

## INK SLINGS.

—It is a safe bet that Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, was not among those who hoped for the ratification of the Woman suffrage amendment.

—It may be noticed that since the campaign for delegates to the National convention activity of officials to enforce the Volstead law have vastly increased in this State.

—Every day we are becoming more and more convinced that the country can't go dry as long as those forty-five million gallons of whiskey keep leaking out of the bonded ware-houses.

—Oh joy, Bellefonte has ninety-six more inhabitants than Phillipsburg and fifteen hundred and ninety-one more than State College, and still retains "first place" among the metropolises of Centre county.

—The oats is growing in the shock and can't get dry. A blight has fallen on the potatoes, tomatoes and grapes and just when the cherries and berries are all gone sugar drops to seventeen cents. Now ain't it just one d—d thing after another.

—Phillipsburg borough, Rush and Snow Shoe townships show an aggregate gain of 2126 in population in the past decade. Pennsylvania, east of Ferguson township, shows a loss of 1587. Ponder over these figures if you are worried because there is only one Democratic official in the county court house.

—Reports are coming out of Dayton to the effect that the Cox campaign is slow getting under way. While we have a great respect for the advantage of "getting the jump" on the other fellow Senator Harding is so slow that Governor Cox could "get the jump" on him even if he didn't start campaigning until the night before the election.

—A young lady asked us the other day, when we expected to commence harping about the number of days between now and Christmas. Really we had missed that little trick, but since our attention was called to it we have gone to the trouble of figuring out that there will be only one hundred and twenty-six days until Christmas and it is just a bit too soon to commence Christmas shopping.

—If Governor Cox is to be elected President, don't let us hamstring him, like President Wilson has been, by electing a Republican Congress. A Democratic President cannot get very far if he is not supported by a Congress that is in sympathy with his ideas of government. The same, of course, is true of a Republican President. If the program of Democracy offers more to you approve of than that of its opposition then vote so that that program can be carried into untrammelled action.

—Shrewd business men are daily being converted to the idea that courtesy counts for a lot in success. When you want a thing done you are more likely to get it if asked for in a courteous manner, because courtesy invariably instantly gains the persons good will. So firmly convinced of this idea is business that the word "please" in telegrams alone accounts for one million dollars of the annual tolls of telegraph companies of the country. Good breeding and courtesy travel, hand in hand, along the way to happiness and success.

—How prophetic the Watchman is! A week ago, in discussing the possible fall of Poland to Red Russia, it showed the danger that might come out of the collapse of the last barrier of sanity between Bolshevism and sullen, unrepentant Germany. If you noticed the foreign news columns Monday you saw Trotsky's published statement that once with Poland in subjection he intends to join Germany for the conquest of France, then England and then—the United States. We are not congratulating ourselves that so far in advance we should have called your attention to what is now positively assured as the Red objective. We are calling your attention again to a future that far-seeing men and women view with alarm. The Red advance must be halted and if a League of Nations can do it we should be in such a League. For while the danger to us is possibly a little more remote than it is to France and England, it is just as great.

—The Anti-Saloon league fought the proposal to have Congress buy all the whiskey in the bonded ware-houses of the country and Congress refused to appropriate the money necessary to do it. Now that it is being stolen and sold at extortionate prices the Anti-saloon league is preparing to ask the next Congress to do just what it opposed in the last session. While this is merely an evidence that hind sight is better than foresight we are of the opinion that the problem would be solved quicker and more economically if Congress were to permit the withdrawal of all liquor from bond without the payment of tax. It would be disposed of quickly, the price would be four or five dollars a quart, it would be swallowed up in a jiffy and there would be no problem left for solution. Many a man is taking food from his family today by paying twelve dollars a quart for the stuff, but he will keep on doing it as long as there is any to be had. Give it to them. Give it to them at a price that won't work a hardship on their families. There isn't enough of it left to do any lasting harm and the quicker what there is of it is gotten rid of the better.

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## Bump Coming to Harding.

If Senator Harding flatters himself that he has persuaded Senator Johnson, of California, that he is opposed to the covenant of the League of Nations, as Senator Johnson says he has, and convinced former President Taft that he is in favor of the covenant, as Mr. Taft says he has, then Senator Harding is due for a rude awakening and has a sad disappointment coming to him. There are abundant reasons for Senator Johnson's belief. Senator Harding has publicly declared that in the event of his election he will promptly approve a resolution for a separate peace with Germany, the cowardly method of betrayal adopted by Russia. But he hasn't fooled Taft. Taft is only pretending that he is deceived.

In fact Mr. Taft shows in the statement that he believes Harding that he doesn't believe him. He says that in the event of the election of Cox the League would be defeated for the reason that the Republican Senators would vote against ratification and they are in the majority, and therefore in supporting Harding he is not impairing the chances of ratifying the treaty. That he is aiding and abetting what he admits wrong appears to make no difference to him. The moral obligation to oppose wrong makes no appeal to his mind. He assumes the mental attitude of the contractor boss in a western city, who always said to his lieutenants: "If you can't lick 'em, jine 'em." It expresses a low moral standard, but probably Taft needs money and the Republican committee has lots of it.

There are thousands of Republicans in the country, however, who believe in the League of Nations and will not be influenced by the considerations which appear to have quieted the Taft conscience. They have read and appreciated the forceful arguments in favor of ratification which Taft presented before he was converted or debauched by the special interests, and believe it a duty to support the right, whether weak or strong. Then there are other thousands of Republicans, followers of the late Mr. Roosevelt, but less credulous than Senator Johnson, who will adhere to the fair deal policy of their late leader and insist on a clearer statement of the case.

Professional politicians and perennial office holders have loose habits of thought. Former President Taft began holding office at an early period of life and until he was well on in years was never off the pay roll. Senator Johnson has also acquired the habit of depending upon a periodical pay envelope and the interpretation of a point on one side or the other, if it happens to make a difference in political prospects, is an easy matter. But the average citizen is more circumspect in definitions and finds it impossible to say that a spade is anything else than a spade. This vast army of straight-thinking voters are apt to get confused in trying to reconcile the interpretations of Taft and Johnson.

## Centre County's Population.

In another column of today's Watchman will be found a detailed statement of the census of Centre county for 1920, 1910 and 1900, and it is interesting to compare the figures and figure out the reason for the fluctuation in population in the past twenty years. In Bellefonte the drop of 220 in twenty years can easily be accounted for in the number of young people who have left town in that time, while the number of births is just about keeping pace with the deaths. The slight gain in Benner township is accounted for by the residential employees at the western penitentiary.

In twenty years Boggs township has lost 568, while Burnside township has only a little over half as many as it had a generation ago. Curtin township shows a gain, due to the brick works at Orviston, while down in Gregg township, there is a loss of six hundred. In fact take all of Pennsylvania, not counting Ferguson and College township, and there is a falling off in twenty years of 1587, which may account in a great measure for the falling off of the Democratic vote in that section of the county.

The biggest gains in the county were made in State College borough, Phillipsburg, Rush township, which almost doubled in population; and Snow Shoe region. It is quite apparent, however that the fluctuations were from the farming sections into the towns or localities where bigger money was the attraction. Take all the townships, for instance, where farming is the major means of livelihood, and all show a loss in population, while those places that have public industries of any kind show an increase.

—That Ohio constable now understands that nothing can stop Governor Cox. Chairman Will Hays will find it out later.

## Who Will Give the Answer.

A correspondent of the New York World declares "as outstanding and significant facts," that under a Democratic administration labor has received the highest wages ever paid in the history of the world; agriculture has enjoyed the greatest prosperity in all time; manufacturers and business men have had an era of the greatest prosperity; the wealth of the nation has increased by unnumbered billions and we have ceased to be a debtor nation and become the greatest creditor nation in the world; this nation organized and armed itself and fought and won the greatest war in history, and the financing of these gigantic undertakings was possible only by reason of such Democratic legislation as the income tax and the Federal Reserve act.

These facts are undisputed and undisputable. That being true, why should the great business interests, the vast corporations and the industrial leaders of the country combine to defeat the candidate of that party by fair or foul means? That being true, why should the wage earners of the country, the agriculturalists and the financiers join in the efforts of the corporations and industrial captains to accomplish such a result? "Under the present Democratic administration," to quote the same writer, "our country has taken its place as the leading nation of the world. Not only has the greatest war in history been fought to a successful conclusion but a treaty of peace has been negotiated that has been eagerly accepted by every civilized nation in the world."

It has always been the hope of the people of this country that the United States would assume its rightful place as the foremost civilized power, as it has been and is the hope and desire of every right-minded people of every country to lead in righteousness. But when a Democratic administration gave us the title so coveted a conspiracy was organized by Republican politicians to defeat it, and they have succeeded in defeating it for a time, at least. Instead of occupying the head of the council table in a League of Nations dedicated to peace and prosperity they have kept us out with Turkey, Russia and Mexico as our companions in isolation. What malign purpose is concealed in this action, in view of the facts stated? There ought to be an answer, but who will give it?

—Senator Harding wants to make the tariff the important issue of the campaign. Well, that is better than we expected. He might have chosen the slavery issue or the bloody shirt.

## Senator Penrose's Health.

We were overjoyed last week to learn from the public prints that Senator Penrose was greatly improved in health. The appearance of that big, red automobile in Fairmount park sent a thrill of pleasure throughout the State, for everybody is glad to hear of the alleviation of suffering of everybody else, and Penrose is not such a bad fellow after all, though he is a bitter partisan and a relentless fighter in politics. But in view of later developments we greatly fear that the hopeful reports concerning his health were premature. In other words, we fear that his malady has taken another and more dangerous form.

Last week, just after the big, red automobile had passed like a streak of gladness through the park, Senator Penrose gave out an interview in which he described Governor Cox as a "third rate political candidate for the Presidency," who is "growing weaker daily." What incident in the campaign influenced him to this conclusion is wisely left to conjecture. But we take it that it wasn't anything that Governor Cox has said, either in his speech of acceptance or any of the other speeches he has made since his nomination. Neither can it by any possibility be the result of a comparison of acceptance speeches of Cox and Harding.

We are therefore forced to the conviction that while there may be improvement in his kidneys or his legs or his stomach or whatever other part of his anatomy has been afflicted, there has been no improvement in his head. In 1912, during a mental aberration of some sort, he figured out to his own satisfaction that Woodrow Wilson was a third or fourth or fifth rate candidate and that his personally chosen candidate, Mr. Taft, would have an overwhelming majority. He made a similar estimate of conditions in 1916, and in view of the votes of those years the conclusion that he was suffering in his head was inevitable.

—Sir Thomas Lipton's disappointment may have been lessened because lifting the cup would have been an "empty" honor this year.

—The women have gotten the ballot, now what will they do with it?

## Wicked Assault on Americanism.

We are always committing assault and battery, hari-kari or some other form of outrage upon some cherished word in our vocabulary. At present the object of our dastardly assault is "Americanism." Some years ago the word "efficiency" was assailed from a thousand angles and kicked and cuffed until it almost became odious. The leaders in these assaults are usually bogus reformers coveting space in the lime-light and filling columns in the boiler plate sections of the newspapers. But in the case in point the principal offender is the Republican candidate for President of the United States. Senator Harding prates of Americanism with a persistence and lack of understanding that is amazing.

The Senator's interpretation of Americanism is a spirit of selfishness plus an indifference to justice and a disregard for honor. He would settle the war problems on a basis of barter with trade with the advantage invariably on our side, regardless of the sacrifices and sufferings of others. Pledges made and professions expressed give him no concern. They are scraps of paper or meaningless sounds. What he demanded is the "quid pro quo," with as much added in the shape of usury as the conditions will allow. According to his idea the American is a selfish and sordid animal with four feet, the front ones invariably in the trough at meal time. It is a sorry specimen of life.

The traditional American is a manly man, earnest, sincere and energetic, fair in mind, generous in spirit and courageous in action. That is the type of man celebrated in story and embalmed in song as the true and genuine American. That is the type of man who sailed across the sea and offered his life in support of his ideals. A giant of autocracy menaced the world and he took up arms to crush the monster. He put no price upon his services and exacted no promise of reward. But Senator Harding now sets up a caricature behind the mask of Americanism and perverts the glorious achievement to a selfish and sordid demand for national, if not personal, advantage. It is a wicked betrayal of a high ideal.

—Senator Kirby, of Arkansas, has also been "thrown into the discard." Thus Reed, of Missouri, Gore, of Oklahoma, and Kirby have been justly and properly punished for their perfidy. The other traitorous Democratic Senators will be disposed of in due time.

## Why the American Mind is Befogged.

Mr. P. B. Noyes, a widely and well-known business man of New York, who has just returned from Europe, where he served as the American delegate on the Inter-Allied Rhineland commission, states in a published interview: "Germany has learned a lesson she will never forget. But the Allies must also learn the moral of the war. And so must America. The moral is simply this, that the interests of the world are interdependent and that the destinies of the world must be guided by common consent. This moral is embodied in the League of Nations. We have made this big idea the foot ball of politics. I cannot see what has befogged the American mind."

If Mr. Noyes' mind were as alert on that point as he shows by his statement it is on other questions pertaining to the subject, he would have no trouble in discerning "what has befogged the American mind." Selfish ambition and political prejudice have so corrupted and corroded the mental faculties of the Republican leaders that they have deliberately sacrificed every consideration of patriotism and humanity to the base purpose of acquiring control of the government. Mr. Noyes continues: "What have we to fear of the League? We have the men, the resources, the money, the prestige and the power. The League can deprive us of nothing. It can no more take away our liberties than a child can rob his father of liberty."

That is literally true and yet if the covenant of the League of Nations had been ratified in this country as promptly as it was in England, France and Italy it would have taken away from the Republican leaders of the United States the last vestige of hope of resolution to power and spoils. It would have prevented the destructive wars in Poland, the disorder in central Europe and the industrial demoralization of the world. The readjustment of industry and commerce would have been completed by this time and the political conspiracy of Lodge, Penrose and Harding would never have been heard of. That is why the American mind is befogged and will continue so until the conspiracy is suppressed.

—Probably Mr. Harding really hopes to break the "Solid South," and possibly he only professes to hope so to amuse his friends.

## Roosevelt vs. Harding.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Senator Harding, who would sit in the seat of Abraham Lincoln, asserted in his speech of acceptance that "much has been said of late about world ideals, but I prefer to think of the ideal of America." In a porch speech this week he objected to America's consenting even to arbitrate European differences because its findings might not be liked by some of our Americans of foreign blood. "When nationality is surrendered to internationality," he said, "little else matters." If I could choose but one, I had rather have industrial and social peace at home than command the international peace of all the world.

Of course, he did not stop to consider how little industrial and social peace at home would be worth, how long any peace at home would last, with all the world in conflict. He ignored the lesson of 1914. He forgot that America would be more immune from another world war than it was six years ago; that it was from the plague of influenza which broke out in Europe later.

The America of Senator Harding is not the America of Abraham Lincoln. It is not the America of another great Republican in whose seat Senator Harding would sit. On the 18th of July, 1918, when American boys were fighting and dying for "world ideals" at Soissons, this man addressed a convention of Senator Harding's party. "We must," he said, "establish the great free commonwealths of the Poles, the Czech-Slovaks and the Jugo-Slavs, and save the other submerged peoples who are their neighbors. Unless we do all this, unless we stand by all our allies who have stood by us, we shall have failed in making the liberty of well-behaved civilized people secure, and we shall have shown that our announcement about making the world safe for democracy was an empty boast."

This was the voice, not of Woodrow Wilson, the despised, but of Theodore Roosevelt, the canonized, of Senator Harding's party.

## Pacifism and Bolshevism.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Why are the pacifists the partners of the bandits? During the war the Socialists of Germany sank their brotherhood in their patriotism but the Socialists of all other countries sank their patriotism in their brotherhood, or, at least, in their pacifism. So Socialism everywhere served the purposes of Germany, just as Socialism now is everywhere serving the purposes of the most relentless, implacable and vindictive belligerents in the world, the Russian Reds.

The religious body most identified with pacifism has shown much more sympathy with the Germans and the Austrians than with their victims, and makes little effort to conceal its sympathies with the Bolsheviks, who are more bellicose than the Prussians were six years ago. Labor organizations made no effort to teach pacifism to the Bolsheviks, but they are determined that no assistance shall be given to any of the victims of the Bolsheviks. The ultra democrats are on the side of the most remorseless tyranny since Nicholas I. Pacifism appears to be as insensible to reason as fanaticism is. The Russian Reds, who professed to be pacifists, hated the Entente Powers rather than Germany, and hated the comparatively peaceful United States most of all.

## Porch-Front Shiftiness.

From the Springfield Republican.

The front-porch style of campaigning is promoting a tendency that may easily develop into an abuse. To illustrate, Senator Harding refused to comment on Governor Cox's acceptance speech, preferring to reply later on. But for the Monday morning papers the "Harding headquarters" prepared for publication an attack on the Governor's statements. This was printed by the press Monday morning. The objection to this form of campaigning is the fact that while such public statements emanate from the candidate's headquarters, the candidate himself refuses to make himself personally responsible for them; indeed, they are fathered by no one in particular, yet they come forth with all the authority that "Harding headquarters" can confer upon them. The distinction between Senator Harding and "Harding headquarters" which this system of publicity establishes ought to be repudiated by the candidate insofar as it tends to relieve him personal responsibility.

## Charleston's Pro-German Editor.

From the Charlotte Observer.

Just how far a pro-German editor will go in carrying his propaganda is manifested by The Charleston American, which argues that Harding the league repudiator, "is for the policy of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Monroe, and in fact, until Wilson, all our American political saints and sages." Is not that a refreshing statement to be heard in this enlightened age of Americanism? But it is the doctrine the enemies of American Government are preaching, and in rebuke of which the people are going to keep Mr. Harding safely in the background.

—Mr. Bryan still hesitates about announcing his political course for the immediate future, and the Boy Orator probably knows that "he who hesitates is lost."

## SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Nine cases of smallpox have been discovered at Shiloh, Bradford township, Clearfield county. Two children visitors from the State of Indiana took the disease to the home of Lemuel Malins. There are nine smallpox patients in that house.

—Joseph W. Moyer, and W. W. Fausett, two of the leading lawyers of the Schuylkill county bar, have gone to Wheaton, Ill., to put in a claim on behalf of several Schuylkill county residents for the \$2,000,000 estate of John P. Cowan, president of one of the numerous branches of the Standard Oil company.

—Mrs. Mary E. Kalbfus has filed a damage suit in court against the Pennsylvania Railroad company. Her claims are based on the automobile grade crossing accident last August at Harley's road, near DuBois, Clearfield county, in which her husband, Dr. Joseph Kalbfus, former secretary of the State Game Commission was killed.

—Unable to resign as postmaster of Yeadon borough, Delaware county, a position he has filled forty years, although he has asked the postal authorities to consider his resignation several times, William B. Evans, one of the pioneer residents of that section, has just received notice that the office will be abandoned and he thus relieved of his job.

—Millions of dead fish have been floating in the West branch of the Susquehanna river the past week, having been killed by pollution having its source at some point west of Williamsport. This is the ninth year the West branch has been polluted in the same way. Each year the authorities at Harrisburg have promised to take action, but the practice has not yet been stopped.

—With current debts paid, Northumberland county's treasury is bulging with cash, the balance Tuesday being \$12,435.33, according to the report of Charles Phillips treasurer. Prohibition is "blamed" for much of this large balance. The jail population has been reduced to fifteen prisoners and court costs are down to a minimum, criminal terms now lasting but two days instead of as many weeks in years past.

—Oscar Hensinger, a farmer of Lyon valley, Lehigh county, lost a herd of twelve registered cattle last week through poisoning. Some of Hensinger's fields had been overgrown with thistles, and upon the advice of an expert he sprayed the infected sections with a chemical poison to kill the weeds. The next day the cattle were turned into the field and before many hours all were dead. Hensinger's loss is over five thousand dollars.

—The Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. has hit upon a new plan for the handling of the illegal train riders and improvement of the labor situation. When Richard Young, of Olyphant, was arraigned before Justice Bonfoey, at Sayre, the railroad representative agreed to his release if he would promise to work for the company. He explained that the company was unable to get sufficient workers. Young quickly consented. He was discharged and in a few minutes was on the Lehigh's payroll.

The first death of the season from heat prostration at Lewisport, was recorded Saturday night when Allen Weimer, 32 years old, was found dead in his automobile by employees of the Standard Steel works returning from work. Mr. Weimer was an electrician and fellow workmen say he was seriously affected by the heat of the day. In the evening he found it too excessive and in an effort to get away from it took an automobile ride to Paintersville.

—On a trip of inspection through Rose valley last Thursday, S. J. Yenger, Lycoming county officer for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, discovered a cow wearing a wooden leg. The animal broke its leg last December. After the lower portion of the leg dried and hung merely by the skin covering it, the owner of the cow whittled a crude leg out of a block and fastened it to the stump with a leather holster. In this manner the animal was hobbling about the pasture. The cow's owner was arrested.

—The little mining town of Eriton, near DuBois, has been the scene of a number of robberies recently that are being investigated by members of the state police, Lewis Goldberg being detailed upon the cases. The store of J. H. Steele & Co. has been entered on a number of different occasions. It is said that \$1000 worth of silks and many other lines of merchandise have been stolen from the store, entrance being gained through a window. Besides the store there were a number of residences entered, where cash to the amount of \$100 and several hundred dollars worth of jewelry were taken.

—Katie Agnonia, of Scranton, is prepared to rest on her laurels after making a pair of overalls for a negro who measures nine feet and two inches in height and weighs 540 pounds. The giant lives in Jackson, Tennessee, and the order for overalls was sent to the American Overall company of Scranton, where Miss Agnonia works. Twenty-five yards of material were used. The length of the suit from the suspender buckle to the bottom is ten feet. Each pocket is big enough to hold a bushel of potatoes; a man of average size could curl up in one of the legs and snooze. The girth of the trousers is 106 inches.

—George Torrence, 21 years old, of Clearfield, a line foreman for the Penn Public Service company, was killed instantly at Curwensville last Friday afternoon, while stringing a private telephone wire for the company. The wire came in contact with an electric light wire, and the fluid shot through Torrence's body. His safety belt prevented him from falling from the pole. The unfortunate young man was a graduate of the Clearfield high school and a volunteer soldier in the great world war, serving with the Twenty-eighth division overseas. Two men who were with him were shocked by the contact but escaped serious injury.

—A man who gave his name as Joseph Doran and his residence as Madera, Clearfield county, was taken to Clearfield jail Saturday, charged with horse-stealing. A horse was stolen from the barn of Adam Ernest, of Osceola Mills. Ernest located his horse at New Millport. It had changed hands three times since it left his barn. Charles McGee, of McGee's Mills, called Sheriff Anthony Gorman, of Clearfield, and notified him that he had a horse thief in his possession, asking what to do with him. McGee started to search for a horse that had been taken from his barn and found the animal in the woods near Cherrytree and the man asleep alongside. The fellow gave his name as Joseph Doran and confessed to stealing the horse. Doran said he had recently deserted from Battery A, Camp Bastie, Va.