

INK SLINGS. BY GEORGE R. MEER.

Col. Fred Kerr, of Clearfield, will be the first man to represent the reconstructed Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania in Congress.

Since the Scott-Rossman and the Betz-White fight was wholly a name-calling campaign the outcome of the primaries indicates that the former faction was the gibbets of tongue.

What Ivar Kruger did to the financial world certainly doesn't inspire much confidence in the master minds of high finance. When "a poor Swede" can take it for the ride he did we're for taking our hat off to him.

Monday certainly was washday among the warring Republican factions in Centre county. More dirty political linen was hung out than we have seen throughout the many years we have looked on at the game of politics.

Reports from the Highway Department for the first three months of the current year indicate that the advertisements of progressive refinements in the modern automobile are not without warrant. The motors are really becoming much more efficient. Over the period referred to there were two hundred and seventy-three less accidents than during the first three months of 1931, but they succeeded in killing fifty-eight more people.

Our congratulations to Merv. Betz. He has nothing to be ashamed of. When a country merchant down at Jacksonville can give an opponent as prominent as Senator Scott is in the councils of his party in the State such a run Merv's defeat was something of a victory. As our mind wanders back to a primary campaign in 1927 we put our finger almost on a muff that the Marion township statesman made that might have been the reason his victory on Tuesday was not more fruitful than it was.

On page six of this issue is a letter from the head-master of the Bellefonte Academy. All the Watchman's readers should ponder over it thoughtfully. The Academy is an institution that Bellefonters have never properly evaluated. We have a lot of great industries here, but only three of them bring more cash into the community, without depleting its natural resources, than the Academy does. The historic institution has done much toward keeping Centre county on the map. Owing to the depression the question now arises: What are Centre counties going to do about helping it over a rough spot?

Our public schools and Colleges should specialize more on grammar. There was a day when every boy and girl didn't have the advantages of schooling that those of today have; yet we talk to seniors and juniors of our High schools and colleges and even those who are working for Master's degrees in the latter institutions and grit our teeth at their "I seems," "I dones," "I have saws," "he should have dids," "It is me's." You can talk of modern theories of education as much as you like, but there can be no such thing as higher English unless it is founded on the lowly grammar. By the way, what has become of the old-fashioned grammar school?

On October 26, 1926, Governor Pinchot made public a statement to the effect that the Republican machine in Pennsylvania was attempting to resume the "contemptible practice that I put an end to four years ago." He was referring to the custom of assessing State office holders for campaign purposes. In the recent primary, which was purely a contest to make him and his aspiring consort the super-Lord and Lordess of Pennsylvania, the "contemptible practice" of making State employees finance their campaign was a horse of another color. The Governor might have risen to great heights in public service to Pennsylvania and the Nation had he sensed that, after all, the public is not so dumb as it appears to be. It knows the difference between the ethics of a statesman and a snake-doctor.

An anonymous correspondent has written to the editor of this paper to know why the Court House grounds are converted into "a livery stable." The communication fell into our hands because the editor has the "pipp" and looks at his mail only semi-occasionally. Let us say for him that the Watchman publishes no unsigned communications. It must have the name and address of all persons who expect to see what they have written published in its columns. The Watchman would be very glad to publish the merited criticism of whoever has charge of the grounds surrounding the Court House and sign it "Citizen and Subscriber," but it must know who the "Citizen and Subscriber" is. As a matter of fact this column raised the very question several times last year and it hoped that when Democrats were put in charge of the County's Capitol there would be an end to making the approach to that stately edifice a parking place.

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PINCHOT FORCES LOSE AT SPRING PRIMARIES IN CENTRE COUNTY

Scott and Rossman Both Elected but Chase Lost Fight for Congress.

As the late lamented James P. Hughes used to say when he came home from a drive with his fox hounds that he "had a beautiful chase but didn't get anything," so also with the Pinchot followers, on Tuesday, they had a spirited chase at the primaries in an effort to capture control of the party organization and all they got was to carry the county for Gen. Smedley Darlington Butler, for United States Senator and that was an empty honor, as the hot-blooded Marine was completely snowed under in an avalanche of votes from other sections of the State.

So deep was the interest in the fight between State Senator Harry B. Scott and Mervin S. Betz, for membership on the Republican State committee, and Harry A. Rossman and Bond White for Republican county chairman, that the stalwarts almost lost sight of the rest of their ticket. Both Scott and Rossman won out but at that they had no walk-over.

Interest in the Democratic ranks centered in the contest between Smith and Roosevelt, for President, and Charles A. Freeman and John J. Bower for county chairman. Smith had a very small following while Bower nosed out by the small majority of 140.

The complete returns for some of the leading candidates on both Democratic and Republican tickets will be found in the tables published today. The total vote in the county for the Delegates at large to the National Democratic convention is as follows:

Table listing candidates and their vote counts for the National Democratic convention.

Unofficial Returns of Democratic Vote, Primaries April 26, 1932

Large table showing unofficial returns of Democratic vote for various candidates across different districts.

PENNSYLVANIA MOUNTAINS NO "HELL'S STRETCH" NOR "AVIATOR'S GRAVEYARD."

In a report sent out last week, by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America it was emphatically stated that flying across Pennsylvania mountains heretofore characterized as "Hell's Stretch" and "Aviator's Graveyard," has become as safe as any other route in the world.

As proof of the assertion it was announced that the four trunk aviation lines crossing these mountains have carried a total of 45,460 passengers without injury to a single passenger. Of this total the United Air Lines from New York to Cleveland, by way of Bellefonte carried the larger number, 17,457 people.

American Airways, 2988; Transcontinental and Western, 13383, and Pennsylvania Air Lines, 11672.

"It is a remarkable performance," said William E. Berchtold of the Aeronautical Chamber, "when these lines can fly such a large number of passengers over a stretch of mountain territory called 'Aviator's Graveyard,' without injury to a single person.

"The fact is the danger is nonexistent. Certainly, in the early days of long distance flying, there were accidents in the hills. But today equipment is so much superior that accidents are unheard of.

"For one thing a perfect system of weather reports keeps pilots informed of conditions ahead of them. The radio adds to the safety, since flying bases are in almost constant communication with the ships that are out.

"We feel that the popular superstition regarding the Pennsylvania mountains should be dispelled, since there is nothing whatever upon which to base it."

BELLEFONTE SPORTSMEN BECOMING QUITE ACTIVE

Up to the present time approximately 250 members have been enrolled in the Bellefonte Sportsmen's Association and all the lists have not yet been turned in. The secretary of the Association calls attention to the fact that all lists must be turned in by May 1st, if the solicitors desire to share in the award of prizes.

The first prize will be a hunting knife, given by the S. H. Poorman garage. Second prize, a landing net, offered by Heverly's sporting goods store, and the third a flashlight, donated by the Potter-Hoy Hardware company. These are all worthwhile prizes and will go to those turning in the largest list of members, so get your lists in to the secretary before May 1st.

Also, don't forget the fact that a meeting of representatives from all the sportsmen's associations in the county will be held in the court house, Thursday evening of next week, for the purpose of forming a county federation of clubs.

MORE LICENSE AGENCIES ESTABLISHED IN COUNTY

In order to make it more convenient for sportsmen to secure fishing and hunting licenses the Secretary of Revenue, in cooperation with County Treasurer, R. F. Hunter, has established a number of agencies in the county where such licenses can be obtained. This will avoid the necessity of coming or writing to the Treasurer's office in Bellefonte.

The agents in Centre are: Mrs. Grace Keefe, State College; J. Frank Kephart, Philipsburg; A. A. Schenck, Howard; Robert S. Stover, Millheim.

All agents will serve without remuneration and without additional expense to the county or State. The license charge will be the same at the agencies as it would be at the Treasurer's office here.

In a report of what took place at a recent session of court, published in the Watchman, last week, it was stated that Harry Ruhl had been granted a parole from the Allegheny county work house where he had been confined because of failure to comply with a court order for the support of his wife and child. It should have been Guy Coll, as Mr. Ruhl never had a support order made against him.

Governor Pinchot, last Saturday, appointed Mrs. Ella J. Mountz, of Smith's Mills, Clearfield county, a member of the board of trustees of the Philipsburg State hospital. Aside from the fact that she is an inveterate dabbler in politics Mrs. Mountz is an able business woman and will without doubt prove a worthwhile member of the controlling force of that institution.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

One day brought a big increase in the animal population at the Fred Straub farm at Kitchen Corners, near Greenville. Within a 24-hour period triplets were born to one cow, twins to another, a litter of 15 pigs to a sow and a cat gave birth to six kittens.

Burglars knocked the combination off a safe in the Standard Oil company office, at Bloomsburg, last Wednesday, and escaped with \$500. State police said they found no fingerprints. They reported that efforts of burglars to enter the office of the Hilday Oil company, nearby, failed.

An application for a state charter for the Methodist Home for the aged at Tyrone was filed before Judge Marion D. Patterson in Hollidaysburg court on Monday for approval. The home has been in existence for approximately 13 years, the first formal application for a charter being made only two months ago.

John P. Wild, of Sheredan, Pa., parked his car on a grade in Charleroi, on Sunday, leaving it in gear. Another automobile bumped the machine and it ran down the grade, passed four other cars, speeded around a curve, missed a group of children, and ran up a driveway into a garage, the door of which was open. It was undamaged. Wild then started to drive the car home. It left the highway and was wrecked against a telephone pole.

Richard Schrader, of Shamokin, has a record for the number of operations performed upon one person, surgeons at the State hospital at Ashland declared, after operating on the man for the one hundred and sixty-fifth time. In 1912 Schrader was caught between cars at Enterprise mine at Shamokin and his pelvis was broken. Since that time he has been operated on an average of once every six weeks. He is still optimistic about life, and hopes some day to recover completely.

John A. McSparran, secretary of the State Department of Agriculture, believes daylight saving time is "an infernal nuisance to men in agriculture." In a letter to H. M. J. Klein, of Lancaster, which he made public on Friday, McSparran said that there is no objection to getting to work an hour earlier and quitting an hour earlier if the clocks are not altered. To alter the clocks and compel everyone to adjust their routine to the advanced time, he asserted, is an intensely selfish procedure.

Engineers of the Berwick Lumber and Supply company began work last Friday preparatory to the construction of the new cottage and detention house at the Muncy State Industrial Home. The contracts for the structures have been awarded the Berwick company. These buildings, like all others comprising the institution, will be built of native mountain stone to be taken from the land belonging to the home grounds. Appropriation for the erection of the buildings was made at a previous session of the Legislature.

Four hogs, weighing from 185 to 200 pounds apiece, were not only stolen from the owner, Mrs. Emma I. Solman, of Sugar Run, Clinton county, Wednesday evening, but the thieves evidently drove a truck near the pen, slaughtered the hogs in the pen and placed the dead porkers in the car without any noise being heard, according to blood inside the pen and wheel marks outside. The pen is located about an eighth of a mile from Mrs. Solman's house on route 397 which connects with the Bucktail trail and the Beech Creek road.

Sheer pluck and rare presence of mind saved Mrs. Daniel Miller, of Milliford, R. D. 3, from burning to death Saturday afternoon. She was cleaning out the brooder house in the barn on their farm when her dress ignited. In an instant she was transformed into a human torch. Instead of losing control of herself, she ran to a water trough a short distance away, immersed herself and extinguished the flames. Mrs. Miller, however, suffered painful burns of both hands as a result of tearing at her blazing garments, but her condition is not serious. She was alone on the farm at the time.

Death threats have been made upon the life of Mrs. Mary Wilmox, of Clinton county, a member of the Federal grand jury, at Scranton October last when four Lock Haven policemen were indicted for intimidation of a government witness, Frank Hedge, of Lock Haven. The latter containing the death threat against Mrs. Wilmox was delivered by John Smith, a taxi driver, and conveyed the information that "she would be put on the spot."

Another death threat was made against a federal witness in Lock Haven, who testified against the accused officers in Scranton last month. The department of justice was given the cases for immediate investigation.

Thefts "a la Robin Hood" were uncovered by police in Williamsport when they arrested a gang of boys for a score or more robberies perpetrated during the past few weeks. The thefts were undertaken, the boys disclosed, so that the loot might be turned over to the needy families. Cooked foods were spirited out of restaurants, hams were taken from grocery stores and food of various descriptions was stolen and turned over to the needy families, authorities learned. Because of the nobility of their impulses, it is unlikely that any charges will be lodged against them, police indicated. They have been told, however, that there are safer and more effective ways of doing emergency relief work.

Mrs. Gertrude Deen Timmey, a Reading woman who took a taxi ride last summer to meet a woman friend who wanted to join her at a theatre and said she would pay the taxi fare, is a plaintiff in court in a most unusual case, a claim for damages, now being tried by jury. Mrs. Timmey, getting a hurried call from Miss Aquilla Hain, left home with only a few cents in her purse. Miss Hain testified she had called the taxi for Mrs. Timmey, had told her she would pay the fare and would meet her, but was unable to keep the engagement. Instead of going to a theatre, Mrs. Timmey was taken to the police station and later to an alderman's office. The taxi driver held her captive and kept driving around from place to place, refusing to let her leave the taxi when she told him she did not have the amount of the fare \$2.50. Later she was taken to an alderman's office and detained three hours, pending settlement of the bill and costs, \$12.50.

Unofficial Vote of Republican Primary Tuesday, April 26, 1932

Table showing unofficial vote of Republican primary for various candidates across different districts.