

INK SLINGS.

—Be with the winners. Vote for Wilson.

—For Supreme court Judge vote for Walling.

—Tomorrow will be Wilson day all over the United States. There will be another Wilson day early in November.

—Isn't it funny how much more you crave eggs for breakfast when they are fifty cents the dozen than when they are only fifteen

—Centre county gave Harry Scott one term in the Legislature and what has he done for Centre county that makes it worth while to give him another.

—Mitchell I. Gardner will represent Centre county in the next session of the Pennsylvania Legislature, if the people of Centre county vote the way they talk.

—Reading the record of what Charley Rowland did in the last Congress we can't understand what he wants to go back for. He was either absent or wouldn't vote every time anything of importance to his constituents came up.

—If good times have anything to do with the way a farmer votes then every farmer in Centre county will vote for Wilson for President. Never have our agriculturists had such prosperity as they are enjoying now or a more rosy future to look into.

—It seems almost incredible that Ohio, the birthplace of Grant, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley and Taft should give Wilson one hundred thousand majority, yet that is what his managers claim it will do and Mr. Hughes' pilots practically concede such a stupendous victory.

—So many Republicans are flocking to the support of President Wilson that we are almost persuaded that he is not merely the Democratic candidate, but everybody's candidate. Come to think of it, this is as it should be, for he has not been merely the Democrat's President. He has been everybody's President.

—Tomorrow President Wilson will send a special message to his countrymen. Look for it. Read it, because the President will have something worthwhile to say to you on the day that has been designated as the one on which the American people are to specially consider the great public service he has rendered his country.

—You needn't be surprised if you should waken up on the morning of November 8th and learn that our distinguished townsman, Ellis L. Orvis, has been elected United States Senator from Pennsylvania. He is just as able a man as Philanderin "Knocks" and why shouldn't he be elected. If he goes to the Senate he will support Wilson and you all know "Knocks" wouldn't do that.

—The presidential contest this year is predicated purely on your choice of two men. The country is prosperous as it has never been before; the country is enjoying blessed peace and there seem to be no issues other than Wilson and Hughes. You know what Wilson has done for you. Mr. Hughes hasn't yet made a single declaration as to what he would do if he were President. Surely you can't be foolish enough to exchange a certainty for an uncertainty.

—Both of the nominees on the non-partisan ticket for Judge of the Supreme Court are Republicans. One is to be elected. We would advise all of our readers to vote for Walling, because we regard him as the ablest man of the two and we have made a careful inquiry in order that we might give you advice on a matter that very few of you will have opportunity of informing yourselves on before election. The Supreme court is our highest tribunal and we can't afford to put any but the best qualified lawyers on the bench, therefore the "Watchman" earnestly advocates the election of Mr. Walling and hopes that every Democrat and every Republican in Centre county will vote for him.

—A good Democratic friend down at Bryn Mawr has sent us a letter that Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, the multimillionaire, wrote to him soliciting funds with which to elect Hughes and Fairbanks. Mr. Stotesbury has been so busy all these years raking in the millions that the Hughes and Fairbanks kind of combinations have been legislating into the pockets of the "special privilege" class, that he hasn't kept very close tab on who's who in the country. He wrote us one of the letters too, but we felt like a Republican editor in the western part of the State who answered Mr. Stotesbury to the effect that since he has so many millions himself he had better go down in his own pocket if he wants to elect two men to office whom nobody else seems to be very enthusiastic for.

Democratic Watchman

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

VOL. 61.

BELLEFONTE, PA., OCTOBER 27, 1916.

NO. 42.

The Real Issue of the Campaign.

Reduced to the last analysis the question to be decided by the coming election is whether the government of the United States shall be directed from Washington or Berlin. Certain citizens of German birth or extraction have set themselves to the purpose of giving us a government directed by the Emperor of Germany. With this purpose in mind they forced the nomination of Charles Evans Hughes as the Republican candidate. But after that was accomplished they were not sure of their ground and through the agency of Jeremiah O'Leary opened negotiations with the candidate to bind him to their policies. He was asked to avoid all denunciation of German activities in his speeches.

Mr. Hughes acknowledges that he held a conference with Mr. O'Leary and his associates but denies that he made any pledges to them or promised any services before or after election. But it has not been alleged that he did either of these things. The charge is that the demand was made of him that he make no accusations in his speeches against the German methods of warfare and the most careful scrutiny of his speeches fails to reveal a single sentence of denunciation of Germany or the war methods she has employed. In other words Mr. Hughes has acquiesced in the demand of the hyphenates with respect to his actions before the election and that satisfies them that his actions afterward will be satisfactory to Berlin and the agents of Berlin on this side of the water.

Before and after the nomination of Hughes the New York "Tribune" said "it would be better for the Republican party to endorse Woodrow Wilson in 1916 than to permit the principle to be established that to defend American interests is to commit political suicide." Woodrow Wilson has vigorously and consistently defended American interests and for that reason the O'Learys are opposing him and promising support to Mr. Hughes in consideration of his refraining from such defence. And while Hughes may have made no promise his speeches show that he has agreed to the terms and is carrying out his part of an implied contract. These facts make the issue plain and the duty of voters clear.

Roosevelt Malice Run Mad.

Unless the friends of Roosevelt put some restraints upon him, he will bite himself, after the fashion of a certain venomous reptile which is said to turn upon itself in the frenzy of passion. In a speech at Phoenix, Arizona, the other day, he touched the zenith of vituperation and the limit of prejudice. "Thanks to President Wilson," he said, "it is safe for Mexican bandits to murder Americans and Chinese, and to take their property, and the murderers and bandits are encouraged by the acts and utterances of the President of the United States and his authorized agents." And as he warmed up to his work he grew more bitter and vindictive. If any denizen of the underworld should use such language in reference to the President of the United States he would be seized by a policeman and arraigned before the nearest magistrate for disorderly conduct. But this homicidal maniac is permitted by the public and encouraged by the Republican National committee, because an assassin elevated him to the office of President of the United States, to spew out such malice with impunity. No greater outrage against decency can be imagined. It is not only treasonable but it is perfidy of the most atrocious type. It is spreading lawlessness in a lawless community and the harvest is likely to be murder.

And this vile creature recently aspired to another term in the Presidency and according to common understanding is now under promise of his candidate to the highest place in the cabinet. If there were no other reason for the defeat of Charles E. Hughes the menace of this inflection upon the country would be sufficient to turn all thoughtful voters against him. Happily there is little danger of the election of Hughes and the restoration of Roosevelt to public place. He is thoroughly discredited wherever decent principles are respected and with the close of the present campaign he will drop into an obscurity which will only be marked by a bad smell.

Red Letter Day in Labor.

The call of organized labor to unite in support of the Democratic party is an event in the history of the politics of this country. Local unions of the Federation of Labor have declared a preference for candidates when conditions required drastic action. But so far as we are able to recall no previous call has come from the President of the American Federation of Labor for all adherents of that faithful conservator of the interests of labor to join together to promote the success of a party or its candidates. Such a summons to labor was issued the other day attested by the signatures of Samuel Gompers, president; James O'Connell, vice president, and Frank Morrison, secretary.

No other President has ever rendered as valuable service to the cause of labor as Woodrow Wilson. No other candidate for President in the history of the country has shown an equal opposition to the interests of labor as Charles Evans Hughes. Every official act of the President has shown a sympathy for and interest in the welfare of working men. Every official act of Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate for President has revealed an antipathy toward labor. The election of Wilson means the conservation of labor. The election of Hughes spells the enslavement of labor. It will cause to labor the loss of every advantage that has been gained by years of strife.

In these circumstances it is small wonder that Samuel Gompers the wise and conservative head of the principal labor organization of the country should invoke the co-operation of all his associates in his just and righteous cause to compass the election of the friend and the defeat of the enemy of labor. Anything less than this would have been ingratitude to a man and a party which has always been ready to battle for justice to labor. Mr. Gompers has fulfilled his obligation and it is up to the workingmen of the country to perform their duty by responding not only promptly but effectively to the call of their chief. It is the supreme moment for labor.

—Vote for Ellis L. Orvis, Centre county's candidate for United States Senator.

Farmers Coming Into Their Own.

President Wilson's address to farmers at Shadow Lawn on Saturday was a revelation to that important element in the electorate. As the capable farmer who introduced the President to his audience said to him, "it is a great pleasure to meet you here today, particularly because after forty years as an agriculturist it is the first time I have been invited to meet the President of the United States as a farmer. It is very significant in another way. It shows that not only the railroad men, the workers in the mines and factories but the tiller of the soil has been considered more than he was ever thought of by any other administration."

There have been no favorites among the various elements which compose the population of this country since the advent of the present administration. It has pleased certain men to say that the business interests of the country have been discriminated against but that is not true. Nothing in the business life of the country has been discriminated against except that which has been evil. Every legitimate business has been fostered in every possible way. It may seem that the agricultural interests have received more attention than others. But that is only because during previous administrations it has received less consideration and during the present administration the effort has been to even things up.

No single industry contributes as much to the wealth and prosperity of the country as agriculture. No industry has been discriminated against so much. It has been the aim of the President to put agriculture on a common level with the other wealth-producing vocations. To achieve this result he has striven constantly. The Federal Reserve act was an important step in the right direction. The Rural Credits law was a still better measure for the farmers but the provision of the Agricultural bill which may send two rural demonstrators to ever rural county in the country is literally the greatest benefit to farmers which has ever been enacted into law.

Labor Interests at a Crisis.

Thomas Kennedy, District President of the United Mine Workers of America, has called the attention of wage-earners of Pennsylvania to the record of Charles A. Snyder, of Pottsville, Republican candidate for Auditor General. "Charles A. Snyder," he writes tersely, "is a friend of corporation interests and the enemy of labor." Senator Snyder has served three terms in the House of Representatives and two in the State Senate. His record is easily obtained '01 it covers considerable time and a period in which labor legislation was constantly urged. It shows that in no case and in no circumstances was he friendly to labor. His vote and influence have always been against working men.

The present time marks a crisis in the affairs of labor. The passage of the eight-hour law for railroad trainmen, at the instance of President Wilson, has admonished the corporate employers of labor that the time for industrial justice has come. They will resist it, of course, with all the energy at their command and to the full limit of their resources. Whichever element in this titanic contest wins this year will score a permanent victory. If those representing the friends of labor are successful at the polls, the movement in their behalf will continue until it culminates in an enduring National policy. If the friends of labor are defeated the work of the quarter of a century in their behalf will be lost, they will have to begin over with their antagonists entrenched and strengthened as they have never been before.

In the National contest the lines are clearly drawn. Woodrow Wilson's record is an open book of beneficent effort for labor while that of his antagonist is as plain on the opposite side and as easily read. On the State ticket District President Kennedy has exactly expressed the attitude of the Republican candidate, for Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, while the Democratic candidate has been a faithful and zealous friend of labor. The Democratic candidate for State Treasurer is a locomotive engineer in active service while his opponent is now and always has been a machine politician of the servile sort. There ought to be no doubt as to how laboring men will vote this year.

—W. E. Tobias, of Clearfield, Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, expects to be in Centre county at least once more before the election if he can possibly do so. But he has four counties to travel over and it may be impossible for him to get here. In the event of his failure to do so, you can take it from the "Watchman" that he is a man worthy of the full Democratic vote, and if elected to Congress he will give all his time to serving his constituents in an earnest and conscientious way. Therefore, when you go to the polls on November 7th be sure to vote for Mr. Tobias, as well as all the other candidates on the Democratic ticket.

—If reports be true the State students who journeyed to Philadelphia Saturday to see State and Penn clash in their annual foot-ball game, left about all the money they had, could beg or borrow. The Penn backers certainly had a killing, for State gave odds of 3 and 4 to 1 and were betting even money at the end of the first half when the score stood 3 to 0 in Penn's favor. One disgraced sport from Bellefonte, who went down fully determined not to risk a cent on the outcome, found things looking so "soft" that he just had to "take a piece" of a nice pool that was being made. Later he just had to telegraph home for funds for his return trip.

—Those who are losing sleep because Europe is weakening in respect for the United States, may compose their perturbed souls. Germany abandoned the submarine attacks upon ships carrying American passengers at the request of the Washington government and all other European countries will be perfectly willing to pay indemnity for any damage they do "when this cruel war is over."

—Roosevelt is yelling his head off about the President giving in to the railroad men. He is making so much noise about that so he can't hear any one ask him what he did when Frick and several other gentlemen scared him into permitting the United States Steel Co. to swallow the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

Voters Turning to Wilson.

From the New York World. Has the Hughes campaign reached the beginning of the end? It would seem so.

Republican reports and Democratic reports agree that the swing is all toward President Wilson. The President grows stronger and stronger as public sentiment becomes more articulate. Mr. Hughes is weaker and weaker. There is no mystery about the decline and prospective fall of the Hughes candidacy. It lacked the one element without which no candidacy has a right to succeed—the element of good faith. Mr. Hughes has not been sincere with the American people. He has not been honest with the American people. He has not been on the level. He has not been the Charles E. Hughes whom they had idealized as a man who met every political issue and every political situation squarely without fear or hesitation.

Mr. Hughes began his campaign with a carefully prepared program of dodging and evasion. In the midst of the greatest crisis known to modern civilization he determined to have no policies of his own, but to seek to consolidate all the motley opposition to the President.

To do that he could not afford to have policies of his own, for there was no policy on which such a following could be united. What suits Wall street would not suit the west. What suited the Germans would not suit the non-British and non-French. What suited the jingoes would not suit the pacifists. What suited the Old Guard would not suit the Progressives. What suited Roosevelt would not suit Taft. So Mr. Hughes resolved to attack everything that President Wilson had done, but to say nothing about his own plans and purposes. He was nominated in the dark and he thought he could be elected in the dark. Whether or not he has discovered his mistake, the Republican managers have discovered it.

Instead of consolidating all the antagonistic elements that were opposed to the President, Mr. Hughes has awakened their suspicions as to his own intentions. They have come to see that he cannot be playing fair with all of them and that he may not be playing fair with any of them.

There have been campaigns when that kind of politics might succeed; but this is no ordinary year. Mr. Hughes has been trifling with the destiny of the nation when the future of the republic is hanging in the balance. In commonplace times it would make little difference whether Woodrow Wilson or Charles E. Hughes was President of the United States; but these are not commonplace times.

Now that there has been an opportunity for the sober second thought, the American people are balancing the books. On the one side is the definite record of President Wilson and his administration. On the other side is nothing except conjecture, speculation, fault-finding and destructive criticism. Naturally the voters are turning to the President. How could it be otherwise? They know him. They know what he will do. They can trust him. They cannot afford to trust any man who will not trust them and who will not tell them what he would do as President, and that is the position in which Mr. Hughes has placed himself. That is why the Hughes campaign has so suddenly slumped, and that is why the Hughes managers must make their last desperate appeal to the power of money.

"Good Company" for Independents.

From the Springfield Republican. There has been no Presidential campaign since 1892 in which independent voters could find such "good company" in supporting the Democratic candidate as in the present one. Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, of Columbus, O., who has voted for every Republican President chosen since 1860, declared for Wilson yesterday. Dr. Gladden's position helps to explain somewhat why Ohio is now classed as a doubtful State. In New York city, Rev. Percy Stickney Grant has also decided to support Wilson. Both of these well-known clergymen were supporters of Roosevelt in 1912. No one needed apologize for voting for a candidate who gets the warm support of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Jane Addams and Dr. Washington Gladden, of whom the last four have never been in affiliation with the Democratic party.

If Hughes Should Win.

From the New York World. If by his attacks on the Underwood tariff Mr. Hughes meant to assure his followers that he advocated a return to the Aldrich-Payne tariff, completely repudiated by the country in 1912, he would show some clear, definite purpose. But his ready answer to any such charge would be, according to rule, "I didn't say that." All that is certain is that should Mr. Hughes and a Republican Congress be elected, any new tariff would be framed by Penrose, Fordney and the same crowd responsible for the Aldrich-Payne tariff.

Good Reason for It.

From the Savannah News. Looks as if it would be entirely safe now for Wilson to go ahead and proclaim the customary day of thanksgiving.

—Vote for Cramer for Auditor General.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—An effort to fix the price of shining shoes in Williamsport at 10 cents collapsed and the reign of the nickel was re-ensured.

—Mrs. Rebecca Madison, aged 79, was obliged to prosecute her son, Gregg Madison, for non-support, alleging that he has taken possession of her house and refuses to support her. The parties reside in Derry.

—Johnstown's sanitary engineer and three of his assistants have resigned. The engineer was offended by the action of council in placing the construction of the city's sanitary sewerage system in the hands of the city engineer.

—State Game Warden Iddo Lewis, of Marchland, arrested three foreigners at McIntyre the other day for trapping song birds in a net. The men were taken before Squire Crossman at Indiana, and fined \$108.22. The fines were paid.

—The New York Central company has finally concluded to erect a handsome and modernly equipped passenger station at Clearfield. It will be of terra cotta brick construction, and cost \$50,000. Plans for the building are now being arranged.

—Mayor Jonas Fischer, of Williamsport, charged with being an unnaturalized alien, has been summoned to appear before the Lycoming county court on the last day of the present month and show by what authority he claims to hold the office of mayor.

—In cleansing a water basin at Sellersville, Bucks county, twenty-five milk cans were required to hold the catties, sunfish, perch and pickerel, ten cans of the smaller fish being put in nearby streams, while the larger ones were taken by residents of the town.

—The collection boxes in the Greek Catholic church at Osceola were robbed of their contents the other evening. The finding of a locket containing the pictures of a man and woman may throw some light on the question as to who are the guilty parties.

—John Augustine, a resident of Portage, paid \$20.94 for a bowl of soup the other day. The soup was made of 116 birds trapped on a Sunday. The birds cost him \$160; he paid \$25 for the privilege of hunting on Sunday, while the costs of prosecution amounted to \$16.94.

—Local Methodists are planning to attend the Woman's Home Missionary convention of the Central Pennsylvania conference which will be held in the First church Altoona, October 31, November 1 and 2. The wife of Bishop Thirkield will be one of the speakers.

—James Moore, a resident of Curwensville, aged 55 years, committed suicide last Friday by throwing himself beside two freight cars on the New York Central railroad. His death was instant, as his neck was broken. Long continued ill health probably led to the rash act.

—In the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Reed, of Clearfield, who had gone to Washington, D. C., on a brief visit their beautiful home was damaged by fire on Wednesday morning, October 18, to the amount of over \$8,000. The fire caught from an open hearth on the second floor.

—The New York and Pennsylvania company, of Johnsonburg, paper manufacturers, are drilling 100 wells to supply water for their plant and to prevent the danger of another water famine. Nineteen wells have been drilled. The wells will yield 20,000,000 gallons daily. The river supply is also used.

—Brant Mengle, teacher of Beaver school, near Reward, Perry county, closed his school as usual last Monday evening and went to the home of his parents with whom he boarded. He ate his supper, walked out to the barn and disappeared. Since that time nothing has been heard from or about him.

—There are discouragements in every line of business. Thus Joe Harvey, a truck farmer and chicken raiser living near Lock Haven, discovered last Saturday morning when he went to feed his flock that some light-fingered scoundrel had been there some time during the night and carried thirty chickens with him when he left.

—Mrs. Nancy Gearhart, of Altoona, through her attorney, John F. Sullivan, entered a trespass suit in Blair county court, against the Altoona and Logan Valley Electric Railway company, to recover damages in the sum of \$2,500, as reparation for injuries alleged to have been received at the hands of the defendant company.

—Shooting a bear that had been investigating his pig pen, Ellery Harer, a Lycoming county farmer, was attacked by the wounded animal. The bear bit and chewed the man's right arm from the shoulder to the hand. Ammon Harer, brother of Ellery, rushed to his rescue with an ax, but Bruin was shot and killed by Samuel Keefer, a neighbor.

—As two small boys were in the act of driving their parents' cows out of the pasture, near Howard, Centre county, a few evenings ago a rapidly driven motor car came along and knocked one of the animals over, killing her instantly. The automobile stopped with the cow's body resting under it, all the wheels off the ground. None of the inmates of the car were hurt.

—Philip Vitella, aged 29 years, an Italian miner living at Hermine, Westmoreland county, was called out of his home at 6:30 Wednesday evening by a strange freighter who said he was wanted at the house of Charles Calern, a neighbor. Just as he was entering Calern's house he was shot, the bullet entering his head back of an ear, killing him instantly. The unknown escaped.

—A bright and shining \$20 goldpiece, a relic of the Johnstown flood and which for twenty-seven years lay deep in the ground along the Conemaugh river at Woodvale, was uncovered Saturday by a workman. He found it three feet below the river level while engaged in building a wall. The Italian who found the goldpiece hurried to the bank and deposited the coin, evidently fearing that some survivor of the flood might appear and lay claim to it.

—The big barn on the Walker estate just east of the old fair grounds, Williamsport, was totally destroyed by fire early last Tuesday evening. All the contents, farming implements of all descriptions and 57 head of stock, including horses, cows and pigs, were destroyed. The personal property belonged to Daniel Kavanagh, but the farm was sold a few days ago to a trust company, acting as trustee for some unnamed person. The loss of \$20,000 is said to be covered by insurance.