

INK SLINGS.

-Have you had the flu? -For Assembly vote for the Hon. John Noll. -Support the President. Vote for Tobias, Savage and Noll. -Germany can have peace, but the allies will dictate the terms, not the Kaiser. -Now Kaiser Bill understands the difference between foresight and hindsight. -Show the President you are back of him by voting for the men who are back of him. -Centre county needs a man with experience in Harrisburg. Vote for Noll for the Legislature. -The transportation of troops across the sea has not been resumed because it was never discontinued. -Centre county is over the top again. Now for the great War Camp drive. We mustn't fall down on that. -Vote for Matt Savage for Senator and reward a faithful and veteran exponent of the principles of Democracy. -The Hon. John Noll should be sent to the Legislature to represent Centre county. He has been there before and he knows how. -The flu has even stopped the tractor demonstration that was to have been held here next Thursday. It has been postponed indefinitely. -The returns on the fourth Liberty loan show that practically half of Centre county's subscriptions were made through the Bellefonte banks. -The Hon. John Noll fought in the Civil war and he has a few good fights left in him yet. He is putting up one of them in his present contest for the Legislature. -Now let us put Noll, Savage and Tobias over the top and show them that all the while we were Liberty loan driving and keeping them in the background we had them in mind none-the-less. -Matt Savage, of Clearfield, would make a splendid Senator. He has long been a staunch Democrat and has always been friendly to the aspirations of district candidates from Centre county. -The President has sent the last word to Germany. He says he can't trust the Kaiser or any of his subordinates and that if they want peace they must either accept such conditions thereto as the allies may lay down or surrender. -Influenza did not seem to get much of a grip on Bellefonte until the last week. In fact we were all beginning to think we had escaped it as an epidemic when a number of cases developed suddenly and now the town has more of it than at any time since its prevalence. We have some very serious cases and a number of a milder type. -When you consider that the total population of Centre county, outside of Phillipsburg and Rush township, is only 36076 the fact that there were 4646 individual subscribers to the fourth Liberty loan becomes more impressive. It means that about one in every seven men, women and children, have subscribed for a bond. It is really remarkable. -Centre county voters will have the opportunity on November 5th to return the compliment to Matt Savage, of Clearfield, that he has so frequently paid candidates for Senator and Congress from Centre county. He has always gone out of his way to help the men we have put forward and now that he is a candidate, himself, we will have the opportunity of showing him how much we appreciate his helpfulness in the past. -The President's last word to Germany, which was forwarded Wednesday, is in no ambiguous language. The President admits that his words may sound harsh to German ears, but as the time has come for the utmost candor, he tells the German people that if they are still represented by the military masters and manarchical autocrats of Germany there can be no peace negotiations but surrender. -Don't get it into your head that because there are no public meetings there is nothing doing in politics. The influenza has made indoor gatherings of people dangerous, so that such meetings are impossible, but personal work is permissible and it is up to every Democrat in the county to do his bit in order that the President may be encouraged by having men chosen for office upon whom he can depend for support. Vote for Tobias for Congress. -Charles M. McCurdy, chairman of the Liberty loan committee for Centre county, his secretary, Mr. C. C. Shuey and every individual connected with the splendid organization they have built merit the most sincere congratulation of the patriotic people of Centre county on their achievement in having put the county over the top in the last loan drive. Handicapped as they were by the outbreak of an epidemic that compelled them to change very comprehensive plans at the eleventh hour, and by a certain amount of diffidence arising out of peace talk their success has been all the more notable. It was an herculean task, patriotically undertaken, capably managed and gloriously successful. The "Watchman" congratulates every man and woman who worked or bought to put Centre county where she belongs.

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True Statement of Political Conditions.

It has been officially announced that the Republican organization campaign to capture Congress is now in progress. It has been in operation all the time but with characteristic hypocrisy a false pretense was set up, with the opening of the fourth Liberty bond campaign, that no partisan work would be done until that essential service was completed. But on Monday the floodgates of misrepresentation were raised from one end of the country to the other. Under the direction of National chairman Hayes and Congressional chairman Fess the effort to capture Congress for the Republican party was begun. The false pretense is that the purpose of the party is to strengthen the President's war plans. President Wilson has conducted the war work of this country from the beginning in a manner that has commanded the admiration of the whole world. Military experts in England, France and Italy have marveled at the achievements of the American Government in organizing both the military and industrial forces of the country to meet the emergencies of war. We are not a military people. Our aims have been to garner the victories of peace. No man in the broad land was more earnest in this laudable purpose than Woodrow Wilson. But when the exigency arose to invoke the spirit of war no man could have been more efficient than he. History records no greater accomplishment than that of this country in this emergency. President Wilson appears to represent the very embodiment of achievement. But his success in mobilizing the military and industrial forces of the country is ascribable largely to the fact that he had the support of a friendly Congress. It is not true that the Republicans in Congress gave him cordial and honest support. They hampered and backeyed him at every step and finally voted for measures because they hadn't the strength to defeat them or the moral courage to vote their convictions in opposition. If the Republican party had had a majority in Congress every measure favored by the President which had such splendid results would have been defeated. Even war measures including the conscription and revenue bill would have been defeated. If the voters of Pennsylvania desire to support President Wilson in his magnificent war work, they will support Democratic candidates for all offices this year. President Wilson is the official head of the Democratic party. Not in a strictly partisan sense but because of all around sympathy in his purposes, he needs Democrats in official life to encourage him, to hear him, to sustain him. His work is prodigious, exhausting, enfeebling. He wants the kind help of friends who think as he thinks and are interested in the ideas and thoughts that appeal to him. Republicans will not and cannot give him that service. Grant that they are patriotic in their partisan way, they are against the President. The pretense of Republican managers that they favor the President and ask endorsement on that account is false and fraudulent. If they favored the President they would not oppose the candidates of his party. During the Civil war the voters were appealed to to elect Republicans in order to prove fidelity to Lincoln and party lines were almost obliterated. During the Spanish war voters were told that unless Congress was in sympathy with the President ruin was inevitable. But now for partisan reasons these same political leaders ask that political enemies of the President be elected in order that they may the more effectually support him in his war work. President Wilson is the voice of the Allies on all questions concerning the war. He is by common consent the mouthpiece of civilization in matters relating to the war. The defeat of his party at the coming election will be equivalent to a public declaration that the people of the United States are not behind him in his work and war policies. Such an impression will have the double effect of discouraging our Allies and encouraging our enemies. It will strengthen the Hun morale and prolong the war for months and maybe for years. It will cost thousands of American lives and millions of treasure. Are the people of Pennsylvania ready for this? If not they will vote for Democratic candidates. -Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National committee has abdicated, according to Washington dispatches, in favor of Homer Cummins. That ought to be a tip to the Kaiser. Autocrats, whether political or military, are not of public favor. -The women of America are proving that they deserve all the privileges that men enjoy and that is a sure way to acquire them.

Will You Support the President?

The voters of this congressional district have supported the President nobly in providing funds with which the government can prosecute the war, but the time has come when they can do their country and their President another great service. While peace is not immediately at hand already its dawn is beginning to break on the horizon of a troubled world and the wonderful diplomacy of Woodrow Wilson is going to have its severest test when he comes to the enunciation of the exact terms which will fulfill all our ideals of a world democracy. Then he will need every friendly vote he can muster in Congress, for then his opponents will strive hardest to harass him and steal from him, if possible, all the glory of triumph that he has achieved in six years of devoted and unceasing labor for the welfare of the people of the United States. The time is fast approaching when the most trying moments of our great President's career will be upon him and it lies with the voters of the country to say whether the way will be made easier or harder for him. If he has a Democratic Congress it will be easier, for the reason that he is the leader of the Democratic party and can direct its representatives. If he has a Republican Congress he will have the advantage of no such leadership and will be obstructed at every turn. The Twenty-first district can help President Wilson by electing William E. Tobias, of Clearfield, as its representative in Congress. It owes it to the President to do this. The "Watchman" has already published the biography of Mr. Tobias so that its readers know just who he is and how fit he is. There is no need of comparisons, for we all know that Mr. Tobias is at least quite as capable as were Barclay, Patton, Dresser or Rowland. He is an intellectual man, with constructive governmental ideas and the ability to present them forcibly. He is on the President's side and the President needs him in Congress. Will you support the President on November 5th by voting for Tobias or will you refuse your support when he needs it most? Why You Should Vote for Tobias for Congress. We want all of the "Watchman" readers to ponder over the following editorial taken from the New York World. It was published in that journal under the caption "Why a Republican Congress?" It is such an unanswerable argument in favor of a Democratic Congress at this time that we re-publish it with the hope that it will convince our readers in the Twenty-first Congressional district that they can do their country a great service in November by voting for William E. Tobias. "When the Republican leaders demand the election of a Republican Congress in November, the burden of proof is upon them. Precisely in what way will the election of a Republican Congress hasten the winning of the war? In what way will it insure a more satisfactory peace? What will be the effect abroad? Good or bad? How will Germany construe it? Will it be easier or harder for the President to work harmoniously with a Republican Congress than with a Democratic Congress, and in what respect will it influence the conduct of the war? These are questions which the Republican leaders are doubtless prepared to answer, for unless they answer them they convict themselves of false pretenses. Most patriotic Americans would agree that if there are sound reasons in public policy for the election of a Republican Congress in the midst of the war, a Republican Congress ought to be elected. But naturally they desire to know what the reasons are. Twenty years ago, when there was a Republican administration in power, and the United States was at war, the Republican leaders had positive and definite opinions as to the evil that would necessarily result from a Republican defeat in the Congressional elections and the choice of a Democratic Congress. Theodore Roosevelt, then candidate for Governor of New York, expressed the issue in this fashion: Remember that whether you will or not your vote this year will be viewed by the Nations of Europe from one standpoint only. They will draw no fine distinctions. A refusal to sustain the President this year will, in their eyes, be read as a refusal to sustain the war and to sustain the efforts of our peace commission to secure the fruits of war. Benjamin Harrison, former President of the United States, was even more emphatic: If the word goes forth that the people of the United States are standing solidly behind the President, the task of the peace commissioners will be easy, but if there is a break in the ranks-if the Democrats score a telling victory, if Democratic Congressmen, Senators, and Governors are elected-Spain will see in it a gleam of hope, she will take fresh hope and a renewal of hostilities, more war may be necessary to secure to us what we have already won. If these arguments were valid in 1898, they must be a thousand times valid in 1918 when the fate of the world rests upon the United States and its government. Neither Mr. Harrison nor Mr. Roosevelt in 1898 raised any question as to the patriotism of a Democratic Congress. This was not the issue. It is not an issue now. What they were concerned about was the effect in Europe of a repudiation at the polls of the McKinley administration-for that is what the election of a Democratic Congress in 1898 would have meant just as the election of a Republican Congress in 1918 will be interpreted as a repudiation of the Wilson administration. Will that help or hinder a victori-

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 34TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Gentlemen: It is an old-time fundamental doctrine of our government that "The Rights of the People are Safe with the People," and in view of the serious and exacting times and conditions which try men's souls and which are placed upon all the people by this terrible war with its awful toll of patriotic death from battle and disease all from the Kaiser's inhuman instincts and treacherous impulses and which are robbing our homes of loved ones-the flower of our American manhood, it would seem that the minds of the people are not in a receptive mood for politics and they do not welcome the intrusion of candidates for offices who may or may not be selfish in their ambitions. It would seem that there never was an election held in this country when the old-time idea that the "office should seek the man" was so likely to be literally and practically exemplified as at the coming election on November 5th. Considering these facts as well as the added fact that a service star shining from the Public Spirit office window, representing my son-in-law and business assistant now at the front in France, the writer, who is a candidate for Senator in the General Assembly, finds it absolutely impossible to make a personal canvass of the district and for the reason too that editing a daily and weekly newspaper keeps my nose to the grindstone as it was never kept there before and aside from the facts of my inability to get away for want of help and the misfortune whereby the Public Spirit plant was totally destroyed by fire and the war extortions in materials following so closely upon that hard-luck fire disaster as one calamity follows another. I confess that aside from loss of time I could not very well afford to bear the expense of a thorough house to house visit over the two largest counties in Pennsylvania, comprising the 34th Senatorial District, either of which contain more square miles of territory than the State of Rhode Island. I feel, however, in this connection that I am pretty generally acquainted over the district and indeed I hope favorably so and should the voters think that I am worthy of election and I am elected by their gracious votes, I will take pride in trying honestly and conscientiously to represent the best interests of all the people of the 34th Senatorial District. I should like to have the voters know the patriotic spirit and devotion regardless of party. Having been editor of the same newspapers widely circulated and frequently quoted by neighboring exchanges ever since August 4, 1890, I should like to have the voters know the principles upon which I stand and I trust have confidence and faith in my integrity and loyalty to these principles and the people and besides having served six years as County Superintendent of schools of Clearfield county with my best endeavor I should like to have the voters know the Legislative needs of the 34th district and I am certain that I shall make diligent effort to learn and then with proper intelligence act accordingly for the best interests of my constituency. I do not feel, to speak candidly and modestly to the point, that I have some claims upon the people at this time although I had never expected to be placed in the position of asking consideration of said claims but having been unanimously nominated for State Senator by both Centre and Clearfield counties, unsolicited, I feel that I owe it to the citizens who thus favored and honored me to make every honorable effort to secure election and for that reason I recall here a bit of political history which in Clearfield and Centre counties should be of some importance and have due weight in my favor at this time. It will be remembered by the voters in the older class that twenty-four years ago I had the nomination without opposition in Clearfield county for State Senator and P. Gray Meek, now the retired, venerable, aged editor, was the nominee of Centre county. Previous to that, some years, P. Gray Meek had served in the Pennsylvania Legislature and while there he secured the passage of two splendid special laws for the laboring classes which are still in force in Centre county. One of these laws requires the railroad company to pay for a poor man's or farmer's, or any man's cow if killed on the tracks and the facts are proven by affidavits; requires the railroads to fence their "rights of way." No other county in Pennsylvania has such laws. Centre is the only county in the State having them. Before the District conference met to nominate a Senator that year the farmers, railroad men, and especially the miners of Clearfield and Centre counties called conventions in the populous mining centers and sent delegates, a very few only of whom are living now, to the Tyrone Senatorial conference at the Ward house to ask the writer (Matt Savage) to turn his three conferees over to P. Gray Meek and nominate him on the ground that labor without distinction desired to reward Mr. Meek by their votes at the general election for his faithfulness to their interests in securing the poor man's cow law, and the other law also, referred to before. It is well known that I yielded to the wishes of the miners, farmers and railroad men at that time and that I did turn my conferees over to P. Gray Meek as (Continued on page 4, column 6).

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-After serving for thirty-six years as waitress in the leading hotel in Warren, Miss Lottie Downs has resigned. She began in 1882 and most of the time since had been head waitress. -New machinery for the Marietta Silk Manufacturing company, formed several weeks ago, is being installed, and work will begin in a few weeks. The incorporators are Frederick W. Schaub, who will be superintendent; John Peck and John A. Shilow. -A cow being killed by lightning in October was the unusual experience of a Crawford county farmer a few days ago. The old saw that "lightning in the fall means good weather" proved true in this case, for the weather was fine during the following week. -C. V. Johnson, of Woolrich, who has been postmaster of the town for several years, has been succeeded in the position by his wife, who surpassed her husband and other applicants in a recent examination for the job, conducted by the post-office department. -A Youngsville, Warren county, woman became 88 years old the other day and she celebrated it by inviting a five other aged women of the town. All were past the four-score mark and the oldest was 96. After dinner they knitted several hours for the Red Cross. -A. W. Spencer, of Wellsboro, citizen of the first class and entitled to credit, says he is enjoying October red raspberries from the bushes in his garden. Not a mere measly dish or two, but "quarts." To be precise, ten quarts, which are of size and quality, are fully up to mid-summer standard. -John W. Carroll, of Altoona, acting captain of the Pennsy middle division police for the last year, has been named captain of police, succeeding the late G. Chal Port, of Huntingdon. Captain Carroll held the rank of lieutenant in the department for a number of years. He is a native of Altoona. -In Bradford a swindle is being worked by a stranger, who says he is soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of sending Christmas packages to the soldiers and sailors. He obtained a considerable sum of money before the story reached the ears of the police officers, and by that time he was gone. -Most of the teachers' institutes of Pennsylvania scheduled for October have been cancelled and the sessions of some fixed for next month are uncertain. The drastic steps taken by the State authorities to curb the epidemic have necessitated extensive changes in educational programs in every county. -The Wyoming Valley Water Supply company cannot secure men to run its pumping plant at Mount Pleasant since Peter Rovetta was killed, when he fell into the gears. The regular staff say they are afraid of Rovetta's ghost and declare they will quit sooner than work there. A new force must be recruited. -Howard E. Butz, of Huntingdon, has been appointed State Fire Marshal by Governor Brumbaugh to succeed the late G. Chal Port. The appointment was stated by the Governor's office to have been purely personal one. Butz was a boyhood friend of the Governor and also of the man whom he succeeds. He will qualify within a few days. -Meyer Bricker, of Easton, sent a check for \$50 as a reward to officer Robert Payton, of Elliptical, N. J., because the latter recovered his automobile, stolen October 12th, but the check was sent back with a request that a new one be drawn to the credit of Payton's widow, the officer having been shot while making an arrest on the day the check was mailed. -Private Frank Buck, of Norristown, Pa., a conscientious objector, who had refused to do farm work, or to put on a uniform to serve in the utilities detachment of the quartermaster's corps, was sentenced by court-martial at Camp Meade, to twenty-five years at hard labor. The reviewing board reduced the sentence to fifteen years and dishonorable discharge. -Because Conshohocken "is a dead place and a hell of a place to live in" was the chief reason ascribed by Mrs. Almira W. Wright as her reason for leaving her husband, George Wright, according to Wright's testimony. The Montgomery county court on Saturday granted him a divorce on the grounds of desertion. The Wrights were married nine years ago. -Troubles never come singly, as was demonstrated last week in the home of W. A. Wilt, of Salona. As Wilt and a son were driving to work one morning their buggy was struck by an automobile. Both father and son were severely injured. On the following day a message came to the home from the War Department announcing that another son, wagoner Howard B. Wilt, had been killed in action on the western front in September. -Compensation of \$10 for the officiating clergyman, \$5 for the sexton who tolls the bell, \$3 each for the pall-bearers and \$1.50 for each of the helpers and hostlers at the funeral, is provided in the will of Edwin F. Gorman, a farmer of Heidelberg township, Lehigh county, just probated. The will further provides that should any of the daughters contest the document, the executor shall deduct \$1000 from her share as a penalty. -Receiving only sixty cents weekly for an injury to his right hand, while working for the Bloomsburg Brick company, at Bloomsburg, October 4, 1916, Robert Leech, of Reynoldsville, Pa., has filed a claim for additional compensation with Referee Snyder, of Altoona. He sets forth he has lost the use of his hand and asks the rate allowed for the loss of a hand. The sixty cents represents the difference between his former wage and present earnings. -Forty-nine bags of peach stones and other pits weighing almost four and one-half tons, is the contribution of Lebanon to the peach stone campaign. The shipment was sent under the direction of H. J. Shenk, of Lebanon, to the Harrisburg collection center to be forwarded for use in making gas helmets. It was announced by J. W. Bowman, chairman of the campaign. It is anticipated by Chairman Shenk, of Lebanon, that more shipments will be forthcoming. -Elmer Bixler, the tall pivotman of the Reading Olivet basketball quintet, created a sensation at a physical examination of draftees in that city. Bixler, when examined by Dr. Frank G. Runyon, showed a chest expansion of eight inches, the highest mark attained by any person in the Keystone State. The normal expansion mark for a chest is three inches. As a member of the Olivet boys club, Bixler has represented the Blue and White in basketball, baseball and track, and is regarded as a physical marvel.