

INK SLINGS.

—How do you do Senator Betts. —We presume that county chairman Gray got through for both offices he was seeking.

—Now, Democrats, get busy. It's our time to fight but don't let it be among ourselves.

—While Alter would have been easier to defeat Pinchot will be easier for the "Watchman" to attack.

—What's the use of fooling around with Russia, anyway. If she wants to rule the world let her go try it.

—The carnation invariably hops into the air ship before Mother's day and then takes the toboggan back afterwards.

—If you have a loose tongued acquaintance the time to entertain him or her is the night you've got the radio tuned to the proper wave length.

—As we have remarked before, a Democratic broom is needed in Harrisburg. Possibly Mr. Pinchot would do all he could, but he couldn't do enough.

—And who'd have thought that a lady by the name of Meek would get the honor of being the first nominee of any party in Centre for a county office.

—If the State didn't lose anything by juggling the funds by the Treasurer it is because the depositors don't pay interest as the law requires.

—The Hon. Harry Scott ran so well in Centre county that there are symptoms of the complete abandonment of the Alter cause by the machine workers on Tuesday.

—The air plane that fell at Croton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., and smashed up many quarts of good liquor that it was transporting from Canada was surely a joy killer.

—Well, if the Hon. Harry Scott is wet, as many of those who were working for his defeat declared, it won't be because of any tears he will shed over Tuesday's result.

—And Billy Swoope defeated the Hon. Evan Jones. We could imagine Billy in Congress were it not for the thought that Frank Snyder lowers over the mental vision.

—Nathan Ichkowitz offered us twenty-five cents the hundred for our haled paper yesterday and, at that, we believe it is more than a like amount of Russian money is worth.

—After eighteen years of turmoil the Eighteenth Congressional district has rid itself of Benny Focht. He was beaten for the nomination, on Tuesday, by E. M. Beers, of Huntingdon.

—Probably one of the reasons the Republican machine didn't run so well at the primaries in the State was that Grundy wasn't on hand with the peculiar kind of grease it has used as a lubricant.

—The Prince of Wales refuses to be catapulted into matrimony, and he's right. When they're all in the same fruit basket, and the game is one of grab, a lemon might be snatched just as easily as a peach.

—Anyway, Mr. Naginey was very polite on his fight with Miss Zoe Meek for the legislative nomination. In fact we have heard it rumored that he was so gallant that he just didn't have the heart to go out and beat her.

—The extension of the three per cent. immigration law for a period of two years longer is a good thing, but it might have been better to have reduced it to half of one per cent. Then we would all be sure there is no kick in it.

—What a mess that Fordney tariff bill must have been when it reached the Senate. Twenty-hundred and sixty-seven amendments were made to it there, so we opine that everything but the name Fordney must have been cut out of the original.

—If any person can prove to us that there is any fundamental principle of politics in the election of a Governor of a State—other than to keep an organization or a gang intact—we have the brown derby all brushed up for adornment of his ivory.

—A woman is a natural born house-cleaner. A man knows little or nothing about that business and because a real house-cleaner is needed at Harrisburg Centre county ought to resolve now to send Miss Zoe Meek down to Harrisburg as her member of the house-cleaning brigade.

—Talking about obsolescence what more in the way of elucidation could you demand than the jingling quip that "sounded so risqué a few years ago and so passe today."

—Providence sends the wicked wind That blows our skirts knee high But God is just and sends the dust, That blows in the bad man's eye.

—The proposed merger of the independent steel companies may not be a monopoly and it might operate to the lowering of the costs of the products of the steel mills, but we fear that it is only another way of forming a greater steel trust, for the same big interests will be found somewhere back of both U. S. steel and the new combine.

—The Hon. Ives Harvey was probably more interested in licking the Hon. Harry Scott for state committee-man than he was in seeing Dr. Pollum lick him for the Senate. As you know, the two Honorables are not on just the pleasantest of political terms and their fight for the right to sit in the councils of their party had a lot of significance.

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"Turn the Rascals Out."

During the primary campaign just ended the Republican candidates for Governor made grave charges against each other and proved them. Mr. Pinchot charged that a small group of selfish contractors selected Mr. Alter as the party choice, that it was made for a sinister purpose and that Mr. Alter was largely responsible for the profligacy of the Sproul administration.

On the other hand Mr. Alter declares that Mr. Pinchot solicited the favor of the contractors in the contest. That he violated the fundamental law of the State by accepting an increase of the salary of the office of Forestry Commissioner from \$3000.00 a year to \$8000.00, and that he was equally culpable with others in the Sproul administration for the profligacy. Mr. Alter proves his charge by the records of the Legislature and the books of the Auditor General and State Treasurer.

In view of these facts it may justly be assumed that the charges each of these gentlemen has made against the other have been proved amply. That being the case it is certain that neither of them should be elected Governor. Recent exposures show that the affairs of the Commonwealth are in a deplorable condition. The remedy is in a complete housecleaning at the capitol.

—Good morning, Governor McSparran.

Pinchot Probably Nominated.

Primary election returns available at this writing indicate the nomination of Gifford Pinchot, as the Republican candidate for Governor by a small majority. On Wednesday at noon W. Harry Baker conceded this result of the vote but later he revised his estimate and claimed the nomination of Alter. Max Leslie, of Pittsburgh, influenced this reversal of opinion by claiming a majority of 65,000 for Alter in Allegheny county.

Senator Pepper has been nominated to fill the Penrose vacancy in the Senate and David A. Reed, of Pittsburgh, to occupy the seat of the late Senator Knox. Thus the Republican machine has made provision for representation of the Pennsylvania railroad and the Steel trust in the Senate. Railroad and industrial corporations place no dependence in local legislation. All their favors now come from Congress and the administration at Washington and the closeness of the vote for Governor shows that the candidates for that office were equally satisfactory to the corporate interests.

As we have said from the beginning of the campaign Gifford Pinchot is a gentleman of irreproachable character. But his election to the office of Governor will simply serve to renew the lease of the predatory political machine to loot the Pennsylvania public. No Republican is strong enough to resist the force of the machine and whether Alter or Pinchot is nominated the corruption will continue at the State capitol unless the Democratic nominee is elected. John A. McSparran can and will clean house in Harrisburg and neither of the others can. This fact is so obvious that no argument is needed to support it.

Daugherty Will Investigate Himself.

Te activities, professional, official and political, of Attorney General Daugherty are to be investigated, according to newspaper information from Washington. For some months rumors current in and about the National capital have caused suspicion to centre about the President's campaign manager, who is said to be also his political boss, and various attempts have been made by Democratic Congressmen to probe the matter. Finally some Republican Congressmen have brought charges and insisted upon official inquiry and the demands have become so imperative that an investigation is to be made. But it is not to be an unfriendly action. The Attorney General will himself make the investigation.

Nothing could be more satisfactory to the administration. A Congressional probe might have been embarrassing. Some zealous and inconsiderate Democrat on a Congressional committee, and the minority is entitled to representation on such committees, might have steered the examination of witnesses in a wrong direction and developed some facts that were better held in concealment. It is even possible that some too inquisitive Republican might "spill the beans" if a Congressional investigation had been ordered. In view of these facts it was only wise but exceedingly prudent to turn the matter over to the department of justice. It will give the Attorney General a chance to be prosecutor, judge and jury all at once.

This system of probing into public affairs is somewhat expensive, it must be admitted, but it is absolutely safe. Congress has appropriated half a million dollars, at least the House of Representatives has voted that sum to pay the expenses. By the careful use of that amount of money Attorney General Daugherty ought to be able not only to investigate but to completely vindicate himself and have a considerable margin left to distribute among friendly lawyers here and there which will inspire them to increased activity in future political fights of interest to the administration. If Daugherty had had this fund at his command in time the defeat of Harry New, in Indiana, might have been averted.

—Probably it's all right to keep the Genoa conference alive for the present but in the not far distant future the League of Nations will be so robust and active that it can easily dispense with all other agencies of peace and perform the work of restoring prosperity itself.

Lodge and the Hide Tax.

The shoe manufacturers of Massachusetts have served notice on Senator Lodge, of that State, that the tariff tax of two cents a pound on green hides must be cut out of the pending tariff bill or else he will be cut out of his job. Hitherto Henry Cabot has been able to fool that important bloc of his constituents by voting against the tax and expressing regret that he was unable to control the question. Now they answer this "plea of the baby act" by the statement that he had sufficient control of the Senate to prevent the ratification of the covenant of the League of Nations and ought to be able to strike out an item of a two cent tax on raw hides.

This raw hide tax is a pet measure of the agricultural bloc in the Senate and that group seems to have the Republican party in Congress "locoed." It would probably yield to the average farmer a revenue of something less than one-half of one per cent, and cost him fifty times that much on his annual shoe bill. But the Senators who compose the bloc reason that all tariff laws in the past have been for the benefit of the manufacturers and like the epicure who orders canary bird tongues as a dinner novelty they are willing to pay any price for a luxury of little value. No doubt Lodge would like to oblige the Massachusetts shoemakers but he is afraid of the effect on the Senate majority.

"Looking a gift horse in the mouth" is an impolite practice and the right thinking men and women of the country would be grateful if that senile sinner Lodge were relegated to perpetual private life. But the people of Massachusetts ought to find a better reason for defeating his re-election than the two cent tax on raw hides. He is notoriously selfish and sordid and constitutionally narrow and bigoted. Because of these evil propensities he ought to be defeated and excoriated. But if his constituents want to lick him because of the raw hide tax let them go to it, but lick him good and strong. His presence in the Senate is a disgrace to the whole country.

—Governor Sproul confidently assures the public that he is a very capable, honest and efficient Governor.

Democrats to the Front.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have before them the opportunity of their lives. At no time within the voting period of the present generation have the conditions been as auspicious. The Republican party of Pennsylvania stands self-accused of every political crime in the calendar. It is tattered and torn beyond restoration. Unless half the voters of the party are lost to every principle of self respect they cannot vote for the nominee. They have made charges against the candidate which if true will make it impossible to support him. If not true they are scandal-mongers. In either even supporting him is stultification. They impale themselves on one or the other horn of the dilemma.

On the other hand the Democrats of the State are happy and harmonious in their party. By a novel but absolutely fair method, entirely consistent with the primary election laws, they have chosen a ticket that is absolutely above reproach. No man of any political persuasion can say a word against any of the candidates on the Democratic ticket. No truthful man or woman in the Commonwealth will dare raise a question as to the fitness, the fairness or the integrity of our candidates. John A. McSparran, Charles D. McAvoy, A. Marshall Thompson, Samuel E. Shull and Colonel Fred Kerr, stand four-square in public estimation as men among men, worthy of the highest honors in the gift of the people.

Tens of thousands of earnest and honest Republicans are ready to give cordial and helpful support to this admirable ticket. Tens of thousands of independent and non-partisan voters are equally anxious to support these candidates. It is up to the Democrats to do whatever else is necessary to secure their triumphant election and there are abundant reasons why they should do so. We have shared with others the burden of needless taxation caused by the profligacy and corruption of the Republican control for nearly a quarter of a century. We know of the crimes that have been committed and the outrages perpetrated by misrule. It is our duty, therefore, to do our part in the work of rescue and restoration.

—Our separate treaty with Germany was the incentive to the separate treaty between Germany and Russia and that in turn was the cause of the impudent demands of Russia at the Genoa conference.

Scott Wins Nomination at Tuesday's Primaries.

Harry B. Scott, of Phillipsburg, won the nomination for State Senator at Tuesday's primaries, notwithstanding the hard fight put up against him by the temperance people and a few members of the Republican party who had a personal grievance against that gentleman. In Centre county, where the hardest kind of a contest was waged against him Scott won out over Dr. Pollum, of DuBois, with a majority of 1687. The exact figures for Clearfield county are not yet obtainable but according to most reliable estimates Scott will have at least 1000 majority in the district. Scott also defeated the Hon. Ives L. Harvey for Republican state committeeman by 926 majority.

Another surprise of the local primaries was the nomination of Miss Zoe Meek, of Clarence, over Frank E. Naginey, of Bellefonte, as a candidate for the Legislature on the Democratic ticket. Miss Meek's majority was 174. She will now contest the election with Thomas Beaver, who was renominated on the Republican ticket.

In the Twenty-third Congressional district, composed of the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Cameron and McKean, the Hon. Evan J. Jones went down to defeat at the hands of William I. Swoope, of Clearfield. Pinchot sentiment ran riot in Centre county on Tuesday, the Republicans contributing 1401 votes to his majority in the State against George E. Alter. The woman vote is the explanation.

Detailed returns of the primaries in Centre county will be found in another column.

—The primary fight in the Republican party is certain to achieve one good result. It has made Republican success next fall utterly impossible and will give John A. McSparran an opportunity to clean house.

—Now the public will listen with deep interest to the apologies one-half the Republicans of the State will make to the other half for the language used and accusations made during the primary campaign.

—If the Russian delegates at Genoa had been more reasonable they might have got something.

Behold Mr. Fordney!

From the Philadelphia Ledger. Sometimes the general public has to wait until a man has been many years in public life before some lightning flash enables it to fix his proper place. Mr. Fordney has been in the House of Representatives so long that the public thought it knew him thoroughly. He was elected in 1898, twenty-four years ago, and became prominent before his second term. He has progressed so far by seniority that he is now chairman of the Ways and Means committee, one of the two great committees of the House.

The impression the public had of him was that he was a rather stogy man with a good outfit of brains along conventional lines, that he was dignified and, above all, respectable and decent. He did nothing in all those twenty-four years to disturb that impression, and now in one day he has torn it to pieces and scattered it to the winds. It was nothing but a mask, a pose.

He did this in what he probably thought was a funny speech about ex-President Wilson. We refuse to join Representative Connally in asserting that it was no fit speech to be made against a man who could not reply or take any other action. It was no fit speech for a man such as Fordney was supposed to be to make about anybody, especially any ex-President. Calling Wilson always "the school-master," Fordney recalled certain lines sung by boys at the close of a backwoods school: Good-by, scholars; good-by, school; Good-by, teacher, you darned old fool.

Such epithets as "political boss" and "glorious misfit" also figure in this boomerang speech. President Harding, a far better politician than Fordney, has had the tact to praise his predecessor. If Fordney finds many imitators, the Republican vote next fall is likely to be diminished, for the number of citizens who vote their disgust instead of their joy is always large, whether on fair grounds or not. And disgust is the only sentiment Fordney's "lively-stable conversation," as Mr. Connally aptly called it, is likely to awaken.

However that may be, Fordney's coarse-minded clowning has ennobled his revolted citizens to take his measure, and if it has any effect on Wilson, will tend to create sympathy and respect for him.

Poincare's Strategy.

From the Richmond Evening Dispatch. The Genoa conference is on its last legs, mainly because of the attitude of France. To the two essential tasks, having to do with Russia and the limitation of armaments, the French have erected barriers which have not been cleared away. There is, there can be, no hope for the economic recovery of Europe until Russia is linked up with the rest of the world and until a peace pact shall have been signed. In the very nature of things, reconstruction can be worked out only upon a political basis. It is this fact which made Secretary Hughes' note to Genoa almost cynically ironical. The United States, he said, would not be represented because the conference would be largely political, although purporting to be economic in its aims. As though it were possible to separate the two, as though politics and economics were not inextricably interwoven in our modern world organization!

M. Poincare has played his game excellently, checkmating Mr. Lloyd George completely, unless the Welsh wizard springs one of his irresistible surprises. Poincare knows that his side with Belgium, touching the title to foreign property in Russia, means that there is little hope of establishing a relationship with the Soviet government, which regards this point as vital, as something to be conceded only at the cost of its own life. Then again Poincare accepts the non-aggression proposal in principle but insists that Russia shall be included, although he knows this to be impossible since he has thrust the Bolsheviks into outer darkness. Finally, to cap his obstructionism, he claims for France the right to enforce the Versailles treaty by an armed invasion of German territory.

One may respect the fears and the wounds of France without justifying her policy at the Genoa conference. It postpones the restoration of a stable economic life in Europe. It strengthens existing enmities and sets new poisons in operation. The civilization of the continent is a leaking boat. All the occupants ought to be diligently engaged in baling out the water. But France is thinking of who shall boss the job. Is this the way in which to reach the safety of terra firma?

A Changed Campaign Plan.

From the Ohio State Journal. Since that happened to Harry New over in Indiana we have revised the set speech we had prepared for our coming swing around the circle, eliminating all references to the glorious constructive record of our great Republican Congress and inserting in their place a few impassioned general remarks about the Old Flag, which seem safer.

—If the "flapper" is half as dangerous as popular comment indicates the "slipper" treatment might be tried as a palliative if not a cure.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—If people in the outskirts of Hazleton want to keep goats they must tie them up, ruled Mayor James G. Harvey in ordering the police to arrest the owners of animals found at large. The goats had forsaken their traditional diet of tin cans and had invaded many gardens.

—John Goss, of near Milroy, was liberated from the Mifflin county prison on Friday after agreeing to pay the costs of prosecution, amounting to \$50 and a fine of \$5 and giving his pledge to have his children vaccinated and sent to school in compliance with the school code.

—Edward D. Wise, of Middletown, who died a few days ago, was the largest man in that section of the State. He stood 6 feet 4 inches in his stockings and weighed 425 pounds. A special coffin was made to receive his remains and eight pall bearers were required to carry the body to the grave.

—Three masked and armed burglars early last Thursday entered the parsonage of St. Barbara's Catholic church at Frisco, near Pittsburgh, and compelled the Rev. A. F. Moder to open a safe. They secured \$300 from the strong box, took \$50, representing a school fund, cut the telephone wires and escaped.

—A tip received by Sheriff Gunther from a prisoner at the Columbia county jail Thursday night frustrated a wholesale jail delivery that was scheduled for early Friday morning. Steve Skript, of Berwick, informed the sheriff that the bars of the jail doors had been sawed off. Skript was paroled the following day.

—Giuseppe Antolovich, of Northumberland, when notified that he was the winner of a lottery prize of \$10,000, chucked his job and was about to stage a big party when he received word that a mistake had been made, that he was within one number of being the winner. He called off the celebration and asked for his old job back.

—Fire warden Dewey Sanderlin, of Shenandoah, has made the first claim for reward offered for arrest and conviction of a person starting a forest fire. His claim is for \$250 for causing conviction of two men who were convicted in the Schuylkill county courts. The reward was first offered two years ago and this is the first claim.

—Harry S. Furst, of Lock Haven, 37 years old, legal adviser of the Clinton county commissioners, died in the Lock Haven hospital Sunday night of pneumonia. He contracted a heavy cold on a trout fishing expedition. He was a member of the law firm of McCormick & Hipple, of Williamsport. A widow and young son survive.

—The State Supreme court on Saturday nolle prossed the appeal of William C. Moulton, of Scranton, from a jury verdict in a suit involving anthracite coal banks said to be worth \$2,000,000, which was won by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, after an eight weeks' trial in the common pleas division of the Northumberland county court.

—The will of J. S. Worth, late steel manufacturer of Coatesville, who died last week, was admitted to probate Friday afternoon at West Chester. The estate is valued in excess of \$20,000,000. The will bequeathes \$42,000 outright and leaves \$198,000 in trust to present and former employees of Worth's. The remainder of the estate and the large residence in that city is left to his brother, W. P. Worth.

—Authorities are investigating the mysterious fire late on Friday, which destroyed the Methodist church and Grange hall at Muhlenburg, five miles from Shickelhina, with a loss of \$6000. The blaze was discovered by the pastor of the church, Rev. George Metzger, when the heat broke the windows and the flames came shooting out. The entire interior then was on fire and the wind swept the flames across the road to the Grange hall. It was only by the hardest kind of a fight that a dozen other buildings nearby were prevented from burning.

—Relatives of Mrs. John Mader, of Danville, whose body was found in the Susquehanna river, near Sunbury, have asked the authorities to inquire more closely into the alleged drowning. According to their statements Mrs. Mader left home after a quarrel over whether or not she should go to Williamsport. The alleged statement of the husband that she might have met her death while walking across the Susquehanna had been investigated, inasmuch as there is a free bridge across the stream at that point. Mader married the woman out of the Danville asylum for the insane, where he is a stationary boiler fireman.

—Within reach of \$1000 in cash and able to take only \$500 of it, robbers who used a motorcycle to blow a safe in the branch house of Swift & Co., at Nanticoke, early Friday morning, made their escape when trapped by Policeman Caffey. That the burglars were practiced hands was indicated in their successful entry of the plant, where they eluded the night watchman. Policeman Caffey traced the burglars through an earlier attempt on their part to enter the Pennsylvania station. He decided upon an inspection of nearby property and noticed lights in the Swift place. The burglars had the door barred and escaped through a rear window.

—"I am glad I didn't have to go to the pen" said Joseph Osborne, of Shamokin, after he and Thomas Shebekie were sentenced to a \$25 fine and three years in the Sunbury jail on Monday for robbing the drug store of C. A. Barron, of Shamokin. Both were on parole when the crime was committed. They pleaded guilty. Osborne's sweetheart, Miss Beatrice Brae of Shamokin, was in court when sent was passed by President Judge Strv. It is believed that he counts on seeing young woman often during his term. Last week the youth asked sentence be deferred a week so could wed the girl, but the paroled and the event did not take.

—Officials of the Penn Centre Power company, of Johnstown closed a contract with the G company to furnish current of its mine in the ar section of Cambria and have begun the construction of a one-mile line from Moss Cre to the Greenwich recently consummated company disposed of holdings of the Mar pany, with offices in ing, Philadelphia. plant of the company and the company with power furr company.