

INK SLINGS.

Monday night's rain was a fine one. The only criticism we have to offer is that it didn't last long enough.

There are just two reasons for the poverty of most people: They don't earn enough and they spend too much.

We are wondering whether it will be a Cadillac or a Rolls-Royce that will be parked on the other end of Linn street after January 7.

Bellefonte is to have an air passenger service. At least we are about to be in the position of saying "Here she comes, there she goes."

This Peabody lady who is going to move out of Massachusetts because it went "wet" at the recent election might have a lot of movings on her hands during the next four years.

If we were running the Democratic party we wouldn't promise too much to our friends, the enemy. Everytime we play the good Samaritan they reciprocate by giving us a good licking.

The result of the Timothy J. Mara suit against Gene Tunney was a verdict for the former heavy weight champion. Mr. Tunney got his easy end, according to all accounts, he intends to hold on to it.

If the Republicans go "wet" in 1932 there will be a third party in the field and its name will be Prohibition. We hope there is, for then we'd really discover which a lot of "dry" Republicans care most for, a principle or the offices.

Fifty years ago at this time it was so cold in Centre county that out-door work had to be suspended. Tonight it is so warm that we think we could sleep on the bank of a trout stream and not yell for someone to stir up the campfire.

There is much talk in the papers now about the Republican party being split over the repeal issue. Possibly it is and possibly we Democrats will elect the next President, if Mr. Pinchot doesn't buffalo the Nation like he did Pennsylvania.

We notice that Congressman Tinkham, of Massachusetts, insists that Bishop Cannon be indicted under the Corrupt Practices Act. We're against that. We arrogate to ourselves the right to jump into the Methodist church. When anybody else undertakes to fish that prerogative we're a Methodist.

Maybe we could get out of the depression by following the example of Soviet Russia. Over there they are trying to stabilize things by going hungry for five years. Of course our people wouldn't go that far, but we know some of them who go hungry for six days so they can buy enough gas to take the whole family out riding on Sunday.

Our former President, Calvin Coolidge, thinks that business in this country is "fundamentally sound." We are not a former President, we have never stopped (?) a Boston police strike nor do we photograph like a man who is sniffing a bad smell. We are just as great as Cal. in one respect, however. We have hollered down a rain bar!

The Bellefonte high school football team hasn't won a game this season or scored a point against an opponent. Not so good, you say. It's probably a record, all the same. And the boys deserve far more credit than they will receive, for they have been in there doing their best from whistle to whistle in every game. In their case they had the will to win, but just didn't have the brawn.

We can't see that Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, has anything on our local statesman who is doubtless casting wistful eyes on the Attorney-Generalship. So far as pointing with pride to what their respective home towns did at the last election we should think Harry and Arthur could meet on the banks of the Schuylkill or Spring creek, shake hands and agree that there is no competition among gentlemen.

Raskob and Smith, and Davis, and Cox and all the rest who signed that "Round-Robin" of good-will to the slightly disfigured Republican Congress might have been a bit precipitate, but the Watchman is not climbing onto Carter Glass' resentment bandwagon. There's a mighty large African concealed in the Virginia Senator's wood pile, so large that a blind man could see it. The condition of the country isn't worrying him. Raskob and Smith have given him the prickly-heat and he is hunting a remedy for it.

Being a real sportsman Bill Zimmerman thinks that the Governor was all "wet" when he promulgated that edict against smoking in the woods. We are with Bill on that. Real sportsmen are the best friends the woods and wild life has. In fact if it hadn't been for them there would have been no forestry conservation movements and no game protective associations anywhere. The trouble is, however, the woods are just like liquor. And the sportsmen are just like the temperance folks were when they thought it would be easier to invoke the law than continue to teach coming generations the difference between use and abuse.

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Senator Glass Enters a Protest.

Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, is everlastingly right in his protest against pledging Democratic Senators and Representatives in the present and the next Congress to support any legislation, even though its purpose be to restore prosperity, that the administration may suggest. The Democratic victory of November 4 was an indictment by the American people of the Hoover administration and the Republican party for incompetency and inefficiency. The Democrats in Congress are under no obligation, legal or moral, to condone the faults in administration which have thus been condemned. This is especially true with respect to the Grundy tariff.

The industrial conditions which aroused popular resentment and resulted in the recent Democratic victory have been in existence for more than a year. But so long as Republican control of the government seemed secure the President was indifferent. All the leading economists of the country admonished him in ample time that the Grundy tariff would cause industrial and commercial paralysis, but President Hoover paid no attention to the warning. When his administration and his party were rebuked in every section of the country from Maine to California, he began to take notice. After an eleventh-hour conversion he came to realize that something must be done, not for the country, but for the party.

After the Republican victory of 1920 there was no expression of magnanimity on the part of the Republican leaders. On the contrary a conspiracy was organized to force an extra session of Congress in order that power might be seized at the earliest moment. Hundreds of charges were preferred and investigations ordered to prevent the recuperation of the defeated party.

In view of these facts we can see no reason why Democrats in Congress should now volunteer service to help the administration to recover its lost ground. The Democratic party is now, as it always has been, ready to serve the best interests of the country. But it is not an asylum for treating and curing lame political ducks.

Talking about hunting. Sportsmen tell us that the scarcity of birds and squirrel is due to the scarcity of nuts. Probably they know, but the pheasants and squirrel should be told to move in from the woods. There is no blight on the "nuts" in the towns.

Ward Politics in Washington.

On the eve of the Congressional campaign, last fall, a rumor emanating from the Treasury Department at Washington and at the time attributed to Secretary Mellon, indicating a probable treasury deficit at the end of the fiscal year appeared in the press dispatches. A day or two later it was denied from the White House, the President having meantime sent for and held conference with the Secretary. The other day Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, in an interview, renewed the statement and Senator Smoot, chairman of the Senate Finance committee, supplemented it with a statement that in all probability it will be necessary to increase the income tax to the schedule of 1928, to prevent the deficit.

The significance of these facts is in the proof that not only President Hoover but Secretary Mellon prostituted their powers in office to deceive the public for political effect. A certainty or even probability of an increase of taxes to avert a revenue deficiency before the election would be certain to exercise an adverse influence on the voters in the Congressional elections from the administration angle. Therefore President Hoover promptly denied the rumor and likely influenced credulous voters in various sections of the country to support Republican candidates for Congress, and in some measure "saved the face" of the party.

This sort of political campaigning might be excused in a ward "heeler," but it is unbecoming in the President of the United States. But it seems to be a favorite method of Herbert Hoover. Ever since the industrial stagnation set in he has been issuing bulletins that conceal the facts and aggravating the evil instead of improving conditions. If he had told the whole truth in the beginning and adopted corrective measures the bad effects might have been mitigated. But he adopted the devious methods of a group of party pirates with the result of a trend in the wrong direction and in the end an exposure of his incapacity for the service required from his office.

Linn Street Residents Don't Want Milk Station.

Some twelve or fifteen residents of east Linn and east Curtin streets appeared before borough council, on Monday evening, to protest against the establishment of a milk station at his home, on east Linn, by Raymond Brooks. The delegation supported a lengthy petition signed by ninety per cent of the residents of that locality in which it was claimed that a milk station there would be a detriment to the entire community and would result in a depreciation of all the residential properties. The petition also claimed that the noise of unloading and loading milk cans would disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

Mr. Brooks, it appears, has converted what was formerly a garage into a milk station and, although he had been notified by the chief fire marshal and one or two members of council that he would have to secure a permit to erect a milk station, he failed to do so. A. C. Hewitt was spokesman for the delegation of protesting citizens and he appealed to council to forbid the operation of the plant.

Mr. Brooks was present and in defense of his actions stated that he was ignorant of the fact that he would have to secure a permit until he had his new work more than half completed, machinery ordered, etc. He also stated that the plant was to be only temporary; that he has secured a location on north Water street and will erect an up-to-date plant there in the spring, and he only wants to use his Linn street plant until that time. The matter was finally referred to the Fire and Police committee to do what they can to straighten out the trouble.

A brief communication was received from the Bellefonte school board stating that they are anxious to help out with the unemployment situation and if council will grant them the right to close Lamb street they will immediately put men to work on construction of the proposed new athletic grounds. No action was taken.

The Street committee reported minor repairs and a general cleanup of streets. Also that in the work of digging a cess pool on east Howard street they are down sixteen feet and have blasted through twelve feet of solid rock without finding a fissure. They were instructed to continue the work. The committee also reported that Lester Musser had given a check for \$30 for a sewer tap, but to reach his new house, on east Lamb street, it will be necessary to lay 165 feet of 6-inch soil pipe. The matter was referred back to the committee to see if other residents in that locality will be willing to join in and thus help out with the expense of putting down the sewer.

The water committee reported continued progress on the new water line and the collection of \$1400 on water taxes.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$3139.64 and water fund \$2464.34. Also that the Bellefonte Trust company had credited the water department with \$3857.00 from the sale of bonds and that there are still \$2500 worth of bonds to be sold. Borough notes amounting to \$20,000 have been paid off with money received from the tax collector and renewal of \$2800 in borough notes and \$4000 of water notes were authorized.

The Fire and Police committee reported that C. G. Decker has applied for a permit to erect a dwelling on east Linn street but had not yet submitted his plans. The matter was referred to the committee with power.

Burgess Harris was present and suggested to council the advisability of giving employment to men out of work in cleaning out Spring creek, cleaning up ash dumps and the several approaches to town. The various committees were instructed to give the suggestion due consideration.

Mr. Cobb called the attention of council to the fact that the Water committee had sold the old water wheels at the Gamble mill for junk at \$11.50 per ton, and had sold two belts in the mill for \$75.00, and he had been told that the committee has been criticised for so doing. And what he desired was council to sustain the actions of the committee, or if they had acted without authority then he would have the belts returned and money refunded. The matter was referred back to the committee to find out if the criticism came from the Bellefonte Realty company.

Mr. Cobb also wanted to know when Bellefonte would benefit by an

Annual Meeting of Agricultural Extension Association.

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Extension Association of Centre county will be held in the court house tomorrow (Saturday) with sessions both in the morning and afternoon. Clarence E. Peters, of Stormstown, president of the association, will preside.

The morning session will convene in the court room at 10 a. m. sharp. This will be a joint meeting, including men and women. The general order of business will include a financial report, report of the work done during the past year by county agent, R. C. Blaney, and the report of the home economics work to be given by Miss Jean Alexon, home economics worker for Centre county. A short talk will be given by Paul Edinger, assistant director of extension at State College, on "Agricultural Extension Work." The president of the association will also be prepared to give some interesting figures on the results of the dairy improvement work accomplished during the past few years. The morning session will close with the annual election of officers for the coming year.

The afternoon session will convene at 1.30 in the court room, and the program will feature boys and girls work. All 4H Club members in Centre county, numbering 175 in all, have been invited to attend this meeting. A number of club members will participate in the program by telling what the activities of their club has been. A group of girls from Howard will present a play, "The Nutrition Wedding." Following this a representative of the State Club office will make a few remarks, after which W. R. Gordon, of the extension department at State College, will discuss "Future Life in the Rural Communities." Mr. Gordon is a very able speaker and his subject will be presented with the idea of showing to the young folks, as well as the old, the possibilities of country life.

The annual banquet will not be held this year due to the fact that it is impossible to find a banquet room to accommodate the anticipated crowd.

Membership in the Agricultural Extension Association includes anyone in Centre county interested in agriculture.

This will be a real opportunity to meet and see what the future farmers of Centre county are doing through their 4H Club work, and Mr. Peters urges that you set this day aside and help by your presence in promoting the agriculture of Centre county.

Senator Smoot thinks the Grundy tariff isn't high enough. Viewed from one angle he is right. If it had been a trifle higher there wouldn't have been any Republicans elected to the Seventy-second Congress.

It is predicted that Mayor Mackey of Philadelphia and Senator-elect Davis will be candidates for Senator next time which will give Republican voters a chance to choose between cupidity and stupidity.

The Wickersham committee has agreed on a report in favor of continued efforts to enforce the Volstead law but there will be strenuous opposition in Congress to the necessary appropriation.

Our school board has put our town council in somewhat of a hole. If it doesn't close that portion of Lamb street now some will imagine it is standing in the way of relief to the unemployed.

Congressman James M. Beck refuses to agree either with Dwight Morrow of New Jersey or the wets of New York because they aren't wet enough.

Senator Borah serves notice on the administration that he will neither be bulldozed nor beguiled during the short session.

adjustment of insurance rates, but no one was able to answer the question.

Ward Krape headed a delegation of five Nittany valley farmers who are anxious to establish a milk shipping station here by placing two cars on the siding at the Phoenix mill. The matter was referred to the Water committee to go on the ground with the men and see if a plan can be worked out to accommodate them.

Borough bills totaling \$1179.50 and water bills \$1413.05 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of November 26, 1880.

It is said that work on the new Reformed church building in this place is to be abandoned for the time being because of the extremely cold weather.

It is said that Maj. W. F. Reynolds intends to erect the boss residence in Bellefonte next summer. (This is the home at the corner of Allegheny and Linn streets now occupied by Maj. Reynolds, nephew, W. F. Reynolds.)

Mrs. Brew, the venerable mother of S. A. Brew, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Nolan, of this place, and relic of the late Thaddeus Brew, is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hamilton, on Howard street. Mrs. Brew is away up in the nineties, nearly one hundred years old.

John Irvin with his piccolo, Bill Derstine, with his bass horn, Scott Lose with his tenor horn and Fred Smith with his bass violin make splendid music. There is no rubbing that out.

Mr. Frank Steinkirchner, of Newton, Harvey county, Kansas, formerly of this place, surprised his friends here by an unexpected return on Friday morning last, after an absence of several years. Frank says the western country suits him first rate and he thinks he will not come back to Bellefonte to live. He will make a stay of about a month before returning to his western home. He is looking fine and in good spirits.

From Pleasant Gap comes the news that Robert Barnes has opened a store in the post-office building there. He has a wonderfully fine line of groceries.

The young ladies from Axe Mann who went buggy riding last Sunday afternoon can have the litter of kittens they dropped out of their buggy by calling at Mr. Jerry Eckenroth's. He says he has cats enough, without having others wish more on him.

Pleasant Gap has a flourishing literary society. It has twenty-five members, meets every Wednesday evening at the Pike school house and John Griffith is its capable president.

A beautiful stained glass window has just been placed in St. John's Episcopal church here in memory of Mrs. Adaline Miles Harris, who for a long time was a devoted member and faithful worker in that church.

The newly erected Evangelical church near Howard will be dedicated, the Lord willing, on December 5. Bishop Bowman will be present and officiate.

Wheat is going right up. It's \$1.05 now.

The planing mill dam at this place is frozen over with ice thick enough for good skating and soon the work of filling ice houses in the town will be begun.

Colonel Dorsey Green, of Patton township, one of the pleasant gentlemen and best farmers in the county, gave us a call on Monday. The Col. is a Rep-ub-li-can, but a fine fellow, for all that.

The first snow of the season fell on Wednesday night and yesterday morning. Earth was covered with a deep blanket of white.

Death of an Old Mare—The old mare familiarly known as "Sal" belonging to Dr. E. W. Hale, of Bellefonte, died on Oct 26 at the age of 36. She had been such a wonderful animal that the doctor would not permit her to be shot. He sent her out to his farm to be kept until she died a natural death. She lived in luxury and idleness there for ten years, then gave up the ghost.

The farmer in charge happens to be Mr. L. C. Rerick and as a little bit of memorial to "Sal" he has sent us the following: Old "Sal" is dead, that good old mare. We ne'er shall see her more. With limb so sleek and smooth of hair She was a splendid goer.

She walked and paced o'er hill and vale, To gather dollars for E. W. Hale, He pitied her too much, he said, To have her shot with gold or lead.

So now, no more, she speeds away To earn her fodder, oats and hay But lies buried in Nittany Vale, To be remembered by Dr. Hale.

At Pennsylvania Furnace, last Sunday, the air receiver in the engine room was being repaired when an explosion occurred which almost demolished the three story building. The concussion was so great that in a church a quarter of a mile away the chandeliers were rattled so that the congregation rushed from the edifice in a panic. W. H. Wilke, the chemist, and two firemen were in the building at the time, but not one was injured.

It is a safe bet that at least two members of Pinchot's former cabinet will sit at the council table of his new administration.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

A building program of \$300,000 has been completed at the Danville state hospital for mental diseases, according to reports received by the board of trustees.

No kisses from her husband in five years and treatment worse than the family dog received were things she could not stand. Mrs. Hannah G. Finney, 52, of Pittsburgh, told Judge Harry H. Rowand. Her divorce from Robert F. Finney was granted.

Angered because his wife refused to let him sell the family automobile for \$16, Harmon Reddick, a farmer near Erie, shot and probably fatally wounded the woman and then killed himself when cornered by State police. Mrs. Reddick, 45, is the mother of eight children.

Construction of two overhead bridges to carry the new and relocated Perry highway between Pittsburgh and Erie over railroad tracks in Crawford county as well as the abolition of several township grade crossings in the same vicinity was ordered Saturday by the Public Service Commission.

Albert and Guy Bowman and Henry Coble, of near Mill Hill; Oscar Shope and Zepin Lee, of Fairpoint, near Flemington, were arrested by privates Eisenhower and Spotts of the State police, assisted by detective D. L. Probst, charged with the theft of forty bushels of potatoes from Walter Pifer, a Nittany farmer.

Northumberland county commissioners will shortly award the contract for the demolition of twenty-nine homes at the eastern end of Northumberland, so that the work can be done during the winter months in order that there will be no holdup on the new State highway in the spring. The work will also be done to employ as many men as possible during winter months.

Siphoning of gasoline from parked cars is a new source of revenue to Sunbury men who don't like to work, according to the chief of police. He denied that it was due to unemployment but rather to some crooks who want a new way to make money. Car owners have been complaining for some time about the gas being siphoned from their cars while they are parked.

John A. Gallagher, of Shickshinny, former State trooper, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against Ross Pennington, of Benton, for injuries sustained almost two years ago in an automobile accident. He was in a hospital for five months confined to bed. He was a hardware salesman at the time of the accident. The damages asked are among the largest ever sought in Columbia county courts.

A young Temple University student who lost an eye and whose face was disfigured when a chemical testing tube with which he was experimenting in the laboratory burst, spattering acid over him, today sued the university and two of its instructors for \$50,000 in the United States district court. The plaintiff is William C. Nelson, a native of Virginia. His father, J. F. Nelson, Jr. also claims \$5,000 for medical expenses.

The Manufacturer's Gas company, of Pittsburgh, has applied to the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg for permission to extend its right to include eleven additional counties. The company now has its production system in Jefferson, Elk, Warren and Mckean and asks amendment of its charter to permit prospecting in Bradford, Tioga, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Potter, Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Indiana and Cambria counties.

Captain Thomas J. McLaughlin, former head of Troop A, Pennsylvania State Police, was indicted on a charge of attempting to evade payment of federal income taxes on \$38,689.19 by the federal grand jury at Pittsburgh, last Friday. The evasion was alleged to have occurred from 1924 to 1929, inclusive. Captain McLaughlin left the service April 7 after more than 25 years as a State policeman. The source of his income was not disclosed in the bill.

Twenty-seven of Shamokin's largest business houses on Independence street, will have to spend thousands of dollars for new plate glass windows for their store fronts. Early Monday morning a vandal walked along the street and using a glass cutter or other sharp instrument, cut all the panes. Some were scratched so badly that replacement is necessary and some were cut so that when business men went to work in the morning they found them hanging. Nothing was stolen.

The United States Department of Justice announced last Saturday that the Civil Service Commission will hold an examination some time after December 10 to fill the positions of warden and deputy warden of the Northwest Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa. Applications must be received by the commission not later than December 1. The salary is \$6000 a year and of the deputy \$5600. In the case of the warden \$2100 is deducted to cover quarters and subsistence and \$1600 for the deputy warden.

The attack on behalf of Franklin J. Graham, Philadelphia lawyer, on an indictment charging conspiracy in the Mountaineer brewery case at Lock Haven, was rejected by Judge Watson, in federal court at Scranton, last week. Graham will have to stand trial. Federal court also rejected attacks by five other defendants in the indictments. Eight reasons had been advanced by lawyers in attacking the indictments. One held that persons without legal authority were in the Grand Jury room when the indictments were voted.

Walter A. Snyder, for twenty-five years a trusted employee of the Huntingdon postoffice, who confessed Wednesday to postmaster Fred Etner that he had taken \$8000 from a registered mail sack consigned by a local bank to the Federal Bank, Philadelphia, on October 21, and disappeared mysteriously a few hours later, returned home on Sunday and was surrendered by his son to postoffice inspectors Kennedy and Cutchell. He had wandered for five days on the ridges north of Huntingdon, with no food but fallen apples and wild grapes, and was so exhausted mentally and physically he could not be questioned further. He is now in a hospital and no visitors are allowed to see him. Six thousand eight hundred and thirty-five dollars of the \$8000 taken was returned from Altoona by mail.