

# Democratic Watchman

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The Norfolk, Virginia, Peacock that strutted so during the hunt for the Lindbergh baby, isn't nearly the gorgeous bird he was before his tail feathers were plucked.

Congressman Kvale, of Minnesota, who represents Volstead's District, and Congressman Howard, former private secretary of the late William Jennings Bryan, both voted for the beer bill.

Our solution of the depression problem is to float enough bonds to provide one half of the country's population with all the money it needs to buy gas and hot dogs and the other half with enough to build filling stations and wienie roasters.

Another inspection period for motors will begin on July 1. As the great army of public officials increases something must be improvised to keep it busy. The day rapidly approaches when all the public will have time to do is fill out government reports and submit to official inquisition.

In 1926 Governor Pinchot said ten cents a vote was all that anyone should be permitted to expend in a primary campaign. Nearly four times that much was spent in the vain endeavor to nominate his set-up in the recent Senatorial race. As yet there has been no protest from the Governor.

We are amazed that any Democrat would give serious heed to the story sent out by Republican trouble makers to the effect that Al Smith will run as an independent if Roosevelt is nominated for President by our party. In the first place, Al isn't digging his own political grave, just yet. In the second, he isn't and never was that kind of a Democrat.

Beware of political snake doctors who have schemes to lift the country out of the slough. There is no possible legislation that can cure the present ailment. It must cure itself by normal economic processes and the sooner the people accept this diagnosis the sooner they will settle down to adjusting themselves to the deflated order of things. One can't eat his cake and have it, too.

After all, the further investigations dig into the financial wizardry of Ivar Kreuger, the Swedish Match King, the more convinced the public ought to become that there would never be "Cassie" Chadwick, Ponzie and Kreugars if the financial streams were not so full of suckers. Ivar owed merely one hundred and sixty-eight million when he decided to head off the process servers with a bullet.

Amelia Earhart Putnam celebrated the fifth anniversary of Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic by doing the same thing herself. When the glory of the achievement wears off we wonder whether Amelia, in the moments of retrospection that come to us all, will be disturbed by the thought that her husband was rather light hearted when she fared forth on that perilous flight.

On Monday, when the bill was before Congress to legalize 2.75% beer the Hon. J. Banks Kurtz voted "No." The Hon. J. Mitchell Chase was present, but was recorded as not voting. The result was closer than was expected. A change of thirty votes would have carried the proposal. The test was made merely to put every Congressman who is seeking re-election on record as to just where he stands with regard to modifying the Volstead Act.

Remember, please, that it was Senator David I. Walsh, a Democrat, who reintroduced a bill to pass a general sales tax and eliminate all the nuisance taxes that have been proposed to raise revenue. After all, a sales tax would be the fairest revenue measure that could be enacted. It would be Democratic, because it would discriminate against no one. We want you to keep in mind the fact that Democrats in the Senate and in the House are offering a Republican Senate and a Republican President all the same opportunities to get somewhere.

The Roosevelt-for-President League, of Pennsylvania, Committee the Democratic State Committee when it met to organize for the campaign on Thursday of last week. John R. Collins was defeated for re-election as State Chairman by Warren VanDyke, his former secretary, and Sedwick Kistler was re-elected as Pennsylvania's member of the National Committee. The vote for State Chairman was 65 to 46, showing that Mr. Joseph Guffey, of Pittsburgh, who set out to put himself in control of the organization as soon as Roosevelt looked like the best bet for the presidential nomination, played his cards with his accustomed skill. The re-election of Mr. Kistler was only a sop. He would have been treated as ruthlessly as John Collins had Guffey not been so foolish as to figure that he will continue to be the "Angel" of the party in the State. Mr. Kistler should not resign, neither should he continue to be "the butter and egg man" for a lot of political soldiers of fortune.

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## A LARGE NUMBER OF CASES DISPOSED OF IN COURT LAST WEEK

Woman Sent to Mifflin County Jail Because She Couldn't Pay a Fine and Costs.

In addition to the large number of pleas of guilty heard at quarter sessions court and published in last week's Watchman, the following cases were disposed of last week:

Clifford Kelly, of Philipsburg, assault and battery and threats. Prosecutor Budd Wining. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs between the prosecutor and defendant, the court committing both men until costs are paid.

Margaret Peters, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor child (her sister) and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and committed to the industrial home for women, at Muncy.

Mary Jane Bartlebaugh, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to the charge of fornication and was sentenced to pay the costs, \$100 fine and stand committed until the sentence is complied with. Not being able to settle she was taken to the Mifflin county jail, at Lewistown.

Clyde Albert, of Osceola Mills, faced the court on a charge of larceny but after a jury was drawn and sworn in counsel for the defendant asked that a juror be withdrawn and the case continued until the September term of court, which was done at the cost of the defendant.

William Matts, of Port Matilda, was convicted of the charge of disorderly conduct, but his attorney promptly made an application for a new trial and sentence was suspended pending disposition of the application.

In the case of Bruce Reed, of Philipsburg, tried on the charge of assault and battery and robbery, a verdict of not guilty was returned, but in another case against him on the charge of malicious mischief he was found guilty. Sentence was suspended pending action against the man for failure to make good on a court order for \$20 a month for the support of his wife issued in February, 1929.

Russell Flick, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to the charge of malicious mischief and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and six months imprisonment in the Allegheny county workhouse.

Annie Sokolosky, of Philipsburg, who has been before the Centre county court so frequently that she might be characterized as a "regular," was convicted of a violation of the liquor laws and was sentenced to pay the costs, \$500 for the use of Centre county and imprisonment in the Allegheny county workhouse for two years, the imprisonment to be suspended pending her good behavior.

Bernard Smith, of Philipsburg, plead guilty to the charge of desertion and non-support and was sentenced to pay \$30 a month for the support of his wife, was released for thirty days so he can make an effort to pay something on the order.

George R. Kohut, of State College, brought into court on a bench warrant to face a charge of violation of the liquor laws, was sentenced to pay the costs, \$25 fine and placed on probation for two years.

LeRoy Umbholtz entered a plea of nolle contendere to the charge of the larceny of a motor vehicle and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and one year's imprisonment in the county jail. In another case against Umbholtz for breaking, entering and larceny, sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

George Long plead guilty to the charge of larceny, breaking and entering and was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and imprisonment in the county jail for three to eighteen months to date from May 6th. A detainer was also lodged against Long on the charge of perjury.

Jeremiah Lehman plead guilty to the charge of desertion and non-support and was ordered to pay \$20 a month, give bond in the sum of \$500 within ten days or be committed to the Allegheny county workhouse.

Nolle prosses were entered in the cases against David Dixon, charged with surety of the peace, and Fred Reitz, of Harris township, charged with a violation of the liquor laws.

Attorney John J. Bower presented a petition for the parole of Sylvester (Doggie) Meyers, of Jacksonville, who several months ago was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and

## ELECTRIC SERVICE MAY BE EXTENDED DOWN TO WOODWARD

A public meeting was held in the P. O. S. of A. hall at Woodward, on Wednesday evening, in an effort to interest residents of that section of the county in an extension of the West Penn Power company's service line from Aaronsburg to Woodward.

The movement was started at this time because the Department of Commerce has made application for electric service at the Woodward beacon light, which offers an excellent opportunity for farmers along the line as well as business men and residents of Woodward to secure the service at a minimum rate.

The meeting, Wednesday evening, was attended by a number of West Penn officials, Mr. McGee, a commissioner of rural electrification in the State Department of Labor and Industry, and Mr. Black, an electrical engineer in the same department. Some fifteen or twenty residents of that section of the county attended the meeting.

In order to secure the construction of a line by the West Penn, under an order of the Public Service Commission it will be necessary for the citizens of that locality to give a guarantee of \$90 a month revenue. This would require thirty signers or guarantors at a minimum cost of \$3.00 a month. Some ten or twelve signers had been received previous to the meeting on Wednesday evening, and eight or ten at the meeting. The number already signed, however, is not sufficient to justify construction of the line by the West Penn.

If sufficient signers are not obtained within a reasonable time the Department of Commerce will build it's own line to the Woodward beacon light and then, if at anytime in the future residents of that locality desire to secure electric service it will cost them considerably more than is now asked, probably a guarantee of from \$6.00 to \$8.00 a month.

They can never expect to get a better opportunity than the present to secure the service at such a reasonable cost.

## WORK PROGRESSING AT BELLEFONTE RESERVOIR

Contractor C. A. Talbert is pushing the work of repairing the Bellefonte reservoir as fast as possible but at that it is going to prove a much bigger job than the Water committee anticipated. A trench several feet deep has been dug entirely around the wall of the reservoir and from the condition of the wall it will have to be put down another foot or eighteen inches as the foundation for the concrete retaining wall.

The reservoir, by the way, is a regular milestone of the growth of Bellefonte. The original storage basin was about 16x7 feet in size and 10 feet deep. When it was enlarged to its present size it was built up only about ten feet. Later it was raised some five feet and as the town expanded and buildings were erected on the higher points another addition was built on top of the old wall until now it is 26 feet deep.

The present repairs call for another addition of from 18 inches to two feet. While the upper portion of the wall has been where the most leakage occurred, there is a seepage through the lower section and it is because of this fact that the retaining wall will be put down deeper than was at first anticipated. With a concrete retaining wall on the outside and a concrete lining on the inside, to be poured without a break, it is believed that the reservoir can be made absolutely water tight.

Recently there has been considerable speculation among the people of Bellefonte as to how the Kreuger financial fiasco will effect the Bellefonte plant of the Federal Match company, and inquiry, at the office of the plant brought forth no definite information. Mr. Troup, manager, stated that he didn't believe it would affect the plant in any way, although he had no definite information as to the outcome. The plant has been operating on full time during the past few weeks but how long it will last is not known.

At a hearing before United States commissioner Charles S. Williams, in Williamsport, last Friday, Lee Rossman, of Salona, was held in \$2000 bail for trial at federal court on the charge of possession and manufacturing intoxicating liquor. His mother, Mrs. Sidney Rossman, signed his bail bond.

serve a year in jail for a violation of the liquor laws, but the court deferred a decision at this time.

## MRS. ECKEL BUYS THE HOME PROPERTY AT ORPHAN'S COURT SALE

The real estate and personal property of the late John P. Eckel was sold at orphan's court sale, last Saturday. The real estate consisting of the house and lot on Reynolds avenue and an adjoining lot, was purchased by Mrs. Eckel for \$1200. She also bought the automobile and various other things.

Included in the offerings were in the neighborhood of 800 shares of a dozen different kind of stocks, among them 11 shares of the Farmer's National Bank of Bellefonte. This stock was bid up to \$89, which was considered too low, and it was bid in at \$70 a share. Five shares of Durant motors went for 75 cents. Fifteen shares of the Glass Casket corporation were purchased by a Le-mont woman for \$3.00. Eliminating the Farmers National bank stock all the others brought considerably less than fifty dollars, and that was probably more than they were worth today, as not one of the dozen or more stocks is listed on any exchange.

## BOLD BURGLARS ROBBED HAROLD COWHER'S STORE

Between 10:30 and 11 o'clock, last Friday night, two bold burglars broke the rear window in Harold Cowher's clothing store, on south Allegheny street, and got away with goods of an estimated value of \$160.00.

They took five dozen neckties, three dozen shirts, four or five pairs of shoes and several pairs of trousers.

To get to the rear of the store the men went in through the narrow alleyway between Frank Galbraith's and the Bellefonte Hardware company building. Mr. Galbraith heard them and went to his bedroom window to see what was going on just as the men climbed out of the rear window. Afraid to go out the alleyway they climbed a high board fence to the rear of Cleveland's bakery. As it happened, Cleveland had a lot of ice cream containers piled against the fence and one of the men dropped onto them and upset the whole pile, creating a racket sufficient to rouse most everybody in that neighborhood. Mr. Cleveland went to the window but not quick enough to see the men. The Caldwells, across the street, were playing cards at the time, and the men ran out to see what had occurred, but were too late to get a glimpse of the robbers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith saw them, but did not recognize them.

In crawling over the high board fence one of the men lost three of the stolen shoes and a pair of trousers.

## BURNS PROVE FATAL TO WARRIORS MARK CHILD

Virginia Genie Biddle, five year old daughter of Paul and Catherine Biddle, of Warriorsmark, died at the Philipsburg State hospital, last Saturday, as he result of major burns sustained two days previous.

The child was playing in the yard where it's mother was heating water in a large kettle over an open log fire to do the family wash. She gathered a handful of waste paper and in an effort to throw it on the fire got too close to the flames with the result that her clothing caught fire. Her mother smothered the flames as quickly as possible but not before the little girl was badly burned about the face, head and upper portion of the body. First aid was rendered by a local physician after which she was taken to the Philipsburg hospital.

The parents and thirteen brothers and sisters survive. Burial was made in Burkett's cemetery on Monday morning.

Eleven noted authors will lecture during the coming summer session at the Pennsylvania State College. Among them will be Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, wife of the Governor, who will speak of the South Seas and show motion pictures taken on their recent voyage; Major Thomas Coulson, author of "Mata Hari;" T. Ray Hansen, lawyer, who has been active in prosecuting gangsters; Dr. W. T. Root, head of the department of psychology, University of Pittsburgh; George E. Sokolsky, an authority on political and economic conditions in Russia; Harold Field, executive director of the national league for American citizenship; Thomas Craven, art critic; Davis Edwards, dramatic electionist; Frederick M. Snyder, of Johns-Hopkins University; Dr. H. E. Howe, editor of "Industrial Engineering Chemistry;" and Tom Skehill, soldier, poet and author.

## BELLEFONTE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

The annual commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High school will begin with the baccalaureate sermon in the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Junior declamatory contest will be held on Monday evening. The closing exercises of the grade schools will be held in the Richelieu theatre next Thursday morning, at 9:45 o'clock. They will be as follows:

Part I. Grades 5-6, A and B, singing "The Ride of Paul Revere."

Part II. Grades 7-8, A and B, presenting "Four Episodes in the Life of George Washington."

Part III. Grades 1-2 Bishop street building, presenting the modern version of the "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe."

Part IV. Grades 1-2 Allegheny street, "Goldenlocks and the Three Bears."

Part V. 3-4, A and B, "America, the Melting Pot of the World."

The graduating class numbers 61 as follows: Lee Alexander, Charles Beckwith, Nevin Bierly, Maillon Bruns, Ardrey Calhoun, Clark Hile, Randolph Houck, Francis Koski, Leonard Lambert, Kenneth Lucas, Carl McKinley, George Meek, Samuel Noll, Harold O'Bryan, Albert Osman, George Parsons, Pearce Rumberger, Charles Sellers, Walter Smith, Franklin Stover, Thomas Summers, Gerald Tressler, Robert Wayne, Allen Weaver, Robert Wilkinson, James Williams, Dale Zimmerman.

Mary Bickett, Gladys Billett, Isabel Breon, Adaline Brooks, Caroline Brouse, Martha Brugger, Betty Campbell, Lillian Cox, Annette Decker, Aline Fisher, Vivian Fisher, Mary Fleming, Christine Gunsallus, Elizabeth Herr, Arlene Houtz, Geraldine Hoy, Isabel Jodon, Eleanor Johnson, Effie Keller, Eleanor Lucas, Marian MacMillan, Phyllis Malone, Sarah Osman, Ruth Poorman, Evelyn Roberts, Pearl Rote, Mildred Smith, Bernadine Spear, Dorothy Stover, Grace Stover, Gladys Walker, Martha Walker, Eleanor Weaver, Mabel Woomer.

## BELLEFONTE WOMEN WILL DISCUSS BUGS AND BUGS

The Woman's Club of Bellefonte will hold its final meeting for the year at the home of Mrs. Henry Kahmus, on east Curtin street, Tuesday evening, May thirty-first, at seven-thirty o'clock. The election of officers will be held and reports will be given by the chairmen of the various committees. Part of the evening will be devoted to the discussion of household insects and their control.

These insects, spoken of as the "fearful seven," are flies, mosquitoes, moths, cockroaches, bedbugs, fleas and ants, all of which are the most dangerous and most deadly of man's insect foes. In comparison to the number of insects there are only a handful of people in the world. A few other facts of interest are that the depredations of insects in the United States each year nullifies the labor of a million men; that the annual vital loss (human and animal) to the nation attributed to insects reaches the staggering sum of \$358,000,000; that household insects carry the germs of not less than 30 diseases; that in a single season one female can produce 5,598,720,000,000 flies; that the tiny household fly has been responsible for more deaths than all the wars and wild beasts combined; that "America has more flies and more typhoid fever than any other nation in the world." It would be difficult to find a subject of more vital concern to the health and welfare of the individual and the nation.

A paper entitled "Insect Menace to Public Health," prepared by the Rex Research Foundation of Chicago, under the direction of Dr. O. F. Hedenburg, noted scientist and insect authority, will be read by Miss Isabella Sinclair Hill, teacher of English at the Bellefonte Academy. This is a really worth-while educational program, and all members and their friends are invited to be present.

As it has always been customary to discontinue the meetings of the club during the summer months, this will be the last meeting until September.

According to a report filed in Harrisburg, on Monday, the Pinchot committee of Centre county received \$900 of the fund raised by the two per cent assessment on the salaries of State employees for the primary campaign in the county. Who got the money or how it was expended report saith not.

## SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

Requests for more than 70,000 ring-neck pheasant eggs for hatching have been filed with the State Game Commission.

Ralph Kramer, 7, of near Shamokin, died as the result of a 15-inch splinter puncturing his stomach while he was sliding down a board at Edgewood Park.

At least two million visitors are expected to enjoy the recreational areas within the Pennsylvania State Forests this year, according to an announcement from Harrisburg.

Police are looking for some thieves who went to a lot of trouble to tow a foot bridge out of Lyscoming creek, near Williamsport. Their trail was picked up when the stringers of the bridge were found on the banks of the Susquehanna river some distance above the mouth of the creek.

Gerald Tingley, 32, of New Milford, Susquehanna county, was crushed to death Monday afternoon when a tractor which he was endeavoring to unload from a truck fell upon him. The accident occurred on the farm of Harold Stewart, at New Milford. Tingley is survived by his widow and two children.

Robbers who stole \$2500 Mike Goodish had buried in the basement of his home in Allison, Pa., are being sought by state police. Goodish said there was no indication that the ground over the glass jar holding the money had been disturbed. He discovered the loss when he became apprehensive and dug up the jar.

Durbin L. Fye, Oil City, seeks a total of \$75,000 damages in a suit on file in Franklin against three Oil City physicians and the Oil City hospital. Fye charges he suffered permanent injuries when through negligence infection developed in a fractured leg. He was under treatment in the hospital more than two months.

The Hanover fair grounds were recently sold at public auction to L. B. Sheppard, of Hanover, for \$56,750. The real estate was owned by the Hanover Agricultural society which held annual agricultural exhibitions on the grounds for the past 47 years. The transfer affected 43 acres of land, stables and exhibition buildings.

Ivan Breth, of Mahaffey, driver of the car which struck and killed Marvin J. Queen, formerly of Coalport, who attempted to hold him up after having robbed several persons in Mrs. Clara Bradbury's gas station, near McGee's Mills one week ago, was completely exonerated by a coroner's jury at an inquest held in Coudersport.

Thieves who carried away a 1400-pound safe in the office of the Allen Quarries Co., on the Hickley pike, near Allentown, and cracked it open, found only a bunch of keys and a time book. Constable Harvey Fenstermacher, of Egypt, and State Highway patrolman Carlrick, discovered the safe on the road between West Coplay and Eagle Point.

Convicted of driving his auto while intoxicated, Harry F. Knapp, a farmer living near Shamokin, pleaded with Judge Morganroth in court at Sunbury that if he were jailed on his six month's sentence immediately he would not be able to work his farm. Judge Morganroth decreed sentence should begin next October 1, so Knapp can plant and harvest his crops and support his family.

George R. Webb, suspended Lock Haven policeman and David L. Probst, detective of the same city, have been granted postponement of their appeals for a new trial by the U. S. district court. Their pleas were put over until the June term because they could not raise \$700 to have testimony transcribed. They were convicted in Scranton in April on charges of intimidating federal witnesses.

A Sunday picnic was at its height near Washington, Pa., on Sunday, when Edward Markie, 18, decided he'd give Margaret Wiley, a friend, a scare and a thrill. He adjusted his belt around his neck, fixing the catch so it wouldn't be too tight. He leaped from a tree, after fastening the end of the belt to a limb. Something went wrong. Before the youth could be rescued he strangled to death.

Five years ago Katherine Monori came to America from Budapest, unable to speak a word of English. On the first day of school she knew two English words, "yes" and "no." Tuesday night she was graduated with second highest honors in a class of 271 from the Williamsburg High school and delivered the salutatory address on "Law Enforcement in America" with scarcely a trace of foreign accent. By winning honors in the class she also won a four year scholarship in Westminster College.

An aged Civil war veteran and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Kepler, of Shintown, Clinton county, were robbed of about \$450 in bills from recently cashed pension checks, Saturday night, by thieves who entered their home while they were asleep. Mr. Kepler had recently cashed pension checks amounting to about \$450 and the bills had been left in a roll in the pocket of his trousers. His watch and chain, small change, and other articles in the pockets were not taken, but the roll of bills was gone.

Humane death and decent burial of all of Mrs. Jennie S. Brizer's household pets is directed in her will, entered at the Franklin county court house at Chambersburg for probate. The woman in her will stated: "I most earnestly desire and most emphatically request and direct my said executor, H. H. Spangler (Mercersburg attorney), to have all my dumb animals, both dogs and cats, which have been my faithful companions and only comfort during my declining years, put to death in the most merciful humane manner possible and to be decently buried in the garden where I now live."

Horace Bressler, 52-year-old barber, of Danville, shot and fatally wounded his wife, Mrs. Emma M. Bressler, aged 42 years, in the bedroom of their home early on Wednesday morning, and then ended his life with a pistol bullet through his brain. Following the shooting Mrs. Bressler was taken to the Gettysburg hospital, where she died at 10:40 the same morning, eastern standard time. She suffered wounds of the neck and left ear. Two sons and three daughters, three of the children being at home, survive. Neighbors told police the couple had been quarreling intermittently for the last two days and that on Tuesday Bressler was overheard to say, he "had a surprise" for his wife.