

Democratic Watchman

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—Possibly President Harding didn't realize that he was damning the Sixty-seventh Congress with the faint praise he gave it.

—Surely this District ought to have the very ablest man it can find in Congress. J. Frank Snyder is an able man. Vote for him.

—The death of Vare leaves no doubt as to who will be boss of the Republican party in Pennsylvania in the event of Pinchot's election.

—Our friends, the Republicans, really means more than ever before. Many of them are going to help us send the right kind of cleaners to Harrisburg.

—The surest way to avoid the danger of being killed in a Sunday automobile accident is to stay at home and go to church instead of racing over the country.

—Don't forget that the honor of having the first woman Representative in Harrisburg is within the grasp of Centre county. Vote for Zoe Meek for Assembly.

—Vote for John McSparran for Governor. A dirt farmer, a lay preacher in the Methodist church, a college graduate and a practical man with a purpose.

—Iowa beat Yale on Saturday, but that, of course, was only a practice game. If Yale beats Harvard and Princeton who will dare to say she is not champion foot-ballist of the country.

—Up to September 1st there had been 2636 dog licenses issued in Centre county. Surely there must be a lot of canines side-stepping the constables in Centre, for it seems to us that we have seen nearly 2636 of them at one time on the streets of Bellefonte.

—Evidently Senator Vare was a good paying Methodist. Bishop Berry officiated at his funeral. Pennsylvanians have heard a lot as to Senator Vare's political character and few of those who have railed most at it will have a Bishop to preside when they kick off.

—Three weeks ago Giff. was trumpeting what will be done "when I am Governor." Now he is urging the Republicans to get out the vote for fear he won't be Governor. The tides against him. His bluffing is over and he's down on his knees now begging those whom he nequated only a few years ago to save him from the defeat that's impending.

—Send Frank Snyder to Congress and put an end to President Harding's determination to have a bonus bill passed for the ship owners. If the government is too poor to pay a bonus to the soldier boys it's too poor to give seven hundred and fifty million dollars to a lot of rich men who ought to stay out of the shipping business if they can't run their boats on their own steam.

—What would our churches, our hospitals, our schools and every other kind of public institution we have amount to if the judgment and energy of the women were not behind them? In no case has there been reason to regret calling a good woman to public service and for that reason we believe good women will help a lot in Harrisburg. Let's send Miss Zoe Meek to represent Centre county.

—William I. Betts would take the position of representing you in the Senate of Pennsylvania seriously. He is not running for the office just for the fun of it, nor is he ambitious to be a political leader. He is convinced, like many of the rest of us, that there is something radically wrong with the government of Pennsylvania and he has volunteered for service in your behalf to try to find out what the trouble is and help correct it.

—Senator Edwin H. Vare died at his home in Philadelphia on Monday. He was the most powerful political figure in the Quaker city and in recent years had undertaken to extend his mastery of his party's machinery to all parts of the State; not without success. He will be remembered not as a great political leader, nor as a statesman but when the record of how he lived in his home and what he did for the poor of his native city is read another Ed Vare than the arrogant political boss will be revealed and that is the one that will be honored and revered by the thousands who knew that he was never unkindful of "the least of these."

—Republicans and Democrats alike voted the political meeting held in the court house here, last Friday night, the nicest affair of its kind they had ever attended. All of the candidates impressed their hearers as clean, upstanding, sincere men and they pleaded their own cause without resort to abuse of their opponents. Indeed, they constituted such a group of men, with morals and ability, as is seldom seen on one ticket and after seeing and hearing them no one could disbelieve the statement made by the "Watchman" last week to the effect that they are not running for office for the office sake, but for the people's. They are not politicians, have no desire for political control and know that at best Democratic supremacy in Pennsylvania could be but short lived so that their only motive in volunteering for this campaign was that of public service. Send McSparran, Shull, Thompson, Betts and Meek to Harrisburg this fall. They are needed there.

Democrats Fail to Please Pinchot.

It is simply impossible for Mr. McSparran and other Democratic orators to phrase their speeches to please the Republican candidate for Governor and his newspaper supporters.

There was not a crime committed by officials of the Sproul administration that was publicly protested by Gifford Pinchot and the gravest offense of the lot was the padding of the pay roll so as to increase the salaries of twenty-seven swivel-chair favorites, the principal being Gifford Pinchot himself.

President Harding has not made a direct appeal to the people to elect a Congress friendly to his policies, but he has compelled all the members of his cabinet to go out on the "stump" and beg for votes for his party.

Police Protection Needed.

It is to be hoped that the police authorities in Washington will take the precaution to assign a sufficient number of "cops" to guarantee order at the meetings of the President's cabinet.

For example, the other day President Harding addressed a letter to Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, in which he fulsomely praised the members of the present Congress and extravagantly eulogized the achievement of the session recently ended.

Recently Attorney General Daugherty issued an official order not only forbidding the use or storage of alcoholic beverages on board U. S. ships but prohibiting foreign ships from having such luxuries aboard within the three mile limit, whereupon Secretary of State Hughes intervened with an order postponing the application of the Attorney General's mandate for a time.

—Possibly the vocabulary of the average woman is only 800 words but she knows how to use all of them and understands multiplication.

—Would it be proper to say that the New York Giants rocked Babe Ruth to sleep?

Grave Problem to be Solved.

The gravest danger to this country is the combination of great wealth and the lust for office. The fundamental principle of popular government rests upon the equal opportunity of men and women of equal merit.

There are few millionaires in Centre county, yet under the old standard of merit Centre county has been signally honored by the people of Pennsylvania. There are plenty of worthy and capable men in Centre county but what chance would they have for important public office under the new standard? Will the fathers and mothers of Centre county take this matter under consideration with the seriousness it deserves.

—Rabbi Wise has the right idea. He says that Mustapha Kemal's victory is ascribable to Henry Cabot Lodge. If the United States had gone into the League of Nations there would have been no such victory or war.

Corporations or People—Which?

Thus far not a single good reason has been given either by the friends of the Republican candidates for Senator in Congress for this State, or those of the corporations concerned, why the people of Pennsylvania should maintain lobbyists in Washington for the Pennsylvania railroad and the Steel trust.

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Difference as to the Ox Gored.

Soon after President Cleveland entered upon his second term it was found necessary to issue bonds to provide funds to meet the expenses of the government. Four years previously Cleveland retired from office and left the treasury with an embarrassing abundance of cash.

—The last war in which the government and people of the United States were concerned ended just four years ago and the Republican party assumed control of the financial legislation a few months later. Since then we have been enjoying profound peace.

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—Mr. Pinchot says he expects to carry every county in the State. It is probably the type of lunacy that influenced him to begin functioning as Governor the moment the purchase price of his nomination was paid.

—The wheat crop according to the latest reports is not a record breaker but it is big enough to disappoint any expectations of benefit to farmers from the tariff tax.

—Great Britain is a shrewd business woman. She makes a considerable payment on the back interests account before asking for a renewal of the note.

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J. Frank Snyder Our Candidate for Congress.

Without opposition J. Frank Snyder was made the nominee on the Democratic ticket, at the May, 1922, primary, for Representative in Congress from the Twenty-third district of Pennsylvania, composed of the counties of Cameron, Centre, Clearfield and McKean, and is now actively conducting his campaign.

Believing it to be one of the duties of good citizenship to give public affairs due attention, Mr. Snyder has taken an active part in politics. He believes in "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." He was a member of the Democratic National convention at San Francisco in 1920, as a delegate from this Congressional district. By appointment from the chairman of the Democratic State committee, he served as chairman of the campaign committee in this State during the Presidential campaign of 1920, and points with pride to the fact that Cox received over 508,000 votes or but 18,000 less than the highest vote ever cast by his party in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. Snyder was born in Clearfield, Pa. His father was the son of a Pennsylvania German farmer, and his mother, Louisa McPherson, a descendant of William Bloom, a soldier in the American Revolution, one of the first settlers of Clearfield county. "Frank" was educated in the public schools of his native town, at the Clearfield Academy, and graduated from the "Leonard Graded" schools of Clearfield. Before his graduation he learned the trade of carriage smithing, afterwards he studied law and was admitted to the bar.

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From December, 1891, until January, 1896, he served as disbursing clerk in the office of the clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington, under an appointment from Hon. James Kerr, then clerk of the House.

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He was chairman of the Clearfield Chapter of the American Red Cross from April, 1917, until October, 1919; during the period of its existence he was a member of the Red Cross advisory committee for Pennsylvania; a member of the executive committee—Clearfield county and Philipsburg district—2nd, 3rd and 4th Liberty Loan and the Victory Liberty Loan drives; was one of the "Four Minute" men of the committee of Public Information during the war of 1917-1919; a member of the executive committee, Clearfield county, Jewish relief drive.

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A few minutes after six o'clock on Tuesday morning one lone, loudly-honking wild goose flew over Bellefonte on a bee line a few degrees west of south.

—John Coy, of Port Allegheny, McKean county, had as close a call from death last Friday as is possible for a man to get and still be uninjured. A Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive which was backing into the station at that town passed completely over him. Coy was walking on the tracks and fell just as the engine was upon him. The engineer did not see the man, but the fireman saw him. The emergency brakes were applied, but the engine stopped over him. Horrified, the engine crew ran to the hospital, which is near the scene, and summoned a physician and brought a stretcher. When they approached Coy, the supposed corpse, suddenly jumped to his feet and offered to thrash the whole crowd. He had been somewhat dazed by his fall, but had escaped all injury.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE

—While George Frederick, of York, Pa., was away on an automobile trip \$400 in cash, which represented his lifetime savings, and which he kept under lock and key in a trunk at his brother's house, was stolen.

—Earl Strange, a member of the faculty of the Lewistown High school and treasurer of the class of 1920 of the Bloomsburg Normal school, has been missing for ten days, normal school authorities have announced. His funds are intact.

—Walter Edmonds, a cripple, of Pottsville, fell in the yard of his home on Sunday and was smothered to death in a bed of flowers. Because of lack of use of his feet, he was unable to get up, and died before he was discovered. He was found by his mother, lying face down on the ground.

—A good dinner awaits any one who on Arbor day will set a tree in Shoemaker park, at McElhattan, owned by Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker. The Colonel has extended a general invitation to all his friends on that day with the understanding that the planting of a tree in the park earns a dinner.

—White Haven suffered from an invasion of pigs one night last week when as a result of a wreck on the Lehigh Valley railroad about six hundred porkers were turned loose on the streets of the borough. Fifty of the pigs were killed in the wreck, most of the others were recaptured but a few are still at large.

—The largest single claim for damages as a result of road work in Lycoming county was made last Thursday when C. L. Thomas, a farmer of Blackhollow, asked \$10,388.88 as the result of the new concrete highway from Muncy to Montgomery, passing through his farm. Three acres of the Thomas farm were taken over by the road.

—In order that the city police can legally arrest automobile "heavies" flirting with girls and picking them up for rides, the Hazleton council will pass an ordinance imposing fines of from \$10 to \$50 for the offense. Mayor Harvey ordered the police department to break up the practice, and the officers complained they could find no law forbidding it.

—"If that ever falls on me it will kill me," said Charles Malusky, a miner at Pine Hill colliery, near Pottsville, on Saturday, pointing to a large piece of coal hanging directly over him as he worked. Hardly had he made the remark when the coal fell, and Malusky's left leg was broken, his back was hurt, and he suffered internal injuries. His condition is critical.

—On condition that he does not touch liquor for two years, and that he marries, Edwin Killian, of Allegheny county, will receive his one-fifth share of his father's estate, which is estimated to be worth \$31,000, and if he falls he will have to wait until he is 40 years old. This was the stipulation Frank Killian made in his will which was filed for probate last Friday.

—Harry Stilling, 45 years old, of Chestnut Hill, Lancaster county, ended his life in a field near his home, by shooting himself. He was walking across the field when he encountered Eugene Harriek, 14 years old, who was carrying a rifle of small bore. The man asked the boy to hand him the rifle. The boy handed it to him. Stilling took it and pulled the trigger, despite the boy's admonition not to do so.

—A suit for \$30,000 damages was instituted in court at Norristown last week by counsel for Albert Liebertow on account of injuries alleged to have been received by his 16 year old daughter, Sarah, while a caddy at the Huntingdon Valley Country club. The suit is directed against Fred B. Stull, who, in driving his automobile up the drive to the club house, had been run down by the girl as she was about to get on the club auto.

—John Nesbit, constable of Chillisqueque township, Northumberland county, who visited the Milton fair last Thursday and seized seven lottery wheels in operation there, was on Saturday placed under bail for court by Justice Weiner, of Watsonstown. The charge against the constable is larceny, information being sworn by J. B. Fuhrman, of Scranton. The case is attracting widespread interest, as it will be a test of the law against lottery wheels.

—Walter Clyde Roper, 58 years old, died suddenly at the home of his niece, Mrs. Andrew Kratzler, of Bellefonte, on Thursday last week. Deceased was a victim of aneurism, a rare disease, less than half a dozen cases having been successfully treated in the United States. In this case the lining of the large artery feeding the heart collapsed completely shutting off the flow of blood from that organ. Roper was a jeweler and restaurateur, and conducted business in a dozen or more central Pennsylvania towns.

—State troopers are searching for a man who killed Mike Cerney, a coal miner, at his home in the village of Marguerite, Westmoreland county. Cerney, the authorities reported, has had numerous arguments about the strike of miners in his field, and the man being sought, it is said, was involved in the walkout. Cerney was summoned to the door of his home early Sunday night. He refused to open the door, relatives said, and five shots were fired through a panel. All the bullets struck Cerney in the head.

—One Bucknell college student was killed and four others were hurt on Sunday when their automobile crashed into another car on Dalmatia hill, near Sunbury. They were returning from the Bucknell-Navy football game at Annapolis. Henry Burg, of New York, died from a fractured skull. The other students, all of whom will recover, according to doctors, are Carlton Gardner, of Harrisburg; William Viceroy, of Windber; Lewis Trax, of Warren, and Harold Vandemark, of Nanticoke. Gardner has been discharged from the hospital to which the injured were taken.

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