

INK SLINGS.

Vote for Naginey for Assemblyman.

Watch the finish of the Legislative fight in Centre county. Candidate Naginey's long hold is always on the home stretch.

This weather makes us feel that neither side will have opportunity on November 3rd to refer to that old "and the next day it snowed" business.

Every day we have been expecting some bunk from the "front porch" to the effect that President Wilson is causing the potatoes to rot up here in Centre county.

It may be true that prohibition fails to prohibit, but nobody will deny that it has forced prices up to a level that makes beverages impossible to all but the wealthy folk.

The Republican county committee has \$4000.00 to use for Harding, Penrose and Beaver. The Democrats have only \$400.00. Davy must have said: Rash, get the money.

The DuPont family, of Delaware, made a quarter of a billion dollars out of powder mill products during the war, and are bitterly opposed to the League of Nations and the election of a President who wants permanent peace.

Lest we forget. It was only three years ago that we were burning German books and refusing to buy anything made in Germany. Are we so soon going to vote for a man who wants to make a separate peace with those same Germans.

Senator Harding has been yanked off the road and put back on his "front porch." The Senator spills too many beans when talking when none of the bosses are around to tell him what to say so he is to be kept at home where his speeches can be looked over by some one who knows something of what he intends to talk about before he gets them off.

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The remnants of the German navy undertook to start a new war the other day when the American destroyer Broome wanted to anchor in the harbor at Kiel. The German Admiral notified the commander of the Broome that he must depart immediately or she would be fired on. The war ended, however, when the American told the Hun what the commander of our "Lost Battalion" told other Huns in the Belleau Wood several years ago.

If we are to retain the place we have just won, the foremost maritime power on the earth, we must have something for our ships to carry over the seas. Of course we can and do manufacture more than we can use but we must sell our surplus products abroad before we requisition ships to transport them. Can we sell our goods to countries with whom we decline to fraternize. By refusing to go into the League of Nations we make a cool market for our goods in every country on the globe except bankrupt Russia, Mexico and Germany. If we can't sell goods abroad look out for American industries and American shipping, for both will suffer disastrously.

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Senator Harding is to be pitied. Certainly a man who is "necessarily conscious" of the fact that he is "the nominee of the Republican party for President of our Republic" does not willfully distort, disseminate and deceive as he has been doing in his campaign utterances. His many blunders must be attributable to limited conception of the issues he discusses and a lack of command of proper English to clearly express his thoughts. His recent Greencastle, Indiana, speech, in which he most unhappily alluded to conferences with "a citizen of France" was so worded as to leave the inference that he had been in conference with French officialdom concerning the policies of our government, and it may have been so intended, but the prompt inquiry of President Wilson as to just what he did mean compelled the Senator to clear the point which he did by making himself appear ridiculous.

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The number of eminent Republicans who have been publicly announcing their intention of voting for Governor Cox for President has caused something akin to a panic among the Harding campaign managers. These men are neither political sore-heads nor are they looking with thought of personal advantage at the situation. They have seen enough of the horrors of war to hope for peace for coming generations and they are convinced that a League of Nations offers the only plan through which this may be achieved. Only Monday Morris L. Cooke, former director of public works of Philadelphia said: "I have never voted any but the Republican ticket, but I shall vote for Governor Cox, on November 2nd. I base my decision on the attitude he has assumed respecting the League of Nations." It is scarcely within the range of probability that Mr. Cooke's vote will do Governor Cox any good for it is a certainty that Pennsylvania will go for Senator Harding. But it will do Mr. Cooke good. He is a man who holds a principle above partisan politics and has the courage to support it. There are thousands of others like him and in close States their going over to Cox is significant.

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Harding Again Blunders.

In the boastful spirit of a cheap demagogue Senator Harding alleged in a recent speech that a representative of the French government had approached him, since the opening of the campaign, with a proposition to "lead the way to an Association of Nations." Of course Senator Harding didn't know that such a movement on the part of the French government would be a grave violation of international courtesy and diplomatic etiquette. Harding doesn't know much about such things and out of the depths of his ignorance he imagined it would be safe to "throw a bluff into the group of verdant as well as provincial Hoosiers, whom he was addressing. But there was a reporter "among those present," and he spilled the beans.

The palpable purpose of Senator Harding was to create an impression in the public mind that the best minds of Europe are looking forward to his election as a medium of rescuing the world from the League of Nations to which France and forty other countries are committed by subscribing to the covenant of the League. It would have been a great card and probably had a profound influence on those to whom it was addressed. But unhappily for Harding it was a plain and unvarnished falsehood. The French government never sent an emissary to him to discuss that or any other question of international policy or anything else. The average high French official, being intelligent, would have sent its emissary to Senator Penrose or Senator Lodge on such a mission.

Of course Harding promptly denied that he had said what he was reported as saying and laid the blame on the stenographer. "Passing the buck" is a favorite practice of the Republican candidate. Governor Cox clarifies the matter, however. He tells the public that the correspondent of a French newspaper, a professional humorist, has been with Harding for some days and probably indulged in the luxury of "kidding" the candidate, who, taking the matter seriously, fell for the joke. But it is no joke at all. It has become a serious matter and the first result is that Harding has been taken off his circuit and sent home where on his front porch his utterances may be more carefully censored.

Probably the reason some of those who supported Roosevelt in 1912 are fighting President Wilson now is that Wilson has done so many of the things Roosevelt wanted to do himself.

Sproul on Forbidden Ground.

Governor Sproul shows scant respect for the adage, "a man who lives in a glass house should throw no stones." He made a speech in Philadelphia, the other evening, the burden of which was denunciation of wastefulness during the war. "Computations carefully made," he said, "show that probably fifteen billions of dollars might have been saved out of thirty-five billions or more which has been expended in the war." Possibly some money might have been saved if the war operations had been conducted after the fashion of the Spanish war under a Republican administration. Out of an army of about 300,000 men in that war seventy per cent. were prostrated with epidemics and thirty per cent. died.

Rotten beef is much cheaper than good beef, shoddy cloth cheaper than woolen and paper soled shoes cost less than leather. But the mortality increases under such conditions in greater ratio than the expenses diminish, and the policy of the administration which conducted our share in the world war was to save the lives of American troops rather than the money of the profiteering slackers who were coining millions out of the suffering of the soldiers during the Spanish war. It was a question of men or money in both cases. The Democratic administration elected to save lives while the Republican administration aimed to increase the profits of political favorites by giving bad service.

But even if there was wastefulness in the war, which no intelligent man who is truthful will assert, Governor Sproul is the last man on this green earth who can lay claim to protest. After the armistice was declared and hostilities stopped the government at Washington sent a million dollars or more worth of auto trucks into Pennsylvania for use in road construction and repair. Governor Sproul allowed all this valuable property to stand without shelter during the entire winter of 1919-1920 with the result that in the spring it was absolutely worthless. Maybe the salvage of these vehicles would have deprived some of Governor Sproul's friends of contracts to supply other trucks.

Presumably women who vote for Penrose will not only close their eyes but hold their noses.

From the Indianapolis News.

The little child in fright or pain cries out "Mother, where are you?" It is mother's voice that reassures him. It is mother's presence that makes him bold in the dark. It is mother who wipes away the tears and "kisses the hurt to make it well." It is mother who saves him from all harm. It is mother who shares his joys and troubles. It is mother who prays daily for his protection. Mother is the guard that never sleeps when he is in danger. How safe he feels in the arms of mother! Home and God and Mother are all the same to him. Would mother fail to do all possible to protect him from the dread diseases of fever and plague and war? Will mother vote to continue a system that some time—and it may be soon—will destroy his life, or blind his eyes, or mangle his limbs, or eat up his lungs by poison gases? Mother, where are you? Ask the little child. He will tell you.

Your son has reached manhood. He is stricken with a disease that under the old method of treatment has always proved fatal. But a new remedy has been discovered that will cure in nine cases out of ten. How long would you tolerate a physician that insisted on sticking to the old sure death methods and refused to give the new life-saving remedy a trial? Mothers of America, forty-one nations have adopted a remedy that will prevent the sacrifice of their sons in war. Are you unwilling that a trial be given this remedy to save your sons? Let us assume that our country refuses to give the remedy a trial. Without the League of Nations, the laws relating to the coming of wars are as unchanging as were the laws of the Medes and Persians. Let us look ahead a few years to the coming war. It is inevitable under the old system. Your son on battlefield, or in muddy trench, or in fever-stricken camp or hospital, suffering from body wounds, or mutilated limbs, or struggling for the breath of life through bleeding, poisoned lungs, cries out in his delirium, just as he did as a child when no one else could save him, "Mother, where are you?" Can mother save him then? Will mother save him now? Need we ask?

Mother that has just come out of the valley of the shadow of death with the wee bit of helpless humanity; mother of the sweetest, dimpling, cooing babe that ever crowded for kisses; mother of the laughing, prattling, inquisitive toddler; mother of the little man of six ready for school; mothers of the boys and youths of America; mothers of the men of the greatest nation on earth; mother, "the holiest thing alive," we thank God that you are to participate in the settling of this great moral, life-saving question. It is the greatest issue of the age. But beware! The reactionaries and opponents of the League are employing their cleverest brains to distort the meaning of the covenant, to misrepresent its principles and belittle its importance. They are telling you of its evils, mostly imaginary, and based on the absurd assumption that nations will habitually violate their agreements. They never tell you of the great good it will accomplish; nor that its defects can be better discovered by a fair trial; nor that it can be amended; nor that we can withdraw it if we don't like it. Was there ever an attitude more depraved and uncompromising than is determined, through misrepresentation to prevent the trial of a method that promises to save to you in the future the lives of your sons?

Be not deceived. We had no league and more than 100,000 of our best men have been sacrificed. The League is to prevent a repetition of this, and greater, sacrifices. It is not believed that the mothers will be diverted from the path of righteousness by the misrepresentations and efforts to confuse and deceive her. Mothers see and know the right intuitively. Queen of the world, "the mother holds the key to the soul, and makes the being who will force the nations to discard the age-old man-savage way of settling their disputes. In its stead they will have the civilized, christian way of the covenant. Civilization and other nations in despair are crying, "Mothers of America, where are you?" The hope of the world lies in the motherhood of America. Mother will keep the faith with the sons who have gone before and the sons of the coming generation. Her influence through the vote will put civilization a thousand years ahead. And "her children will rise up and call her blessed."

Mother, where are you?

WARREN DANIEL.

Roosevelt's Appraisal Accurate.

William Howard Taft is writing himself down an artless "dodger." In a speech at Des Moines, Iowa, delivered more than two weeks ago, Senator Harding frankly declared, referring to the League of Nations, "I do not want any clarifying reservations. I want to turn my back on these obligations. I stand for rejection." In a speech delivered in Chicago last week Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, denounced those who say that Harding is in favor of some sort of an association of nations to preserve peace, as enemies of the Republican candidate who are impairing rather than helping his cause. Senator Borah, of Idaho, declares he is for Harding because of his pledge against any kind of agreement.

Yet in the Philadelphia Public Ledger of last Saturday, after he must have known of the Des Moines speech, the Johnson declaration and the Borah assertion, Mr. Taft, under his own signature, states that "Senator Harding has promised the people of the United States that if he is elected he will devote his time from the day of his election, with the aid of others, to an earnest and serious effort to secure an association of nations to create and maintain an international court for the settlement of disputes between nations." It is small wonder that the late Colonel Roosevelt entered his name in the Ananias club and refused to have personal intercourse with him because of his faithlessness to truth.

If by any process of reasoning or contortion of language it could be shown that Mr. Taft has been deceived into the impression that what he says is true, he might be excused for thus misrepresenting the facts. He is a bigoted partisan who has been on the payroll of the government or his party organization from the day he reached the voting age, and probably feels that a failure to support his party candidate would be ingratitude, the basest of human vices. But he might support the candidate without stultifying himself by falsehoods plainly framed for the purpose of deceiving the people who have honored and trusted him. Roosevelt wasn't always a safe guide but his estimate of Taft seems accurate.

The elements which are trying to create trouble between this country and Japan are striving to defeat the League of Nations, and they are all identified with the manufacture of war materials.

Mr. Harding protests that he is not a superman and nobody who has read his campaign speeches will ask for corroborative evidence.

Harding's Lack of Information.

The esteemed New York World has adopted the "Watchman's" charitable view of Harding's treatment of the League of Nations. In an editorial in last Sunday's issue our New York contemporary says: "It has long been evident that Senator Harding never read any of the covenant of the League of Nations except Article X, and does not know what that means." He has said at one time or another that he is for the League and against it. He has promised one set of men to favor something like the League and others that he will scrap it. These various declarations would indicate an infirmity of mind to be pitied rather than condemned. But he goes farther and makes things vastly worse.

For example he says that if elected he will call the wise men of the country together to frame up some sort of an association into which all other civilized countries will gladly rush. There are forty-one of the forty-four or forty-five civilized nations already in what he calls the "Wilson League," though Taft, Root and several other distinguished Americans and the leading men of Europe, had a share in its construction. Article XX of this convention provides that all these "solemnly undertake that they will not hereafter enter into any engagements inconsistent with the terms thereof." In other words they solemnly pledge themselves to enter into no other association or League.

The nations not thus pledged and available for the organization of some other League are Turkey, Russia and Mexico, besides the United States. Out of this material Mr. Harding might organize a sort of international club in which Lenin, Villa, one of the murdering Pashas and himself or Senator Lodge would be dominant figures. But we can't even imagine that the people of the United States would find such company congenial. There is a good deal of similarity in the lives of Villa and Hi Johnson and the murdering Pasha might find Harding an agreeable companion. It might be possible to make Senator Lodge comfortable in such environment. But the idea is hardly worth serious consideration.

It will also be universally admitted by intelligent persons who have read Senator Harding's speeches that he has "no constructive plan for handling our foreign relations." His methods are all destructive.

It is practically certain that the vote of German sympathizers will be solid for Harding, but they are not as numerous as they used to be nor as influential in elections.

Where Responsibility Rests.

Under the pressure of lust for office former President Taft has finally joined in the false statement repeatedly uttered by Lodge and Borah that the defeat of the League of Nations is ascribable to the stubbornness of President Wilson who insisted upon ratification precisely as it was presented. Nobody knows better than Mr. Taft that such a statement is false. At frequent intervals President Wilson declared his willingness to accept any alterations of the text which did not impair the value of the instrument for the purposes for which it was created. Several amendments offered by Mr. Taft himself were accepted by the President and written into the covenant at his instance.

Pending the consideration of the measure in the Senate negotiations were entered into between Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, on the part of the friends of the treaty and Senator Lodge and others in behalf of its opponents. This finally led to an agreement upon certain reservations proposed by Lodge with a modification of Article X which provided that "the military forces of the United States could only be used under the direct authority of Congress and that Congress should be free to accept or reject the advice of the League as to the enforcement of this article," suggested by Senator Hitchcock. This agreement was approved by President Wilson and for a time all parties were confident that ratification would be effected.

But Hi Johnson and Senator Borah served notice on Senator Lodge that unless the agreement was repudiated by the Republican Senators concerned in it, they and four or five other "bitter enders" would bolt the Republican party and break the party control of the body. Thereupon Senator Lodge served notice on Hitchcock and the Democratic Senators that he would not carry out his agreement and proposed another conference looking to adjustment of the differences. But no other conference was held. The bitter enders assumed control of the Republican majority and compelled Lodge to yield to them. They are responsible for the failure of ratification and Lodge gave them the power of destruction.

Of course every one of us have commented more or less during the past several weeks on the delightful weather we have had, and very likely think it something unusual, when it really isn't. Yesterday morning the Hon. John Noll informed us that on Wednesday, while cleaning up in his garden, he found ripe red and black raspberries, a second crop, and got enough of them to give him a taste at dinner. While this also may seem unusual, it is not, for only last year another well known Bellefonte gardener brought to this office a sprig of raspberry that had twenty-two berries on it, some ripe, others ripening and a number of green ones. Today one year ago it was rainy and cold, and while cool weather prevailed during the balance of October there were plenty of days before winter set in in earnest that the sun was quite hot during the daytime.

On the sixth page of today's "Watchman" will be found the pictures and brief sketches of the Democratic candidates for United States Senator, Congressman-at-Large, State Treasurer and Auditor General. Look them over and we feel convinced that you will promptly decide that they are all worthy of your support. The record of all of them is clean as a new slate and any man or woman can vote for them conscious of the fact that if elected they will be true representatives of the people.

Everybody in Bellefonte and surrounding community should boost the big Hallow'een demonstration planned for Bellefonte on the evening of November first, full particulars of which are given elsewhere in this paper. Bellefonte has never tried anything of the kind before but with the assistance of our neighbors from nearby villages and the community at large we ought to be able to pull off something worthy the occasion.

James D. Connelly, of Clearfield, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Twenty-eighth district, spent most of the week traveling through Centre county and if the favorable impression he made on the voters at large can be taken as an indication of the vote on November 2nd Jim will be our next Representative in Congress.

With another week of good weather contractor Frank T. Murphy will complete the state highway on Pine street to the borough line, so far as the roadway is concerned. The completed street will be a big improvement to that part of the town and will enhance the value of all the properties in that section.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Thieves during Sunday night stole three barrels of whiskey and four barrels of alcohol from the warehouse of the Atlas Chemical company at Hazleton, and diligent search is now being made to locate the same.

Mrs. Mary Hess Fishol, of Tumbling Run valley, near Pottsville, mother of fourteen children, died on Monday. Nearly all of her numerous family are married, and, like their parents, have large families. She had sixty grand-children.

The first market garden and vegetable crop survey in Pennsylvania is to be started in rural sections on November 3rd or 4th. State College experts will aid, and it is the idea to have the larger boroughs and cities investigated in winter so market conditions can be better observed.

Commissioner of Fisheries N. B. Buller last week attended a family celebration at Corry, where his brother, William Buller, is superintendent. The Buller family contains half a dozen of the leading fish culturists in the United States and William celebrated a quarter of a century in charge of work at that hatchery.

Just an hour before John Dorman, of Montandon, died in the Geisinger hospital at Danville last Thursday, his wife gave birth to a son. Mrs. Dorman is in a serious condition and has not been told of her husband's death. Dorman's death resulted from burns received at the plant of the Milton Manufacturing company.

While talking to Mrs. Charles Friz, her hostess, on a visit to Kutztown, and waiting for a car to take her back to Allentown, her home, Miss Ellen J. Rabenhold, forty-nine years old, suddenly collapsed at the Kutztown trolley station on Monday and died on the sidewalk in a few minutes. Heart disease caused her death.

While the figures have not been made public, it was learned on Tuesday that the settlement of the miners in the central Pennsylvania bituminous coal field, is against striking to enforce their demand for a 25 per cent. wage advance. Clearfield county was evenly divided, but in Cambria county the vote was heavily against a strike, as it was in the Allegheny river district.

The Rev. Elmer E. Horner, assistant pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Altoona, inherits the income from an estate of more than \$60,000, left by Dr. John Feltwell, of that city, for many years pastor of Calvary. Doctor Feltwell, who died last spring, bequeathed the income of his estate to his wife, Mrs. Anna Feltwell, with the proviso that at her death it was to go to the Rev. Mr. Horner, and at his death to Calvary church for religious work. Mrs. Feltwell died recently.

Mrs. Andrey Otto, living at Ferndale, a suburb of Shamokin, found some old shoes near an abandoned emergency hospital last Friday and used them to help along a slow kitchen fire. Several minutes later she saw a stove lid raised and a blacksnake's head protrude. She forced the lid down with a broomstick, allowing the blaze to consume the reptile. Mrs. Otto believes the snake had made its home in one of the shoes and was aroused from its slumbers by the flames.

A slight pin scratch on his right hand caused the death on Monday of Howard Leihou, 38 years old, a wealthy Point township, Northumberland county, farmer. The accident occurred last Friday, and it being of a trivial nature, he paid no attention to it. His arm began to swell, then he called in a doctor. Leihou was rushed to the Mary M. Pecker hospital at Sunbury, where he sank rapidly until death came. Leihou had never been sick a day before in his life, according to friends.

Gregorio C. Dimano, a Filipino, 29 years old, has been given permission by the Reading Railway to serve as a fireman on its engines on the main line for six months. He has just completed a course of training in overalls at the Baldwin plant in Philadelphia. All that is supplementary to six years Dimano spent in various technical schools in this country learning mechanical engineering. After his coal shoveling course he will go to Manila to take an advanced position in his profession on a railway system.

Miss Estella Granay, formerly of Chicago, has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the Roaring Spring hospital. Miss Granay is a graduate of an Illinois hospital and a post-graduate of Bellevue hospital. She saw service as a Red Cross nurse during the world war. Miss Lucille Granay, also a graduate of an Illinois hospital, has been named supervisor of the operating room, while Miss Mae Murray, of Moneton, New Brunswick, a post-graduate of Bellevue, has been appointed night supervisor.

Breaking all known murder trial records in Allegheny county, the jury in the Floyd Tendick murder case, which retired Friday, October 8th, has not yet reached a verdict. Tendick was killed in a shooting affair in Verona, a suburb, and four men are charged jointly with murder—C. H. Patterson, J. C. Gillespie and Frank and Lionel Dampier. The longest service given by any other murder jury in the last sixty-five years was eleven days, from the beginning of the trial until the finding of a verdict, and it was broken last Friday by the Tendick jury, which at that time had been on the case twelve days.

Screams of a woman compelled a couple of hold-up men to desert their victim, James Pappas, a Chester business man, whom they had knocked out with blackjacks early last Thursday morning, and flee before they had time to rifle his pockets and get a bag he carries and which contained more than \$1000, the money being taken from the cash drawer when Pappas closed his store. Pappas was locking the door of his store when he was attacked and knocked insensible in the street. Mrs. Laura Steward, who had gotten up from bed to attend a sick child, glanced out of her bedroom window and saw the highwaymen beating their victim.

John Miller, of Mount Union, better known as "Tiny Miller" in his home town, is playing football with the University of Pittsburgh squad. Young Miller is 15 years of age, weighs 275 pounds and is six feet tall. He wears size 13 shoes and the largest suit of clothes ever worn by a football player on the University squad. "Pop" Warner, the coach at the University, saw young Miller on the street and thought to himself "What a prospect for a football player." Upon entering into conversation with him he learned that he was a student at the University, a member of the Sophomore class and eligible for practice. The young giant is a graduate of the Mount Union High school, class of 1918, playing guard on the football team. He is a student in dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh.