

INK SLINGS.

-Slemp made the assertion and Coolidge denied. It's Slemp's move. -It's back to the simple life for Calvin and to "Hell and Maria" for Dawes.

-Whether they finally name a ticket in New York or not you all know where we stand. We're ferninst Coolidge and Dawes.

-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. What right had he to make it in Centre and haul it all up to Blair to dispense?

-Lieut. Maughan's successful flight from New York to San Francisco, from davlight 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, considerately, 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 mackeral 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 behave 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 all 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



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 home in Evanston, Illinois, the other Nations is about to undertake an adjustment of the differences between France and Germany and the dis- fair and the General appropriately putes among other countries on account of boundary claims growing out talk on the occasion. "I know you of the war. The process is for the want me to say something," he re-League to take over the functions of marked, "and yet upon such an occathe Interallied Commission and as- sion as this it would be unseemly in sume responsibility for policing Ger- me to speak in a partisan manner, but many, Austria, Hungary and Bulga- it occurs to me that there is one subria. It is stated that Great Britain ject which may be called political and and France have consented to this yet is thoroughly nonpartisan, a subproposition and believed that Germany ject upon which all good citizens must will acquiesce. In that event there agree, and that is the curse of dema-thusiastic and earnest gathering of would be little cause for quarreling goguery in political discussions in this country.' among those people.

The occupancy of the Ruhr valley nobody.

Meantime the League of Nations plaint against chairman Butler. able to extend a helpful hand in this major controversy until now. But it is better late than never and its prop-osition to assume the obligation of policing Germany will make possible the evacuation of the Ruhr by Freed the sector is and is prop-the bar of justice every defiler of the prop-plate the prop-the bar of justice every defiler of the prop-plate the prop-pla has been making progress and doing Then the platform upon which Genand the restoration of complete peace a declaration which can hardly be recthroughout Central Europe. That onciled with Mr. Coolidge's attitude will be a great step in the direction toward Albert Fall, Harry Daugherty, platform drafts which have been preof world wide prosperity and the only Detective Burns and Mr. Forbes, dereason for regret is that because of spoiler of the Veterans' Bureau. There blind partisanship the government of was certainly an absence of vigilance racing engines drown all the beauty the United States has no part in this while they were looting the country ganizations. 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 in the unless the burgess roped in the direction of member-ship, but Mexico and Turkey are still with us outside. The Onlted States has no part in this beneficent achievement. Germany is moving in the direction of member-ship, but Mexico and Turkey are still with us outside.

Right but on Dangerous Ground. The friends and neighbors of General Dawes, Republicaan candidate for Vice President, assembled at his evening, to felicitate him upon his nomination. It was a nonpartisan afkept politics out of his interesting

by French troops has been the dis- a promising predicate at the beginturbing element in every attempt at ning of a campaign which is likely to adjustment of the reparation question be both vigorous and intensive. But adjustment of the reparation question since it began nearly two years ago. if General Dawes pursues it he is that even the casual observer has been At the time it was deemed by the practically certain to get himself into impressed with their determination longing to Chief Justice Taft were French government a necessary step an uncomfortable mess before the that the fires of Democracy shall not rescued. Isn't it too bad Congress and full of promise. But Great Brit-has adjourned? Otherwise we might ain failed to give it moral support and ed. For example, it would be more or it is far better for the American peothe "passive" resistance by Germany less embarrassing to get into a menproved too formidable to overcome. tal conflict with his associate and Subsequent offers of Germany to re- chief on the ticket. That is during the sume payments of reparations were convention Mr. Coolidge acted very contingent on the evacuation of the much like a demagogue while he was Ruhr section and France would not instructing his friends to be for one agree to that. The result has been candidate for Vice President and asyears of expensive and destructive bickering which got neither party anywhere and brought advantage to probedy anywhere and brought advantage to goguery also in his treatment of Secretary Slemp in the matter of com-

abrogated by the New York convention or not it is not a good rule. Majority rule is a Democratic principle 1ty of to him. and the two-thirds rule enables an organized minority to worry a majority to death.

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 gather-ed there Tuseday to select a Presiden-tial candidate and build a party platform be remembered.

Notwithstanding the excessive heat party workers ever assembled under the banner of Democracy. Repeated-This is a wholesome declaration and ly since the sessions opened the thousands of delegates have brushed aside bitter rivalries over candidates and policies and staged such militant ple and the future of the Democratic party that they deny themselves some vaunted 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 journed until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning when it was opened by an ship of Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, and on Wednesday named a sub-committee to consider the various pared by individual groups of party leaders and planks submitted not only by members but by a number of or-

stituting a majority, like the Republicans have, was supported by only Whether the two-thirds rule is Florida and Utah. Had this proposal prevailed McAdoo would probably ave won since he has nearly a majority of the delegates already pledged

DEMOCRATS OF THE NATION \$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 31 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, Ral-ston, 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 Cope-land 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 Broad-way 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 cor-ners had about \$100,000 to lay and most of it was taken. As in Wall 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 spark-ling with epigrams, seems almost superfluous. It must be read in full to be appreciated. There is not a dull which caused his death traveled along a paragraph in it, nor one which fails high-tension wire, which is strung close to to ring out loud and clear as the the shaft. The other workers were shocksledgehammer of logic strikes its titan 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 government, he expressed a thought that every man and woman in the country should ponder over long and well. What is this melon that Mellon

sought to cut? Asked Senator Harririsburg, clung to a dam breast in the Sus-3,585,985 income tax payers in Amer-ica 51 per cent of the total reduction. quehanna river near that city, on Saturday, until two men lassoed him and towed him to safety. Buela had be Under its benign provisions an in-come of \$5,000,000 was to receive a reduction of \$1,331,832, while an income of \$3000 would have received ed out below the dam and performed the difficult feat of saving Buela. Joseph Utzy only \$8.75 reduction. Through its unrestricted earned income provisions it and Fred Welkenmeyer tried to reach him would have opened an avenue of es-cape to every tax dodging capitalist from above, but were swept over the dam in their boat. Under the two-thirds rule. 732 votes in America. -A bandit was so befuddled when he Out of the total 3,585,985 income was handed a pound of tea instead of the tax payers in America 3,580,585 will money when he held up the P. H. Butler receive a greater reduction in the grocery store, at Wilkinsburg, shortly be-Democratic plan than they would have received under the Mellon plan. fore midnight, Saturday night, that he tured and fled. Miss Elizabeth Winter-And this service was rendered to mantel, clerk, and F. R. Shriver, manager. those least able to pay by a Demowere preparing to close the store when a cratic minority in Congress because stranger entered and leveling a revolver at Democracy has ever striven to exact Miss Wintermantel ordered her to put the less in taxes from the less favored money in his sack. Acting on an impulse many than from the highly favored Miss Wintermantel poured a pound of tea few. into the sack and handed it back. The | bandit looked at her and dashed from the THE PLATFORM NOT COMPLETED. Because of the number of planks store. that have been suggested and because -Mrs. Alexander Marshall, 50 years old, from the first the convention has held was instantly killed in her home at Colwidely divergent opinions on the way orado, near Shenandoah, last Wednesday, the Ku Klux Klan and the wet and dry issues should be handled, the platwhen a shotgun in the hands of her son Michael, 16 years old, was discharged. The form will probably not be presented for approval until today and, at that, woman had watched the boy clean the gun and remarked when he had finished that many planks might be presented from the floor thus throwing the convenit looked bright and new. "Yes, mother, it's good and clean now." said Michael as and the amount of each contribution. It is well known that the election of of the other delegates from Pennsyl-It is well known that the election of of the other delegates from Pennsyl-Most of the McAdoo supporters are he handed the weapon to his mother for inspection. The woman had not touched the gun when it was discharged. The boy pro-Klan. Naturally all of the Smith people are against the order and deswooned and neighbors found Mrs. Marshall dead in her chair and the youth unmand an out-and-out condemnation conscious on the floor. Young Marshall of it in the platform. said the gun had not been used since the While it is hoped that our convenclose of the hunting season. tion will not pussy foot as did the -A joint meeting of the Mifflin county Cleveland gathering on the question of the Klan or the Volstead Act the commissioners, engineers of the Public Service Commission Pennsylvania railless radical members of the commitcoad company, officials of the State Hightee hope that planks can be built that way Department, Lewistown and Reedswill clearly state the policy of the ville Electric railway company and of the party without giving too great offense. road supervisors of Brown and Derry CONVENTION MAY RUN INTO NEXT townships was held at Lewistown on Sat-WEEK. urday, when plans were submitted for the As it looks now there is a strong erection of a bridge over the tracks of the railroad company at Mann's Narrows, near possibility that the candidate will not be named before the fore part of next Yeagertown. Each of the townships week. The early balloting will show McAdoo and Smith as the leaders, but agreed to contribute \$1,000 toward the new bridge. It is planned to provide trolley as their's is a fight of elimination it line facilities on the structure. The bridge is probable that neither one will win. will eliminate a dangerous grade crossing If they see the futility of holding their deligates longer then the dark and replace the present bridge, condemned by the Public Service Commission. horses will come into the open and -Confined in the Friends asylum at probably scoop up more of the Mc-Frankford, near Philadelphia, during the Adoo and Smith delegates than any night hours as an insane patient. James of the remaining avowed candidates. E. MaCusker for more than a year has Senator Underwood, of Alabama, been permitted under a court order to will scarcely profit much because of leave the institution during the working the mistaken notion that a southern day of the week, journey to the central Wednesday-Governor Smith took man couldn't win. Senator Ralston, part of Philadelphia and there conduct his of Indiana, might carry off the prize business of issuing a weekly paper. Litthough that is doubtful because of his Borah is the head was passed, and if it is sufficiently vigilant and coura-geous, it will achieve and the coura-geous, it will achieve and couraerally, 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 MaCusker, experts in judicial procedmost conservative of all the candiure declare, has no parallel in this State. dates, could win and would be a splendid choice, but his chances are not so good because of his conserva-tism. There are left Carter Glass, of During the daytime he attends to all the details of the publication he owns, and, in addition, advises his guardian on the conduct of a \$50,000 estate, which was taken Virginia, Secretary of the Treasy, under Wilson; Governor Silzer, of New Jersey, and Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, all receptive candidates, from 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 (Continued on page 4, Col. 6.) unbalanced.

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 ooks 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 marshall 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, Lan-caster 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 Street, McAdoo men were hard to find 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 ed, 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. Firstaid methods revived them and they were none the worse for their experience.

-For thirty minutes, Joe Buela, of Har-

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. Judge Bonniwell thought enough deference was not being paid him by National committeeman Joe Guffey; Miss Archer accused Joe of short-changing some of the delegates on convention tickets and somebody asked Bill Berry to have a drink, then the fight was on. It was all "piffle," of course, but knowing as much of our party's leaders in the State as we do we are constrained to say that they thrive on "piffle." They couldn't forget it for a ing to fight about.

Fourth of July celebration" with a parade, sports and fire-works. Philipsburg is going to have nothing of the kind. Doubtless there will be a lot of money spent on bands, decorations, floats, pyrotechnics and entertainment and everything will be as fine as Philipsburg usually does things, but the Potter house, the Passmore, the Coal Exchange, the Continental and the other hostleries of that place will not have improvised bars running clear back to the alleys behind them and "Uncle Jack" Graham will not be wearing the grand marshall's sash, so Philipsburg is not going to next week, nor will it ever again have a "real, old fashioned Fourth of July celebration. The truth of the matter is that there are only a few Philipsburgers today who know anything about the riproarious times they had on the Fourth in their town thirty years ago.

-We are glad to note that many of the State delegations to the New York convention seriously discussed the advisability of a return to the old form of party conventions for the nomination of State. county and local candidates for office. We have been the direct primary proved a failure as a guarantee that better men would be named for office by a public referendum than through a convention of delegates. Since the direct primary became operative men have gained nominations and been elected by default, who would never have received the approval of any party convention. Aside from this abortive result there has been a general decadence and disintegration of parties. The conventions were the opportunities for men of all parts of the counties or the State to meet, form friendships and discuss party principles. The result was there was more real interest in politics, more cohesive devotion to a principle and a greater realization of good government.

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.

The Slemp-Butler Mystery.

The mystery that envelopes the break between the President's secretary, Mr. C. Bascom Slemp, and the President's campaign manager, Mr. gate campaign subscriptions and exest as its details are developed. Mr. ant and probably difficult work to pertion of being the most expert dealer Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota. minute. If they did there'd be noth- in colored delegates in this country. Farm Labor, and Senator Bayard, of -Philipsburg is to have what her ed for the President all the southern Democrats. Senator Borah has been Having accomplished this result he ters will be in Chicago. The resoluwent to the convention expecting to tion creating the commission authorexercise considerable influence in the izes it to demand from the campaign

> flouted his pretentions. Mr. Slemp naturally resented this days with a list of the contributors treatment of him by an amateur and the amount of each contribution. whose blunders became the laughing stock of the convention and upon his the Republican candidates four years to the President. At this point the uted by special interests and that howmystery sets in. The President was ever careless the administration has obliged to take one side or the other been with respect to other pledges it of the controversy and after reason- has tried hard to fulfill all obligations ing for an hour and a half with to the slush fund contributors. In Slemp, agreed Mr. Butler's power as some instances, as in the case of the drawn, and an advisory committee ap- pointed. But in the tariff legislation pointed to manage the campaign with and the disposal of the oil reserve Slemp as an important figure in the lands the recompense to the beneficiaorganization. The President proba- ries was sufficient to balance the books bly imagined this would be a secret and hold out the hope for equally libarrangement and that Mr. Butler eral contributions this year. The acwould never know that he had been so summarily demoted.

But Slemp "spilled the beans." In his elation over the victory over But- nullified the corrupt practices act of ler he took the newspaper writers in- a previous Congress, as it did in the to his confidence and they revealed Newberry case, the Democrats in Conthe plans. What Butler said or did gress set about to enact a law that for that ever since we discovered that in the matter has not been disclosed but the President has since seen fit to fense. But the Republican leaders doing which he revealed his own du- the closing hours of the last session ington on personal business at present and his reaction to the President's ballot this year. In fact the Coolidge statement is left to conjecture. But campaign committee of Massachuall in all the incident has created a situation that must necessarily be embarrassing to all concerned. It proves Slemp a liar or Mr. Coolidge a prevaricator and the public can pay its money and take its choice.

> -It may be set down as certain that the fellow who asks for a late vacation has a hunting trip in mind.

-If Europe really wants to borthe duty of every one to fight for row Herbert Hoover we freely give our consent.

Corruption Fund Committee.

The Senate committee to "investi-William M. Butler, increases in inter- penditures" this year has an import- cus as follows: Slemp, a more or less shady politician, form. The committee is composed of na, for temporary chairman and Mrs. was appointed secretary to the Presi- Senator Borah, of Idaho; Senator Clarence Renshaw, of Pittsburgh, for dent because he enjoyed the reputa- Jones, of Washington, Republicans; vice chairman. in colored delegates in this country. Delaware, and Caraway, of Arkansas, In pursuance of expectations he secur-Democrats. Senator Borah has been of the delegation nothwithstanding newspapers call "a real, old time delegates in the Cleveland convention. chosen as chairman and the headquar- there was considerable insistence that deliberations. Manager Butler simply committees of each party a statement of receipts and expenditures every ten

> return to Washington made complaint ago was bought with money contrib- nor votes made or lost. campaign manager would be with- ship-subsidy legislation, it was disap- er candidates would be presented. tivities of the Borah committee may defeat their expectation, however.

When a partisan court practically would prevent a recurrence of his ofhave a free hand in debauching the setts served notice that immunity was geous, it will achieve much good.

-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.

are necessary for nomination, there being 1,098 votes in the convention. PENNSYLVANIA'S DELEGATION BE-

STOWS FAVORS. The assignments to the big Pennsylvania delegation of 79 members

were bestowed by it at the first cau-Hon. Thomas H. Greevy, of Altoo-

Judge McCann, of Cambria county, was given a place on the resolutions committee and Charles B. Lenahan, of the honor should go to Judge Shull, of Monroe county. When McAdoo was placed in nomi-

nation on Wednesday those Pennsyl-vanians supporting him took the State standard and joined the howling pro-cession of his delegates through the

Only the names of Underwood and McAdoo had been presented to the convention up to yesterday morning. The body reconvened at 10:30 yesterday morning when it was expected that if the platform committee was not ready to report the names of oth-

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 dope is always canny and based on only cold-blooded judgment. They repudiate the statement of Slemp, in prevented its enactment and up until were placing bets a plenty on Tuesday and you may gain some idea of what plicity. Slemp is away from Wash- it looked as if the boodlers would is to happen by reading how the wagers were placed, the odds offered on the various open candidates, etc., on second place to Senator Underwood, of Alabama, in convention betting. Thousands of dollars of Underwood

The shortest odds previously quoted on the Alabama Senator had been 1 to 4. The largest single bet yet plac-ed 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 elec-tion bets during the day. Smith went definitely from 1 to 2 to 1 to 21, and