

INK SLINGS. BY GEORGE R. MEER.

The nearer the presidential election comes the more the Great Engineer looks like a "push-over" for the light wine and beer advocates.

Of course it is good political dope to try to fasten the attempt to get beer back on the Democrats, but we know who will swallow it up as fast as anybody else if it does come back.

A better Prothonotary than Claude Herr Centre county has never had. Always a capable official has been given a second term in Centre. Mr. Herr certainly has a right to expect that he will be re-elected.

The Fordney-McCumber and the Hawley-Smoot tariff laws are responsible for much of our present troubles. Because foreign countries are protecting themselves against them by raising tariff walls that exclude our products many American industries are building plants abroad. For every man who is employed in them one man in the U. S. A. has lost a job because of such legislation.

Dr. Charles F. Pabst, New York dermatologist, has discovered a new disease. He calls it dermatalgia and says it is a disorder caused by worry over the business depression. One of the symptoms is itching of the skin. We have "itching palms" so bad now that unless more of those 699 delinquents come across at once we know it's going to spread until we'll have a regular case of this new dermatalgia stuff.

Since we can't consume what we can grow or use what we can make why not trade the surplus for foreign countries for things they grow and make that we can't. There's the Jim Blaine idea of "Reciprocity." Once when our country was in just such a hole as it is now the "Plumed Knight" held up his hands in holy horror at the suggestion of Free Trade and offered "Reciprocity" as the better plan.

Did you read Keeler's letter of thanks to those who supported him. It was published in last week's issue of the Watchman. That bit about treasuring the friendships he made as the most precious jewels in the urn of his remembrance tickled us sick. The would-be Sheriff ought to have told the person who wrote that letter for him that it isn't an urn that he has in mind. It's the "jug" on the hill that he wants to keep his precious jewels in.

Why are our Republican friends wasting time discussing the possibility of drafting Cal. Always his photographs have suggested the idea that he was sniffing a bad smell when he posed for them. Whether he was or wasn't his olfactory organs have certainly gotten a whiff of the one that is in the air now and Cal. isn't going to get his nose any further in it. In fact he practically says so in the current issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

It would be a work of super-erogation to tell the people of Centre county anything about Robert F. Hunter, who aspires to be their Treasurer. The few who don't know him certainly have heard of him, for he has been active in every movement for public welfare for three decades, at least. Mr. Hunter is not asking for your support as compensation for what his public spiritedness might have done for you. It would be a graceful acknowledgement of it, however, if you were to vote for him for Treasurer of the county.

The most intriguing bit of political news we have seen in a long time was the Watchman's quotation from the Harrisburg Telegraph, last week, to the effect that Judge Fleming's name is being bandied about in connection with the nomination for Auditor General. Inasmuch as Senator Scott has been supposed to be a place on the next Republican State ticket—with the Auditor General's office as the special objective—we can't understand what inspired the Telegraph's comment. Certainly it didn't suck the life out of its thumb. Can it be that our Senator and our Judge are approaching the parting of their ways? However that may be the test reports are to the effect that Senator Frank Baldwin, of Potter county, is to have the coveted plum.

The real reason why Hoover will be the nominee of the Republican party for President is because no other Republican is keen to be the leader of such a forlorn hope.

The great steel corporations of this country have started cutting wages all along the line. Of course there is a commotion in consequence. "Puddler Jim" Davis is turning undsprings and Bill Green threatens a strike. It is unfortunate that industry is forced to such a reverse, but if it can't sell its products at present prices the only alternative is to offer them cheaper to do that the cost of production must be reduced. Labor should have no quarrel with that, for half loaf is better than no bread at all. And is it unreasonable to ask labor to take reductions in ratio to a reduced cost of living?

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PROPERTY OWNERS MUST PAY ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

So Says a Jury in a Civil Action Brought by the Borough of State College. Other Cases Tried at Court.

The liability of property owners for street improvements was established in Centre county courts, last week, when the borough of State College won its case against three owners who had resisted paying assessments made against them. The defendants in issue were the trustees of the Phi Lambda Theta fraternity, Dollie J. Anderson, executrix of Clarence R. Anderson, and Arthur E. and Edith S. Jones. The three cases were tried together and at the close of the defendants' testimony, on motion of counsel for the plaintiff, the court issued binding instructions in favor of the plaintiff. The awards made by the jury in favor of the plaintiff borough were \$574.01 against the fraternity, \$291.85, against the Andersons and \$116.76 against Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Two other cases tried together were those of Susan R. Rushnock vs. Russel Chase and Mary Rushnock vs. Russel Chase, actions in trespass to recover damages for an automobile collision in Snow Shoe on August 30th, 1930. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Susan Rushnock for \$18.50 and in favor of Mary Rushnock for six cents.

Constable Edward Gustafson, of Phillipsburg, figured prominently in the case of Ellis Freeman vs. The Brown Realty company. At the instance of the defendant the constable went to the home of the plaintiff to serve a landlord's warrant. He was refused admission to the house but gained entrance by force. At the close of the plaintiff's testimony the court granted the defendant's motion for a compulsory non-suit.

The case of James F. Uzzie vs. George Solt was an action in replevin to recover alleged personal property or the value thereof. Several years ago the plaintiff was a member of the firm of Chambers and Uzzie. At the time Mr. Chambers gave Solt a number of farming implements to take to his home in Burnside township, make some necessary repairs and keep them in storage until called for. Later the firm of Chambers and Uzzie was dissolved, and under the dissolution agreement the farm implements became the property of Mr. Uzzie. When he made a demand for the same of Mr. Solt the latter refused to give them up until he was paid for his repair work and storage. At the trial of the case Mr. Uzzie fixed the value of the machinery at \$325.00, while Mr. Solt presented a bill of \$400 for repairs and storage. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$325.

In the case of Nathan Teitelbaum, trading as Keystone Commissioners and Employment Service vs. The Bellefonte Central Railroad company, an action in trespass, a voluntary non-suit was allowed.

The Poor District of Union township vs. C. H. Donley and Charles E. Lynn, was an action in replevin to recover the value of a team of horses alleged to have been traded by John M. Tice to his brother, Clair Tice but left for a time on the poor district farm. A verdict of \$350 was returned in favor of the plaintiff.

S. R. Rishel vs. Theodore Davis Boal and Pierre de Lagarde Boal, an action in assumpsit. Continued. J. L. Wilson vs. The Ross Construction company, an action in assumpsit, was the result of a disagreement over work done at the time of the building of the State highway from State College to Buffalo Run valley. A verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff for \$733.90.

In the case of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the use and benefit of D. Laird Tyger trading as Tyger Hardware and Furniture company, vs. John W. Wilson and A. O. Curtis Construction company and Fidelity Deposit company, of Maryland, surety, an action to recover on a book account, the court directed a verdict in favor of the defendants.

The big Y. M. C. A. membership drive is now on and teams of men are making a house to house canvass of the town. The first report of the various solicitors showed an enrollment in the first two days of a few over 300. The men in charge of the campaign have set the high water mark at 1000 members and will strive to secure this number within the week. Everybody who can possibly do so should enroll as a member.

BEAMISH MAKES AWARD FOR VOTING MACHINES FOR PHILIPSBURG.

True to his threat Secretary of the Commonwealth Richard J. Beamish, on Tuesday, awarded a contract for supplying voting machines for the borough of Phillipsburg to the Jamestown Voting Machine company, of Jamestown, N. Y., with the understanding that the Commissioners of Centre county are to be billed for the machines. It is not known at this writing just how many machines secretary Beamish ordered, although he had recently been quoted as saying that five or six will probably be enough. The Jamestown company was the only bidder and their price \$1158.33 a machine.

Now that the machines have been ordered it will be of interest to every taxpayer in Centre county to every taxpayer for the final outcome. The County Commissioners were invited to be present at the opening of the bids, on Tuesday, but went to their State convention instead. As they have not yet returned it is impossible to find out what action they will now take, although one member of the board stated, last Saturday, that they were not interested in what the Secretary of the Commonwealth did. That they were against the purchase of the machines and would resist payment to any firm that attempted to supply them, so there the matter stands.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OPENING RECEPTION

The annual reception of the Woman's club, of Bellefonte, in which the Mother's club joined at the Talleyrand Monday evening, when the women of the teaching staff of the schools and the retiring school directors along with those recently elected to take their places, were guests; was an outstanding club event and marked the opening of the year's work for their organizations.

A program in charge of Miss Hill, representing Mrs. Paul McGarvey, president of the Woman's club and its vice president, Mrs. Ebon Bower, included talks by Mrs. F. W. Haller, of State College, director of the Central district Penna. Federation of Women's clubs, and Mrs. R. V. Blasingame, president of the Woman's club of State College, the former on the scope of Woman's club work and Mrs. Blasingame on the present activities of her club, aroused much enthusiasm among the women for their year's work. The afterpart of the evening was spent in growing to know the guests better many of whom were strangers in Bellefonte and rarely is an objective so seemingly accomplished as was that for which the reception was given.

MANY ATTEND LAYING OF CHURCH CORNER STONE

A large crowd attended the ceremonial service of laying the corner stone for the new \$75,000 Faith reformed church, at State College, on Sunday afternoon. Preliminary services were held in the I. O. O. F. hall by Rev. A. S. Asendorf, pastor. From the hall the assembled crowd repaired to the site of the church, where the actual laying of the stone took place. M. B. Meyers manipulated the hoist which placed the stone in its proper location in the foundation wall of the church. Placed in the stone were names of the building committee, a list of the pastors who have served at State College, a collection of current coins and a copy of the State College Times. The principal speaker at the service was Rev. William F. DeLong, of Philadelphia.

The new edifice will have a seating capacity of approximately 300 in the main auditorium, with a rear gallery which will accommodate about fifty. A wing, or annex, will be used as a Sunday school room. It will also have a seating capacity of about 300.

BROOKS-DOLL POST ELECTS NEW OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting of Brooks-Doll post, American Legion, Monday evening, officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: Commander, Malcolm L. Wetzler; first vice commander, W. W. Gherity; second vice commander, R. S. Rider; adjutant, Loren Ray; finance officer, R. S. Rider; historian, John Garis; chaplain, James F. Gray; service officer, Ralph T. Smith; sergeants at arms, W. R. Kissell and Fred Marshall; trustees, Robert T. Willard, A. L. McGinley Jr., G. A. Robinson, Frank R. Smith and John Klingler.

WILL QUARRY LIMESTONE 600 FEET UNDERGROUND IN THE BELL MINE.

American Lime and Stone Company Will Begin Operations at Lower Level in Near Future.

The "Bell Mine" of the American Lime and Stone company, originally put down to a depth of 400 feet, has been extended to a depth of 600 feet with loading pockets down 725 feet and the extreme depth of the shaft 768 feet, and in the near future, probably the middle of this month, operations will be started on mining stone at the 600 foot level. Work on digging the mine deeper was begun on July 1st, 1930, and at that time it was figured that it would take until the first of the year 1932 to have the lower depth in shape for mining stone, but the work proceeded more rapidly than anticipated with the result that the company is almost ready to begin operations.

The Bell Mine is the only one of its kind in the country where limestone is mined underground and hoisted to the surface. The original mine was completed and put in operation early in 1922 and by the end of this year approximately 3,000,000 tons of stone will have been taken from it, an average of 300,000 tons a year. Naturally this has made some big holes underground. As the ledge of limestone extends east and west all the digging has been in those directions and the result is the haul to the loading pockets has become quite long. It was this fact that brought about sinking the mine to a lower level.

When operations are begun at the 600 foot level it is estimated that 200 tons a day can be taken out. This quantity will be gradually increased as the underground chambers are opened up until a maximum output of 1000 tons a day is reached. Operations at the 200 and 400 foot levels will not be entirely abandoned, however, but will be continued in conjunction with those at the 600 foot level.

Regular as it may seem no great amount of water has been struck in sinking the shaft to the depth above mentioned. There are water drippings, naturally, but no underground stream has been struck. To take care of the accumulation drainage wells have been dug and the water is pumped out of the mine with a pump that draws up a thousand gallons a minute. About an hour's pumping a day keeps the mine clear of water.

SANDY RIDGE BOYS STEAL BARNETT'S CAR.

Three Sandy Ridge boys, Hayes Cassidy, 20 years old; Gray Hoover, 18, and John Keith, 16, are being held for their appearance at the next term of Centre county court on the charge of stealing the car of R. J. Barnett, of Sandy Ridge, one of the defeated Republican candidates for County Treasurer.

Cassidy and Hoover took the car some time on Saturday evening and induced Keith to go with them, telling him that they had rented it. They drove to Phillipsburg from Sandy Ridge and came across the mountain by way of Snow Shoe.

Going down Bald Eagle valley they were stopped at Mill Hall by a burned out bearing on the car. Cassidy and Hoover hitch-hiked back to Sandy Ridge where they were arrested on Sunday. Keith was captured by State police at Birmingham the same day. They were all given a hearing before justice of the peace Byron, at Phillipsburg, Monday morning, and held in \$1000 bail for court. Cassidy was able to give bond, while Hoover and Keith were brought to the county jail.

WOMELSDORF HAD THE MOST COSTLY CAMPAIGN.

The "Little Corporal" of Phillipsburg, Phil E. Womelsdorf, spent twice as much money as some of the candidates during the primary campaign and then lost out. His expenditures, according to his statement filed in the prothonotary's office, were \$532.50.

J. Victor Brungart and John S. Specially, successful candidates for the nomination for County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket, and O. S. Wooster, one of the defeated candidates, each spent less than fifty dollars. Expense accounts of other candidates are as follows: John M. Boob, \$217.05; Robert F. Hunter, \$107.00; E. R. Hancock, \$154.50; N. R. Lamoreaux, \$265; R. J. Barnett, \$258.95; James J. Leitzel, \$180.00; Sinie H. Hoy, \$130.50; Harold D. Cowher, \$258.00; Mac W. Hall, \$189.81, and Clark M. Alkey, \$147.74.

COMMUNITY PROGRESS IN TUBERCULOSIS WORK.

Miss Lilah Curry, field representative of the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis Society, Philadelphia, spent the week-end at the Penn Belle. The Tuberculosis Society sponsors the sale of the Christmas seals and uses the money to push the excellent work for prevention of tuberculosis. The sale of seals in this community has increased from about fifty dollars, twelve years ago, to five hundred last year and the value of the work done with the money can scarcely be estimated.

The dental hygienist and school nurse in our schools are results of the seal sale, as both were inaugurated and supported by the tuberculosis committee of Bellefonte until the board of education could afford to pay them as regular members of the teaching staff. The entire salary of the school nurse, Miss Daise Kelchline, has this year been assumed by the board which leaves the seal sale money to be used for other educational purposes. Miss Curry promulgates the ideal advice of planning a good piece of work and then raising the money necessary, rather than conducting a seal sale and then wondering how the money shall be spent.

A suggested plan is to have the tuberculosis test applied here in Junior High as has been done in other parts of the State; in Altoona, for instance, seven hundred children were tested. This early discovery of those susceptible to tuberculosis gives opportunity for observation and prevention work through several years of school life and, perhaps, the most valuable measure thus far known for prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

SPORTSMEN ORGANIZE FISH ASSOCIATION.

Sportsmen in seven counties in the eastern section of the State have formed an organization to be known as the Paddy Mountain Fish and Game Association, the purpose of which is the construction of pools or dams in which to grow fish, preferably trout, for stocking the streams in the Paddy mountain section.

The officers of the new organization are as follows: President, William R. Bottomly, of Shenandoah; vice president, Andrew J. Herbst, Laurelton; secretary, Clarence Love, Shamokin, and treasurer, Dr. C. W. Wagner, of Hazleton. The roll of membership already is in excess of one hundred, composed principally of men who have permanent hunting camps in the Paddy mountain section. As now planned pools will be built this fall in the vicinity of Weikert and arrangements have been made with fish commissioner M. O. Deibler for a sufficient supply of brown trout fry with which to stock the pools. It is also possible that an effort will be made to secure a supply of larger trout from United States hatcheries.

TWO BOYS THROW SWITCH, TWO MEN WERE KILLED.

Two boys, Leonard Hahn, aged 12 years, and his brother Arthur, 9, broke the locks and threw a switch on the New York Central railroad, near Beech Creek, on Tuesday, a freight train ran through it and plowed into a string of cars on the siding, with the result that two of the crew were so badly injured that they died in the Lock Haven hospital that night. The dead men were Jeff Martin, 47 years old, of Avis, a brakeman on the train, and A. R. Kinkead, 47, of Jersey Shore, fireman. The engineer saved his life by jumping. Both boys are under arrest. Kinkead was a native of Phillipsburg and is survived by his wife, two sisters and four brothers.

Later the boys were taken before Judge Baird, in Lock Haven, and as it developed that they have good records and did not do it maliciously they were discharged. The evidence tended to show that they had been "playing train" and innocently threw the switch leading to the death of two men.

J. M. Fry, assistant director of agricultural extension at the Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed a member of the agricultural committee of Kiwanis International. The committee will develop a general program on agriculture for submission to the various Kiwanis clubs as a basis for local programs. This is the second time in four years that a member of the State College Kiwanis club has served on the agricultural committee, M. S. McDowell, of the agricultural extension department, being the other member so honored.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Arthur Ambrose, 28, a federal prisoner being taken from Erie to Atlanta, escaped through the window as the train stopped at Pittsburgh.

Hunters who wish to secure permits to carry guns are advised that they must have the following information: Make of gun, calibre, and number. Permits must be secured from the sheriff in person.

After four cases of infantile paralysis had been reported during the past week, St. Michael's Parochial school at Lansford was closed to prevent the spread of the disease. One of the children stricken has died and the three others are in a serious condition.

An armless Negro was arrested at Harrisburg Monday night for stealing chickens. Holding a pencil in his mouth, John E. Green, Pottstown, signed a confession, according to state police, stating he had acted as lookout while Joseph Marshall, Reading, and William Redd, Harrisburg, stole 15 fowls in Rutherford. Marshall and Redd also confessed.

Although their automobile plunged over a 30-foot embankment and broke through the roof of a storage shed, Byron Schultz, 22, of Fishing Creek, Columbia county, suffered only bruises, and Lillian Oberdorf, of Bloomsburg, escaped without injury. The automobile went over the top of a lime kiln at Almedia. It crashed through the shed and landed on the concrete floor.

At a sheriff's sale of the Canopus Coal company, known as the Buck Ridge colliery, near Johnson City, Alexander Lewis, New York banker, was the only bidder and bought in the property for the costs which amounted to \$193.32. Mr. Lewis was the holder of a note for \$60,000 against the Canopus Coal company and forced the execution in order to protect his interests in the property and satisfy tax claims.

Blinded recently by a dynamite charge, Emory McQuait, of New Granada, Franklin county, didn't want to give up driving. So he continued to manipulate clutch, brake, gears and throttle, while his 10-year-old son sat on his lap, steering and told father about the grades. Although the combination got along without an accident, state highway patrolmen ordered McQuait to quit driving. Too dangerous, they said.

William Landreis, 26, of Lock Haven, was held at Greensburg on Saturday, following his arrest as a suspect in two attempts at robbery there. Police said Landreis entered the office of the Atlantic Refining company and obtained a revolver and a small amount of money. They captured him in a confectionery store after he had been traced to the National Biscuit company storage rooms, where a small amount of money had been taken.

A toy balloon inflated with gas was released at Greensburg, Pa., July 4, and last week Miss Erma Jean Shrader, whose name was on a card attached to it, received a letter from Hawaii saying the balloon came down there. The letter was from Bert J. McQuire, sergeant in Company A, 3d Engineers, United States Army, who is stationed at Schofield barracks, Hawaii. He said he found the balloon unbroken near his station.

In conjunction with the federal order removing the ban on interstate movements of farm products in the area covered by the Japanese beetle quarantine, the State Department of Agriculture on Monday lifted its corresponding restrictions. While this ban was removed the State Department of Agriculture announced that restrictions on cut flowers still remain in effect, as do those on nursery stock, potted plants, soil, sand and compost.

Beavers, at least those living around the banks of the new artificial lake, known as the Old Mill Pond, near Roseville, Tioga county, do not approve of modern inventions. A water wheel installed to furnish electric power for lighting the lake and ground nearby was first started one night last week, and within two hours the beavers had carried sticks and mud enough into the dam to plug the outlet and stop the wheels of progress.

The driver of an automobile which crashed into a patrol car, was shot to death by a Pittsburgh policeman early on Monday. Wagonman Ernest Coberly reported that after the crash he called for the driver to stop and that when the car sped on he leaped to the running board of the machine. Then, he said, the driver, Harry Williams, 23, Negro, pulled a pistol on him, but the gun failed to discharge. Coberly leaped from the machine and fired five shots at Williams, he says, killing him.

At Sharon arrangements are being made for a ceremonial in connection with the breaking of ground for the Pymatuning dam on Tuesday, October 6th. Governor Pinchot and other notables are to be present and invitations have been issued to many well-known people. A luncheon is to be served at Sharon at noon and at 2:30 o'clock speech making and other incidental exercises will take place at the dam site near Jamestown. In the evening a dinner will be served distinguished guests at the Sharon Country club.

Complaints from various parts of the State that trucks and other commercial vehicles in many instances travel so close together as to constitute a menace to traffic led the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, State unit of the American Automobile Association, to call attention today to the new law that requires commercial vehicles traveling in the same direction to remain 500 feet apart, except for passing. Motorists observing violations of the regulation were urged by the Federation to report them to the Highway Patrol, the local authorities or to any motor club.

An unknown man, who had sought a night's lodging in the Lock Haven lock-up, Saturday night, died of angina pectoris during the night and his body is in the Brown funeral home awaiting identification. He had told Mayor W. F. Sprung and chief of police O. D. Beck that he had a sister in Altoona, but had not given either his or her name. He was about five feet six inches in height, 160 pounds in weight, had iron gray hair and three girl's heads were tattooed on his right arm between the wrist and elbow. The initials "G. N." were also tattooed on his right arm. He wore blue overalls, work shirt and brown coat.