

INK SLINGS.

—Four dollar wheat is a probability that makes the fall horizon rather a rosy prospect for the farmer.
—Wednesday afternoon's storm laid the wheat, corn and oats, in some parts of the county, as flat as if a road-roller had been run over it.

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Greatest Achievement of All.

Chairman Cummings, in his keynote speech at the San Francisco convention, emphasized one feature of the Democratic record which should make an indelible impression on the public mind.

For more than fifty years, under Republican administration of the government, panics came at almost regular intervals and worked disaster and distress throughout the country.

President Wilson was inaugurated in 1913 and set himself at once to curing this national malady and the Federal Reserve bank was the result of his labors.

It has been said that pending the preparations for our participation in the war German statesmen looked on complacently because they believed that actual war would instantly precipitate a panic that would paralyze American industry and effort.

Mr. Pinchot's Reformers.

Those discontented if not altogether distinguished gentlemen who assembled in Chicago last Saturday to "launch a new party," are having all sorts of troubles.

These well-meaning gentlemen ought to be encouraged in their purpose to reform the universe and reconstruct the government on a purely utopian basis.

It can hardly be hoped that these earnest gentlemen will succeed in organizing a force for righteousness of sufficient strength to materially influence the vote in the coming Presidential election.

Our Candidate for President.

Governor James M. Cox, the Democratic nominee for President, is rapidly growing in popular favor. His nomination was not altogether a surprise for he was the first or second choice of a vast majority of the Democrats of the country from the beginning.

Governor Cox is not a new entry or a strange figure in Democratic councils. He served with marked distinction for a period of two terms in Congress and is now in his third term as Governor of Ohio.

We frankly own to a pre-convention preference for that distinguished administrator and accomplished statesman, William G. McAdoo, which was ascribable more to environment than to anything else.

—Mr. Harding, having decided upon a front porch campaign, and Mr. Debs having declared in favor of a front cell campaign, the important question of superiority between these methods will be decided this fall.

Harding Below the Standard.

Senator Harding is not measuring up to Presidential stature in reiterating the absurd charge that President Wilson dominated the San Francisco convention and forced his views into the platform.

But President Wilson did not force his views on that or any other subject on the convention. There was no administration lobby in San Francisco during the sessions of the convention.

The leaders of the Republican party have freely acknowledged that the National convention of that party was coerced by Senator Penrose and others of the Senatorial cabal into nominating Senator Harding and adopting an equivocal platform which means nothing and they have discovered that the fact has made a bad impression on the public mind.

—Senator Penrose is greatly distressed because Tammany supported Cox at San Francisco, and a lot of other Republicans are worried because Penrose nominated Harding at Chicago.

—Vermont and Florida refuse to ratify the Suffrage amendment but Tennessee can turn the trick.

The Democratic Platform.

The promise of Democratic leaders that the platform of the party would frankly express the sentiments of the party upon all salient subjects has been fulfilled.

There is no side-stepping on the subject of woman suffrage, either. The party is not only committed to the policy but demands immediate action to the end that the women of the country may participate in the vote this year.

All in all the San Francisco platform is a splendid specimen of political literature. It appraises the intelligence of the average American at full measure and addresses him as a reasoning and rational being, capable of understanding and competent of self-determination.

—If it be true that Mr. Bryan's heart is in the grave there are a good many Democrats ready to pray for a peaceful and long continued tenantry.

Retires After Twenty-six Years in Office.

After helping out prothonotary Roy Wilkinson since the first of the year David R. Foreman severed his official connection with that important office for good on Saturday, July 3rd.

His first appointment was under L. A. Schaeffer, who went into office the first Monday in January, 1887. Mr. Foreman went to work as his deputy about the first of March the same year and was with him during his two terms, or six years in all.

Naturally with his long service in the office and his varied experience in all matters relating to the work of the court he had acquired such an intimate knowledge of all records in the prothonotary's office that he had everything right at the "tips of his fingers" but his greatest qualification for the office was the good humored willingness with which he would always respond to a request for information.

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James M. Cox.

From the Philadelphia Record.
After an extraordinary long struggle, but one that was a perfectly clean test of strength between the admirers of many eminent men, the San Francisco convention nominated the strongest man who was before it.

The Governor is 50 years old. He is at the point where the vigor of early life and the experience and maturity that come later meet at their point of highest efficiency.

As a good deal has been said about the Governor's attitude toward prohibition it is interesting to recall that he was beaten by the saloon interests in 1914 because he enforced the Sunday closing law.

For several years he has been the leader of the Democratic party in Ohio, which has been a very good thing for the party and for the State.

A Winning Candidate.

By the nomination of James M. Cox the San Francisco Convention has given its party a leader well versed in the principles of democracy, a candidate who has the pleasing habit of carrying his own State and a man who in high office has demonstrated his capacity to legislate and to govern.

Three times elected Governor of Ohio, being the only successful republican in 1918, his record in that respect is unique. It was largely through his successful administration that Ohio in 1916 gave its electoral votes to Woodrow Wilson and this insured his re-election.

As Governor of Ohio, Mr. Cox has to his credit public service of the highest order. It was largely due to his influence that the archaic State Constitution was reformed and fifty or sixty statutes needed to modernize the laws and practice of the Commonwealth, especially as regards education, taxation and the rights of workmen, were enacted.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Michael Durkevich, 11 years old, of Tyrone Forge, was killed by electricity in one of the towers of the Pennsylvania Central Light and Power company near his home on Sunday.
—The Rev. John H. Daugherty, who moved last spring from Sunbury to Williamsport to become pastor of the Pine Street Methodist church is rapidly winning the title of the "marring parson of Williamsport."
—C. V. Felton, road foreman of engines, Williamsport division of the Pennsylvania railroad, last week retired on pension after forty-six years' service with the railroad.