

INK SLINGS.

Slemp made the assertion and Coolidge denied. It's Slemp's move.

Whether they finally name a ticket in New York or not you all know where we stand.

Of course there was nothing else for the boys to do when the girls took to knickers than retaliate by strutting in wide-bottomed pants.

That fellow who had the big moonshine plant up at Scotia deserved to be discovered and raided.

Lieut. Maughan's successful flight from New York to San Francisco, from daylight until darkness, adds another clincher to the superstition that "the third attempt is the charmed one."

The flower boxes are on the lamp posts, but, considerably, they have been suspended high enough to leave anchorage below for any who might come staggering under their loads of rye, barley or corn.

This thing of eating mackerel and smoked herring between the fifteenth of April and the first of August is a humiliation that we never thought of enduring until the trout season of 1924 proved a "flop."

From a burning tailor shop in Washington seven suits of clothes belonging to Chief Justice Taft were rescued. Isn't it too bad Congress has adjourned? Otherwise we might have an investigation as to what right any man has to have seven suits of clothes.

Everybody was complaining about the cut and dried dullness of the Cleveland convention—there was nothing breaking, as the news writers would say. There is so much breaking in New York that if it doesn't get through pretty soon most of the delegates will be broke.

The spectacle of Vance McCormick loitering about hotel lobbies in New York hoping to get a ticket with which to get into the convention might have appeared tragic to some, but it wasn't. It was only the fortune of politics. In 1912 the wheel turned him up and twelve years later it turned him down and that is the fate of many, in politics, society and business.

What's the use of the band practicing all winter to get its pianissimo movements as soft and smooth as they should be when motor horns and racing engines drown all the beauty of the music of the open air concerts. If we were the band we wouldn't play another note of concert music in Bellefonte unless the burgess roped off the square in which we were playing.

The Pennsylvania delegation to New York played true to form. It dedicated its headquarters in the Hotel Pennsylvania, by staging a fight the very first time they got together.

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Philipsburg is to have what her newspapers call "a real, old time Fourth of July celebration" with a parade, sports and fire-works.

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Hopeful Information from Europe.

The most hopeful information that has come from Europe in recent years is contained in a statement from Berlin to the effect that the League of Nations is about to undertake an adjustment of the differences between France and Germany and the disputes among other countries on account of boundary claims growing out of the war.

The occupancy of the Ruhr valley by French troops has been the disturbing element in every attempt at adjustment of the reparation question since it began nearly two years ago. At the time it was deemed by the French government a necessary step and full of promise.

Meantime the League of Nations has been making progress and doing good in various ways without feeling able to extend a helpful hand in this major controversy until now. But it is better late than never and its proposition to assume the obligation of policing Germany will make possible the evacuation of the Ruhr by France and the restoration of complete peace throughout Central Europe.

The repeal of the war tax on telephone and telegraph messages, theatre admissions and amusement fees of fifty cents or less, becomes effective next Wednesday, July 2nd.

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Right but on Dangerous Ground.

The friends and neighbors of General Dawes, Republican candidate for Vice President, assembled at his home in Evanston, Illinois, the other evening, to felicitate him upon his nomination. It was a nonpartisan affair and the General appropriately kept politics out of his interesting talk on the occasion.

This is a wholesome declaration and a promising predicate at the beginning of a campaign which is likely to be both vigorous and intensive. But if General Dawes pursues it he is practically certain to get himself into an uncomfortable mess before the crucial period of the contest is reached. For example, it would be more or less embarrassing to get into a mental conflict with his associate and chief on the ticket.

Whether the two-thirds rule is abrogated by the New York convention or not it is not a good rule. Majority rule is a Democratic principle and the two-thirds rule enables an organized minority to worry a majority to death.

Corruption Fund Committee.

The Senate committee to investigate campaign subscriptions and expenditures this year has an important and probably difficult work to perform. The committee is composed of Senator Borah, of Idaho; Senator Jones, of Washington, Republicans; Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, Farm Labor, and Senator Bayard, of Delaware, and Caraway, of Arkansas, Democrats.

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Two national conventions have been held, one at Cleveland and the other at St. Paul, but the next President will be nominated in New York.

The "Columbus crowd" is unanimous for Coolidge and Dawes.

DEMOCRATS OF THE NATION PICKING A PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK

The National Convention of Democracy in Session in New York, with no definite indication of who the Choice will be.

Madison Square Garden, New York, is housing its last historic gathering. Soon it will be torn down and forgotten but forever will the work of the Democrats of the Nation who gathered there Tuesday to select a Presidential candidate and build a party platform be remembered.

Notwithstanding the excessive heat it is reported as being the most enthusiastic and earnest gathering of party workers ever assembled under the banner of Democracy. Repeatedly since the sessions opened the thousands of delegates have brushed aside heated expression or surrender some temporary advantage and win than to persist tenaciously and lose.

The convention convened at noon on Tuesday and little was done other than listen to the brilliant keynote speech of Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, the temporary chairman. After three hours of oratory, music and wild demonstrations the body adjourned until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning when it was opened by an invocation by Bishop Thomas F. Gailor and after hearing the reports of various committees settled down to enjoy the speech of the permanent chairman, Senator Walsh, of Montana.

The committee on resolutions—the platform committee—worked all of Tuesday night under the chairmanship of Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, and on Wednesday named a sub-committee to consider the various platform drafts which have been prepared by individual groups of party leaders and planks submitted not only by members but by a number of organizations.

The proposal by the Texas delegation to abolish the time honored rule requiring two-thirds of all the delegates to insure a nomination and substituting a majority, like the Republicans have, was supported by only Florida and Utah. Had this proposal prevailed McAdoo would probably have won since he has nearly a majority of the delegates already pledged to him.

Under the two-thirds rule, 732 votes are necessary for nomination, there being 1,098 votes in the convention. PENNSYLVANIA'S DELEGATION BESTOWS FAVORS.

The assignments to the big Pennsylvania delegation of 79 members were bestowed by it at the first caucus as follows:

Hon. Thomas H. Greedy, of Altoona, for temporary chairman and Mrs. Clarence Renshaw, of Pittsburgh, for vice chairman.

Judge McCann, of Cambria county, was given a place on the resolutions committee and Charles B. Lenahan, of Luzerne county, was made chairman of the delegation notwithstanding there was considerable insistence that the honor should go to Judge Shull, of Monroe county.

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As this edition went to press at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon no further definite report was obtainable. It is likely that no nomination will be made before Saturday and probably not then.

BETTING ON THE OUTCOME.

While the gambling fraternity know little of politics they do know a lot about the way the political game is played. Inasmuch as they have no personal favorites and don't care a whoop about who is to be the next President of the United States their hope is always canny and based on only cold-blooded judgment. They were placing bets a plenty on Tuesday and you may gain some idea of what is to happen by reading how the wagers were placed, the odds offered on the various open candidates, etc., on Wednesday—Governor Smith took second place to Senator Underwood, of Alabama, in convention betting. Thousands of dollars of Underwood money found its way into Wall Street to be placed at odds averaging 1 to 3 1/2 on his nomination.

The shortest odds previously quoted on the Alabama Senator, had been 1 to 4. The largest single bet yet placed on any of the dark horses was \$5000 to \$17,500 that Underwood would be the Democratic candidate.

The company which handled this wager placed about \$100,000 in election bets during the day. Smith went definitely from 1 to 2 to 1 to 2 1/2, and

\$5000 was bet at 3 to 1 that he would not be nominated.

McAdoo money became rather scarce. One firm has \$10,000 to place at 3 1/2 to 1 that the Californian will not be nominated but can find no takers. A good deal more at 3 to 1 against McAdoo was also unplaced.

The drift to Underwood was largely at the expense of the other dark horse candidates. Backers of Davis, Ralston, Glass, Walsh and others did not look on the prevailing odds for their candidates—ranging from 1 to 3 to 1 to 12, as particularly favorable.

There were also bets of 4 to 1 that neither Davis, Ralston, Glass nor Copeland will be nominated. Odds of 7 to 1 were offered that no candidate prominently mentioned will be nominated. One bet of \$200 to \$1200 was recorded that Smith will be the next President.

About the hotels and along Broadway it was different. Here Smith was a hot favorite and several bets were made at even money on his chances. The Governor's backers in the lobbies, barber shops, theatres and street corners had about \$100,000 to lay and most of it was taken. As in Wall Street, McAdoo men were hard to find but money was bet on both Ralston and Davis at 1 to 2.

THE KEYNOTE SPEECH.

The oratory of Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, is always as vigorous as it is picturesque. For that was he chosen to sound the keynote at the Democratic National Convention. Comment upon the manner in which he acquitted himself, in a speech loaded with TNT and sparkling with epigrams, seems almost superfluous. It must be read in full to be appreciated. There is not a dull paragraph in it, nor one which fails to ring out loud and clear as the sledgehammer of logic strikes its titanic blows upon the anvil of truth.

His declaration that we need a Paul Revere, not a "Sphinx" in the White House, brought the great audience in the Garden to its feet with a mighty roar of approval and, when talking of the rejected Mellon tax proposal, he laid his finger on the most vital point of cleavage between the ideals of Democratic and Republican forms of government, he expressed a thought that every man and woman in the country should ponder over long and well.

What is this Mellon tax proposal? Asked Senator Harrison: "It would have given \$200,000,000 to 3,585,985 income tax payers in America 51 per cent of the total reduction. Under its benign provisions an income of \$5,000,000 was to receive a reduction of \$1,331,832, while an income of \$3000 would have received only \$8.75 reduction. Through its unrestricted earned income provisions it would have opened an avenue of escape to every tax dodging capitalist in America."

Out of the total 3,585,985 income tax payers in America 3,580,585 will receive a greater reduction in the Democratic plan than they would have received under the Mellon plan.

And this service was rendered to those least able to pay by a Democratic minority in Congress because Democracy has ever striven to exact less in taxes from the less favored many than from the highly favored few.

THE PLATFORM NOT COMPLETED.

Because of the number of planks that have been suggested and because from the first the convention has held widely divergent opinions on the way the Ku Klux Klan and the wet and dry issues should be handled, the platform will probably not be presented for approval until today and, at that, many planks might be presented from the floor thus throwing the convention into lengthy debates and balloting.

Most of the McAdoo supporters are pro-Klan. Naturally all of the Smith people are against the order and demand an out-and-out condemnation of it in the platform.

While it is hoped that our convention will not pussy foot as did the Cleveland gathering on the question of the Klan or the Volstead Act the less radical members of the committee hope that planks can be built that will clearly state the policy of the party without giving too great offense.

CONVENTION MAY RUN INTO NEXT WEEK.

As it looks now there is a strong possibility that the candidate will not be named before the fore part of next week. The early balloting will show McAdoo and Smith as the leaders, but as their's is a fight of elimination it is probable that neither one will win. If they see the futility of holding their delegates longer than the dark horses will come into the open and probably scoop up more of the McAdoo and Smith delegates than any of the remaining avowed candidates.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, will scarcely profit much because of the mistaken notion that a southern man couldn't win. Senator Ralston, of Indiana, might carry off the prize though that is doubtful because of his age. Were he a younger man we think there'd be nothing to it. John W. Davis, of West Virginia, former Ambassador to Great Britain, the most conservative of all the candidates, could win and would be a splendid choice, but his chances are not so good because of his conservatism. There are left Carter Glass, of Virginia, Secretary of the Treasury under Wilson; Governor Silzer, of New Jersey, and Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, all receptive candidates, (Continued on page 4, Col. 6.)

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

A hailstone, which struck Thomas Kane, of Shamokin, under the left eye while he was driving through Irish valley on Sunday, caused the wrecking of the machine and injuries to Kane and his wife. Kane lost control of the car when blinded by the hailstone and crashed into a stone wall.

A wife is not guilty of desertion just because she refuses to live with her mother-in-law, was the opinion delivered last Friday, at Pittsburgh, by Judge Carpenter. In refusing to grant a divorce to Richard Wonderly, the judge disregarded the report of the master in the case who recommended a divorce.

Penrose S. Boyer, of Altoona, who looks after the enforcement of the dog tax law in central Pennsylvania, is working in Clearfield county and during the past few days has caused the arrest of one hundred or more dog owners who failed to pay a tax on the dogs they own. It cost each one of the defendants \$8.50 fine and costs, and the usual dog tax.

Falling from a raft into a deep pool at Elysburg, on Sunday, Jean Paul, of Shamokin, chauffeur for federal marshal John H. Glass, went down the third time when D. Harry Kline, 21 years old, pulled him to safety. He was unconscious and lay in that condition half an hour before companions could resuscitate him. Doctors say he will recover.

John Tracey, top filler at the furnace of Lavino and company, at Watts, Lancaster county, was severely burned about the arms on Saturday night. Tracey was overcome by the gases from the cupola, and fell on top of the large bell, from which material is dumped into the furnace. Medical aid was necessary to restore Tracey to consciousness.

Grief over the death of his wife, which occurred April a year ago, was the motive, apparently, that caused William A. Stephens, retired farmer, of Scalp, Sinking valley, to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head, on Sunday afternoon. Stephens was alone in the house at the time, the other members of the family having gone to Sunday school in the afternoon. Upon their return they found him with the top of his head blown off.

During a heavy electric storm which passed over Lancaster county on Thursday night, Paul Kruger, 38 years of age, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. With three other workmen, Kruger was on top of a fifty-foot elevator shaft at the quarries of the Penn Lime company, near Reemess. The bolt of lightning which caused his death traveled along high-tension wire, which is strung close to the shaft. The other workers were shocked, but not seriously injured.

Diving twenty-five feet from the toll bridge into the Susquehanna river at Sunbury, on Saturday, Harry B. Hager, 18 years old, of Sunbury, High school football star, saved Miss Margaret Reitz, 18 years of age, and Miss Sarah Phillips, 16, from drowning. The young women were bathing and becoming exhausted cried frantically for help. Without hesitation the young man made the perilous dive and quickly brought the girls to shore. First-aid methods revived them and they were none the worse for their experience.

For thirty minutes, Joe Buela, of Harrisburg, clung to a dam breast in the Susquehanna river near that city on Friday, until two men lassoed him and towed him to safety. Buela had been canoeing and his craft was swept over the dam breast by a high wind. William Hamford and John Dravenstadt, the rescuers, rowed out below the dam and performed the difficult feat of saving Buela. Joseph Utzy and Fred Welkenmeyer tried to reach him from above, but were swept over the dam in their boat.

A bandit was so befuddled when he was handed a pound of tea instead of the money when he held up the F. H. Butler grocery store, at Wilkingsburg, shortly before midnight, Saturday night, that he fired and fled. Miss Elizabeth Wintermantel, clerk, and F. R. Shriver, manager, were preparing to close the store when a stranger entered and leveling a revolver at Miss Wintermantel ordered her to put the money in his sack. Acting on an impulse Miss Wintermantel poured a pound of tea into the sack and handed it back. The bandit looked at her and dashed from the store.

Mrs. Alexander Marshall, 50 years old, was instantly killed in her home at Colorado, near Shenandoah, last Wednesday, when a shotgun in the hands of her son Michael, 16 years old, was discharged. The woman had watched the boy clean the gun and remarked when he had finished that it looked bright and new. "Yes, mother, it's good and clean now," said Michael as he handed the weapon to his mother for inspection. The woman had not touched the gun when it was discharged. The boy swooned and neighbors found Mrs. Marshall dead in her chair and the youth unconscious on the floor. Young Marshall said the gun had not been used since the close of the hunting season.

A joint meeting of the Millin county commissioners, engineers of the Public Service Commission, Pennsylvania railroad company, officials of the State highway Department, Lewisistown and Reading Electric railway company and of the road supervisors of Brown and Derry townships was held at Lewisistown on Saturday, when plans were submitted for the erection of a bridge over the tracks of the railroad company at Mann's Narrows, near Yeagerstown. Each of the townships agreed to contribute \$1,000 toward the new bridge. It is planned to provide trolley line facilities on the structure. The bridge will eliminate a dangerous grade crossing and replace the present bridge, condemned by the Public Service Commission.

Confined in the Friends asylum at Frankford, near Philadelphia, during the night hours as an insane patient, James E. MacCusker for more than a year has been permitted under a court order to leave the institution during the working day of the week, journey to the central part of Philadelphia and there conduct his business of issuing a weekly paper. Literally, he is adjudged sane by day, but insane by night, according to the interpretation placed on the unusual ruling by those versed in the law. The strange case of MacCusker, experts in judicial procedure declare, has no parallel in this State. During the daytime he attends to all the details of the publication he owns, and, in addition, advises his guardian on the conduct of his charge after the court found him insane. When darkness descends he returns to the Friends asylum and is treated as the other inmates who are mentally unbalanced.