

INK SLINGS

—Bellefonte ought to be full of smart people. She spent nearly ninety-four thousand dollars on her public schools last year.

—Upon the statement that he is willing to be drafted as the Republican candidate for President next year Mr. Coolidge doesn't choose to say a word.

—Of course it's all right to investigate Tammany, but we can see no just reason for refusing to inquire into the same sort of faults in up-State New York.

—Possibly a traditionally wise Philadelphia lawyer could imagine how a Vane government with Hammy Moore as figure head would be preferable to a Vane government with Sam Salus at the controls.

—Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor, his movie wife, have finally come to the parting of the way. Jack has entered suit for divorce. He says he still likes her, but not enough to "go broke" on account of her.

—The Lindberghs have had their third forced landing on their globe circling vacation flight. This time considerable concern is felt for them. They are down in a treacherous sea, off the coast of Japan somewhere, and while the brave little wife of the Colonel is wirelessing cheery messages of assurance to the world no one will feel at ease until the glad tidings come that they are awing again.

—My, how times have changed. Twenty years ago a home made carnival meant, "fish ponds," "bean bags," "pinning a tail on the donkey," and innocent little costume villages of foreign countries, with the good people looking on approvingly. Now, all that is needed are any old gambling devices that can be rigged up, and the few good people who don't play them look on as though they would if So-and-So wasn't eyeing them.

—As we said last week, we hold no brief for the White brothers, but, Congressman Chase and the Post Office Department notwithstanding, nobody can make us believe that they, or anyone else, would have been asses enough to build and equip a building for the government in Bellefonte without some assurance, from some authoritative source, that it would be used by the government for a period long enough to justify the investment.

—The correspondent who advises us to read "That Royal Lover," by Knorad Bercovici, was probably urged to make the suggestion because of the "panning" we occasionally give King Carol, of Rumania. Reading Bercovici's book wouldn't change our mind a bit on the matter of Carol's philandering. Besides, his evidence is partisan. He is a Rumanian author and if he didn't give Carol all the "breaks" and make Helen and Marie look foolish his head would be chopped off. Of course our correspondent is a lady. They always fall for Carol.

—Congressman Chase told us, when here last week, that he expects to be a candidate to succeed himself; at least that was the inference we drew when he told us that there is nothing to the story that his brother plans to retire from the bench in Clearfield county and that he will swap his Congressional seat for the Clearfield bench. Assuming that he meant just what he expected us to believe that he meant Mitch isn't the foxy politician that many give him credit with being. If he is thinking of fighting J. Banks Kurtz for the Republican nomination for Congress in our newly formed district he needs Centre county. And how's he going to get Centre? By engineering a "run in" with the White Brothers over the Bellefonte post-office building when Bond White is the Pinchot chairman here. These days jobs are jobs. A Congressman has nothing to give but post-master-ships. A Governor has hundreds of jobs for Centre countians who are loyal to those who were loyal to him and Bond White was all of that.

—Will someone give us the real "dope" on who's back of who in the race for shrievalty honors on the Republican ticket. We hear from lower Penns valley that Keeler strength down there is traceable to the Flemings. We know that men getting road jobs are tipped off to do all they can for Keeler and road jobs are supposed to come from the Dale, White-Heverly combination. Are they hand-in-glove with the Flemings? If so, where is Senator Scott? He is supposed to be favorable to Mayes, when it would be natural for him to be for his fellow townsman, Lamoreaux. Apparently none of the "big shots" are behind Jim Lettzel, but Jim is making a publicity noise like a fellow who has ammunition of his own. The fight is making a lot of strange bed-fellows and we fancy that many of them won't know who they are in with until they find themselves kicked out. The situation reminds us of the story a friend told us recently. He married one of twins and the other sister lives with them. We asked him if they looked much alike. "Alike," he said: "God, George, they look so much alike that I'm only sure I'm in bed with my wife when I'm not kicked out."

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Pinchot's Detroit Speech.

Of course Governor Pinchot had "his tongue in his cheek" when he declared in Detroit, the other evening, that his speech was not a "bid" for the Republican Presidential nomination. As a matter of fact every speech he has made, every act he has performed and every gesture he has indulged in within the last two years has had for its purpose the promotion of his ambition to become the Republican nominee for President some time, and he has intelligence to realize that because of advancing age it must be in 1932 or never. His Detroit speech was not only a bid for the nomination next year but the most appealing bid he has ever made.

At the present time appearances indicate that Herbert Hoover has the nomination "tied up." The Southern delegates and those of the North who seem to be under control of the office holders will guarantee his nomination unless adverse conditions develop. But there are signs, faint though perceptible, of such development. Every day something occurs that impairs confidence in his capacity for the service and alienates his supporters. And nobody in this broad land has a keener appreciation of this political panorama than Mr. Pinchot, unless it is Mrs. Pinchot. They live with it, sleep with it and dream of it constantly.

But this harmless prevarication detracts little, if anything, from the substance of value of Mr. Pinchot's Detroit speech. His statement that "it is high time for the people of the United States to look next winter squarely in the face and get ready for it," is absolutely true. Plainly the administration has not done this and Mr. Pinchot's recognition of it is an "eleventh hour" operation. Others have been urging remedial action for months and while Mr. Hoover frankly opposed suitable legislation to meet the exigencies of the occasion, Mr. Pinchot remained quiet until now, when he imagined articulation would serve his purpose.

—Late reports indicate that Parker Cramer, a Pennsylvania airman, is among the missing. He was a courageous and successful pilot and we hope he will be found alive and successful in his purpose.

Hoover Still Fooling the Public.

That the administration at Washington is still trying to deceive the public with respect to industrial and economic conditions is shown in a statement issued, the other day, by Congressman Cannon, of Missouri. "Statements that do not stand up," Mr. Cannon says, "are a poor panacea for the distress of the unemployment situation." He might have added that false representation of the facts has been largely the cause of the prolonged depression. If, instead of deceiving the public by proclamations that "prosperity is just around the corner" he had taken available steps to check the evil, there would have been an earlier return of normalcy.

Only a few days ago the President announced that he had under way a survey of industrial conditions with a view to adopting effective steps which would speedily restore prosperity. Supplementing this, Secretary of Labor Doak officially announced that 281,769 persons "had been provided with work by the federal employment service between April 1 and July 1." Representative Cannon points out that "these persons were in the main farm hands employed temporarily in the harvesting of wheat in the Middle West who will soon be idle again. In 1929 federal agencies had found employment for 600,000 men for the same service, which proved a big discrepancy between 1929 and 1931, and that the federal employment activities this year are far below normal."

If the President had made his survey immediately following the crash in 1929 and inaugurated plans to stabilize business instead of issuing false statements of causes and a absurd promises of improvement within a brief period most of the trouble would have passed long ago. In fact, if he had taken a course which was open to him before the disaster to discourage the speculative mania, the damage would have been much less and its duration briefer. But both he and his predecessor in office encouraged the speculation because, while it lasted, it made things look like a fulfillment of his campaign promises to abolish poverty and give everybody an automobile.

—There is liable to be a readjustment of reputation awards and war claims, notwithstanding the protests of Hoover, Mellon and Stimson. Swearing they'll ne'er consent they seem to be yielding.

A New and Dangerous Philosophy.

Nearly two centuries ago Jonathan Swift expressed the opinion that "whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together." But Swift lived before the engineering mind was developed. Such an achievement is no longer a virtue. It has become a vice punishable by severe penalties. Obviously "the times are out of joint." The mouse trap and beaten path idea has become obsolete. The only pathway to prosperity is a lane that leads to destruction.

President Hoover's Farm Board is responsible for this surprising philosophy. Pending the campaign of last fall the chairman of that Board and members of the President's cabinet canvassed the wheat growing States urging the farmers to reduce their planting acreage in order to give a semblance of success to an absurd conception of the engineering mind. As the soil was suitable only for that form of crop the farmers refused to follow the advice. The result is that while there are millions of hungry men, women and children in the country there is a vast surplus of wheat in the various elevators and other storage places.

Now the Farm Board is appealing to the cotton planters to literally destroy one-third of their crops and threatening malign measures in the event they refuse to comply. Last year the Board purchased nearly a million and a-half bales of cotton in order to avert an impending collapse of the market and now threatens to offer its holding for sale in competition with this year's crop unless the destructive process is adopted, which would bankrupt every cotton planter and dealer in the country. It is a cruel proposition but the only means available to save the face of a disappointing President.

—Last Friday afternoon John Possinger, an expert tree trimmer in the employ of the West Penn Power company, was trimming trees along the mountain near the Chemical Lime company plant and on the right of way of the 22,000 volt line of the Power company. He cut off a limb which fell onto the line and he received a shock which caused him to fall from the tree and rendered him temporarily speechless. Other employees who were with him attempted to drive the company's big truck over a small bridge across Buffalo run in order to put Possinger on it and bring him to the hospital, when the bridge collapsed and the truck sank into the stream. Another car was secured to bring the man to the hospital. He was not seriously affected and has now recovered, while the truck was removed from Buffalo run about ten o'clock Friday night.

—Last Friday evening the "Friday Nite" club of the Y. M. C. A. took their first outing of the season. Under the leadership of Donnie McCafferty and L. C. Heineman the boys left the Y at two o'clock and hiked to the "Horse Hole," on Spring creek, where the afternoon was spent in swimming and playing games. In the evening a delicious lunch was served by Donnie McCafferty, Jack Watson, John O'Leary and John Eckenroth and the boys not only cleaned up everything in sight but licked the dishes. Bible study was conducted under the trees. About fifty boys took part in the outing and the boys had as the guest of honor, James H. Potter.

—State Treasurer Edward Martin made a favorable impression on the members of the Centre County Bankers' Association, in his address to them at a banquet and meeting held at the Hotel Phillips, Phillipsburg, last Friday evening. General Martin talked on conserving finances, State, county and local. The next meeting of the Association will be held in Bellefonte some time in October.

—The American Federation of Labor has finally declared in favor of joining the World court. Nearly always tardy the A. F. of L., usually gets on the right line in the course of time.

—If the Wickersham commission continues to make reports long enough it may justify itself in public opinion. Some of its recent recommendations are worth while.

—While the administration at Washington is contributing generous lip service to peace the work of naval construction is to go forward extensively.

Logan's New Pumper to Arrive Next Week.

At the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, fire marshal John J. Bower reported that notification had been received that the new pumper for the Logan Fire company will be delivered some time next week and arrangements should be made to have an inspection engineer of the Underwriters' Association come to Bellefonte to test the pumper and see that it comes up to specifications and meets the requirements of the Association. Council authorized Mr. Bower to make the necessary arrangements.

Secretary Kelly reported that borough engineer H. B. Shattuck had made blueprints of an old map of the original tract of the Gamble mill property, made in 1874, when it was the property of E. W. Hale.

John H. Roach, of the Department of Property and Supplies, Harrisburg, appeared before council with a complaint that the water supply at the army of Troop L is not up to requirements and expressed the belief that it is because the meter on the line is too small. He asked permission to remove the meter and make a month's test without it and if the supply then proves all right a larger meter will be installed. Council granted the request.

The street committee reported completion of the sewer on west Lamb street, widening the road on Halfmoon hill and various street repairs.

The Water committee reported repairs to several meters and fire plugs, repairs to the Phoenix mill dam and the collection of \$150 on water taxes and \$46.20 on rent, etc.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$92.40 and \$1,832.96 in the water fund. Authorization was granted for the renewal of notes totaling \$21,756.40, and a new note for \$1500 was authorized to meet current borough bills.

Mr. Jodon presented the request of David K. Hughes for a permit to erect a gasoline station with flats above it, on north Water street, just south of the Imperial Oil company's plant. Mr. Hughes has bought a lot there from the McCoy estate and has his plans drawn for his building. Inasmuch as a portion of his lot, at least, is included in the survey which the State Highway Department had made for the relocation of the State road to Milesburg council was loath to grant the permit unless Mr. Hughes gives a waiver in writing of any and all claims for damages against the borough in the event the road is moved. With this in view the matter was referred to the Street committee and the borough solicitor.

Bills totaling \$2060.84 were approved for payment after which council adjourned.

"Slim" Lewis Completes Twelfth Year as Mail Flier.

Bellefonte will be interested in learning that Harold T. "Slim" Lewis, last week, completed his twelfth year of continuous service as a mail flier, being America's second ranking flier of air mail. He is now located at Seattle as chief pilot for the Boeing Air Transport, and makes daily flights. His life in the air has not proven much of a hardship to him as he stands six feet four inches in height and weighs about 200 pounds.

"Slim" was one of the first regular fliers between New York and Cleveland on the transcontinental route when Bellefonte was a regular stopping place and lay-over station. Those were the days of spectacular flying when a pilot gave an exhibition of stunt flying most every time he flew into the field or took off, and "Slim" was the daredevil of them all. He knew no fear and was more at home with the stick of an airplane than at the throttle of an automobile.

The last time he was in Bellefonte was when he flew here in October, 1925, to assist in the hunt for the body of pilot Charles H. Ames, who crashed on Nittany mountain and who was not found until ten days after the crash.

Lewis recently took his grandmother on her first ride in an airplane. When a girl she made her first trip across country to Oregon by an ox team. In 1884 she again crossed the country in a covered wagon but when Slim took her by airplane they covered in nine minutes the distance traveled in a day in a prairie schooner.

—Half a dozen or more candidates for township offices in a few districts of the county have withdrawn, but so far not one of the sixty aspirants for a county job has asked that this name be left off of the primary ticket.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of August 26, 1881.

—P. J. Vonada, of Zion, after an absence of several months, returned home Saturday evening, having made an extended tour through the west. He visited Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and other States beyond the Mississippi.

—The board of the Centre county Agricultural Society met in the court house on Monday evening to devise some plan by which the coming fair may have more receipts than expenditures. Raising the admission to 50cts was considered, but dropped as being uncertain in its results.

—Work is going on at the Lamb street bridge preparatory to the erection of a new structure over Spring creek at that point.

—The Centre county fair will be held the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of October.

—Berwind, White & Co., of Snow Shoe, paid off their men for the past month in gold.

—An infant child of Rev. William Fortney, of Boalsburg, died at the residence of D. F. Fortney Esq., on Bishop street, this place, on Sunday morning last.

The little son of Mr. Isaac Thomas, of this place, who was so badly scalded by falling into a vessel of scalding water some time ago, has pretty nearly recovered and is able to be out with his playmates again.

—Geo. H. Weaver Esq., was buried on Saturday afternoon and his funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Bellefonte. He was a good man and it was our sad duty to sit by his bedside the last night he spent on earth. At one time during that sad vigil all was so quiet in the room that he asked us if we were writing his "notice," meaning his obituary.

—The dwelling house of John Dehass, near Eagleville, was totally destroyed by fire last Friday. Very few of its contents were saved.

—The three colored boys who waylaid and maltreated Charles Williams, who works for James Lane, got severe sentences. They were Link Miller, Cal. Miller and Harry Brown. Two of them got three months in jail and the other five months. It appears that Williams is a thirty fellow and has money to spend on the colored belles of the town. The others are otherwise and jealous, so they beat him up and went to jail for it.

—John L. Lynn, of Stormstown, late an employee of the Watchman office, and the husband of Miss Alice Alexander Lynn, died at his home in that place on Tuesday last. He was 24 years old and consumption caused his death.

—On Sunday afternoon last, Willie, the eldest son of Robert J. Doak, of the West ward of Bellefonte, met with a fearful accident down near the glass works. He and his little brother were returning from Sunday school and having made paper cigars tried to light them. His shirt caught fire, then all his clothes became a mass of flames so that he was frightfully burned about the neck, chest, arms and legs. He was carried home where Mrs. Fasig "blew" a lot of the fire out then Dr. Kirk was called and is doing all that is possible to aid his recovery. "Willie" lived and grew to be a character in Bellefonte. He became blind and deaf and not being able to hear himself finally lost the power of speech. He died only a few years ago as a result of being knocked over by an automobile while groping his way over Bellefonte streets selling shoe strings and pencils.—Editors Note.)

—On Wednesday morning last Mrs. Ann Eliza Benner, relict of Matlock Benner, died at her home on High street, this place, at the age of 80. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom survive. (The one survivor now is Miss Sara Benner still living in the homestead at the corner of the Diamond.—Editor's Note.)

—No matter what happens Hoover is against the dole, though he doesn't seem to have a very clear idea of what a dole is.

—The prohibition drive to dry up New Jersey may be a masked movement to keep Senator Morrow out of Hoover's way.

—Pinchot didn't attend the Cunningham funeral, but there were so many other statesmen present that he wasn't missed.

—Poor old Philadelphia is not only "corrupt and contented" but is unable to borrow money to pay current expenses.

—Maybe after all it was Great Britain's troubles that aroused the Hoover sympathies and produced the moratorium.

—The funeral of the late Tom Cunningham, of Philadelphia, was quite as spectacular as his political career.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—More than 700,000 legal size trout will be distributed in State streams from the hatcheries this autumn.

—Valeria Segitis, 67, a Tamaqua miner, died on Monday of a broken neck after falling down stairs at his home.

—While packing his furniture and preparing for eviction from his home, Michael Manjak, of Ambridge, found \$460 he lost six years ago. He paid his bills and taxes and unpacked.

—Although suffering from a bullet wound in the back received earlier in the day during an attempted holdup, Frank Yerano escaped from the State hospital at Ashland on Tuesday. He was recaptured later.

—Notices have been posted in the New York Central Railroad shops at West Albany, N. Y., to the effect that work has been suspended indefinitely. Large numbers of the 400 shopmen who were transferred from Jersey Shore to West Albany the beginning of this month are expected to return home.

—Damages in the sum of \$10,000 have been asked by Catherine Gallagher, against the city of Pottsville in a suit filed in the Schuylkill county court this week. She claims to have been permanently injured when her foot was caught in wire mesh which was being used for a street paving job last year.

—Nicola Mordick's wooden leg saved him from drowning at Pittsburgh, on Tuesday. Despondent, the 61-year-old man decided to end his life in the Monongahela river. He had waded in to his neck when the wooden leg stuck in the mud and he could neither advance nor return. Passersby dragged him to shore.

—Tales of old days on the canals of Pennsylvania and the prowess of the men who worked on them will be in order August 29, when veteran canal men will have their seventeenth annual reunion at Rolling Green park. A program of entertainment is now being arranged for the reunion and canal veterans from all parts of the State have promised to be present.

—What Charles McGowan, 16-year-old grocer's delivery boy, thought to be a bag of spinach in a vacant lot on the outskirts of Philadelphia proved to be a sack of money—\$1400 in bills. Police said it was part of the \$1700 taken by three holdup men in a pistol battle outside the West Garret market in Upper Darby, Saturday night, and had evidently been thrown there by the robbers who expected to recover it later.

—Cuts in salaries of the mayor, councilmen, and city treasurer were voted by council at New Castle, Pa. Mayor Gillespie, who leaves office after this year, voted for reducing the mayor's salary from \$3,600 yearly to \$3,000. Pay for councilmen was reduced \$500, to \$3,000 annually, and the treasurer will get about \$5,000 less per year, being allowed only one-half of one per cent of taxes collected instead of a full per cent as at present.

—"What this country needs to relieve the depression is a return to the period when a man did an 'honest day's work and received an honest day's pay," instead of investing money and sitting idly by, expecting to see it multiply." Thus spoke Guy K. Burd, former Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, in an address to the State Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners at the opening program of their convention at Lancaster, on Tuesday.

—Appearing before Judge Chase, at Clearfield, on Monday, John Domblinsky, of Munson, arrested recently on the charge of stabbing Robert Crasshaw, of Phillipsburg, pleaded guilty to assault and battery. Domblinsky was given a suspended sentence if he paid the costs of prosecution and a fine of \$200. Furthermore, he is to remain free from violation of the law for a period of two years. Failure to do so will result in a sentence on the above charge.

—The chief of police of Williamsport, reports that some time Sunday night the office of the Gates Dental Supply company, of Williamsport, was entered and robbed of between \$1,000 and \$1,500 worth of gold in the form of plate gold, shells, crowns, solder and bars, all being 18 and 22-karat gold. Entrance was gained by working the combination on the safe. All police departments are requested to keep a careful watch for the persons committing these robberies and also to warn all dentists and dental supply companies in their cities about them.

—The State Water and Power Resources Board has granted a permit to the Keystone Pipe Line company to construct pipe lines across certain streams in Dauphin, York, Lebanon, Berks and Lancaster counties. The company is incorporated for the purpose of transporting petroleum products from a point near Marcus Hook to points in the State and on the New York-Pennsylvania and the Ohio-Pennsylvania lines. The line will cross the Susquehanna river at a point near Highspire, in Dauphin county, and at a point south of New Cumberland, in York county.

—Appointment of Charles G. Stone, of Greenville, Mercer county, as executive secretary of the State Board of Game Commissioners, has been announced. He succeeds John J. Slatterback, of Millfin county, who was dismissed on July 1. The appointment became effective on Saturday. Stone was born at Springboro, Crawford county, and has been interested for a number of years in various branches of outdoor life and conservation, being particularly interested at the present time in upland game. He has given much time as an official and member of sportsmen's organizations. Slatterback was secretary to the commission for the last four years, serving a number of years prior to that as chief of the commission's bureau of vermin control.

—The territory served by the Danville State hospital for mental diseases has been reduced from twenty-two counties to twelve, according to an announcement of the board of trustees following its monthly meeting. The new district comprises: Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Luzerne, with the exceptions of the central poor district, Pittston and Jenkins township, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union and Wyoming. The population of the district is 899,458. Reasons for the change cited by J. L. Hanna, Secretary of the Department of Welfare, are changes in the scope of the Torrance and Wernersville State hospitals and shifting of population in parts of the old district from country to city. The change applies to new admissions only, the 1323 patients already in the hospital to remain in Danville.