be, invited to participate and branches of the organization will be organized in various centers.

The plan is to urge lawyers, who are especially concerned in the action of the courts, to support Hon. Henry C. Niles, for Justice of the Supreme court, and George F. Douglas and Aaron E. Reiber, for Judges of the Superior court, the Democratic nominees for those important positions.

All the members of these courts at present are Republicans and among the reasons advanced for the election of the Democratic candidates is that "if in each appellate court some other political philosophy should have representation public confidence in the administration of justice would be strengthened."

This is an incontrovertible truth. It was recognized by the framers of the present constitution of Pennsylvania and reasserted in the law creating the Superior court. Minority representation was guaranteed by both instruments and continued for some years with the best results.

But when the Republican machine became lustful for power and began filling the benches by the catapulting process, the fundamental law was mutilated so as to deprive the minority of representation.

The present is an auspicious time to correct the evil thus perpetrated on the people of Pennsylvania. The Democratic candidates for these judicial offices are eminently fit for the service. Henry C. Niles stands among the foremost of the judges of the State and is so recognized by the bench and bar. George F. Douglas and Aaron E. Reiber are eminent lawyers richly qualified by learning and experience for judicial service.

To commend them to the favor of fair-minded men and women it is not necessary to cast aspersions on the candidate of the Republican party. It is sufficient to say that their election will restore confidence in the administration of justice.

Get your job work done here.

Hemphill and Kistler Will Visit Centre County Tomorrow.

John M. Hemphill, distinguished World War veteran, eminent lawyer and profound student of governmental questions will be in Centre county tomorrow.

With him will be Sedgwick Kistler successful manufacturer, philanthropist and modest gentleman from our neighboring town of Lock Haven.

Mr. Hemphill is a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Kistler is a candidate for United States Senator.

They are coming here to have a plain talk with the voters of Centre county. Both are genuinely convicted with the idea that they might do something to better conditions, generally. Neither one has a personal or selfish motive in his aspiration.

We think we know the gentlemen, so we say that the possibility of being Governor of Pennsylvania and a Senator in Congress means nothing to either Mr. Hemphill or Mr. Kistler more than an opportunity to do something corrective in government that might prove beneficial to their fellows.

Neither one of them are politicians. They never have been. They are just Pennsylvanians whose moral, professional and business integrity have attracted public attention and guarantee that if they should be elected their sole ambition will be to help Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians.

They are not John Gilpins imagining themselves to be galloping to the White House.

They are not going to tell you that they "will appoint a commission this week" to investigate why your hair is falling out, why your cisterns are empty or why you have warts, bunions and ingrowing toe-nails.

They won't pledge themselves to do something for the fellow who won't do anything for himself.

They are not going to pull off any "Darby" stuff. They are not going to say that "everything's wrong but me and thee and I fear thee's a little queer too."

They are going to talk to you as honestly as we are talking to you now.

We don't know what they will say, but we stake the reputation of the Watchman that it won't be any such "bull" as Mr. Pinchot has spread from the court house steps in Bellefonte.

Come in tomorrow night. Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Kistler and others will speak either in or out of the court house about eight o'clock.

Come in and hear them.

They won't promise that after I am Governor all gri babies will be born with permanent waves and boy progeny will appear in Rolls-Royces with their own chauffeurs, tire factories and gas refineries already provided for.

Holmes Is Passing the "Buck"

From what we hear our friend, the Hon. Holmes, is rather a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde sort of a statesman. How he squares it off with Senator Scott, we don't know, but a snug smile spreads over his map whenever anything is said about the fine appropriation that was made to the Pennsylvania State College by the last Legislature.

Governor Fisher thinks he arranged for that. Senator Scott thinks it was his fine Italian hand that turned the trick. The Hon. Holmes, he just laughs up his sleeve because he has half of Centre county believing that he is the super-statesman whose little bow and arrow killed cock robin.

Maybe he is. Maybe he's the very fellow who persuaded Governor Fisher to do the big things he did for State College. If he is we apologize right here. But if he is he is a regular political chameleon, because now he is excusing his vote for the Reed tax law by saying that it was "an Administration Bill" and he had to vote for it in order to please the Governor.

In other words, the Hon. Holmes is trying to make Centre county believe that he had to pay Governor Fisher for doing something we are here to admit that we believe that Governor Fisher had a more unselfish interest in than the Hon. Holmes himself had.

Pinchot and the Political Crooks.

Having entered into a hard and fast agreement with the Pittsburgh political crooks Mr. Pinchot is still hopeful of enticing or dragging the Philadelphia party bandits to come to his support. In a speech delivered at Easton, the other day, he said: "If the Philadelphians bolt the ticket and want war with the next Republican administration in Harrisburg, I'll see that they get it. Their sins will be on their own heads and I'll see that they are plenty heavy." If this is not a threat or a promise it doesn't mean anything. If it is either a threat or a promise it is a violation of the corrupt practices act and a crime against the election laws of the State.

If Mr. Pinchot imagines that he can fool the voters of Pennsylvania with such bunk he is mistaken. The Philadelphia machine is bad and its iniquities have scandalized the Commonwealth frequently. But the Pittsburgh machine is infinitely worse and Mr. Pinchot sits at a council table with its most corrupt leaders and enters into agreement with them for services and reward. He made an effort to make a similar agreement with leaders of the Philadelphia machine but apparently without success, and now he is trying to coerce them. Such political banditry has no parallel in the history of the State. It proves that the forester is entirely destitute of political morality.

If the voters of Philadelphia, influenced by scurrilous attacks upon the good and bad by Pinchot, cast their ballots for John M. Hemphill, for Governor, they will do so without promise or pledge of any kind. They could have obtained any sort of pledges they desired from Pin-

Referee Makes Big Cut in Bank Receiver's Fees.

The adjourned meeting in the matter of deciding on the fees to be awarded the State receivers and their attorneys in the Centre County Banking company case was held before referee Lee F. Lybarger, in the court house, Bellefonte, on Monday. Over one hundred bank depositors were present. Former Judge Arthur C. Dale represented the receivers and their attorneys, neither Judge Ellis L. Orvis nor M. C. Rhone, of Williamsport, being present. The depositors were represented by Spangler and Walker.

The question at issue was to decide whether the award of \$7,500 as pay for the receivers and \$9,500 as fees for their attorneys, as requested in petition of the receivers, John S. Dale, John S. Ginter and Reed O. Stealy, be allowed by the referee.

At the outset of the hearing, Monday morning, attorney Dale filed an objection to the procedure of fixing receiver's and counsel fees in a creditor's meeting; and compensation should be considered under the rules of the State courts and not the federal bankruptcy laws. Mr. Spangler contended that the case was one of bankruptcy and regular bankruptcy rates should be allowed. Referee Lybarger overruled the objection of Mr. Dale and sealed a bill for the plaintiff.

In their petition the receivers asked compensation for themselves in the sum of \$7,500, of which amount they had already drawn \$1500. Referee Lybarger ruled that bankruptcy rates should apply to the compensation allowed and figured up they amounted to \$911.87, which he decreed was all the receivers were entitled to. If his decision stands it will mean that the receivers will have to refund to the present receiver \$588.13.

With the receiver's fees decided the question of compensation for the attorneys was taken up. In this connection Mr. Dale offered in evidence all the papers in the case from the time the State receivers were appointed by himself while sitting as Judge on November 28th, 1925, to the time the Banking Company was adjudged a bankrupt in July, 1929, and asked that the same be transcribed upon the record. He again asked for a continuance of the hearing to give counsel an opportunity to develop their case.

Mr. Spangler objected on the grounds that they had had plenty of time to prepare and at the original date of the hearing had pledged their word to be ready at this time. Referee Lybarger sustained Mr. Spangler's objection and asked Mr. Dale to proceed with offering his evidence in support of the petition asking \$9,500 counsel fees, of which amount counsel has already drawn \$1,800. In announcing his position referee Lybarger stated that the attorneys were entitled to compensation for any work they did in conserving the assets of the bank, collections made or for anything done in the interest of the depositors. Mr. Dale stated that he had no evidence to present at that time in support of the petition. A sidebar conference was held after which referee Lybarger announced that the hearing was adjourned until October 11th, at 9.30 o'clock a. m.

Bellefonte and Altoona Will Clash On October 4.

The foot ball teams of the High schools of Bellefonte and Altoona will fight it out on the Altoona field on Saturday, October 4th. It wouldn't be a real foot ball game, however, if there were no rough going for the players.

That's as far as the fighting will go, for the Altoona Booster Association has taken on the job of making the day in Altoona a memorable one for our team and all their followers. All of the Altoona stores will display the red and white colors of Bellefonte and the citizens, generally, will put on their most cordial manner for the day.

There is plenty of seating capacity in the handsome new Mansion Park field of the Altoona schools and plenty of free parking space. Let Bellefonte respond to Altoona's cordial invitation with a great crowd of rooters.

Retail druggists of Central Pennsylvania held their annual meeting at the Hotel Dimeling, Clearfield, last Thursday evening. Officials elected for the ensuing year included C. P. Bloom, Clearfield, president; Ralph Hunter, Bellefonte, vice president; Sherman Cowdrick, Clearfield, secretary; Edwin Brown, Philipsburg, treasurer, and Ray White, Bellefonte, chairman of the executive committee.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Hazleton Lodge of Elks has named a committee headed by Harold Hawke to arrange the details of an elaborate Halloween celebration.

Word was received at Tamaqua Monday afternoon from Chief of Police Hughes announcing the arrest in Chicago of Marshall Wardrop, defaulting assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Tamaqua, who left town in April, 1929, when shortages amounting to between \$25,000 and \$30,000 were discovered. Wardrop is enroute to Philadelphia in company with Chief of Police Hughes and an agent of the Department of Justice of the United States where he has been indicted for embezzlement, forgery and making false entries.

The \$3,000,000 bridge over the Susquehanna river, between Columbia and Wrightsville was used for public purposes Monday for the first time. The span, the longest multiple arch concrete structure in the world, was opened for a few minutes to permit the passage of the funeral procession of H. King Kendig, a Mountville merchant and ex-service man. It was an initial tribute to the service men of the two counties in whose memory the bridge will be dedicated November 1, although the bridge was opened to traffic at 12 o'clock Tuesday night.

Judge William Parker, in Venango county court, last Saturday issued an order revoking the ruling of five years ago declaring John W. Raymond, who left Franklin 30 years ago, "legally dead." Raymond, now 70, returned there on Friday on the verge of collapse and had to be taken to Franklin hospital. He is eligible automatically to a \$10,000 bequest under the Sarah Lambertson will. The money intact, is in the hands of a son, who helped in identifying Raymond. The man, who had not written in 30 years, was employed on a Montana ranch since leaving Franklin.

The seventh fatality to occur since its construction was started, marked the completion Saturday of the new Lancaster-York Inter-county bridge, spanning the Susquehanna river between Columbia and Wrightsville. Sidney Lipscomb, 43, a foreman, failed to live to see the opening on Tuesday of the giant span he had helped to build. He was struck by a piece of lumber on a crane while superintending the removal of a temporary bridge which had been used to transport materials out into the river. He died shortly after in the Columbia hospital, from a fractured skull and crushed chest.

Clarence Mohler, 28, former clerk in the Citizens' Trust company bank, at Canonsburg, is under arrest charged with embezzling funds of the bank. Mohler was arrested at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Pittsburgh when he arrived on a honeymoon journey from St. Paul, Minn., with his bride of three weeks. The bank clerk left three weeks ago to be married and shortly afterwards a shortage of \$7200 in the bank accounts was discovered. The officers said the names on a marriage certificate in the possession of Mohler bore fictitious names and that Mohler admitted they were married under the fictitious names in St. Paul.

A sentence of from two to four years in the eastern penitentiary was imposed on Charles J. Kaldes, of Harrisburg, on Monday, by Judge Hargest for conspiracy to defraud insurance companies. Kaldes disappeared about the time a burned body was found near Hershey in September 1928. A nationwide search for Kaldes followed when a cousin, Kotas Haldos, of Reading, attempted to cash insurance policies totaling \$12,000 on Kaldes. Kaldes was arrested in New York. The identity of the charred body has never been learned. Kaldes said the body was taken from the grave by his cousin. The cousin is in a Detroit jail, where a detainer for his return there has been lodged.

All restriction on movements of farm products in the Japanese beetle area in Pennsylvania were removed October 1, under an order issued by State Secretary of Agriculture Jordan. The order conforms with a Federal order on shipments of farm products. Restrictions will remain in force until October 15 on intrastate and interstate shipments of cut flowers and other portions of plants. Restrictions on shipment of nursery, ornamental and greenhouse stock and all other plants, except cut flowers and portions of plants, without roots and free from soil, are enforced throughout the year and are not affected by the new order. Ordinarily the beetle quarantine would not have been lifted in the State until October 10, but few beetles have been found for weeks past in produce inspected.

Trapped in the meshes of the Snyder act for which he had voted as a member of the Legislature, Dr. T. C. Harter Monday pleaded guilty in Columbia county court to a charge of possessing liquor. The physician's memory was hazy during the morning session of six gallons and other moonshine found in his office, and in his confusion he told the court he could have sold it all in a little more than an hour. He was told to refresh his memory until the afternoon session and then came a sensation. Harter named Roy Moom, of Sugarloaf township, as the man who sold him the six gallons. Moom was a witness in court in a chicken-stealing case and was called immediately. When Harter identified him, Moom was immediately arrested and committed to jail. Harter's case was then continued.

Reading police have warned motorists to beware of holding trusts of any sort at lonely spots along roads just outside the city limits, after the third holdup in a month in which the victims were robbed, stripped of clothing and bound to trees was reported. John Keim, 30, of Reading, told police that while in his automobile near Leisz's Bridge, five miles north of that city, three masked men held him up, taking \$40, a gold watch and two diamond rings. A girl with him was attacked and her clothes torn in her struggle. The thugs drove off in their own automobile, one of their number taking Keim's car and abandoning it in the heart of the city. In two previous holdups, two couples were stripped of their clothing. In Sunday night's holdup, only a portion of the victim's clothing was removed. Keim was gagged with a handkerchief, but no effort was made to gag his companion.