

CHANGING PUBLIC OPINION.

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Whatever your views may be on the merits of the Eighteenth Amendment, evidence is cumulating that the country has lost faith in its practicability and is turning from it. We base this statement not on results that are coming in in the national poll that is being conducted by the Literary Digest, but on the other more significant facts.

Congress just voted to discharge the House Judiciary Committee from further consideration of the Beck-Linthicum resolution proposing a home rule modification of the Amendment. While this action will not result in the passage of the resolution it is indicative of changing public opinion, for two years ago there would not have been a chance to take it out of the hands of the dry committee which had pigeon heled it and bring it onto the fice: of the House for a record vote.

While there can be little doubt that the surprising results of the "Digest" poll have had their influence on Members of Congress it the Collins case. All it protects Cenis possible that the gentlemen have had more intimate contacts with tre county against are record costs their constituency and are motivated to abandon their course of smug and mileage paid by the county in indifference more because of what they have actually seen and heard cases of recapture and trial of esin their own Districts than of what they have read of changing sentiment in others.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, majority floor leader in the House, and a life-long dry, unexpectedly changed front last Saturday. He will justify his attitude by saying the right to vote on any search for, maintenance and retrials question is a fundamental principle of Democracy and should not be of prisoners who are recaptured notice to place credit where credit denied Congressmen who demand it. But it was not until those who made the demand had secured the requisite one hundred and fortyfive signatures to force it that he became so considerate of the wet members of that body.

Here in Pennsylvania, where everyone who is interested in such matters was convinced that Governor Pinchot had induced Gen. Smedley D. Butler to oppose James J. Davis in the Republican mitted in Centre county and primary for no other reason than because Davis has decided to run costs in consequence would lodge as a wet, we have the spectacle of the Governor attempting to pussyfoot on the wet and dry issue Mr. Pinchot has expressed the opinion any other transient who might that Gen. Butler should soft pedal on prohibition and stress unemployment.

Just why the Governor should take such a stand can be explained only by the conclusion that his candidate will have a better. chance as a straddler than as an out and out dry-spelled in capital letters. Governor Pinchot's sincerity to prohibition has always been questionable. In fact it has been more a matter of political expediency with him than one of conviction. However that may be, desire the cases to be tried at the special to have Gen. Butler soft pedal on the issue is proof that he has had his ear to the ground and, like so many of the Congressmen, has heard things that are none too reassuring.

At the annual session of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference, S. Claude Herr, and witnesses in the in Germantown, on Saturday, Bishop Richardson, president of the various cases have been summoned Anti-Saloon League, and presiding officer of the Conference, advised to appear on that day, and not be- Her maiden name was DeHaas and Dr. Gladstone Holm to revise a resolution he had presented in which also been notified to be presented in also been notified to be presented in also been notified to be presented in the she is a sister of Harriet and Eliza he charged that "The Democratic party is joined to its idols-let it alone." The Democratic party has always been anathema to the listed. The list as arranged includes place. organization of the Methodist church, as such. Two years ago Bishop seventeen cases but if time permits Richardson would probably have said "Amen!" to Dr. Holmes unfair other cases can be called up at the passed over Bellefonte on last Satcharge against it, but he, too, has had his ear to the ground and heard things that suggest the expediency of discarding vinegar and resort to sugar as a means to catch Democratic flies.



This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Con-tributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

The Cost of The Collins Trial.

Bellefonte, Pa., March 8, 1932 Mr. Editor:

MARCH 18, 1932

In your last issue you stated that the Collins murder trial would cost Centre county \$1000.00 or more. Did not the Legislature pass a law to the effect that expenses incurred by misdeeds of inmates of the new western penitentiary should be a legal charge against the County from which they are sent to the institu-

tion? Please explain your statement in your next issue.

A SUBSCRIBER.

"A Subscriber" is informed that there is a law, as he supposes, that authorizes Centre county to collect from the county from which a prisview, certain expenses said prisoner and has gone to work in the Sechler might possibly involve Centre councaped prisoners. This Act was passed sometime after the penitentiary was located at Rockview and after it was found that Centre county was having to pay out considerable sums tution.

It will be seen that the costs in the Collins case are not covered by this Act and, therefore, must be borne by Centre county. It should also be understood that the crime for which Collins was tried was comhere just as they do in the case commit a crime while within the jurisdiction of the county.

THE EDITOR CASES DOWN FOR TRIAL

AT SPECIAL COURT TERM.

In order to curtain Commonwealth costs as much as possible a list of session of quarter sessions court to be held the week of April 4th has been arranged by district attorney John G. Love and clerk of the court

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

-The poor house at Lock Haven

was destroyed by fire yesterday. -Rumor hath it that Mr. Ed. Garman, of this place, has been captured by some fair young creature and is engaged-actually engaged? Why, Edward!

-Prothonotary Harper, ex-Recorder Billy Tobias and Tonner Leathers accompanied Sheriff Tom Dunkle to Clearfield last evening to witness the hanging of John S. Nevling, today.

-A. C. Mingle, of the Doll & Mingle shoe store, was married last Thursday to Miss Maggie E. Hoffer, the handsome and accomplished daughter of George Hoffer, Esq., of State College. The "Captain" kept kept this very quiet and it was all over before his friends knew that it had actually happened.

John N. Lane is the happy father of a new baby, a bouncing boy,, we hear.

-A "sociable" was held in the Logan hose house hall, on Tuesday evening last, by the members of the Company. And it was greatly enlivened by the sweet strains of music supplied by "Barber" Beck and his flageolet.

James J. Bayard, the inimitable into the world any man on his in-& Co., grocery.

-The Benner Twp. school board, with Noah Stover, as president; Ferdinand Beezer, as secretary; Henry Armagast, treasurer, is coming in for a lot of praise recently. Their settlements with the auditors and reports to the State Department of Education have been so prompt and in such complete form that the County Superintendent has been complimented by Harrisburg by it. He has is due. -Harry Green has returned from

Philadelphia rather unexpectedly. having been summoned home to take charge of the Green drug store because of the sudden illness of Walter Bayard, who has been in charge while Mr. Potts Green, the owner, has been away. Harry looks a little cityish, otherwise he is just the same Harry.

horses in Penn township and Millheim. Christ Alexander and Daniel Hosterman lost valuable animals, within the week, from the scourge. tany valley that John Gates, the

much feared maniac, has made his escape from the Danville asylum. John Dorman, the noted trapper

his dog fast in a bear trap, the other day. The Mrs. Roan or Rhone, spoken

Ague to Port Matilda, Rev. William

A. Carver to Snow Shoe, Rev. E. H.

the Williamsport district.

Yocum was made presiding elder of

moved from Spring to Linn street,

next door to post master Johnston's

old and feeble. Unlike Moses, his

natural force is abated and he wasn't

the same man, physically, who hur-

rated for a Republican trimmer after

the sermon he delivered here twenty

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Long, et ux, tract in Howard Twp.;

John M. Boob, sheriff, to First National Bank of Centre Hall, tract

Kate B. Hartsock, executrix, to

Viola Hartzell, executrix, to S.

in State College; \$5,605.

Matthias Walker Jr., to A. C.

the Presbyterian pulpit here

Sunday, morning and evening.

body duck.

residence

vears ago.

\$700

of in the Watchman of last week as a niece of Gen. Benedict Arnold, the

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS. pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist

Governor Pinchot promised to pull his address on "Washington" in Wilthe farmers out of the mud but he liamsport, on Monday evening, April didn't promise to dig them out of 4th. This will be the second time he the snow, consequently when he will speak before the Masons of that made his return trip from Curwensville to Harrisburg, Wednesday morning of last week, the highway city on the subject of Washington. crews working in Brush and Pennsvalleys were withdrawn from digging through the drifted highways long enough to take two large truck loads of ashes over to the Seven mountains and spread them on the ice covered roadway to prevent the Governor's car from skidding and dumping him down the side of a mountain.

Every big criminal in the country is endeavoring to take advantage of the sorrow of Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh over the kidnaping of their only child by making rash statements as to what they could do if they were only out of jail. And we venture the assertion that not one of them has any more knowledge as to the identity of the kidnapers of the child than the writer, and that's absolutely nil. While every means possible should be resorted to to recover the child neither the courts nor the government, state or national. should be cajoled into turning out

oner has been sentenced to Rock- Jim, has left the Watchman's employ dividual claim of what he could or would do.

> How often we hear the exclamation "Oh, I almost died laughing!" when the fact of the matter is that the person making the remark was not affected in any way aside from a sensation of mirth. It is only one of many exaggerations of expressions peculiar to Americans. A few days ago we overheard a young salesman in commenting on the various causes of radio noises and disturbances in Bellefonte remark that as the West Penn Power's testing truck passed a certain house the radio was turned on and it almost knocked the truck from the roadway. when as a matter of fact it probably wasn't moved an inch.

A news item states that State College sportsmen have petitioned the State Game Commission for the appointment of a fish warden for special duty on Spring Creek, Penn's creek, the Moshannon, Elk creek, -Pinkeye is raging among the Pine creek, Spruce creek and Stone creek. That's hardly enough to keep one warden busy. Why not let him cover Logan's branch, Fishing creek and the various smaller streams in The news comes up from Nit- the Allegheny mountains so he could be busy all the time.

When Old Boreas put in an appearance almost two weeks ago we and bear hunter of Nittany, found all thought his visit would be of brief duration but he has stuck so persistently that the spell of real winter has not only been a little unseasonable but has had a more depressing effect than it would have had two months ago. But with Easter only ten days away we have every reason to expect more seasonable weather, will officially be



-Rev Horace Lincoln Jacobs

church, has been invited to deliver

Love and Jealousy Behind the making of a Hollywood Air Thriller-A thrill crazed Director sending War Heroes to Their Death before the Camera---- The Greatest of All Air Pictures

Monday-Tuesday

MARCH 21 and 22

(Matinee Daily at 1:30)

Evening opening time 6:00 p.

The Watchman has always believed that it is temperance, not fuels act. prohibition, that the country needs. Likewise, it has deplored making a political issue of a question of morals. It is a sad commentary on the homes, the churches, the schools of the land when they have to resort to legal enactments to correct the damage caused by their failure to properly teach the laws of God. However, it is a condition laws, not a theory that is confronting prohibition today.

We are not prepared to say that promotion has been a function of and battery. notwithstanding indications are cropping up everywhere to show and battery. Raymond Harpster, violation of happened in Congress within the week, Governor Pinchot's unexpected advice to Gen. Butler and Bishop Richardson's sop to the Democratic party-are all indications of alarm over the trend of the public mind on the question.

Prohibition may not be tottering, but certainly it isn't holding the impregnable position it did a few years ago. Fanatics may keep their heads in the sand, and be content, but astute politicians who have exploited it see trouble ahead.

-Tuesday, midnight, was the dead line for filing income tax reports. While no one expects the government's revenue from that source to be anything like it was in 1930, or the years preceding, it is highly probable that few will be prepared for the tremendous shrinkage that the 1931 return will undoubtedly show. Last year was the one during which the rich people paid the price for not having dumped their securities in 1929 or earlier and their depleted incomes spell vanishing revenue for the government.

-Our Republican friends in the county have a three cornered fight that is interesting because it reveals a probable new alignment Ladies Quartette. They will also sing of their factions. There are three candidates for county chairman through the 7:30 p. m. meeting. and three for State Committeeman. Former Recorder Lloyd Stover, League, 6:30, with special events; former Register Harry Rossman and Pinchot county chairman, Bond C. White are all aspirants to succeed the venerable Wilson I. Pleming. Senator Scott, Harris Hugg and M. S. Betz want to repre- mostly surprises by chor. Suitable sent the party in its State Council. Senator Scott and Stover are sermon. At 7:30, evangelistic service, said to be teamed up. Rossman and Hugg are presumably running together. Whether White and Betz have an understanding we don't know, but we've heard and seen things within the week that would indicate that they might have and further-that if they have, the 21st, Kentucky Harmony Singers Fleming faction isn't out to stop them.

-The Governor's recent visit to the State labor camp near Curwensville has brought to light a condition that will lead many tax- tional worship. Thursday, Holy Week payers to wonder just why the expense of maintaining it is justified. The Governor arrived at the camp, in the midst of the blizzard last week, to find it manned with a full complement of cooks, kitchen helpers and other salaried attendants looking after the comfort of one ings at every meeting. Frilay night, lone worker. Because of the snow and cold it was not propitious to March 18th, probationer's conference continue the road work and all of the crew had been sent home. The understanding being that they would be called back as soon as weather conditions permitted resumption of work. The fact that the men found it desirable to go home for the short interval that would elapse under such conditions makes it look as if none of them live very far from the camp in which they are quartered. If such is the case the expense of maintaining the camp can scarcely be justified.

-Pity poor Babe Ruth. He had to take a cut of five thousand in his salary. How in the world will the Bambino be able to balance his budget for the coming year with only seventy-five grand to do it with?

also been notified to be prepared for DeHass. discretion of the district attorney. urday night. The rain fell in tor-Nine cases are listed for trial on

Monday, April 4th, as follows: C. H. Bubb, violation of the liquid

B. H. Savercool, forgery.

D. Sherman Breeder, statutory, offense John Kelley Jr., F. and B.

C. G. Lear, violation of the liquor

Raymond W. Snyder, breaking, en-

M. W. Zeigler, aggravated assault

William Cartwright, breaking, entering and larceny.

For Tuesday, April 5th: Robert William Rudy, larceny.

William Watts, assault and battery.

Joseph L. Mitchell, F. and B. Michael Flannigan, aggravated assault and battery.

Philip Dagar, assault and battery with intent, Etc.

For Wednesday, April 6th: John Makofka, appeal.

H. B. Walker, motor code appeal. John Petriskey, game law appeal.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Extraordinary events for Palm Sunday. Church school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30, opening with negro spirituals by the Kentucky Harmony Supt., prepared leaders, open pertinent topics, vital to young people. Worwith an enlarged song program, by Kentucky Harmony Singers. Pastor responds to calls for his services. Boggs Twp.; \$1. program for benefit of local African church --- no admission marged, plate offering. Tuesday, class, C. C. Shuey, Hunter Thomas. leader. Wednesday, special congrega-Howard Bor.; \$1,800. Communion and saccamental effer-

ing. Friday-Good Friday devotions. Easter, 27th, baptism of children and with pastor.

Horace Lincoln Jacobs Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHEBAN.

9:30 a. m., Church school. 10:45 a. m., The confirmation service; ser- Bellefonte. Mr. Currier has made mon: "Honoring Christ." 6:30 p. m., Catechetical instruction. 7:30 p. m., The vesper service. The Order of De-Molay will observe their devotional see him leave.

Sunday in attending this service. Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

at Hecla Park.

trial on the day their cases are years in the Benner family in this gin next Monday. pring

Sheriff John M. Boob can't build a new jail but he has improved the interior appearance of the present one ten-fold by the application of a rents, thunder shook the houses and the lighting-well, it made everycoat or two of paint.

-The Methodist conference in farm stock this spring than for session in Lock Haven until Tuesday many years, and less actual cash is sent Rev. Geo. D. Pennypacker back received at the sales so far held. to Bellefonte, Rev. James S. Beyer There are also fewer farm sales, as to Half Moon, Rev. John Stine to indicated by the real estate trans-Howard, Rev. J. A. Woodcock to fers in the recorder's office, and Milesburg, Rev. Furman Adams to there are also fewer people getting Pennsvalley, Rev. J. P. Polsgrove to married, all of which can be charged Philipsburg, Rev. Henry S. Menden- up against old General Depression. hall to Pine Grove, Rev. George B.

WINGATE.

State highway crews were kept busy last week, keeping the roads -D. S. Keller, the attorney, has open to traffic.

Mrs. Florence Lucas sold her Ford cospe, last Saturday, in order to avoid the trouble of undergong ex--Rev. Ben Hamlin, one of the big amination for a license.

guns in the Methodist church, filled John Shawley Jr., of Runville, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. He John Shawley, in this place, last preached two very able sermons not-Thursday afternoon. withstanding that he looked very

Mrs. Martin Harnish went down to Philadelphia, last week, to visit her two daughters, Miss Virginia, teacher in the city schools, and Laiss Beulah, a student in the girls High school.

Miss Florence Peters and brother Kenneth, who have been staying with their grandfather, B. Frank l'eters, are both suffering with a bad sore throat and have gone to their home. at Flemington, until they recover.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMOCRATIC TICKET FOR CONGRESS

Bond M. Hartsock, tract in Patton Bond M. Hartsock, tract in Patton Twp.; \$1,500. Harry J. Behrer, et ux, to Edward T. Houser, tract in Ferguson Twp:; \$10,000. William G. Gordon, et ux, to Louis G. Peters, et ux, tract in Boggs Twp.; \$1.

REPUBLICAN TICKET FOR CONGRESS

We are authorized to announce the name of Floyd G. Hoenstine, of Holli-daysburg, Blair county, Pa., as a candidate for nomination on the Re-publican ticket for Congressman from the Twenty-third District composed of Blair, Centre and Clearfield counties, subject to the rules governing the Re-publican party at the primary April 26, 1932. Paul A. Vonada, et ux, to John N.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN

We are authorized to announce that Bond C. White, of Spring township, is a candidate for Chairman of the Re-publican County Committee of Centre County, subject to the decision of the voters of the party as expressed at the Primaries to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 1922

Beginning Tuesday, March 22, there will be on display at The Pea-cock Art and Gift Studio a complete showing of Easter flowers. 12-2t



We suggest Hyacinths, Tulips, Rambler Roses, Easter Lilies, Hydrangias, Etc.

IN CUT FLOWERS :-

Roses at - - \$1.75 per doz. Gladiolas at \$2.00 per doz.

You may a see a selecof these Flowers at the Variety Shop, in Crider's Exchange all next week.

Woodring's **Floral Gardens** BELLEFONTE East How ard St. Phone 238-R

residence here who will be sorry to DISTRICT DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

-Seven inch ice is being harvested cock Art and Gift Studio a complete showing of Easter flowers.

Corman, tract in Walker Twp.; \$25. -In an announcement of a change

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in personnel made by the West Penn Power company, on Saturday, Daniel L. Currier, who has been assistant manager of the Bellefonte district for about four years, will be trans-

ferred to Charleroi as assistant manager, effective April 1st, and for the

present there will be no assistant in many friends in Bellefonte during his