

INK SLINGS.

If Lord Mayor MacSweeney dies of starvation there will be one less good Irishman and a lot of bad passions in Ireland. But we can see no possible good of it.

It is beginning to look as though Bellefonte ought to put on a couple of extra policemen to protect the "summers." With all the liberties some of these seem to be taking with the matter the boys are not so bad as they used to be for we remember when they actually threw poor, lamented Josh, Fouk into the creek—and he was the pride of our animated force at the time.

The investigation of the "slush fund" being raised with which to elect Harding has gone far enough already to prove that Governor Cox was talking by the book when he made those charges in Pittsburgh. The lists he read then are identical with those produced by Republican national chairman Hays when he was subpoenaed to appear before the Senate investigating committee.

The Tennessee Legislature has tried to unratify its ratification of the Suffrage amendment, but already having certified its favorable action of two weeks ago, upon the strength of which Secretary of State Colby has made the legalizing proclamation, we fear the temperamental Legislature of Tennessee will find it like trying to unscramble eggs to keep the women out of the ballot.

We are of the opinion that the Poles have reason on their side of the contention that it is a mistake for the Allies to halt them at their own frontiers in their effort to break the Bolshevik army to pieces. If Bolshevism is to be eradicated it must be shorn of its strength in arms. The Poles may follow it into Russia without permanently conquering territory and if by so doing they should be able to break the Red army beyond the possibility of regrouping it they will save themselves the danger of another attack that they may not be able to turn as they have this one. What's the use of temporizing with a force that knows no rules of civilized warfare, that believes in neither law nor God.

Next week the Grangers will entertain at their park at Centre Hall, but few of them will be as far ahead with their work as they have been in years past. Many farmers who have made it an annual custom to take a week off at the picnic have done so with the comfortable feeling that the fall seeding was done and little remained but the corn to take care of. Things are different this year. The oats has just been harvested and those stubbles are to turn so that very little seeding has been done and much plowing will be necessary before the grain is in the ground. This may not materially interfere with the picnic for all farmers are not the regular "dirt farmers" and they are the kind who are long on picnics anyway.

Bellefonte feels a peculiar sorrow in the tragic death of aviator Max Miller, at Newark, on Wednesday morning. He was not a resident, but his transient life here had given many opportunity to know and like him and we think we are telling what was in his heart when we say he liked Bellefonte. The "Watchman" has always viewed that accidental little visit of Max made to us shortly after the selection of Lock Haven as an aerial station, as being the underlying reason of the sudden shift from Lock Haven to this place. He made the discovery that the Beaver field was almost without an equal in possibilities as a landing field and shortly after his visit the change was made. He was a capable flyer, a fine fellow and many of us view his end as a distinct loss.

Husbands, you'll have to steel yourselves to the ordeal. Your wives are potential voters now and both Mr. Naginey and Tom Beaver are after them, with all the smiles and smirks and goo-goo of the trained politician. Don't punch the Naginey head if you happen to blunder onto him and your wife in whispered consultation late at night at the corner of some dark alley as the campaign progresses. And don't hot-foot for a divorce lawyer if you catch Tom Beaver hanging around your house more than usual. They are both gentlemen and married and since human nature is human nature, if you kick up a fuss there are others who might think there's something in it and then both of them will be wishing that the Hon. Ives Harvey had been left to break the ice in this new venture of campaigning among the women.

Talking about the League of Nations. Don't let Mr. Harding, or anyone else, tell you that any article in the covenant it proposes could drag us into a war in Europe, or any other place, without our consent. We are to have a member in the Council of the League and none of its actions could be binding without the unanimous consent of its members. Furthermore, even should our member assent the United States could send no troops abroad without the affirmative action of our own Congress. We call your attention to these salient facts at this time because some of Senator Harding's recent utterances are designed to deceive the mind that is not clear on the intents and purposes of the League. What he has said from his "front porch" some of his advocates will try to tell you over your back fence. And when they try to do it tell them that the near-statemens from Marion, Ohio, can't put that kind of stuff over on you.

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Harding's Unfitness Revealed.

Senator Harding has finally set his face against the League of Nations. In his front porch speech at Marion on Saturday he said: "For myself, I do not question for a moment the truth of what the Democratic nominee says on this subject. He has flatly said he is in favor of going in on the basis announced by the President. I am not." But he is in favor of a substitute. The Hague tribunal expresses his idea of an alliance for the preservation of peace. It was in force in 1914 when the world war began by the German invasion of Belgium. It exercised no restraint upon Germany. It proved no deterrent to the war passions of Germany. It proved absolutely impotent.

But Senator Harding's reasons for his opposition to the League of Nations are weaker than his alternative. He bases his attitude on a deliberate falsehood or an inexcusable ignorance. He said that if the treaty had been ratified "we would have been called upon to fulfill the obligation which we had assumed under Article X of the League covenant to preserve the territorial integrity of Poland." Unless he is a hopeless imbecile he must know that the action of the signatories to the treaty would be determined by the council in which this country would be represented, and that a unanimous vote of the council is required. The assent of the United States in the council would be an essential prerequisite.

Possibly Mr. Harding never read the covenant of the League, and it is also possible that he didn't understand it even if he has read it. But the average American school boy knows that under the covenant of the League this country could not have been forced into active participation in the Polish affair, if the League of Nations had been ratified by the Senate, without the consent of the American representatives in the council first, and we could not have been compelled to send troops to engage in the conflict there without the affirmative action of Congress. If Senator Harding doesn't know these things he is unfit for the office he now holds, and the pug to which he aspires.

Senator Harding admits that the Hague tribunal is without teeth, but he imagines that the teeth of the League of Nations might be transplanted, by some process left to conjecture. The Hague tribunal is like a court without a sheriff. Its intentions are good but it has no means of enforcing its processes. He would supply this deficiency by adopting the instrumentalities of the international court. But without the League of Nations there can be no international court. The conference or congress or whatever it is that Mr. Root is now attending, and practically guiding, is a creature of the League and if the League fails it falls. That leaves Harding's superstructure without a foundation to stand on.

These evidences of Senator Harding's mental delinquencies are bad enough but not the worst features of his last front porch speech. His insinuation against the late Colonel Roosevelt is positively vicious in view of the facts. He said: "I will not empower an assistant Secretary of the Navy to draft a constitution for helpless neighbors in the West Indies and jam it down their throats at the points of bayonets borne by United States Marines." Manifestly he had in mind the action of President Roosevelt when Panama was forcibly taken from Colombia and nursed by bayonets borne by American marines. It is neither our duty nor purpose to defend Roosevelt, but Harding ought to let him alone in his grave.

The time has now passed when those women of Centre county who want to vote this fall can legally register to do so, if they failed to exercise that privilege up to and including the first of September. While it is too soon to tell how many women in Centre county registered it is a safe assertion that all of them of voting age did not exercise their rights to the ballot. In fact quite a number of women in Bellefonte protested against being registered while one woman was so emphatic in her protest that she told the assessor to go to that place that is hotter than it is here. But that was an exceptional instance and the assessor didn't go, anyway. But we don't wonder that some women are rather staggered at the responsibility of the ballot. It must be conceded that the average woman always takes everything more seriously than the average man and now that they are about to get the ballot, and with it the balance of power in national, State and local governments, they naturally feel the responsibility because unlike men they can't go to the polls and just vote the way that "mom" always voted.

These are the times when green-corn and collywobblers are shaking hands over the rapid cause and effect business.

Presumptuous Mr. Hays.

Chairman Hays, of the Republican National committee, evidently has great confidence in the credulity of the voters. In his testimony before the Senate committee investigating campaign expenditures, on Tuesday, he said: "The campaign budget or estimate has worked out beginning as of July 1st, of a total amount which would be needed for the actual campaign, and this was \$3,079,037.20. Of this total," he continued, "\$255,100 was apportioned to the speakers' bureau; \$750,824 to headquarters' expenses; \$45,634 for rents; \$1,346,500 for miscellaneous objects and \$680,920 for expenses of collecting the fund. That leaves a balance unaccounted for of \$660,370.20."

The minute detail in the matter of amounts is no doubt intended to "give verisimilitude to the story" as the comic opera writer put it. But the quotas as officially issued by the committee of which Mr. Hays is chairman for only about one-fourth of the population of the country, that is for fifty-one cities in twenty-seven States with an aggregate population of a trifle over 25,000,000 were \$3,145,000. There are hundreds of other cities and towns in which collecting agents were operating and it may be fairly assumed that more than double the amount named has been or will be collected. What does Mr. Hays want the public to think he will do with this money? Is he likely to feed it to the chickens?

The fact is as stated that the evidence presented by Governor Cox is documentary and taken from the official records of the Republican national committee. Does Mr. Hays imagine that his word will serve to refute such a structure of evidence? When Senator Newberry's corrupt practices were exposed he protested his innocence quite as earnestly as Hays declares the Cox charges are false. But a judicial investigation resulted in his conviction and that after a trial in which he was defended by the ablest lawyers in the country, and backed by the immense fortune of his family. The case against the Republican committee is equally strong and Mr. Hays' protest will not avail him.

Harding says he is satisfied with The Hague, as a peace tribunal. This may satisfy the "front porch" candidate but it won't satisfy the millions of mothers of this country who know that The Hague was there in 1914 and raised neither voice nor hand to stop the frightful carnage that followed.

Real Lesson of the World War.

Those financiers, captains of industry and leaders in commerce who are subscribing vast sums of money to buy the Presidency have failed to learn the real lesson of the world war. We all freely and sometimes with brutal frankness condemn the former German Kaiser for forcing that devastating catastrophe upon civilization. But it wasn't the Kaiser who committed the crime. It was Krupp and the land owners and financiers of Germany who forced the Kaiser. They imagined that out of a world war they could extract vast fortunes for themselves and great advantages for their country. The Franco-German war proved a most profitable enterprise for Germany in various ways.

Those who are contributing vast sums of money to buy the Presidency are as greatly mistaken as were the German junkers. They imagine that the restoration of the Republican party to power will reopen the avenues of graft and not only reimburse them but add immensely to their wealth. Tariff taxation is an easy source of personal revenue and the captains of industry who are subscribing to the Republican slush fund are simply investing in prospects of profits from that source. Others hope for plunder in other forms and it is safe to say that not one in a thousand of those who are promptly and cheerfully responding to the call to "get the money," are influenced by patriotic or unselfish motives.

The German junkers who forced the Kaiser into the war have reaped a harvest of sad disappointment. They have not only lost the expected profits but they have forfeited most of their fortunes, left themselves overwhelmed in national and personal debts and practically without a country. The investors in the Republican slush fund will be equally disappointed. The office of President of the United States is not a subject of barter and sale and the voters will resent the attempt to prostitute it to that low level. The man who had the perspicacity to discover the conspiracy and the courage to expose it will be the next President of the United States.

Senator Harding is not in favor of going into the League of Nations which means that he is in favor of sending the sons of our American mothers out to fight every time we get dragged into a war that a League of Nations might have prevented.

Corruption Charge Already Proved.

In his exposure of the Republican conspiracy to buy the office of President for the use of a reactionary group of Senators, Governor Cox leaves nothing to conjecture. His evidence is not only documentary but it is taken from the archives of the Republican National committee. His witnesses are not only participants in the conspiracy but they are the actual and active leaders of the Republican party. Chairman Hays, of the Republican National committee, and Treasurer Upham, of the same body, are quoted freely, not their lip service but their written statements. There can be no "going behind the returns" in this case or dodging the responsibility. Every fact is clearly set forth.

Governor Cox's original charge was that the Republican committee had set out to raise a fund of \$15,000,000 with which to purchase the election of Senator Harding. The documentary evidence shows conclusively that the quota of fifty cities containing not more than one-fourth of the population of the country had been fixed which amounted to \$8,145,000, and returns showed that in some cases the amounts had been subscribed and it was expected all would "go over the top." Reports from other cities and towns fully justified the estimate that not less than \$15,000,000 would be raised. No reasoning man will say that that amount could be spent legitimately in one campaign.

If there were any doubts, however, of the purpose of the conspiracy, they were removed upon the reading of the documents presented. One of the letters contained this statement: "Nobody is going to have anything to do with this bulletin who has not had actual experience in digging up money in the field." In another the chairman said: "Our job from now until Senator Harding's election involves just a few of the simplest principles of salesmanship." In another he said "Senator Weeks inspired them with an understanding of the situation and they agreed to produce." And so the importunate letters ran. "The weather is hot, men are on vacations, meetings are hard to get, but boys, get the money."

Nor can it be said that the Republican candidate was ignorant of the purposes and processes of the conspirators. It will be remembered that during the campaign of 1904, when the operations of the late Mr. Harriman were exposed, Theodore Roosevelt, who was then the candidate of the party, protested that he knew nothing of collections from corporations. Mr. Harding is not able to offer such an alibi, however. Among the letters shown is one from Senator Harding in which he expresses profound gratitude for the work being done. "Through the fine work of your organization," he wrote, "we are nearing that form of national patriotism which expresses itself in support from every county, every State."

In the face of these disclosures it is small wonder that thoughtful men should feel alarm. The Republican majority in the Senate was obtained by the corrupt use of money in the election of Senator Newberry, of Michigan. That beneficiary of corruption still holds his seat in the Senate, though he stands convicted in a Republican State and a Republican county by a Republican judge and a Republican jury, and gives the reactionaries in the Senate the "underhold" of the government they are now exercising. The party is indebted to the same sinister force for its majority in the House of Representatives, and if it succeeds by the same method in getting control of the President the gravest results may be expected.

The weather is hot and meetings are hard to get, but a wise campaign manager would be more careful than Mr. Upham, of the Republican National committee, has been in discussing the matter.

Now if chairman Hays will solemnly promise to buy shoes for the poor with the fifteen or twenty million dollars he has in hand, or under promise, his evil intent will be forgiven and may be forgotten.

We advise any of our neighbors who contemplate pilgrimages to the Marion front porch to take interpreters with them. Senator Harding's figures of speech are awfully hard to construe.

Of course it takes time to organize, as Mr. Upham has declared, and there isn't an abundance of time to spare. But what's the odds if you get the money.

It's a safe bet that if it were to do over again "the gang" wouldn't select Harding. He's too great a load.

For the first time in his life Senator Penrose is flirting with the women.

Health Instruction in Public Schools.

Must we not provide good physicians for the State; and must not these be such as have been conversant with great numbers of both healthy and sick people?—Plato's Republic.

In a paper recently published in the American Medical Journal, "The Future of the Physician," by Frederick Peterson, of New York, advocates the theory upheld by the "Watchman" for three years that the best way to secure public and individual health is through teaching the children in the schools. Dr. Peterson thus discusses the subject.

HEALTH INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Let me invite your attention to an important and fruitful field in the future work of the physician. The quotation from Plato suggests that the physicians provided by the republic should be such as have been conversant with great numbers both of healthy and sick people. It is the healthy people whom we are now called on to consider. We physicians have been so busy studying the seats and causes of disease, diagnosis, pathology and therapeutics that we have almost forgotten the healthy people.

Yet it seems to me that the physician of the future must make health and healthy citizens his chief concern. There are two factors which have militated against our heretofore taking health into consideration: First, we have been and are too busy with relief repairs and consolation among our clientele to pay much attention to the healthy people about us. Second, the healthy people, engrossed in their own objective affairs, slap them-themselves on the chest, and feel that the world is their oyster and that they can afford to laugh at fate and the doctors. There are two serious but not insurmountable conditions. I believe that the healthy people and the physicians can be brought together for a common purpose, namely, the reconstruction of the race.

The span of life in this country is about sixty years, and for a century or so we have had in our minds the extension of this average life span beyond the sixty years. But these sixty years are not sixty health years; just sixty years of living, full of more or less ill health and physical decrepitude. The "health span" of life, as Dr. Eugene Fisk calls it, is a much more important matter than the length of life. "The health span" is but about ten years. When the robust, healthy citizens referred to learn the fact that no matter how long they live they are certain of only ten years of exuberant well-being, they are going to stop a moment in the rush of things and take thought. They are going to insist on physicians lengthening that health span, and as soon as the physicians also learn this fact which few now know, they too will turn their attention to the healthy people and do their part to extend the health span of the race. The ailments that impair health are mostly minor and remediable, forerunners, perhaps, but not the serious disorders from which people die.

I hate to recite statistics, but I must refer to the oft-quoted fact that more than one third of the flower of our youth between the ages of 21 and 31 in the army draft—nearly a million unfit for service—and among those accepted several hundred thousand in the camps found to have physical defects ranging from syphilis and gonorrhea to flat-foot.

The British, taking in the men of 40 years, rejected 69 per cent as unfit for military service.

More than 16,000,000 children of our 22,000,000 now in the public schools have physical defects, most of them preventable and remediable, such as heart and lung diseases, disorders of sight and hearing, diseased adenoids and tonsils, flat feet, weak spines, imperfect teeth and malnutrition, and among them 1 per cent of mental defect. I mention these facts first to show how much work there is on the part of physicians among the supposedly healthy members of any community, and secondly to point out the most promising way in which the problem of health may be made evident to the whole people.

We all know how disappointing and almost futile have been our efforts to raise the people in the matter of public health—the millions expended, our health exhibits, our health lectures, our clean-up campaigns, our pamphleteering—all these expenditures of money and energy have merely scratched the surface. The foremost public health worker in America told me one day that our tuberculosis campaigns in certain States have accomplished practically nothing, and that in one State where nothing whatever had been done there was as much improvement in tuberculosis statistics as in States where campaigners had done their best work.

The point is that we cannot by these methods make clear the matter of public health to the conservative, reactionary, more or less fossilized minds of the grown-ups. We must reach the whole people in the matter of health through the plastic, receptive minds of the children in the schools.

We need but ten minutes daily of health instruction in our schools. It should be a thorough system of instruction in all matters pertaining to health, with special emphasis on health problems rather than on disease, in personal hygiene, in public health, and sanitation, in methods to avoid communicable diseases, in the re-

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

A Plymouth rock hen, belonging to A. Maloney, of Punxsutawney, laid an egg one day last week that weighs 4 3/4 ounces and measures over eight inches the long way and 6 1/2 the short way.

There are 51 vacancies for teachers in Cambria county. Some of these are excellent schools with good advantages and large salaries, but all efforts to secure teachers have so far proved fruitless of results.

A well producing 500,000 feet of gas and five barrels of oil every 24 hours has been brought in by the Sergeant Gas company one-half mile northeast of Sergeant, Elk county. The well is down 1900 feet. This is practically the first oil producer in that vicinity.

Will John Henry, of the Back Mountain, near Milroy, killed a large copperhead snake, on Saturday in his smoke-house and on Sunday found its mate coiled up and ready to strike on almost the same place as he had killed the other one. John accepted the defy and the mate went the same route.

Believing his wife and three children, whom he had left in Europe and whom he had heard nothing from in four years, to be dead, Enoch Pestin, of Gilberton, Schuylkill county, recently married again. On Saturday he received a telegram from New York announcing the safe arrival in that city of his first wife and family.

Miss Hazel Kamindiner, of Brae Burn, Allegheny county, must face trial for the spanking she is alleged to have given the five-year-old son of Mrs. Nannie Connor, also of Brae Burn. Miss Kamindiner was walking along the street, when her gown was splashed with mud by the urchin. Miss Kamindiner, it was said, caught the boy, drew him over her knee and spanked him. The irate plaintiff declared spanking is a distinctly parental function.

Secretary Seth C. Gordon, of the Pennsylvania State Game Commission was last week exonerated of the charge of shooting at a bear within the game preserve. The case was alleged in the case that he has gained state-wide notoriety as "the spit-case." Chief Judge McCormick and his two associates sat in the case and after all of the evidence had been heard, the case was decided in favor of the defendant and he was absolved from the payment of costs, in addition.

George C. Tompkins, convicted in the Cambria county court of the murder of Edmund I. Humphries' family, who some time ago was granted a change of venue by the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, is to be tried in the courts of Blair county. The case, which is scheduled for the first week of criminal court in October, will be tried before Judge T. J. Baldrige. District Attorney Marion D. Patterson, of Blair county, will conduct the case for the Commonwealth.

Storming the barricaded home of John Wiest, near Herndon, Northumberland county, owner of a half-dozen farms, as many houses and with \$3000 in his pockets, state cops escaped his fusillade of shots and made him a prisoner after he had exhausted his ammunition. Wiest, who is one of the most prominent farmers in the Susquehanna valley, had been acting queerly. He insisted on living alone, cooked his own meals and at times would appear in the garb of Adam in his garden.

Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, of the State Department of Forestry, has been having trouble in getting lumbermen to take contracts for cutting the chestnut trees of the forests of Pennsylvania because of monetary terms. The trees have been condemned and unless they are turned into lumber soon will be worth but little. Therefore sawmills are to be established and operated by the State and two of these are to be in Franklin county, one at Ford Loudon and the other at Mont Alto.

Charged with contempt of court of a warrant issued by Clearfield county authorities Joseph A. Conroy, general manager of the Pelican Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, was arrested and held in \$2,000 bail last week. Conroy will be taken to Clearfield where he will be tried in the September term of criminal court on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. It was alleged that the policies written by the company were for sick and accident benefits and not for life insurance, as represented.

Awakened by the sound of a crashing window pane about 1:30 last Saturday morning, Harry Jones, of Hazelton, world war veteran, left in charge of the house during the absence of his parents on a vacation, found a man hiding under a grape arbor and fired several shots at him without any taking effect. Then, clad only in his pajamas, he pursued the fleeing intruder down the street, caught him and turned him over to the police. The suspect gave his name as George Buchanan, of Philadelphia, a carnival company employee.

Just as she was about to rush to the door of her old home in Dutch Blue, Vassago county, last week after coming from Oklahoma unannounced to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIntyre, Mrs. Anny Elliot received part of the load from a shotgun in her face and fell bleeding. Her father, who had fired the shot, carried her into the house. McIntyre had seen a squirrel on a tree in front of the house, and not knowing that his daughter was closer than Oklahoma, fired at the animal. Mrs. Elliot appeared from behind the tree at the same instant.

A telegram from the War Department to Mrs. George Harper, of Lewistown, announces the death of her son, Sergeant Harrison W. Harper, H-3 detachment, Second brigade, A. E. F., from pneumonia in Germany on August 2. He had a long and honorable career in the regular army, he having been cited for extraordinary bravery in France. His enlistment would have expired last Saturday. It was his intention to give up the army and hasten home as fast as boat and train could carry him to spend the remainder of his days in old Lewistown.

John Wischaupt and Miss Sarah Miller, of Lewistown, were quietly married in Altoona on Saturday and continued their wedding trip to Pittsburgh and other cities in the middle west. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Miller, of Lake Park, a suburb of Lewistown. Her father is known as the coal, lumber and sand king of Central Pennsylvania, and when seen on Saturday verified the rumor that he was presenting the Coleman hotel, the best hotel in Lewistown, to his daughter as a wedding present. Mr. Miller recently paid \$75,000 for the building. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wischaupt, a miller by trade, and when he and his bride return they will take charge of the hotel.