

—If you see great crowds in the stores Wednesday and Saturday nights remember that all that glitters is not gold. Most of them are just doing the "Clara, Lou and Ed" stuff.

—Baby chicks that energetic women have been forcing along to provide early broilers for the curb market, had to put on ear muffs and galoshes when they ventured out from under the "old cluck" on Monday morning.

—It is rumored that President Hoover is peeved because none of the Republican Senators speak up for him when their Democratic colleagues attack him. It does seem that they are a little willy-nilly in their support of their leader, but what is there for them to speak up about?

—Chauncey Olcott is dead. He died at Monte Carlo last Thursday. When we saw him in the "The Old Homestead," at the Union Square theatre away back in 1888, we little thought that in more mature years tears would trickle over his cheeks as we listened to his soulful singing of "My Wild Irish Rose." His was a voice.

—Mr. Hoover is the boy who should worry more than anybody else about the recent wet and dry show down in Congress. The South, where he can expect least, voted true to its traditions, but the middle west and the Pacific coast States, where he is supposed to have his strength, served notice on him that the "noble experiment" is a rather slim reed to lean on if he expects to succeed himself.

—And Congressman Chase walked out on the wet and dry show-down vote. It must have been a walk-out because he was right back in the House, within forty minutes, to vote on another bill. A. Mitchell might get away with that kind of stuff in his family-owned county of Clearfield, but both the wets and drys in Blair and Centre like to know whether the candidate they vote for is "a mouse or a long tailed rat."

—A prediction. If Governor Pinchot includes Bellefonte in his campaign itinerary in support of Gen. Butler for the U. S. Senate you will not see Senator Scott and the Hon. Holmes standing beside him on the court house steps, as you did on September 18, 1930. If we prove to be a bum prophet and the Governor again says: "I have just had a very satisfactory talk with your distinguished Senator" we hope someone will ask him what they talked about.

—Next Tuesday night Gen. Butler will open his campaign for Senator in Pittsburgh. Among the missing Rah! Rah! boys of Allegheny will be Senator Jimmy Coyne. Jimmy was a big factor in Pinchot's election two years ago. Then he was practically as virtuous as Caesar's wife. He has fallen off the Governor's band wagon since and we will be disappointed if, when Smed and Gif open up their big Berthas in Carnegie hall, he isn't charged with kidnapping the Lindbergh baby.

—At the dinner hour on last Wednesday—we have our dinner at noon—we walked home with a merchant who said: "In all the years I have been in business, and you know they have been many, I have never seen conditions as they are now. Yesterday my sales totaled just eighty five cents." His case, doubtless, was just the same as that of thousands of other small town merchants in the country. We mention it, not because we have any panacea to suggest, but because we want this record to refer to when our Republican friends start that old baloney about their being the party of prosperity.

—The withdrawal of Harris Hugg as a candidate for Republican State Committeeman from Centre county leaves only the Pinchot candidate in opposition to Senator Scott. While we know nothing that would tie up Mr. Hugg's exit from the scrimmage with the kiss and make-up speech that the former Secretary of Forests and Waters made at the Undine banquet, last Thursday night, the incidents, coming so close together, make for a rather intriguing coincidence.

—Since writing the foregoing paragraph big news has been breaking and the verbal osculations mentioned therein are explained. Mr. Dorworth took Hugg out of the race against Senator Scott and the Senator reciprocated by agreeing to take stover, his candidate, out of the race County Chairman against Rossnan, Dorworth's entry. The lion and the lamb are all cuddled up in the political bed that Jim Davis has wet or Centre county Republicans. It's uncomfortable, of course, but what's that to the anguish of seeing Bond White, Merv. Betz. Smed. Butler and Pinchot run away with Centre county, which they certainly would have done if the Senator and the former Secretary hadn't started making goo goo eyes at one another. Since the present development has solved the primary fight into nothing other than a wet and dry show-down there are going to be some awful moments for Centre county Republicans. Never before have they been called upon to make such a decision between love and duty.

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BELLEFONTE SILK MILL CLOSED TEMPORARILY OWING TO DEPRESSION

Shut-down, However, Does Not Mean Abandonment or Removal of Mill. Reopening Will Depend Entirely on Business Revival.

The Bellefonte silk mill, one of the plants of C. K. Eagle & Co., Inc., was shut down last Saturday afternoon for an indefinite period. The universal depression and natural slump in the silk market were the dominant factors in the shut-down of the plant. For some weeks past the mill had been operated on part time only. Last Thursday James C. Evans came to Bellefonte from Shamokin and personally arranged for the closing of the plant. To clean up the stock on hand the mill was operated until Saturday afternoon.

As stated above the depression is the direct cause of the shut-down. Another contributing cause is the fact that a number of small silk mills have been put in operation in country towns where they can operate at less expense than the plants in the larger places.

All kinds of rumors were set in motion as soon as the story got around that the mill was to be closed. One story had it that the shut-down was permanent and another that the plant was to be moved to Gettysburg. None of them are true, Marlin E. Rumberger, who has been superintendent of the mill while in operation, will remain in Bellefonte as caretaker of the plant until such time as a revival of business justifies putting it in operation again. That this will be done some time is the declaration of J. H. Jones, a member of the board of control of the company, in a letter to Robert F. Hunter, this week, who wrote him at the solicitation of the editor of the Watchman for the exact status of the shut-down. His letter is as follows:

Mr. Robert F. Hunter, Bellefonte, Pa.
Dear Bob:—
As you probably know, there has been a general let-up in the business, which necessitated the contraction of operations to a few of our plants. There is positively no foundation to the rumor that we contemplate removal to some other town. It is simply the necessity of curtailing production, and, obviously, it is better for us to temporarily continue the operation on a part time basis, of plants that are closest to Shamokin. We hope for an early revival of business which will again permit reopening the Bellefonte plant.
Very sincerely,
JOS. H. JONES.

QUARRYMAN INJURED AT CHEMICAL PLANT

Edgar King, 23 year old son of Charles King, of Coleville, an employee at the plant of the Chemical Lime and Stone company, was painfully injured by a falling rock, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and has reason to be thankful that he escaped with his life.

BEDFORD COUNTY GRANGE TO VISIT CENTRE HALL

L. E. Biddle, master of Pomona Grange, No. 13, has announced that Pomona Grange of Bedford county will make a fraternal visit to the Centre county Grangers on Saturday, April 2.

CAR USED BY ESCAPING PRISONER RECOVERED BY BELLEFONTE OWNER

The Ford sedan belonging to M. P. Brooks, of Bellefonte, and which was believed to have been stolen by Walter LeBarr, when he made his escape from the Centre county jail on Tuesday night of last week, was found between Hecla park and Hubersburg where it had been abandoned when the gas supply became exhausted.

According to report the driver of the car reached the Harvey Hoy home between 5:30 and 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the car ceased to run. Though LeBarr is a motor mechanic by trade he couldn't coax it to go any further. He then asked Mr. Hoy to take him to Lock Haven, offering to let him have the car for pay for the trip. The latter stated he did not have time to go but another motorist happening along gave the man a lift to the Clinton county town. LeBarr represented himself as being employed at the Elks club, in Lock Haven, and was left out at the monument.

In the meantime word of the escaped prisoner and the theft of a car had spread down Nittany valley and Mr. Brooks was notified of the finding of his car, near Hubersburg. He went down, on Thursday, and brought it home. The car had not been damaged.

Up to this time Sheriff Boob has received no information as to the whereabouts of LeBarr or of W. G. Williams, who escaped a month ago.

JUDGE DALE TO MANAGE THE BUTLER CAMPAIGN

Former Judge Arthur C. Dale has been selected to manage the Pinchot campaign against the regular organization slate in the coming primary. He had charge of the Pinchot primary and general election campaign two years ago and brought his candidate through to victory so that his selection to manage the contest that is now on is a natural one.

While the ostensible purpose of the fight is to nominate Gen. Smedley D. Butler, a militant dry, for United States Senator, the thing most desired by the Governor is to gain control of the State organization so that he can continue an important factor in Republican politics in Pennsylvania after his present term has expired.

Judge Dale opened State headquarters in Philadelphia on Tuesday. He agreed to handle the Butler campaign following a conference with General Butler at the latter's home, at Newton Square. He motored from Bellefonte and arrived at the Butler residence Monday. The two men discussed the political situation throughout the State and in the early evening Judge Dale let it be known that he was in the fight to nominate the General.

He will have complete charge of the campaign and will build up a strong organization in each county. The campaign will be made for the complete anti-organization ticket. The administration, in addition to General Butler, is supporting Judge Joseph Stadfeld, of Pittsburgh, and William M. Parker, of Venango county, for the Superior Court, and Ralph Flinn, of Allegheny county, for Auditor General. There is no opposition to Judge William B. Linn, for the Supreme Court; Judge Robert Gawthrop, for the Superior Court, and Charles A. Waters, for State Treasurer.

GETS PICTURES OF MOTHER BRUIN AND CUB

Probably the first motion pictures ever taken of a mother bear in hibernation were secured recently in Clinton county by Robert T. Leiter, photographer for the Game Commission. Mother Bruin, who had hibernated in a shallow depression under the roots of a large pine tree about two miles up the mountain from Lock Haven, offered an unusual subject, and the natural location of her den permitted the cameraman to approach to within three feet of her.

Although still somewhat in a comatose condition she was lively enough to make several lunges at the photographer when he approached too closely. One very small cub, weighing about two or three pounds, also was photographed although this was difficult as the mother bear kept the little creature well under her chest so that it could not crawl away. A large mongrel dog which apparently had been killed by the bear when it approached the den too closely had to be pulled from the entrance before pictures could be taken.

—Fred L. Alexander, of Milesburg, who is a student at State, has been elected a member of the "blue" band.

COUNCIL UNDECIDED AS TO REPAIRS NEEDED AT THE RESERVOIR.

Every member of the borough council with the exception of Mr. Artery was present at the regular meeting on Monday evening. There were no verbal nor written communications.

The street committee reported cleaning snow off the streets and the purchase of 35 gallons of street paint. Also that W. C. Smeltzer desires to buy some of the hand railing off of the old Lamb street bridge if he can get it at the right price. Such a railing when new, would cost about 20 cents a foot and council is of the opinion that it ought to be worth 10 cents.

Mr. Badger also reported that there is a lot of complaint about the condition of the pavement along the school board's property at the corner of Lamb and Spring streets, formerly the old steam heat and gas works site, and the secretary was instructed to write the board and request them to put down good pavements.

The Water committee reported the collection of \$300 on water taxes and \$77.90 on rent, etc. The committee also presented a communication from borough engineer H. B. Shattuck who suggested that the reservoir be lined with gunite instead of putting on a top of concrete. The suggestion did not appear to appeal to members of the council as the proper method of repair and the committee was instructed to communicate with Mr. Shattuck and fix a date when the entire council can meet him at the reservoir and definitely decide on the kind of repairs to be made.

The Finance committee reported a balance in the borough fund of \$570.86 and in the water fund \$2149.96. Renewal of notes totaling \$7600 was authorized. The treasurer was authorized to make a temporary transfer of \$500 from the water fund to the borough fund to meet current bills.

Neither the Fire and Police nor Sanitary committees had any reports to make.

The town improvement committee presented the request of Robert Gehret for a permit to build a garage on Cherry alley, which was granted.

President Walker appointed A. Miles Barr an auditor for the Pruner orphanage fund, and reappointed Mrs. R. S. Brouse a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Walker also stated to council that there is now in the orphanage fund \$7500, which is in the Blair County bank, drawing 3 per cent interest and he suggested that action be taken looking to the withdrawal of \$5000 of that amount, half of which is to be taken as a loan by Bellefonte borough and half by Tyrone, at 5 per cent interest. The suggestion will be up for action after an audit of the accounts has been made.

The week of April 4th has been designated as clean-up week.

Borough bills to the amount of \$684.00 and water bills totaling \$725.35 were approved for payment, after which council adjourned.

MADISONBURG MERCHANT CATCHES THIEF IN ACT OF ROBBERY HIS STORE

At a quarter of twelve o'clock last Thursday night merchant T. B. Everett, of Madisonburg, was awakened from his slumbers by a crashing of glass. His residence is in the same building with his store room and dressing hastily he went down stairs and over to the store room where he found that one of the large panes of glass in the front door had been smashed.

"Who's in there and what are you doing?" demanded Mr. Everett. There was no response. Everett repeated his demand which brought to the door a young man, LeRoy Bechtol, who claimed he is 23 years old and a son of George Bechtol, well to do farmer living near Woodwell. The young man attempted to crawl out through the broken window and leave but Eberett pushed him back and called a neighbor, John Royer, who went to his assistance. Royer took charge of the captured burglar while Everett went to a telephone and called Sheriff John M. Boob who went to Madisonburg for the young culprit.

Bechtol had taken \$1.05 in nickels and dimes from the cash register and a small bag of candy. These he returned and pleaded to be released but Mr. Everett refused. The Sheriff brought him to the Centre county jail. At a hearing before Squire S. Kline Woodring, on Friday, he stated that he had been out of work for some time, had no money and planned the robbery to get something to eat. He was held in \$750 bail for trial at court and being unable to give bond at the time was remanded to jail.

MURDER AT LEWISTOWN AN ECHO OF MURDER IN CENTRE COUNTY.

A dispatch from Lewistown, on Monday, carried brief details of the murder near there, Sunday night, of Mrs. Margaret Weaver by her husband, David Rankin Weaver, as the result of an argument over the woman attending services at a negro church.

Weaver is 47 years old and his wife was 58. Both were former residents of Centre county. Before her marriage to Weaver, Mrs. Weaver was the widow of Adam Moyer. It will be recalled that the Moyers lived on the Dale farm, on the top of Nittany mountain, when Josiah C. Dale was murdered on November 12th, 1906, while on his way home from the farm to Centre Hall. He was shot in the back by a rifle bullet and killed instantly, his horse going on home and into the stable yard, where he was found late in the evening.

No trace of the murderer being obtained by local authorities a New York detective was secured and on his findings Jacob From and his son James were arrested in March, 1907. At a habeas corpus hearing held before Judge Ellis L. Orvis they were discharged for lack of evidence and to this day the murderer of Mr. Dale has never been uncovered.

Some time after the murder, the Moyers moved to Bellefonte and later to one of Col. Reynolds' farms, now belonging to Rockview penitentiary and occupied by the Shuey family.

Mr. Moyer finally died and his widow married David Weaver. The latter was born in the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh while his mother was serving time there following her conviction for a crime committed in Centre county. He was never considered bright as a child and as a man was not regarded wholly responsible for his actions.

WOULD-BE ABDUCTOR AN ESCAPED CONVICT FROM ROCKVIEW PEN

Last week an attempt was made to abduct the child of Mr. and Mrs. I. Seward Johnson, near New Brunswick, N. J., and later a man, arrested as one of the participants, gave his name as George Walden. On Wednesday, however, he confessed to New Brunswick authorities that he is Richard Cowan, an escaped convict from Rockview penitentiary.

Cowan escaped from Rockview on July 22, 1931. He was shocking wheat in the harvest field when he ducked down over the hill to Spring creek and made a safe get-away. He was convicted of burglary and robbery in Lawrence county on February 4th, 1928, and sentenced to 8 to 16 years in the penitentiary. He was transferred from Pittsburgh to Rockview on July 10th, 1931, and placed in the psychopathic ward for observation. He escaped twelve days later.

Cowan, before coming to Pennsylvania, had served time in New Haven, Conn., for a crime committed there. After he pulled off his job of robbery in Lawrence county, he escaped to New York city, where he was finally located and arrested. Rockview authorities have sent pictures and a full description of Cowan to New Brunswick authorities for full identification.

FORTY TWO BAND MEN BANQUET IN MILESBURG.

Last Friday night was one that will linger long in memories of Wetzler's band of Milesburg. It was the occasion of their annual banquet and they had it served right at home so that they could be in the environment that holds most that is dearest to them.

At 6 o'clock forty-two of them met at their band hall and "ripped off" as their beloved leader said they would, a few marches. Then they paraded to the social room of the Methodist church, where the ladies auxiliary of that organization served the banquet. And what a banquet! Delicious food in such quantities that everyone of them could have had stomachs as large as the bells of their biggest tubas and still they couldn't have held it all.

After that was over they marched back to their own hall and there the speeches were made. William A. Brown, of Huntingdon, noted old Central Pennsylvania band master, was the guest speaker and he got the boys in such a reminiscent mood that before the evening was over every one of the forty-two had had a chance to contribute something for the enjoyment of the others.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—An order for 15 stone crushers has been received by the Danville Iron and Steel company. The company also is working on an order for crushing machinery for South Africa.

—Dr. Charles A. Globe, of Jeanette, answered his doorbell Tuesday night, and faced the man who robbed him of \$50 several weeks ago. The doctor called to Frank Rugh, in another office, and the robber fled.

—Mrs. S. S. Carnell, on Sunday, was appointed to the pastorate of the Calvary Methodist church, at Berwick, left vacant last week by the death of her husband. Mrs. Carnell assisted her husband in conducting services frequently before his death following a mastoid operation.

—One out of every seven boys under 18 years of age, engaged in coal mining in Pennsylvania, met with an accident in a one-year period, according to the preliminary findings of a recent study of accidents to boys in coal mines, undertaken by the bureau of women and children of the Department of Labor and Industry.

—Edwin Meager, Meyersdale fireman, nearly lost his life when a fire alarm sounded as he was being shaved. Meager leaped from the barber chair at the sound of the alarm. The barber's razor cut a deep gash in his neck, penetrating, but not severing the jugular vein. A surgeon stopped the flow of blood and dressed the wound.

—Clair Moyer, 11, of Mill Hall, Clinton county, while walking along the axe factory grounds there, on Sunday, picked up an old dynamite cartridge and scratched it on the wall of a bridge. It exploded and blew off parts of the thumb and first and second fingers of his right hand. He was taken to the hospital, where the three members were amputated and it may be necessary to amputate the whole hand.

—A gas explosion followed by fire destroyed the Zampogna building in the business district of Meyersdale, on Friday, causing property damage estimated at \$10,000. The blast shattered plate glass windows in three other buildings in the district. The Zampogna grocery and unoccupied apartment overhead were destroyed by the blast and fire. The explosion occurred when gas, leaking from a small stove, accumulated and was ignited.

—Jobless, penniless and without wearing apparel of his own, George Senchak was arrested on the streets of Pittsburgh, Monday, for impersonating a woman when he appeared downtown dressed in his wife's clothing. Senchak told police he had to get food for his wife and six children, so he donned Mrs. Senchak's clothing and went to relatives for help. He said his own clothes were so worn and tattered that he could no longer wear them.

—Residents of various communities in Clearfield county have protested at a Public Service Commission hearing against the discontinuance of Pennsylvania Railroad passenger trains between Occochee Mills, Centre county, and Madera, Clearfield county. Witnesses for the protestants testified the proposed abandonment of service would be a "backward step," handicapping express movements and leave the territory without reliable transportation facilities.

—Martin Jensen, who finished second in the Dole flight from San Francisco to Hawaii, was given a suspended sentence at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, after he pleaded guilty to an assault and battery charge. Charles Smith, dean of a local aviation school, brought the charge. He claimed Jensen struck him after Jensen misinterpreted remarks attributed to Smith about a plane Jensen built. Jensen last fall planned a flight in the plane from York to South America.

—Last week the Mifflinburg Body company received a sample of the truck body similar to one they are to construct for the United States Government, to be used by the Post Office department. The Mifflinburg company has a contract for the construction of 500 bodies similar to the sample but it must first build one of the bodies and send it to the department to see if it will meet the requirements. The company has twelve days in which to complete the sample and after it is approved will have 17 days to complete the contract.

—While his wife waited in the court house at Doylestown to press a non-support charge against him, William C. Desch, 37, Fountainville, committed suicide by drinking poison. Desch was summoned to court on Monday to explain why he had fallen in arrears in the support order lodged against him. He attempted to arrange a reconciliation with his wife, Marie. Failing in this, he returned home, while the wife went to court. Desch was found unconscious in the yard of his home and died before medical aid could reach him.

—Luther Mazer, 15-year-old Cresson shaft youth who wrecked a Pennsylvania railroad freight train on the famous "Horseshoe Curve" last December, killing a brakeman, pleaded guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in court at Ebensburg, last Thursday. He was sentenced to serve from six to 12 years in the Cambria county jail. Mazer was under indictment for murder, but the district attorney agreed to accept the manslaughter plea because of the defendant's youth. Mazer boarded a freight train last December 9 and turned a number of angle cocks, causing the wreck. Seventy-six cars loaded with coal piled up, killing Matthew Allison, 55, a brakeman, of Altoona, and blocking the right of way. Railroad officials estimated the damage at \$300,000.

—Here's a St. Patrick's day story and the hero's name might as well be Liam O'Goghan, although he actually hides it behind the modest blushes of anonymity. The hero appeared at the home of Mrs. Gladys Thompkins, of Philadelphia, with a huge bunch of shamrocks for sale at 15 cents a piece. Mrs. Thompkins wanted to buy, but had no change and only a \$20 dollar gold piece. "You take my shamrocks as security and I'll go and get the change," the vendor offered. She did. After waiting for an hour with a stock of shamrocks valued at about \$2, she called police. Soon after the arrival of a detective, the shamrock vendor came back to the door. "Here's your change, lady. I had a hard time getting the gold piece changed," he explained. The detective showed even more astonishment than Mrs. Thompkins.