

INK SLINGS.

—Harry Meyer should be Prothonotary.

—Vote for Frank Smith for Register. He is all that could be desired for an efficient, courteous official.

—Don't vote for a man to spend the county's money who doesn't have to pay a cent himself because he has no property to be taxed.

—Don't forget to turn your clock back an hour on Saturday night or you will get to church an hour too soon on Sunday morning.

—Centre county should think long and hard before it puts a man into the Commissioner's office who doesn't own an inch of real estate.

—Let Roy Wilkinson talk to you long enough and you'll soon discover why we think Harry Meyer would make the better man in the Prothonotary's office.

—If Harry Austin is elected County Commissioner he will be in a position to tax your property without having to be taxed himself, for he doesn't own anything to tax.

—Harry P. Austin, who wants to be County Commissioner and have a voice in taxing your property and spending your money doesn't own an inch of property himself.

—Third term candidates never were popular in Centre county. It remains to be seen what will happen to Recorder Bill Brown's attempt to grab another four years in the court house.

—James E. Harter should be our county Treasurer. He is the ideal man for the place, besides he was not given the nomination at the sacrifice of another man who had been promised the place by his party managers.

—A County Commissioner who doesn't own an inch of property himself wouldn't be a very hopeful officer for men who have to pay the taxes on farms and town houses. Austin doesn't own a square foot of reality.

—The people who own property in Centre county are the ones who should be most careful about who our County Commissioners are to be. Austin owns no property and he could vote to spend all the money the schemers want without having to pay any of it himself.

—D. Wagner Geiss won't be asking for three terms in the Recorder's office. All he wants now is one and if at the end of that one his record merits a re-election of course he would enjoy having a second term. But a third one? Oh no, Wagner doesn't want to get his front feet in the trough.

—Vote for Stover and Condo for Auditors. It will be wise to have Auditors in office who are not under the influence of the gang because they check up on what the Commissioners have done and should it happen that the right Commissioners fall of election the right Auditors in office will be very useful officials.

—Strange that the Gazette last week devoted an entire page to telling you all the things that you didn't want to know about its candidates and scarcely a line about the things you ought to know. A man is usually measured by what he is and what he has done and the Gazette had a reason for dealing in generalities rather than facts.

—It is being whispered around that Republican county chairman Davy Chambers—and some others in the inside, among them District Attorney Furst, is very anxious to get Roy Wilkinson into the Prothonotary's office. They need a handy-man in Bellefonte and as Roy is schooled in the Philadelphia way of doing things he is to be elected at all costs. You know Davy is the boss little naturalizer for Snow Shoe township and a Prothonotary like Wilkinson would be very useful.

—Rarely has a combination of such men of sterling character and ability been presented on any ticket as are the men whom the Democrats of Centre county have given their sanction to run for office this fall. Readers of the papers must be impressed with the sound type of Christian citizenship they represent. Practically all of them are active and official members of a church and have been for many years and none of them can be regarded as politicians. Really it is unusual and in the long and intimate acquaintance we have had with political contests in the county we don't recall its parallel in either party.

—There is something big in the wind. We have not been able to fit the fragments of tips we have gotten into a complete story of what the gang is trying to put over, but by next week we will have run out a few more clues and then may be able to give you the real story of why the Republican triumvirate of Centre county is sacrificing everything else to get the Sheriff's, the Commissioners', the District Attorney's, the Prothonotary's, the Treasurers' and the Auditors' office. They don't care a hang about the Recorder and the Register. They are not needed in the big scheme. The other offices work into one another so neatly that all of them are necessary, and especially the Commissioners and Auditors. Look well before you leap, Mr. Voter. Honest old Isaac Miller, Ralph Hartscock, Howard Miles, John Way, John Dale, George Houck and Milton Johnson weren't cut by the bosses like they were for nothing. Big schemes take big money and big money is only raised by big taxes and you—well, all you have to do is pay the taxes.

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A Plain Talk About Capt. "Dick" Taylor.

## Over the Top for Taylor, Too.

Centre county made an enviable record for going over the top during the war.

Every movement in support of the government was carried through with an enthusiasm and success limited only by the ability of our people to give and to do.

For the first Liberty Loan we went over the top and gave Uncle Sam \$542,150.00 with which to buy guns and ammunition for the boys responding to his call.

For the second Liberty Loan we went over the top again when we gave him \$1,026,300.00 to buy more guns and ammunition for the grand army of young patriots who were following the first contingent to the training camps.

For the third Liberty Loan we were over the top again when we gave \$1,524,028.04 to buy more equipment for a million or more boys who had reported to the call.

It was over the top again on the fourth Liberty Loan for we gave the colossal sum of \$2,112,450.00 to help Uncle Sam get his army over seas and feed and fit it.

And then came the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross and the United War Work drives. In all of these we went proudly over the top. For the Y. we gave \$5,720.00, for the Red Cross \$30,000.00 and for the United War Work \$57,820.73. All of this money was used in binding the wounds, providing resting places and furnishing little extras to fagged and shattered soldier boys.

Then when the armistice was signed the boys had to be brought home and many bills were to be paid. Uncle Sam called on us for a Victory Loan and over the top we went with a contribution of \$1,657,850.00.

Think of it! A total of \$6,956,013.77, or nearly six times the total assessed value of all the property in the county seat. It is a record to be proud of. Never once faltering in duty the good people of Centre county buckled on the armor of determination and went over the top.

But with all this glory and achievement we must remember that not one cent went directly to any of the eighteen hundred young heroes who went out from here to fight. True, they received wages, but what a paltry sum when compared with what men were earning at home while the boys were away. They were not thinking of money. All they wanted was equipment with which to drive the Hun back across the Rhine and medicine and bandages to bind their bleeding wounds. We gave Uncle Sam the funds to provide these things but we gave the boys nothing. They asked for nothing but the chance to bare their breasts to the enemy.

Most of them are home now. Some never will come back and one of them is modestly asking the people of Centre county to make him their sheriff. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to deny this man who twice stood up "against the wall" while in a German prison camp and looking into the merciless muzzles of the Hun executioners stolidly refused to divulge information that he possessed and that would have put the lives of legions of his comrades in peril?

Are you going to forget this fearless soldier who has gone out to fight our battles every time our country has needed him since he was old enough to carry a gun?

Are you going to show the eighteen hundred and more boys who are on old Centre's Roll of Honor that all our cheering, all our giving meant nothing more than a passing incident; that we have no deep, abiding sense of gratitude for the sacrifices they made for us.

No, No! Centre county is not made of that yellow stuff.

She is red-blooded to the core and is going to show the soldiers she can do something for them by going over the top for "Dick" Taylor, too.

## The "Republican" is Kidding Itself.

The Bellefonte Republican is having a lot of fun "kidding" itself. And it thinks it is kidding the old line Democrats of Centre county in opposition to Capt. "Dick" Taylor by telling them that through his election as Sheriff they will be wiped out of the party entirely. Go to it, Charley, as long and as strong as you like. But let us put you wise to one thing. The "old line Democrats" of Centre county might occasionally get their ears to the ground and begin to dig up tomahawks but never for a soldier like Capt. "Dick" Taylor.

No matter who brought him out, no matter what he might do when elected the "old line Democrats" are not thinking such little thoughts. They are of one mind with thousands of other broad-thinking voters in Centre county who believe that Capt. "Dick" Taylor has done something too big to be weighed in the partisan or factional political balance and they are going to vote for him not because he is a Democrat or a Republican; not because he is a brother of Col. Hugh S. Taylor, not because he was brought out by "Zerby & Co." as you say. But because he is just what he is: A hard worker all his life, too busy earning a living to even know the game of politics, but not too busy to voluntarily give five of the best years of his life to his country, and yet so modest that as he goes about campaigning it has to be dragged out of him that he is the very same Capt. "Dick" Taylor who suffered in a German prison for all of us.

You should worry. Don't you know that Toner Hugg is responsible for that district and what he says goes down there. He'll straighten that out, all right, all right.

### BILL BROWN'S SOLILOQUY.

I've had eight years now  
And I want four more  
Before I leave the court house door.  
I don't give a d—for the two-term rule  
As long as an office is in the wood  
I'm goin' to git mine while the gittin's good.

One thing may be depended upon. Those Senators who are now delaying the progress of civilization by holding up the ratification of the peace treaty will not bother the public much after their present terms of office expire.

The railroads will be restored to their owners on January 1st but it is not certain that the owners will know what to do with them.

If the League of Nations is not established soon some of the expected members will be exterminated before they get in.

### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Medical officers have been sent by the State Department of Health to aid in the fight against spread of diphtheria in the Shamokin, Mt. Carmel and Monessen districts, where large supplies of anti-toxin have been sent.

—Last week Samuel Shilling, the well-known merchant whose store is located at the Blacklick, near Nicktown, Cambria county, disappeared, having with him some \$1,500 in money, and it is feared he met with foul play, as his pocketbook was found along the road later and contained only a few cents.

—Peddlers of "wildcat" stocks of foreign and domestic issues are actually exchanging them in Lancaster county on woodlands, strawberries, eggs and antique furniture. Up to this time they have not taken any canned fruit, preserves or carmine rags in exchange, but they doubtless will before the winter is over.

—Arrangements have been made for enlarging the plant of the Selinsgrove Hosiery company, which is enjoying unusual prosperity. The company has gained quite a reputation for the excellence of its product and has been urged by its customers to turn its efforts toward a higher grade stock and help supply the growing demand for silk hosiery.

—Until a few days ago bogus naturalization papers could be purchased in Indiana, Pa., from "Jim" Colangelo, a prosperous looking Italian, for \$35 cash, according to sworn statements made by two of his countrymen who claim to have bought papers bearing red seals and stating that they had become full-fledged citizens of the United States.

—A blue-eyed baby boy is in the Westmoreland hospital ready for adoption by some kind hearted persons. Friday afternoon the janitor of the First Reformed church discovered the baby in a box that he had noticed the previous day in the yard at the rear of the church. The baby apparently was happy notwithstanding its evidently long exposure and lack of food.

—Cornelius Hershberger, aged 59 years, of Dale, Johnstown, was badly burned about the face, arms, hands and back Friday morning, when a two-story frame garage and storeroom was badly damaged by fire. It is said that Mr. Hershberger had gone to the garage to get some gasoline and struck a match when about ten feet away from the gasoline tank, causing an explosion.

—It developed at a hearing before Alderman Neil Breslin, of Hazleton, last week, in a case against a local merchant that D. Kramer, of Slatington, makes an average of \$18,000 a year killing rats. Kramer sued for his fee against a Hazleton business man whose premises he claims to have cleared of the rodents through the use of a preparation he employs. He was awarded judgment.

—Burglars some time Sunday night broke into the general office of the Harbinson-Walker Refractories company, at Woodland, and dynamited the large safe by drilling into the combination box and blowing it off. They gained an entrance and rifled the safe of its contents, but did not secure a very large haul, as there is very little money kept in the vault, seldom more than \$50. They got into the office by forcing up a window.

—Under an opinion handed down by Judge Porter, of the Superior court, Alie Hammond, of Spangler, who has several aliases, and who was convicted of jail breaking from the western penitentiary, while he was serving a sentence imposed by the Somerset county court for his plea of guilty to a charge of false pretences, will have to remain in jail until he completes the sentence for the jail breaking offense imposed by Judge Quigley, of the Centre county court.

—Seventeen Williamsport ministers have volunteered to spread the gospel of "good health" throughout Lycoming county. These preachers will spend several days a week in visiting rural and borough schools to talk to the pupils about hygiene and the importance of safeguarding their health. Through their co-operation the campaign in charge of the county Anti-Tuberculosis Society, can be extended to reach every school child and nearly every family in Lycoming county.

—Less than five hours after he was arrested in Philadelphia and charged with the embezzlement of \$20,949 from the Mount Carmel Iron works, George E. Feast, general manager of the company, shot and killed himself in a Reading railway train Saturday evening while being taken back to Mount Carmel by a constable. Feast shot himself while the train was passing through Tamaqua. At a hearing before a magistrate in Philadelphia he pleaded not guilty to the charges, and was held under \$5,000 bail.

—Acting upon the charges of local women that they had been "hypnotized" by gipsy women and their homes looted of jewelry, draperies and rugs, Shamokin police made a raid upon a gipsy camp on the outskirts of that town and found two automobile loads of plunder in wagons and in tents. Four members of the camp, three women and a man, were arrested and sent to jail. The complainants charged that the women entered their homes, "hypnotized" them and that while they were under the spell of the women, others of the party carried away all valuables in sight.

—Two more daring thefts from Eldred township, Lycoming county, farms have just been reported. Less than a week ago a cow was butchered in a field and the carcass carried away. Now Oscar B. Reeser reports that two hogs, weighing between sixty and seventy-five pounds each, have been stolen from a barn on his farm. Thomas Eck, who resides near Warrensville, reports that he loaded a large wagon with produce to take to the Williamsport market and left it in a shed until morning. When he went to the wagon before daylight in order to get to market early he found thieves had been ahead of him and had not left a thing except the wagon.

—According to the story told at the inquest Tony Ferando left his barber shop at Jerome, Cambria county, on Saturday evening telling some people there that if he was not back in an hour he would be dead, as he was going to kill some one or be killed himself. Walking to the Joseph Perry home, he entered the kitchen and met Nicholas Deopolo, with whom he had trouble some weeks ago. Two shots rang out and Ferando fell dead with bullet holes in his head. Deopolo made his escape and although sought all day by state constables, no trace of the man has been found. And while he probably will continue his battle for liberty by eluding the officers, no charge hangs over his head.

—The depth of infamy is not yet reached by the Senators in Washington. We are patiently waiting for an investigation of the Red Cross activities in France.

—Fourteen steamship lines established in Philadelphia within a year are fourteen reasons why Philadelphia should change its policies.