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MEMORIAL.

In dedicating this column to the memory of a talented sister we pay tribute to one whose lovely thoughts in verse have often graced it.

Once she was a musician of surpassing skill and when her health, broken by war work twelve years ago, gave way to a virulent attack of influenza, the hands that once moved so rhythmically over the key board of her piano became so gnarled that they could no longer give the soul expression she so loved.

It was her soul singing then, just as it was singing to her mother when she wrote

LIFE'S GARDEN

Out in life's garden where sympathy grew You planted a soul, 'twas the soul of you

I sought through life's garden of roses and rue And I found a sweet blossom all jeweled with dew.

The hands are stilled now. The songs to us are ended. Somewhere in the garden of eternity she has found the real flower whose image she found in her garden of life.

CHRIST LOVE

Charity—full, free for each day. Hope—to hearthen us on our way Reason—to balance right and wrong.

AWAKE

This morning, some time before day break I heard a strange bird sing And it seemed to me at that hour To be an unusually lovely thing.

Softly he carried the familiar theme Sure of its beauty, rare, I wondered if he, too, had heard the tune

SUGGESTION.

When you stop for a chat of a moment or two With folks you meet on the street Remember, they might have more troubles than you

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To keep on forever, going on One must have courage in one's heart for joy and song.

We republish these few bits of her verse, taken at random from the Watchman's files, not so much as examples of her best work as to reveal the Godly nature of the woman we mourn.

Result of the Election.

The exact figures that express Gifford Pinchot's plurality for Governor are of little consequence. His vote was not as big as he expected nor his preponderance in the rural communities as universal as he predicted.

From start to finish Mr. Pinchot's campaign was a false pretense. He made promises which he knew were impossible of fulfillment and he made charges that he knew were false and slanderous.

The election of Mr. Pinchot will not abate the rapidly increasing opposition to the Eighteenth amendment but it will serve the purposes of prohibition fanatics.

Jim Watson refrains from criticizing the generous statement of leading Democrats that there will be no partisan fight on the administration in the next Congress.

Begin With the Wagner Labor Bill.

Three years ago Senator Wagner, Democrat, of New York, introduced three measures of legislation pertaining to unemployment.

Another of Senator Wagner's bills proposed to set up machinery to procure, by coordinating with State bureaus, an accurate census of unemployment with the view of remedying the evil.

In view of these facts the proposed coordination of effort to restore industrial activity, between the Democrats and Republicans in Congress, upon reassembling next month, might well begin by the unanimous adoption of the Wagner bills.

Charlie Johnson, commissioner of revenue, is slated for the first decapitation by Pinchot. But Charlie has had fifty years in office and is due for a vacation.

Democrats in Congress and Hoover.

The seven eminent Democrats who have voluntarily given assurance to the public that the party will not misuse the power bestowed upon it by the recent vote of the people have correctly expressed the sentiments of the Democratic electorate.

After the election of 1920, when the lamented, Woodrow Wilson, stricken in health and disappointed in his most cherished hopes, the Republican leaders in and out of Congress expressed no sympathy and offered no words of comfort.

President Hoover has been in office nearly two years and his party has had ostensible control of both branches of Congress.

The airmen are still making records and incidentally inviting disasters.

Picking Candidates for President.

There is plenty of time to pick the Democratic candidate for President for the campaign of 1932, and happily there is abundance of material from which to make choice.

Probably the most frequently suggested name for the honor and favor of the party thus far brought forward is Franklin D. Roosevelt, re-elected Governor of New York by a record breaking majority.

But as the phrase goes "there are others," and plenty of them. For instance, there is Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, re-elected by an increased majority for the fourth time.

A Honduras hurricane, last Saturday, seems to have said "Yes, we have no bananas today."

Defeated but Still Admired.

No Pennsylvania voter has reason to regret his support of the Democratic ticket this year. No party in any State ever presented to the voters a more worthy ticket.

It must be a pleasure to every Democrat in the State to review the incidents of the campaign and feel that he or she was faithful to the principles and traditions of Jefferson, Cleveland and Wilson, and did full service in an earnest effort to restore to the country the policies which their eminent services expressed.

The Democratic candidates were neither professional politicians nor perennial office seekers. They were called to the service which they so admirably performed by the voice of the Democratic people.

The three days open season for doe is likely to cause trouble among hunters in Clinton county. Both Porter and Lamar townships, in that county, are included in the territory in which doe can be killed the last three days of November.

Justice has "traveled with a leaden heel" in the case of Tom Cunningham, of Philadelphia, but a recent Supreme court decision promises a speeding up at least.

Senator Watson, of Indiana, imagines that the wiping out of Republican majorities in both branches of Congress is not a defeat of that party.

Franklin Roosevelt has wisely determined to attend to his business as Governor of New York rather than waste time in trying to become President.

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The death of General Tasker Howard Bliss removes one of the real generals of the world war and of the American army.

Mr. Hoover has not yet indicated even partial appreciation of the generous offer of support made by leading Democrats.

Amelia Earhart has winged her way into the millionaire Putnam family, of New York.

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OYSTERS R IN SEASON.

An oyster met an oyster. That makes them oysters two. They fell into a bowl of milk. That makes them oyster stew.

The Only Way the Farmer Can Go is Up.

From the Philadelphia Record. You can't fall out of bed when you're sleeping on the floor. The Master of the National Grange, L. J. Taber, says the farmer's fix is so bad there is only one change possible, and that would be a change for the better.

His income is about 8 per cent above the prewar level, says Mr. Taber; but his costs are 50 per cent higher.

Quite a few millions of city people, white collar workers, not factory workers, are meeting 1930 costs on 1916 pay, too.

They are a much less local class than the farmers. They have no organization whatever. They suffer in silence. If they were better off, the farmers would be, too; both in respect of active public sympathy with their difficulties and in respect of a ready market for their product at 1930 prices.

Farm buildings in need of painting. Farm fences to be repaired after the time of cheeseparer economy. These are part of the familiar circle. When the farmers can sell, the farmers can buy. When the farmers buy, trade is good, and the army of "city fellers" all along the line of business can purchase more farm products.

Congress, giving industry higher and higher tariff protection, obstinately refuses to give the farmer the equalization fee or the export debenture. Subsidizing Big Business it shrinks with horror from the idea of giving agriculture any practical help—and thus the party pledge of economic equality on which the present administration was put in power fades out of the picture, so far as governmental measures are concerned.

No Premature Recognition.

Although the sudden overturn at Rio de Janeiro forecasts an end of civil war, the State Department has acted wisely in declining to recognize prematurely any new Government which may be established there. It is clear that the Federal troops are yielding to the rebels, and that the inauguration of Senor Prestes next month as the new President is in the highest degree unlikely.

That the civil war should be brought to an end is, of course, desirable. But the new masters of Brazil, if they are such, have still to show their capacity for orderly administration. That they have not yet done so is shown by the continued disorders in Sao Paulo, where mobs have wrought great destruction. The most serious incident internationally which has so far occurred is the shelling of the Hamburg-American steamship Baden in the harbor of Rio, with injuries to many of the passengers and the loss of more than a score of lives.

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The Meanest Road Hog.

The experienced motorist finds constant irritation from drivers who disregard the American rule of keeping to the right on the highway. The modern road is ample for safe passing, if both drivers act fairly. If they do not, no pavement is wide enough to insure safety. The driver who uses the middle or left of the road not only is the meanest hog traveling, but causes accidents needlessly. He needs discipline. Unfortunately the only method of disciplining is a suit for damages if he becomes involved in an accident. A life may have to be sacrificed to bring that about.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Twelve days after birth, Joseph Murrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Murrell, of Sayre, was found to have two molars in the lower jaw. Physicians at the Packer hospital said the teeth had been there for at least six days before being noticed.

—Richard Yannee, of Hazleton, lost \$300 in checks cashed to oblige friends when fire swept his home and those of E. R. Evans and John Yarnell. Sixteen persons were trapped in the blaze and slid down porch posts to the ground. The fire, which started from a furnace, did \$16,000 damage.

—A campaign to raise \$650,000 for Susquehanna University was determined on, Monday, at a conference of 200 Lutheran clergymen and laymen from the institution's field, following an address by president G. Morris Smith. He stressed the need of \$150,000 for a new classroom building and \$500,000 additional endowment.

—Believed to have fallen asleep while driving alone in his car, Franklin C. Harman, 23, of Clearfield, was killed, on Monday, between Bigler and Woodland. His car failed to make a turn on the road and crashed into a telephone pole. He was the son of W. D. Harman, of Mill Hall, and represented his father's firm at Clearfield.

—Fire believed to be the work of an incendiary destroyed the large barn on the Richard Gregory farm in Shavers Creek valley, owned by Armour Eberle. Ten horses and mules, 37 registered Ayrshire, Holstein and Guernsey cattle, 500 bushels of oats, 300 of wheat, 60 tons of hay, 40 of straw and 11 acres of corn fodder were destroyed.

—After scratching his hand on a sharp point protruding from his leg, between the knee and thigh of Clayton E. Moul, of Spring Grove, York county, had X-ray photographs taken. The photos revealed the presence of a needle an inch and a half long. Surgeons who removed it said Moul had probably swallowed it when a child.

—The condition of Walter Shaffer, who was shot by his wife in Frankstown last Friday night, is reported as good at Mercy hospital, Altoona. His wife, Mrs. Susanna Shaffer, who surrendered to police shortly after the shooting, is being held in Blair county jail and will be given a hearing just as soon as her husband is able to be present.

—Progress is being made in construction of the new main building for the only Catholic Slovak girls' academy in the United States, located at Danville. The new building will accommodate 200 students. It will cost approximately \$1,000,000. The main tower, 275 feet high, will be surmounted by a cross and by an airplane beacon light.

—At the place at which members of the Continental Congress crossed the Susquehanna river on a barge ferry to re-locate the capital of the country a \$3,000,000 bridge was dedicated on Tuesday as a memorial to the men and women of Lancaster and York counties who served in America's wars. The concrete viaduct, 7,000 feet in length, carries the Lincoln highway over the river between Lancaster and York counties.

—Joseph Delaney, Plymouth confectioner, had been in the habit of keeping money in the firebox of a stove in the rear of his store. The stove was also used as a waste paper receptacle. Saturday morning he ordered a clerk to remove the paper and burn it in an incinerator. A few moments after the blaze was started Delaney thought of his money. The fire was extinguished, but not before it had consumed \$156 in bills.

—Mrs. Jennie Berry, 72, of Beech Creek, was shot, last Friday, while standing on the back porch of her home. She was taken to the Lock Haven hospital where it was said she would recover. The shot lodged in her face, chest and legs. It is not known who fired the shot, but a boy was seen to run from a nearby clump of bushes and it is believed he ran away when he saw that his shot aimed at a rabbit or bird had struck the aged woman.

—Joe Israel, 50, of Gallitzin, is sure he knows the answer to the one about how long it will take a man to get out of a well if he slips back one foot every time he climbs two feet. He fell down a 50-foot well two times on Monday. None the worse for the first fall Joe had climbed to within a few inches of the top of the well, when he lost hold and fell to the bottom a second time. Then neighbors called out the fire department and he was rescued, with only a few minor bruises.

—The first time George Peternel, 46, Wickhaven, Fayette county, took his new car out, it was swerved from the Laursdale road and crashed into a fence. Motorists who stopped to offer aid, slapped him on the back and called him a "lucky guy" when it was found neither the driver nor the car was any the worse for the crash. And so they left him. That was last Thursday. Friday police identified the body of a man found dangling from the limb of a tree right where the car had crashed. The dead man was George Peternel, who had hanged himself.

—An important link in the Lewistown-Bellefonte highway, Route 83, will be thrown open to traffic within the next ten days after having been concreted. The new road starts at Reedsville and joins the concrete laid two years ago over the Seven Mountains, just north of Milroy, five miles in length. The last concrete was poured early last week and it is expected that the road will be opened its entire length within ten days. The Burkett Construction company started operations in the middle of July and encountered considerable difficulty in excavation due to the limestone rock which is very plentiful in that vicinity.

—John Stoffko, of Girardville, got an added thrill out of becoming an American citizen. He was in the courtroom at Pottsville when naturalization court was on, and Judge Koch informed a deputy sheriff to place six prisoners who wanted to enter pleas of guilty in the courtroom cell until he was ready for them. In the shuffle seven prisoners instead of six were herded in to the cell. Attorney Nowocinski, of Shennadosh, had a great time finding his client when he was called for examination, and when his voice was finally audible it was found that he was the seventh man in the cell. Stoffko said he thought being locked up was part of the ceremony.