

INK SLINGS.

The Hon. Ives Harvey's "battle song for next Tuesday will be "The Camels are Coming."

Don't fail to attend the primaries next Tuesday and vote your choice for all offices to be filled.

Next Tuesday our Republican friends will have to decide whether it will be the Hon. Ives Harvey or Tom Beaver that Nagney will have to "lay out" in November.

The Republicans of Centre county will surely vote to send Major Theodore Davis Boal to Chicago as one of their National delegates.

Few Republicans in Centre county know or ever heard of Augustus H. Gaffney. They all know personally, or have heard of the splendid characteristics of Major Theodore Davis Boal and surely they are not going to vote to send Gaffney, whom they don't know, to Chicago as their National delegate when Major Boal, whom they do know, aspires to represent them there.

The Republican machine is bending every effort to nominate Sylvester Sadler for Supreme court justice. There is a reason! If there were no other reason than that everybody opposed to machine domination of our courts should vote to place Judge Kunkel on the Supreme court bench. He is a Republican, too, but the machine is against him because he was the judge who gave the state capitol plunderers the just punishment they deserved.

The Hon. Harry B. Scott and Theodore Davis Boal would be a good ticket for Centre county Republicans to vote, but a lot of Harvey's friends won't vote the Scott end of it because they blame the Hon. Harry for bringing Tom Beaver out to put a crimp in their pet little blue-ribboner. Just what Prohibition has to do with the fight we can't see for William Jennings Bryan, the man who has done more for that cause than any other living soul, says: "It is a settled question."

Market reports this week have shown a very decided fall in the price of raw silk. In fact it dropped from \$18 to \$10.40 a pound, and we are anxiously watching the front pages of the metropolitan papers to see if Attorney General Mitch Palmer will claim credit for this reduction in the high cost of living. But we can't eat silk, even if it is raw, so that this fall in price does not interest us nearly as much as if the props were knocked from under the cost of a slab of bacon, a bushel of potatoes or a sack of flour.

In his advertisements soliciting support of his candidacy for district delegate to the Republican National convention Melville Gillett, of Smethport, promises to vote for Governor Sproul first and General Wood as second choice for President. Now, as it happens, Mr. Gillett promises on the ballot, that will be handed Republicans next Tuesday, that he will vote for the man whom the majority of the voters of the district express a preference for. What's worrying us now is what is Mr. Gillett going to do if the voters express a preference for some one other than either Sproul or Wood.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have an opportunity to name the next Justice of the Supreme court. If we all vote for Judge Kunkel at the primary next Tuesday, our votes combined with those that he will receive from Republican admirers, will give him fifty-one per cent. of the total vote polled and thus make him the nominee without opposition. While both of the aspirants for this office are Republicans we Democrats should concentrate on Judge Kunkel if for no other reason than that the Republican machine is concentrated against it. It is almost always the wise thing, for the good of Pennsylvania, to be against anything the Republican machine is for.

Democrats! Remember that when you go to the primaries next Tuesday you do not have to vote for any name that happens to be printed on the ballot that will be given you. If you wish to register a protest against the organization that is in control of our party in the State and do not care to vote for the opposition ticket headed by Judge Eugene Bonniwell you can write in other names in the blank spaces provided for that purpose or refrain from voting at all. Either way you would be recording a protest and the "Watchman" believes that if the Democratic party is to survive in Pennsylvania as a militant one some action to revive it must be taken mighty soon.

If you happened to receive one of those letters that W. Harrison Walker has sent out to friends over the county advising them to vote for Sadler for Supreme court justice, look at it this way: Mr. Walker doubtless has very personal reasons for advocating the selection of the man for this high office whom the Republican machine in the State wants to put over on it. I am a friend of Mr. Walker and if he were a candidate I would be for him. But I am a friend of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Democratic party also and I can't see why I should vote to help the Republican state machine put a man on the Supreme court bench merely because my friend Walker happened to go to school while with his brother.

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Importance of the Primary Election.

The very important office of Justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania for a term of twenty-one years will be filled at the primary election next Tuesday. There are but two candidates in the field and the one who receives a majority of the votes will be the only one on the ballot in November. The candidates are Judge George Kunkel, of Dauphin county, and Sylvester B. Sadler, of Cumberland county. Both are Republicans but Sadler is the candidate of the Republican machine and Kunkel is the candidate of the people. Sadler is a favorite of the corporations and Kunkel ought to be in popular favor. Sadler has had four years experience on the bench and Kunkel has served sixteen years in the most important court.

At the primary election on Tuesday all so-called party officers will be chosen. This list embraces the members of the National committee, members of the State committee, members of the county committees and all party offices from top to bottom. On one hand the organization that has reduced the party to the proportions of a shadow, now under the immediate control and direction of Charlie Donnelly and Billy Brennan, have a slate headed by Joseph Guffey, of Pittsburgh, as the candidate for the National committee and the element which has been laboring assiduously to rebuild the party and restore it to respectability presents Judge Bonniwell for the National committee. The issues between them will be decided at the primary election on Tuesday.

For these reasons the primary election in Pennsylvania, this year, is of paramount importance. The delegates to the National convention, the men who will choose the candidate of the party for President will be finally determined at this primary which gives it additional significance and we hope a full party vote will be polled. With at least eighty per cent. of the Democratic voters opposed to Mitchell Palmer as a candidate for President it would be a burning shame to send a delegation to the San Francisco convention that he could trade and traffic with any candidate who might be willing to deal, for future favors. Go to the polls on Tuesday and register a protest against such commercialism.

Postmasters in some parts of this State are asking voters to support Palmer delegates to the National convention in order to promote the nomination of McAdoo. This sort of false pretense ought to get some body into the police courts.

Write in the Name of Your Favorite.

The suggestion of the anti-Palmer State organization that the name of William G. McAdoo be written into the primary ballot next Tuesday is both wise and timely. The friends of Mr. Palmer had his name printed on the ballot in the expectation that no other candidate would be voted for and he would thus be made to appear as the unanimous choice of the Democrats of the State for President. None of the other men talked of for the nomination would permit his name to be used and under the law personal assent is necessary. But any elector may write the name of any man into the ballot and election boards are obliged to make record and return of all votes cast.

We hope every Democrat in Centre county will go to the polls next Tuesday and write the name of the man he prefers for the nomination in his ballot. Our own preference is Mr. McAdoo, for the reason that he is best equipped mentally and physically for the office and because he is the most available. His great service to the country as Secretary of the Treasury from March, 1913, until after the armistice was declared will serve as a monument of his ability and patriotism for all time and his masterful management of the railroads during the crucial period of the war are equally potential arguments in his favor. But there are other fit men and each voter has an absolute right to his choice.

The printing of Mr. Palmer's name on the ballot under existing circumstances was probably the thought of Charles P. Donnelly, of Philadelphia, or William J. Brennan, of Pittsburgh, both adepts in political chicanery and party trickery. A few years ago these party rascals were roundly condemned by Vance McCormick and Mitchell Palmer but now they are trusted leaders and confidential advisers in a campaign of hypocrisy and deceit. Writing the name of William G. McAdoo or any other name in the primary ballot on Tuesday will be a fitting rebuke to these conspirators and every fair minded Democrat in the State should take it upon himself to do his share in the matter.

Washington drinkers are drawing their supplies from Pennsylvania, according to newspaper statements.

Duty of the Democratic Convention.

There can hardly be two opinions concerning the duty of the next Democratic National convention with respect to the Versailles peace treaty. It was adopted in good faith by a Congress made up of the ablest statesmen of the civilized world and based upon suggestions made by the President of the United States which had been formally approved by Congress. It clearly expresses the purpose for which this country engaged in the world war and sanctifies the sacrifices of life and treasure made in pursuance of that exalted purpose. It has been promptly and cordially ratified by all our associates in that war and failed of ratification in this country for purely partisan reasons.

In reply to an inquiry on the subject President Wilson said the other day the war was fought "not for the advantage of any single nation or group of nations, but for the salvation of all." That was the thought that influenced four millions of our bravest and best men to bear their breasts to the bullets of the enemy and one hundred thousand to lay down their lives on the line of battle. The fulfillment of that great purpose can only be achieved by such a League of Nations as the Versailles treaty proposed to create. But because Senator Knox believes it is too severe on Germany and Senator Lodge imagines he has an enmity against President Wilson, the treaty has not been ratified.

The San Francisco convention can do nothing else than publicly declare that this failure was a crime against civilization. In was an encouragement to Germany to renew the atrocious attempt to conquer the world and force universal obedience to the mandates of an autocracy buttressed with bayonets. It was an invitation to Turkey to renew her murderous outrages in Armenia and a proclamation to the Soviet butchers of Russia to continue the slaughter of the helpless. It is our duty to condemn that partisan rancour which would sacrifice honor and every humanitarian impulse to political advantage. Of course the Democratic National convention will do this. Anything else would be recreancy.

And to think that such a little thing as a German sympathizer could take all the wind out of the Sproul Presidential sails. But Penrose, like Joey Bagstock, is "sly, devilish sly."

Price Ratios and Policies.

The American Cotton Association at a session held in Montgomery, Alabama, recently, decided to advance the price of cotton from forty-five to sixty cents a pound because "the present price is out of ratio to the manufactured product." Some months ago when refined sugar was selling everywhere at eleven cents a pound, an order was issued fixing the price of the raw produce at about that rate forcing dealers in the refined goods to increase the price in order to preserve the ratio. Thus prices go kiting toward the clouds because of the ratio and the public suffers on account of the profiteers who fix the ratio in their own minds.

The Southern States have a practical monopoly in the production of both sugar and cotton and are almost equally potential in controlling delegates in the Democratic National convention. Mitchell Palmer is a candidate, in his mind at least, for the nomination for President and while he doesn't know a great deal about law he is an expert in the art of "roping" delegates. In fixing the price of sugar at a level hardly dreamed of by the Louisiana sugar planters, he won the warm friendship of the thrifty sons of toil who run the banks in New Orleans and by giving the cotton planters of Georgia, Arkansas and Alabama free rein in establishing ratios, he has probably made himself solid in those sections.

But the people of the North who also have a voice in the selection of candidates got none of the advantages of Mr. Palmer's benevolence toward the South. The Attorney General may have reasoned that Northern constituencies are not likely to favor his nomination and therefore may go hang or naked or hungry because the influence of Northern delegates in the convention is vastly out of ratio with those of the South. The votes to elect must come largely from the Southern States and in making nominations that fact is certainly and maybe justly considered. But a nomination obtained by such methods is not likely to be of great value, for the solid South can't elect alone.

If the price of negro delegates to the Republican National convention has increased in the ratio that potatoes have advanced even General Wood's bar! may run short.

Write your Presidential preference into your primary ballot. You will not find it printed there unless you are an office holder.

Penrose Ditches Sproul's Hopes.

If Senator Penrose expected to create a loud noise and tumultuous excitement by pitching Senator Knox's hat into the Presidential ring, he has harvested a large and worthless crop of disappointment. But he has certainly accomplished another result which may have been his main purpose. He has shot a hole as big as a barn door into the Presidential prospects of Governor William C. Sproul. Even the employees on Capitol Hill, according to the Harrisburg correspondents of the Philadelphia papers, have been thrown into a state of confused uncertainty as to their allegiance. They don't know which way to look and hardly dare to speak at all.

There is an old adage that "when the cat's away the mice will play," and it has been completely exemplified in the recent movements of the Republican political machine in Pennsylvania. While Penrose was sick, and very sick at that, Governor Sproul undertook to take liberties with the machinery and the machinists. He took Gifford Pinchot into his official family and laid lines to form a combination with General Leonard Wood, for future offensive and defensive political operations. Naturally Penrose resented the implied unfriendliness of his former party ward but was too weak physically to make protest. Now that he has sufficiently recovered to make a noise he adopted that mild expedient of protesting against Sproul.

Of course the suggestion of Knox failed to strike a responsive chord and Penrose knew it would fail, for whatever else may be said of the senior Senator nobody accuses him of stupidity. Knox's openly declared sympathy with Germany has put him far outside of the pale of possibility as a Presidential candidate and his absurd proposition to make peace by resolution is suggestive of hopeless mental infirmity. But the apparently languorous mention of his name in that connection not only irreparably punctured the Sproul boom but it completely demolished the scheme to make General Wood the second choice of Pennsylvania for the empty honor of a Presidential nomination.

The cutting down of the big shade trees at the Aiken's corner on Bishop street on account of the building of the state highway on that thoroughfare, has occasioned considerable comment. The matter was brought before borough council at a regular meeting last week and as the easiest way out of a peculiar situation council threw the burden of a decision in the matter by referring the question to the Street committee, borough manager and the tree commission. Various conferences were held in which the members of the commission protested vehemently against the removal of the trees, but notwithstanding their united efforts to save them the trees were cut down and removed. There are cases on record where property owners have recovered heavy damages for the arbitrary removal of shade trees that had been planted and nurtured in front of their properties, but whether any action will be taken in this case remains to be seen.

William P. Shope, who has been local editor on the Centre Democrat the past eighteen months, has resigned his position there and this week went to work as local editor of the Bellefonte Republican. He has been succeeded on the Centre Democrat by John Bower, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bower, who is now undergoing his initial training as a news gatherer. May he meet with success in the work he has undertaken to do.

While Wednesday's rain may have interfered with the work of some of the farmers who have been delayed in getting their oats in, it was just what was needed for the oats now in the ground as well as the gardens, as the ground had become pretty well dried out. It will also help some toward putting the corn ground in better shape.

One thing may be set down as certain. The Republican National convention will not "point with pride" to the achievement of the present Congress.

There is nothing more important to the citizens than good government and the way to secure it is by voting for the right men at the primaries.

The great profits of the woolen manufacturers have not turned them from the habit of asking for a tariff tax on wool.

Most of the oats having been in the ground the showers during the early part of this week were most timely.

The overall craze didn't last long or go far. It's absurdity was too palpable to fool any reasoning mind.

Boodle and Demagogism.

From the Philadelphia Record.

According to that very orthodox Republican authority, The New York Sun, Senator Borah has secured information that "Major General Wood's campaign for delegates in Ohio cost something like \$650,000, as compared with approximately \$90,000 spent by the supporters of Senator Harding (Ohio). This expenditure gave Major General Wood nine of the State's 48 delegates," which would make their average cost \$72,222. This seems high even for the Wood bar! but it appears to be kept well filled, for we have the authority of The Sun for saying that "one single check passed in the Ohio campaign for Wood amounted to \$200,000, payable to one individual. There is a record of other large payments, it is said."

This is not an altogether new plan for securing a Republican Presidential nomination, for it will be recalled that the late General Russell Alger, of Michigan, McKinley's Secretary of War, who also cherished Presidential aspirations, made rather a specialty of buying up delegates to national conventions. It has been supposed, however, that in the present sanctified state of the G. O. P. such raw methods had been abandoned, and it is, therefore, saddening to the ordinary person to learn that the high cost of living has made the market price of delegates so altitudinous. Who but a simple old soldier like General Wood could afford to pay \$72,222 for a single delegate to Chicago? It is a relief, therefore, to turn from such crude tactics to the more refined methods of Senator Johnson. "Hi" says he has no well-filled pail, but he has his own way of asking for the support of delegates. Take, for example, his statement in his controversy with Herbert Hoover, that "my opposition has been to Mr. Hoover's English league, which did neither of these things." This use of the word "English," in speaking of the League of Nations, is a direct appeal to the prejudices of all pro-Germans, Sinn Feiners and others who cherish a grievance against the British government. It is an effort to arouse racial antipathies in order to help "Hi" to reach the White House.

Boodle and demagogism! How perfectly characteristic these are of the Republican party of the last half century! No wonder, in view of the records of Wood and Johnson are making, that level-headed Republicans are talking of shelving both in order to secure a candidate who will stand for common decency in politics.

Democrats Nominating Republicans.

From the New York World.

Returns from six-sevenths of California's election precincts show that the combined vote for Johnson and Hoover at the Republican primaries amounted to more than 544,000. This will be increased by many thousands on the full count. In 1916 the total vote for Hughes was 462,516, and in 1918 the Republican vote for Governor was 387,547. Women have voted in California since 1912.

These figures are explained by the law which allows a voter, irrespective of past party affiliations, to participate in any primary that he might select. In this instance the Republican contest was spirited, whereas on the Democratic side it was purely formal. It is evident, therefore, that tens of thousands of Democrats must have voted for Johnson or Hoover, and that the result, while impressive enough as an expression of public opinion, is not necessarily indicative of Republican sentiment.

When the primary system was adopted the intention was to transfer the party government from the bosses to the people, members of each party being supposed to confine themselves to their own political household. In the way it has worked out in most places under laws loosely or crookedly drawn there is nothing to prevent one party from picking the candidates of another. That will bring about a bigger revolt some day than bossism ever did.

May Day and Mr. Palmer.

From the Baltimore Sun.

May day returns from all parts of the country are now in, with the result that it proves to have been one of the quietest in recent history. There were no assassinations, no bombings, no throwings, practically no strikes. In the face of the event, what possible excuse can be offered for the sensational announcement made by Attorney General Palmer on April 29? Whether due to nerves or politics or what not, this exhibition on the part of a high public official was inexcusable. If President Wilson as a result of it were to demand the resignation of Mr. Palmer from the Cabinet, who could say that he was acting unjustly?

Senator Knox's Lack of Humor.

From the Springfield Republican.

A Senator who favored the peace treaty with the reservations could criticize the President for "obstructing peace" with more effect than Senator Knox can. Putting him forward to make an attack of that character was a curious performance. He was one of the dozen Republican Senators who voted against the treaty even with the reservations attached. Mr. Knox has not humor enough, apparently, to enable him to see himself as an obstacle to peace.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

The salaries of forty-three forest rangers in the State have been increased several hundred dollars a year by Gifford Pinchot, commissioner of forestry.

Ice fifteen inches thick, was clinging to the banks of Pine creek, above Ansonia, Tioga county, Pa., on May 1st, according to Paul H. Mulford, the forester in charge of the Stone and Chatham state forests in that county.

Lee Davis, of Millville, and J. H. Packler, of Berwick, jurymen serving at the Columbia county common pleas court, were each fined \$30 by President Judge Harman for failure to answer to their names when called for duty last week.

Seven men were instantly killed as a result of an explosion which occurred in the gelatine mix house of the Aetna Explosives company, at Emporium at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. The exact cause of the accident is not known as all the workmen in the interior and vicinity of the gelatine plant were victims.

Sterling G. McNeese, of Kittanning, an attorney, has been named by Dr. Thomas E. Finagan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as assistant to the superintendent in charge of legal matters. Charles W. Hunt, of Lock Haven, has been appointed assistant director of the bureau of school administration. He is an expert in school accounting.

Three women want the job of chief of police at New Eagle, Washington county, which has gone begging since the resignation of the former chief, several months ago. One candidate is Mrs. Eliza Lee, 49 years of age, a widow and the mother of eight children. The others are "out-of-towners," one from Charleroi and the other from Cannonsburg.

When a daughter of Joseph Love, of New Castle, looked into their store Saturday night, she saw two men rifling the cash register and a third standing over her father with a knife. She seized a broom and attacked the thieves so vigorously that they fled. The robbers got a few dollars from the cash register. Her father was not injured.

City Solicitor Wellington M. Bertolet, of Reading, who was re-elected last week for a four-year term at a salary of \$3000, declined to accept a yearly pay increase of \$600. Bertolet is the only Reading or Berks county official to take such action this year, which was marked by numerous payroll increases at city hall and court house, and his notice to the city councilmen created a stir.

The Central Pennsylvania Lumber company has commenced the work of extending into the woods near Leetonia, the last line of railroad to reach the only remaining bit of matured timber yet standing in Elk township. There is about 5,000,000 feet to fell. This is to be peeled, yielding approximately 25,000 cords of bark. It is estimated that it will require about a year to saw and market the timber.

Harry B. Chapin, of Benton, and LaRue Hess, of Waller, were last week appointed to guard the bonded warehouse of the Robt McHenry Distilling company, of Benton, where more than \$100,000 worth of ten-year-old whiskey is stored. They will receive \$125 monthly from the government, according to their own statements, and must be on duty day and night. Recent thefts of eleven barrels of whiskey from this place caused their being put to work, it is said.

Placing a value on physical suffering she alleges she underwent as the result of a beating from her husband, Mrs. John Paska, a resident of Mount Carmel, has brought a \$10,000 civil suit to recover that amount from her spouse. She also seeks an absolute divorce, and has brought a separate action for \$5830 she says she loaned her husband, who is a merchant there. The couple were married in 1902, according to the statement filed in the Northumberland county court.

Despite his more than seventy years, John Devardo, of Eddystone, surprised a pickpocket who tried to steal his wallet, containing \$100 last Friday. Devardo felt the man's hand in his hip pocket, and landed a blow on his jaw, the thief falling with the wallet clutched in his hand. Standing over the prostrate pickpocket, Devardo compelled him to lie still until a policeman came along and locked him up. The man gave his name and address as Harry Green, Tenth and Green streets, Philadelphia.

Fred Schenck, of Clearfield, in company with a number of other Clearfield citizens, has spent a lot of money during the last few months trying to locate a lower vein of bituminous coal on the Levy farm near that place. The search was not successful and was given up. Now Schenck is building a new home at Clearfield, and in excavating for the cellar came upon an outcropping of coal. The vein was dug to its depth and was found to be four feet thick, one of the highest remaining veins and of a very fine quality.

Their suspicions excited upon noting that a woman, previously of normal physical build, had suddenly acquired a humped back, City Detectives John Morgan and Louis Heff, of Pittsburgh, on Saturday evening arrested Mrs. Mary Kolinsky, aged forty-four years, of Braddock, and took her to the detective bureau. There an examination disclosed that the deformity had been produced by stuffing loot from a downtown department store under the upper part of her waist. There was \$120 worth of merchandise in Mrs. Kolinsky's hump.

One of the greatest gifts ever planned by a graduating class at Penn State, to be left as a monument to their organization, will be made by the class of 1920 in the form of a \$100,000 memorial endowment fund. About June 1st each of the 300 original members of the class now in college will be written for an individual life insurance policy on the twenty-year endowment plan. Minimum policies will be taken for \$300 and it is expected that many will take more than that amount. The Pennsylvania State College will be made the beneficiary in each case.

Two Shenandosh boys, William Greblich and Thomas Cooney, are in durance vile in that city, awaiting a hearing on the charge of the larceny of \$2000, preferred by Peter Alex, a butcher. It is charged that Greblich, who makes his home with Alex, stole the money on last Friday from a drawer in the house and he and Cooney went to Philadelphia. Chief Felt telegraphed the Police Department of that city and on Saturday they were arrested after they had bought two suits of clothes, shoes, gold watches, rings and other articles to the amount of almost \$800. They also mailed souvenir cards from Philadelphia to friends in town, which led to their undoing.