

—Financially, Calvin Coolidge is the poorest President the country has ever had.

—And now it appears that about all State Treasurer Charley Snyder is to get out of that hoped for mandamus proceeding is the dam.

—With Harding gone the Republicans, nationally, find themselves in very much the same confused bewilderment as was the party in Pennsylvania when Penrose was stricken.

—Our pride, "the Afaletics," as Pat Rine calls them, are so near the cellar again that almost we are persuaded to believe that they thought Connie really intended to train them in home brewing instead of base-balling.

—If President Coolidge is as courageous with the Senate as he was when, as Governor of Massachusetts, he was dealing with the striking policemen of Boston he might find himself the nominee of his own party two years hence and a formidable opponent for any Democrat we might name.

—This is the day set apart for a Nation to mourn the loss of a really good man. History will record Warren Gamaliel Harding as that.

—It would take three million German marks to pay for the "Watchman" for a year. Sounds big, doesn't it, yet if we should be forced to the old practice of taking hay for the cow, potatoes for the kids or cordwood for the stove on account of subscription we think we'd write to the gentleman out in Janesville, Wis., who offered us cord wood last week, that "he's on," rather than take the phony stuff that Havenstein is trying to make Germans believe is money.

—Our party now has aspirants for every office on the county ticket. All of them are good men and it remains only for the primaries to decide which ones are to be chosen as the standard bearers for the fall campaign.

—The Governor's recent surprise visit to the Department of Health at an early hour, found many of its employees not yet on the job.

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—The King is dead! Long live the King! No sooner had the news of President Harding's death been flashed over the wires than Vice President Coolidge took the oath of office.

—The ladies should bear in mind two things that bear directly on their rights to vote at the coming primary and general elections.

—Charley Snyder is a leading member of the Schuylkill county bar and the public is likely to find out soon whether or not he is also a lawyer.

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Death of Mr. Harding.

The tendency in the obituary writing is to overpraise. The late President, Warren G. Harding, possessed virtues of a high order.

Experience is a great teacher and responsibility of office a wonderful force. When Mr. Harding entered upon the duties of President of the United States he had little conception of the burdens he assumed.

President Harding had a splendid faculty for making friendships. An esteemed contemporary states that he came to his great official estate "without an enemy; and he acquired none."

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The Resignation of John Francies.

John Francies, the man who dreamed of better penal institutions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, had the fortitude to fight for the principles he espoused and spent the past ten years working to bring about a realization of his dream.

The lure of the city of Pittsburgh and a longing to jump into the political arena of the Smoky city are reasons openly assigned as the cause of his resignation, and the fact that he is an avowed candidate for clerk of the courts of Allegheny county is evidence that he will continue to be in the lime-light.

Coincident with the resignation of Mr. Francies: John F. Marks, purchasing agent at the penitentiary, and Paul Kovach, interpreter, were given fifteen days vacation beginning August 3rd.

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President Calvin Coolidge.

Calvin Coolidge's services in the office of President had a unique beginning. He was sworn in between midnight and morning in a farm house by his own father, a notary public.

Comparatively little is known of the new President but what is before the public is creditable. He comes from good stock and was reared in a wholesome environment.

He comes to his new office under conditions quite as perplexing as his entrance into it was unique. With a meager majority in Congress his party is divided into factions bitterly antagonistic to each other.

—Governor Pinchot declares there will be no extra session of the Legislature. This is gratifying, if he will also give assurances that the State institutions will not be starved.

Chaotic Campaign Predicted.

The political dopesters in Washington are predicting the "most chaotic Presidential campaign the country has ever known" next year.

The confusion caused by the reverse in Minnesota has since been worse confounded by the death of President Harding. All remaining party hopes were centered upon him.

On the Democratic side there is no unusual excitement or anxiety. The names of several capable men are being considered among the party leaders. The party rules make emotional explosions impossible and it is certain that after mature deliberation a fit candidate will be chosen as the nominee and his election is certain to follow.

Chairman Adams, of the Republican National committee, made an early call on President Coolidge and it is a safe bet that it was not a consolation visit.

The lamented death of Mr. Harding may create an opportunity for Henry Ford to get a Presidential nomination, but it's his only chance.

Pinchot Takes Another Way.

The Attorney General will not submit the Pinchot code to a judicial test if he can help it. That fact has been made clear by the maneuvering at Harrisburg.

It is stated in Harrisburg gossip that the Attorney General has demanded that Treasurer Snyder "forthwith return requisitions for salary pay rolls, which he refused to approve, to Auditor General Lewis."

During the week in which these ponderous questions have been under consideration at Harrisburg there was created and maintained a more or less "flirtatious" correspondence between the Governor and the Auditor General.

Probably if the steel magnates will cut out contributions to the Republican slush fund they will save enough to make up the additional cost of the eight hour day.

How Bellefonte Received News of President Harding's Death.

Seven minutes after the death of President Harding was publicly announced in San Francisco it was received in Bellefonte over the radio phones.

Naturally the news of the President's death was received with feelings of deep regret by everybody, regardless of politics. He was the leader of every man, woman and child in the country and any mistakes he may have made were mistakes of judgment and not of heart.

The numerous hard rains of late have completely relieved the water situation in every section of Centre county.

Someone Must be Afraid of G. W.

The candidacy of G. W. Rees for the nomination for Register on the Republican ticket must be worrying someone.

We know very little of the relative strength of the various Republican aspirants for that office and we can't conceive of any of them resorting to such despicable methods, but some one, probably a misguided friend of one of Mr. Rees' opponents has been tearing down his campaign cards.

It is just possible that these malicious acts may be pure vandalism, as there has been quite a lot of that about here lately.

But even if it has no political significance and is only vandalism the police ought to ferret out the miscreant and bring him to justice.

President Coolidge.

From the Philadelphia Record.

But once before in all the history of the nation has a Vice President succeeding to the Presidency been called upon to face tasks so difficult and dealt with problems so momentous as those which confront the successor to the lamented Warren G. Harding.

Despite the fact that Calvin Coolidge served with efficiency and distinction as Governor of Massachusetts, and that he has been prominently in public life for six years, the man is more or less of an enigma.

At least one respect President Coolidge is peculiarly fitted for the assumption of the duties which he is called. He has made it his business to keep in touch with the program of his chief to an extent unusual with Vice Presidents.

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Speculation in the grain market is like the balance wheel of an engine, according to grain dealers, taking up the slack when selling is greater than consumption, and exerting a steady influence that has recently been entirely absent.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Robert Harpater, of Burnham, a 12 year old boy, had his right ear almost severed when thrown against a windshield in an automobile collision near Thompsonstown.

—Mrs. Ira Miller, of Blanchard, sustained a broken collar bone and severe cuts and bruises when struck by a bicycle ridden by Stanford Hoy, as she was crossing the street in front of her home.

—In a fit of despondency, John Barbera, an Austrian, 70 years old, of York, Pa., cut off his left hand with an axe, three inches above the wrist. He was taken to a hospital, but refused to talk, making the hospital staff believe he was a mute.

—The Cameron store, located in the heart of the business section of Williamsport, was burglarized last Thursday night and more than \$6000 worth of fur coats, furs and silk dresses were stolen.

—After serving thirty years as a member of the Danville school board, Jacob Fischer announces he will retire at the end of his term. Mr. Fischer has been president of the board for many years.

—Going to Sunbury a poor immigrant and making a fortune of \$40,000 by operating a bootblack stand, Chris Calmeres got passports last Thursday for himself, his wife, mother and brother to visit their native Sparta, in Greece.

—Elmer Anspach, of Lebanon, aged 33 years, an electrician for the J. Umberger Electrical company in Lebanon, was electrocuted Saturday forenoon while at work at the Lebanon Steel Foundry company's plant in East Lebanon.

—Accidentally shot by his 14 year old son, John, as the two were on a fishing and hunting trip near Wilmore, Arthur Milwood, 44 years old, of Nanty Glo, died at the Johnstown hospital on Friday.

—Every precaution is being taken with the alleged will of the late Harry H. Hinman, Altoona produce agent, while it is in the hands of the court.

—One man is dead and two women are in a serious condition in the Cottage State hospital at Philipsburg, as a result of an automobile accident on the state highway between Philipsburg and Allegheny Saturday evening.

—John M. Wilson was gored by a vicious bull at his home, near Butler, Pa., on Friday, and killed. He left on horseback to drive some cattle from the pasture on another farm to the farm of G. W. Nixon.

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—Charles B. Harter, 72 years of age, a life long resident of Danville, Pa., and the youngest Pennsylvania volunteer to serve during the Civil war, died suddenly in the rooms of the G. A. R. post Saturday morning.

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