

INK SLINGS.

—Vote for John G. Miller for member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Pinchot will not be elected Governor, but he is making a strong campaign for a berth in a bug-house.

—Henry Ford is opposed to tariff legislation but contributes liberally to the party that produces tariff laws.

—The new oil scandal is shaping up and an explosion in the Interior Department at Washington is impending.

—The "Pep" meeting the Pinchot Scott combination pulled off up in the Chestnut Grove section of Boggs township got entirely too peppy.

—President Taft fired Gifford Pinchot out of the national forest service because he was a mischief-maker. Taft had some sense of proportion.

—Now that McCormick, McSparran and Bonniwell have crawled into the same political bed we know everybody else will be happy and we hope they will be, too.

—George W. Wickersham, Hoover's crime expert, favors the whipping post as a punishment for crime. Well, that brings him up to within a century of present civilization.

—Judge Maxey is a master politician but a poor judge. Judge Niles is a poor politician but a splendid judge. They are candidates for a seat on the Supreme court bench. Consult conscience and make choice.

—While Hemphill, the young lawyer who left his practice, at the call of his country, was fighting in France, Pinchot, the multi-millionaire, was conniving with the Governor of Pennsylvania to get his salary as Forester raised. What a contrast in the characters of the two men.

—If you own stock in a railroad, a telephone company, an electric lighting or power company, a bus line or any other public utility operating in Pennsylvania it is you Pinchot is injuring by his attacks on such corporations. Your money is invested in them. You are entitled to a fair dividend from them. You are not getting more than that now. If Pinchot has his way, probably you won't get anything.

—The Hon. Holmes thinks he is going to be elected for the third term. He told us so, himself. Of course he might know what he is talking about, but we think that Centre county needs a Representative at Harrisburg who won't be asleep at the switch when such outrageous laws as that Reed tax bill come up. We are going to vote for John G. Miller, a man who will make his mark in Harrisburg if Centre county sends him there.

—If our Republican readers are as good sports as we are when we get licked we know they will turn in and help us to give those old Democratic roosters of ours a chance to crow. The poor things, they are in the last stages of t. b. and unless they get a chance to exercise their lungs soon were going to be up against an undertaker's bill. Remember, if they get out on November seven they won't crow exultingly. They'll only crow because of deliverance from death just like those really interested in the Republican party should crow for the deliverance from Pinchot.

—The life and drum corps of the Carlisle post American Legion has been broken up. A political boss threatened four of its members with loss of their jobs if they played at the Hemphill meeting there last Saturday night. The boss has never served in any war. John Hemphill served with distinction in the Big one and the Legionnaires merely wanted to honor a "buddy." When they found out that four of their members couldn't do that without losing their jobs the entire outfit resigned and Carlisle has lost a martial band that it was mighty proud of. When the Brooks-Doll Post band turned out to escort Mr. Hemphill on his recent visit here there were no such despicable characters to threaten them.

—Former Judge Arthur C. Dale is having the time of his life sending out news "releases" from the Pinchot Philadelphia headquarters. He just loves it. And it probably gets across where Arthur isn't known. His latest fulfilment is to the effect that Hemphill "is not telling the truth" when he says that he has "no deal with the Republican organization bosses in Philadelphia." We know John Hemphill and we know Arthur Dale. We also know which one of them would be most likely to juggle the truth a little if by so doing he could advance his political fortunes a bit. And when the former Judge talks about "the loyal Republican organizations of the rest of the State" our mind just naturally wanders back to 1923 when we elected him District Attorney of Centre county on the Democratic ticket because he couldn't be "loyal" enough to take the lickin' he got in his own party primaries. If Arthur only had an "Amos" to rescue him from his blunders he'd made a dandy "Andy."

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Hypocrisy Goes the Limit.

In his defiance of the Philadelphia Republicans who have declared opposition to his election to the office of Governor of Pennsylvania, Gifford Pinchot is as insincere and dishonest as he is in promises to do things which he knows to be impossible of fulfillment. In a radio speech delivered in Philadelphia, last Friday evening, after charging General Atterbury, Charles E. Hall and others with grave crimes, Mr. Pinchot professes to be highly gratified because these gentlemen have declared their purpose to vote against him. As a matter of fact he did all he could to entice them to support him. He even sent State Chairman Martin and Auditor General Waters to Mr. Vare in the hope of making a bargain for their support.

In 1922 when Pinchot found himself slipping he entered into such an agreement with Mr. Vare. After his nomination for Governor, at that time, he denounced the Philadelphia machine quite as bitterly as he is doing now. But the public reaction was disappointing. His malicious attempt to create sectional animosities failed and he appealed to Vare to save him from immediate defeat and ultimate oblivion. After he had procured, with Vare's assistance, legislation which he imagined made him master of the State, he violated his agreement with Vare, betrayed his obligation of partnership and began calling Vare, Mellon and all other Republicans whom he had deceived, bad names.

Moreover, in his present endeavor to sneak into the office of Governor Gifford Pinchot's hands are not clean. He might have deceived Vare again if his perfidy had not been previously revealed, but he has succeeded in inveigling the Pittsburgh bunch of political pirates into his support. The "strip," where ballots are thrown into sewers and corruption rages without restraint, is for him enthusiastically and Mayor Kline, Max Leslie and their gangs of thugs and outlaws are with him on their own terms. General Atterbury and Mr. Vaucian are anathema to his addled mind but the ballot box stuffers of Pittsburgh are his cherished supporters and friends. Hypocrisy could hardly go further.

—It looks more and more as if John Hemphill is going to be given a chance to show Pennsylvania whether he is a second Robert E. Pattison. The tide has turned and brother Pinchot is on the run.

The Danger of Branch Banks.

In a speech delivered at Easton, on Wednesday evening of last week, Sedgwick Kistler, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, said: "If branch banking is permitted either by legislative inaction or sanction to continue in its development we will have in this country that concentrated and centralized financial control advocated by Alexander Hamilton but always heretofore unacceptable to the people of the United States. The bankers and stockholders stand to see the elimination of their institutions, and the borrowers and depositors stand to lose a relationship of personal understanding and appreciation in their financial dealings."

Branch banking is a new and menacing evil in the business life of the country. It began in an early period of the Coolidge regime and spread rapidly under freely extended sanction of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Consolidations, mergers and absorptions of big banks in the financial centers made the organization of chain or branch institutions desirable, if not necessary, to give employment to surplus capital and at the same time hold it under constant control of the mother institution. One of the evil effects is the absence of sympathy between the bank officials and the customers, which has averted many financial wrecks. The hard boiled head of the major bank has "no bowels of compassion."

The platform upon which John M. Hemphill, Sedgwick Kistler and their associates on the Democratic ticket stand, declares against this evil. It warns the public against such combinations and connections as "inimical to the welfare of the people" and adds, "branch or chain banking would destroy all locally owned banks with their local management and local sympathies; it would concentrate and centralize the banking resources of the whole country into a limited number of great banks controlled by a few individuals." In the face of this menace, Mr. Kistler's admonition is timely. His election to the Senate would be a preventive step.

Pinchot Is Yelling "Stop Thief!"

If you want to know the truth about why so many big Republicans in Pennsylvania are announcing that they are going to support Hemphill for Governor we'll tell you.

First. They regard Pinchot as a very dangerous man. Dangerous, because he is so rich himself that he has no conception of what his scattered-brained theories might mean to industry and labor, if put into practice.

Second. They know he is irresponsible, because no serious man would make promises that he cannot fulfill.

Third. They know that he is not a Republican, because he said so, himself, in 1912.

Fourth. They know that he would not be a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania if it were not for the chance his election would give him to "hook up" with what Senator Moses (Republican Senator from New Hampshire) called the "Wild Jackasses" of the Middle West and attempt to make himself President of the United States.

Fifth. They know John Hemphill is sound. (Here's where the real truth that we promised to tell you comes in.) They know that an organization was formed among prominent Democrats and Republicans (alike) to pull him off our ticket and substitute another candidate who might be more pliable to the demands of certain interests in the Republican party, that we shall not name now. Mr. Hemphill had only the good of Pennsylvanians at heart and John Collins, our conscientious State Chairman, was of like mind so a deaf ear was turned to all proposals that might obligate our candidate for Governor to any course other than that of usefulness to all the people of Pennsylvania. When they realized that John Hemphill had no other desire to be Governor of Pennsylvania than an old fashioned idea that he might be of service to his fellow Pennsylvanians, that he is one of the men who "can't be seen," they figured that it might be better for the State, better for the Republican party, if he were elected.

In endorsing Hemphill the really big Republicans of Pennsylvania are trying to do for their own party just what the late Matthew Stanley Quay did for it in 1853 when he sent out the word from the old Continental hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, that made Robert E. Pattison Governor.

To this day Pattison is remembered as one of Pennsylvania's greatest Governors.

There were not enough Democrats then in the State to have elected him.

Republicans gave him to Pennsylvania, just like they are now going to help put John Hemphill in the executive mansion at Harrisburg.

We have told you the truth. In other words, "the low down" on the situation. We don't like to call Mr. Pinchot a liar when he says that John Hemphill has made a deal with Vare or anybody else. All we want to tell you is that he spurned all such proposals and by doing so won the respect of those who attempted to use him.

And that's why forty-seven of the Ward leaders of Philadelphia are for him. And that's why Allegheny county, the Mellons and all the others are turning to him. It's not because he is running on the "wet" platform of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania.

It's because they have tried to seduce him and failed. And because of that failure they have discovered a sound man who, while not being one of their political faith, they recognize as being safer for the industries, safer for labor, safer for all interests of Pennsylvania than Mr. Pinchot who has no other interest at heart than his own aggrandizement.

Mr. Pinchot is yelling "Stop Thief!" all over the State about the deal John Hemphill has with the so called Philadelphia gang. What a hypocrite!

He is the very fellow for whom Republican State Chairman Martin went to Philadelphia to make terms with "the gang."

John Collins, Mr. Hemphill's manager, never made overtures of that nature.

Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Pinchot's Fraudulent Claims.

In his professions of confidence of election Gifford Pinchot is just as insincere as he is in his absurd promises of achievement in the event of his election. His purpose in both instances is to deceive and are equally fraudulent. There is no considerable deflection of Democratic voters to his support in any section of the State. A few more or less fanatical prohibition voters who have been reckoned as Democrats might, and probably will, vote for him. But there will be twenty Republicans voting for John M. Hemphill for every Democrat who will vote for Pinchot. This prediction is based on reliable information from every county in the State.

It may be added that outside of fanatical prohibitionists in both parties and a few mercenary politicians there is positively no enthusiasm for Pinchot anywhere. This was shown at a recent meeting held in Harrisburg for the stated purpose of exhibiting the perfect harmony of the candidates. Great preparation had been made to entertain not less than 15,000 persons and all the candidates were assembled. The 1500 employees of the Fisher administration were given a half holiday and a speaker's stand and big platform had been erected on the capitol grounds, probably at public expense. A great number of State policemen and highway patrolmen were brought from various sections of the State, certainly at the expense of the State. It was to be a great event.

But the result was disappointing. The highest estimate made by even partisan newspaper correspondents, of whom there were many in attendance, was a crowd of 2000, while conservative reporters fixed "those present" at 1500. The meeting lasted less than two hours and it was as gloomy a gathering of hopeless partisans as was ever assembled at Harrisburg or anywhere else. There was no enthusiasm in the crowd, no spirit and hardly a hope in the speeches, and we are reliably informed by a gentleman who was present that after the meeting adjourned Mr. Pinchot confidentially stated to a friend that unless the up-State voters were aroused to greater exertions he would be defeated.

Said Republican county chairman Wilson I. Fleming to mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, in a telegram published in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Monday morning: "Centre county will be strong for whole ticket. Organization united in support;" all of which it is anything else but, in the words of Octavius Roy Cohen.

The opinion that there ought be minority representation on the Appellate court benches of the State is growing rapidly, and every contact with Henry C. Niles gives it a boost.

Sir Thomas Lipton promises to make another effort to capture the America's cup, which proves he is quite as much an optimist as a sportsman.

Prohibition commissioner Do-ran and prohibition director Woodcock are calling each other names. "When rogues fall out"—you know the rest."

Of course Grundy knows exactly what Pinchot would do with a piece of labor legislation. Grundy never "buys a pig in a poke."

Gifford Pinchot hasn't denounced Secretary Mellon for some time. Obviously Giff still hopes Mellon will support him.

It must be a comfort to Gifford Pinchot to know that the Pittsburgh political pirates are faithful to his cause.

The hopes of New York Republicans are based on scandal, which is a mighty poor foundation.

Speaking of optimism Bishop DuBoise has asked Bishop Cannon to resign.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of October 22, 1880.

—The Democrats of Centre county will have a grand rally in Bellefonte on Friday, October 29. Special trains will be run from Clinton, Clearfield and Blair counties. The day parade will form at 10 a. m. The torch light procession will form at 7 p. m. The speakers will be Hon. William F. White, United States Senator from Maryland; Hon. Lewis C. Cassidy, of Philadelphia; William A. Wallace, of Clearfield; Hon. Samuel H. Reynolds, of Lancaster; Gen. A. L. Pearson, of Pittsburgh and others.

—John H. Houser, who a short time ago lost his right hand while working with a clover huller at State College, had an accident policy which William B. Rankin, of this place, had induced him to take only a short time before the accident. It was just business for Mr. Rankin to sell that policy, but it was mighty good business for John.

—E. S. Garver, formerly of Centre Hall, this county, has been nominated for the Legislature by the Democrats of Worth county, Missouri, where he is now living and editing a paper.

—The tickets for the special train to Williamsport for the Hancock meeting are only one dollar for the round trip. George B. McClellan, the hero of Antietam, will review the parade.

—B. F. Leathers and Son, of Unionville, have torn down the old hotel stable on the corner of Main and Plank Road streets, one of the landmarks of the town, and are planning to build a store-room sixty-feet deep on the lot. Above it will be a town hall, something that Unionville needs very badly.

—The Phillipsburg delegation that came over to march in the Republican parade, last Friday night, were treated rather heartlessly by those who ran the affair. The Phillipsburgers had left home at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and when they arrived here were pushed right into the parade. Then they were kept on the march until within eleven minutes of the time of departure of their special train, and not one of them got a chance to get a bite to eat. Pretty shabby, that.

—Pennsylvania Railroad magnates paid Bellefonte a visit over last Tuesday night. President Roberts, General Superintendent Pugh, Gen. Manager Thompson and other high officials were here to meet president Downing, of the Snow Shoe R. R. The Pennsylvania is going to buy the Snow Shoe road and the officials were taking a look at it.

—Monte Ward, of this place, the noted baseball curve pitcher of the Providence, R. I. club, has been secured by the Metropolitan club of New York and will finish the season there.

—A smart fall of snow occurred in Snow Shoe on Wednesday morning.

—The Presbyterians in this place expect to recoccupy their church edifice next Sunday.

—The Greenbackers of Centre county have nominated very respectable candidates, but they can't win this fall. Even their eminent chairman, Jacob V. Thomas Esq., can't get things going their way.

—An infant son of Samuel and Marilla Dawson, of this place, died on Friday last at the age of seven months.

—W. E. Burchfield, Register of Centre county, and Mrs. Mary Moran, widow of the late John Moran Esq., were married at the bride's residence in this place at five o'clock last Tuesday evening by the Rev. Mr. Laurie, of the Presbyterian church. The bride is the daughter of the Hon. S. T. Shugert and one of the most estimable ladies in Bellefonte.

(Editor's Note—We are really at our wit's end. This edition of the Watchman seems to have purveyed very little local news other than meetings of Hancock and English and Garfield and Arthur enthusiasts. Parades and meetings must have held at every cross roads in the county and Watchman news gatherers of fifty years ago must have been pretty busy reporting them. It was a long trip from Bellefonte to Stormtown, by horse and buggy, and thence to Madisonburg and on over to Howard but someone seems to have done it and the paper is full of political meetings such as would start brother Pinchot turning hand springs were there such enthusiasm in Centre county now for him.)

—The light registration in the cities of the State is ominous to Pinchot's hopes and ambitions.

—Shall we vote for a buddy or a slacker is a problem for World war veterans to solve.

—Those Missouri athletes certainly did show the world something about base ball.

—There are symptoms of an anti-Pinchot epidemic in Pittsburgh.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—While Mrs. David Richard, of Fallen Timber, was outside her home talking with neighbors concerning a fatal accident, her daughter, Alice, one year old fell into a tub of water in the kitchen and was drowned on Saturday.

—Forty Fort borough authorities and State police are endeavoring to apprehend the person or persons who for the past six weeks have left threatening letters at the homes of several prominent residents. Each letter demanded a sum of money, in some instances the amount being \$500.

—George Tudech, of Jonestown, 50, who authorities believe fell from a roof while walking in his sleep, died last week of his injuries. Tudech was found unconscious in the yard of a relative in Heckescherville. He had gone there to attend the funeral of a cousin who was killed in a mine accident.

—Robert Neff, 60, dictator for the Moose Lodge in Tyrone, was sent to the Blair county jail for from eight to 16 months, on Tuesday, charged with violating the liquor laws. He was also fined \$500. In the raid a few months ago the club steward was given six months for beer manufacture.

—Aroused by a commotion in his henry, early on Monday, chief of police Charles Zimpher, of Hellertown, Northampton county, took his gun to investigate. Seeing an object crawling along the side of the building, he fired. The "thief" was Chief Zimpher's own rabbit hound, that had killed several pullets.

—The owner of an automobile was required by the jury in a civil action in the Montgomery county courts to pay a bill for damages caused to a railroad locomotive. The action was brought by the Reading Railway company against Merrell Margatum. The plaintiff sought \$420.50 for repairs to the engine. A verdict for the full amount was returned by the jury.

—Rittner Harvey went to jail at Bloomsburg, on Monday, until he pays \$271 funeral expenses of his first wife and a \$25 contempt of Court fine. Harvey married again 10 days after his first wife died. He was attempting to obtain a Nevada divorce at the time, when he was arrested and he had married the woman the Court had ordered him to stay away from.

A jury in the Dauphin county court, on Tuesday, awarded \$6000 heart balm to Miss Ivy M. Carberry from the estate of Ross Oenslager after 19 hours of deliberation. Miss Carberry filed suit for breach of promise against Oenslager in 1929 and following his suicide in October of that year, she amended the suit to claim \$100,000 damages from his estate. She alleged that Oenslager had repeatedly promised to marry her.

—Robberies at a number of business places in Tunkhannock and vicinity have been solved with the arrest of nine school boys, police say. An 11-year-old boy named as the leader of the group. Nearly \$500 was taken in the robberies, police revealed, and all but \$3 has been recovered. The money was found hidden under a hardware store, which was one of the places robbed. Authorities described the boys as belonging to the "best families" of the town, and would not reveal their names pending a further investigation.

—Roy Eckert, of Emigsville, night man at a York garage and service station, frustrated an attempt at a holdup at his place of employment by beating the thug to the draw. Eckert fired one shot at the fleeing bandit, who escaped. Eckert noticed the stranger coming in his direction as he was washing an automobile. The intruder was approaching through a lane of automobiles. Eckert noticed a highly polished revolver in the man's hand. The garage employee drew his gun and fired a shot. The intruder beat a hasty retreat.

—Mrs. Rebecca Swallow is sole heir to the \$50,000 estate of the late Rev. Dr. Silas C. Swallow, Harrisburg, according to the terms of his will filed at the Dauphin county court house. The estate consists of personal property. The Rev. Dr. Swallow was once a candidate for President on the Prohibition party and was a retired Methodist minister. A week before the death of her husband, Mrs. Swallow suffered a fractured hip in a fall on the front porch of her home and has been confined to the Keystone hospital since that time.

—If no near-relatives are found, the \$12,000 estate of David Johnston, Western Electric employee, who fell dead in the new Bell telephone plant at Sunbury, last week, will revert to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Johnston, about 50, was a native of Scotland. He came to this country when a young man and became a naturalized citizen. He entered the employment of the Western Electric company about 21 years ago. His work took him from place to place all over the United States. This his home came to be any town where he was sent. For two months he had lived in Sunbury.

—Half forgotten tricks of her circus days rushed back into the memory of an armless mother in time to save her 4-year-old daughter from burning to death. The child, Rose Lee Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matthews, of Northumberland, was playing in the yard in back of her home when suddenly she let out a piercing scream. The mother, armless since birth, rushed out and found her daughter in flames. Quickly throwing off her shoes and using her feet as a normal person would hands, she seized the clothes with her toes and stripped them from the back of the child.

—Mrs. Ruth Urban, a comely woman, 22 years old of Pittsburgh, told police, on Monday, that she married Leonard Urban, 25, so he could inherit \$60,000 from a wealthy aunt and give her \$12,000 to obtain a divorce and marry a man of her choice. Urban was held in jail pending investigation of the story. Detectives said they were told that Urban informed Reed Miller, his friend and the young woman's fiancé, that he was to inherit \$60,000 from an aunt if he married by October 1. Miller and the girl agreed to Urban's proposal of marriage and divorce, officers said, and the ceremony was performed at Cumberland, Md., September 26, with Miller as best man. October 1 came and went, and Urban said and did nothing about the \$12,000. Mrs. Urban, who had not been living with him, had him arrested when he called on her Sunday night.