

INK SLINGS.

—Summing it all up Coolidge is merely an accidental means to an end or the Republican party.

—Bobbed hair is going out. The girls who gave their tresses to Dame Fashion will now discover that she can't give them back as quickly as she took them.

—A Republican friend, who knows certain parts of the District as well as anybody, told us on Monday that Congressman Billie Swoope can be ticked easily if Mr. Benson makes any kind of a canvas.

—Unless we are greatly misinformed the LaFollette vote in certain sections of Centre county is going to surprise the politicians. Happily for us it is going to be strongest in what are known to be heavy Republican precincts.

—Senator Couzens, Republican, has decided to run for re-election in Michigan on a wet platform. Isn't it awful that a Republican should do such a thing, but won't it be grand, if he is elected, and his vote should prove to be one necessary to defeat some legislation proposed by President Davis.

—John Campbell, of Antrim, friend, who lived to be one hundred and twelve years old, ascribed his health to his determination not to worry about anything. Perhaps everybody could attain John's years if they adopted his motto, but if they did the world would stand still ever after.

—In the east the Republican managers are poor, poohing what the disaffection to LaFollette might do to coolidge in the north-west, but in the north-west the Republicans are begging for any sort of a combination with the Democrats in order to lick aFollette. It all looks to us as though Davis is the best bet to save the country from the Reds.

—The accidental killing of a young girl in Snow Shoe, Wednesday evening, resulted in the exoneration of the man whose revolver caused her death. It has probably not occurred to the authorities to inquire what right John Inchock had to be totin' a gun around with him. There would be fewer killings, intentional and accidental, if the law against carrying deadly weapons were enforced.

—Dave Windsor, otherwise known as the Prince of Wales, is a very rich young man. His income is supposed to approximate nearly a million a year. The most of it comes from the town lands in the Duchy of Cornwall from which he gets his hereditary title. The English subjects contribute very little in taxes to his maintenance. The tenants on his lands pay the haberdashers for the clothes at set the styles for those who roll up their pants when it's raining in London.

—The ten questions that young Leopold, the Chicago murderer, had volunteered to answer after he had been swung across the Styx for the fatal killing of little Bobby Franks, are very interesting indeed. He seemed to have not taken into consideration, however, the possibility of a probable landing in a place where the wires to any mundane medium could be burned off as quickly as they could be put up. Judge Caverly has sentenced him to prison for life and added ninety-nine years for kidnapping so that he will have time on earth to revise his atheistic theories.

—According to our dope Davis arts in the race with the greatest set. Unprejudiced analysis must give him 183 votes in the electoral college. Coolidge is reasonably certain of 145. LaFollette, if he has anything like the strength he is supposed to have, will get 62 at the outside and there are 141 votes that are doubtful. In this we haven't given the vote of a State north of the Mason and Dixon line. We have put twelve States in the doubtful column given seven to LaFollette. Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island are the realatable States and if Davis can pick up 83 votes from them he will be elected. From the same uncertain sources Coolidge will have to get 1 or nearly 90% of those certainly doubtful. It looks to us that if Davis isn't elected directly the decision almost certain to go to Congress.

—We railed like a common scold out being compelled to buy new tires and have our lights focused. Next people love to rail. And sometimes there is justification for it. We often there isn't. A few evenings ago we motored sixty-four miles over a much used highway and it probably not exaggeration to say that we met several hundred cars. Every one of them was passed with a feeling of perfect safety and comfort without lessening our speed or pulling into the ditch. It was all because other motorists, who had probably railed, had been compelled to discard 32 bulbs, lenses with proper refraction and us their lights to the road instead of our eyes. When the order was first promulgated we threatened to stand on one's suit before we would fat anybody's rake-off from the lens manufacturers, but we are grateful to Highway Department now for saving us that we have probably in blinding the other fellow quite much as he was blinding us. Mowing at night has been made a great pleasure and given much more safety by the new regulation.

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Mr. Davis and the West.

After spending a few days in Chicago, for observation, John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for President, paid a visit to his running mate, Governor Bryan, at Lincoln, Nebraska, last week, and made a speech last evening at Denver, Colorado. His westward trip has been a series of ovations. In every section he finds the Democrats active and his presence inspires enthusiasm. His speeches are forceful and eloquent and draw instant and obvious responses from the people. In Nebraska his appeal was to the farmers and he pointed out the exact relations between tariff taxation and agricultural prosperity. His theme at Denver was the effect of scientific irrigation and crop production.

In a speech delivered in Nebraska, a couple of weeks ago, "Hell-an-Maria" Daves tried to "bunco" the farmers with a promise of government regulation of farm products. That is the favorite specific of economic quacks everywhere. It used to be called overproduction and was roundly condemned as the influencing cause of declining prices. As a matter of fact there is no such thing. The cost of production may be excessive and the result abundance and high prices. Mr. Davis showed this clearly and proved that by proper irrigation in the arid sections of the West production will be multiplied and cheapened, and prosperity vastly increased by the safe and certain process of decreased cost of living.

It isn't the overproduction of crops but the under supply of markets that causes distress in the agricultural regions of the country, and whatever cause impairs the prosperity of farmers stifles the progress of industrial and commercial life. Mr. Coolidge states that wages are higher than ever. But the high wages don't purchase a greater quantity of the necessities of life. Irrigation in the West will affect agricultural production precisely as machinery did in the manufacture of shoes. That is, it will increase and cheapen production without in the least decreasing the wages of operatives in that industry. Mr. Daves would limit acreage and thus keep up prices without benefit.

—The Republican managers are still in a state of terror over the proposed Pinchot speeches. It is safe to bet that his praise of Coolidge will be of the "feint" variety, and everybody knows what "feint praise" does.

Benson Endorsed by Labor Party.

The LaFollette supporters in this Congressional district, acting under the designation of the Labor party, have wisely and properly filed a petition naming Edward M. Benson, the Democratic nominee, as their candidate for Congress. If the Democrats of the district do their full duty in the campaign and on election day, this will guarantee the election of Mr. Benson, assure the people of the district a faithful and capable representative in the National Legislature and give John W. Davis as President of the United States, a sincere and energetic supporter. This "is a consummation devoutly to be wished." The Democratic President would be sadly hampered if the Congress were against his policies.

This district is nominally Republican, mainly for the reason that the Democratic voters are negligent in their political duties. Upon a full poll neither party would have much margin. But in recent years the Democratic voters have been delinquent and the results have been a considerable Republican majority. Neither Clearfield nor Centre county is at heart Republican and the majority for that party in McKean county is not great. The personal popularity and obvious fitness of Mr. Benson will easily get him a majority in the county and the split in the Republican party between LaFollette and Coolidge ought to result in a majority for the Democratic candidate in both Clearfield and Centre counties.

Our fight in Pennsylvania is for Congress and the General Assembly. The election of John W. Davis, our superb candidate for President, is as certain as that day follows night. At this time the indications point to the success of LaFollette for President in this State. Roosevelt, as an independent candidate, carried it against Taft, the regular party nominee in 1912, by a considerable majority and LaFollette is quite as strong in the State as Roosevelt. That being the case it is only necessary for the Democrats to get out their full strength and concentrate on the Congressional contests and candidates for the General Assembly. We can strengthen the hands of our splendid President by sending to Congress men who will help him.

—If Governor Pinchot would submit the manuscript of his proposed speeches to W. Harry Baker for approval he would remove a great anxiety.

Mr. Davis on Organized Labor.

The Republican managers and newspapers have taken great pains to impress upon the minds of wage earners throughout the country that John W. Davis, being a corporation lawyer, is hostile to organized labor and the interests of labor. It having been stated that on an occasion Mr. Davis appeared in a Federal court at Clarksburg, West Virginia, to defend Eugene Debs, Mr. Debs was induced to declare that he had never employed him, though he added that Mr. Davis had served as attorney for the coal miners in West Virginia in a case in which "Mother" Jones was in custody charged with picketing. The World's Work, a high class magazine has taken the trouble to get the facts and gives them as follows:

"One of John W. Davis' early court cases was his suit for a writ of habeas corpus to gain the release of eight striking coal miners and labor leaders who had been arrested for marching down a line near a colliery while an injunction was in force against picketing. Simultaneously two other groups of labor men were arrested under similar circumstances and their cases were in the same court for judgment. By stipulation, judgment in all three cases was joined in one decision which was favorable to the laboring men, largely as the result of a four-hundred-word brief prepared by young Davis. Among one of the other groups was Eugene V. Debs, so that while the familiar story that he was one of Mr. Davis' earliest clients is not literally true, it is true that Mr. Davis' efforts in behalf of others in the same peril incidentally gained Mr. Debs his freedom."

It is quite likely that Mr. Davis' opposition to the too careless use of injunctions is ascribable to his experience in the case in question. While in Congress he made a strong fight to restrain the issue of injunctions in labor contests and hoped that under the provisions of the Clayton act he had achieved the result. But under the administration of the Department of Justice by Harry Daugherty, appointed by President Harding and retained as long as possible by Coolidge, that expectation has been disappointed. In his Labor day speech, however, Mr. Davis shows that his interest in the subject has not subsided and made it clear that in the event of his election his ideas will be put into operation.

—In view of the Teapot Dome operation, the Veteran Bureau record and various other shady transactions it takes a strong nerve to ask support of the Republican ticket "on the record of the party."

Coolidge's Private Labor Party.

President Coolidge is widely known as a cautious man but with all his care he makes some most egregious blunders. One of these, and one which is provoking wide spread criticism among those it was intended to please, was his little private party at the White House on Labor day. Mr. Davis, having been invited to deliver an address on that day before a large gathering of organized labor bodies, and LaFollette having arranged to broadcast his views on labor day, Mr. Coolidge jumped to the conclusion that he must do something worthy of a first page story of interest to labor.

Accordingly he sent out an S. O. S. to the labor leaders on the government payroll and confidentially "slipped" his views on the subject to them with the understanding that they would convey them to the rank and file in whatever way might be deemed expedient or effective and persuasive. They were all "white collar" men, of course, who have been chosen to fill fat jobs because of a belief that they controlled large blocks of votes and could cast them for any candidate they favored. It is altogether likely that they could accomplish a good deal in that direction at the time they were named, but things have changed considerably since then. Most wage earners select their own candidates now.

That is particularly true this year. The past three and a half years of Republican administration has taught working men a lesson. Every activity of the government has been directed to promote the interests of monopoly and destroy those of labor, and though a few recreant members and agents of labor organizations are in office they no longer exercise influence among the voters who work at skilled or common labor. Mr. Coolidge's select party of office holders and expectants were delighted with his plaudits on labor, but will be influenced on election day more by the language used in vetoing the bill increasing the meager wages of postal employees.

—Senator Couzens, of Michigan, has disappointed public expectations. Nobody imagined that he could be diverted from a purpose by the security of a Senatorial nomination.

The Result in Maine.

The New York Tribune and other leading Republican papers were wise in predicting, in advance of the event, that the result of the election in Maine would be without significance. If it had shown a Republican majority increased in the ratio of the enlarged vote incident to the enfranchisement of the women, it would have been significant. Or if the Republican majority had been wiped out it would have shown a decided trend in the direction of the Democracy. But nothing of the kind happened. The Republican candidate for Governor, with the help of the Ku Klux Klan, carried the State by a majority of something like fifty per cent. less than his party polled at the State election four years ago.

In 1920 the Republican candidate for Governor of Maine had a majority over his Democratic competitor of 65,116 on a total vote of 195,000. This year on a total vote of 225,000, the increase representing the augmented female vote, the Republican majority is in the neighborhood of 35,000, which by any process of reckoning shows a considerable loss to the party. In 1920 the Republican majority was a trifle more than half the total vote and this year it is a little above one-sixth. But the result has ratified the compact between the Ku Klux Klan and the Republican machine of the entire country. Previously it had only been in existence in a few localities. Now it covers all the territory.

The Republican machine always makes strenuous efforts to maintain a big majority in Maine, presumably under the assumption that "as goes Maine so goes the Union," an old superstition. But the Republicans carried Maine at the State election in both the years when Cleveland was elected as well as in both years of Wilson victories. This year they worked harder than ever, invoking every New England prejudice and all the known sectional animosities. Yet victory is only a shadow, for while it gives them a Ku Klux Klan Governor it shows a very considerable decrease in majority. The same ratio of loss throughout the country will put Coolidge in the class established by Taft in 1912.

—The heavy frost that fell in all parts of Centre county yesterday morning might not have done very great damage, but it certainly didn't help the corn or late garden products.

Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign.

The National League of Women Voters has started a campaign in the United States to get out a larger vote in the coming election than there has been in the past. This effort is to include all parties, and is aiming to increase the vote by at least 25 per cent. Pennsylvania has been behind most of the other States by about 15 per cent. so she will need a special effort.

The Pennsylvania State League has decided to send a caravan of automobiles through a number of counties. Starting October first from Independence Square, Philadelphia, it will cross the State to Pittsburgh, and return to Philadelphia by October 30th. This caravan is scheduled for Lock Haven and Bellefonte on October 8th. Local automobiles are to meet it to the county line and conduct it to the county line on its way to Philipsburg. There will be material for decorating automobiles and there will be speakers to address the towns through which it passes.

Any organization or individual that wishes to join in this effort to make our country a better Democracy will please send word to Mrs. Robert Mills Beach, Bellefonte, chairman Centre county.

—If the weather man doesn't do better the Prince's visit will be over before he gets to witness one of the international polo matches that he came over to see.

—Three reasons why Coolidge should be defeated are Albert A. Fall, Harry M. Daugherty and Edwin Denby. But there are lots more.

—Estimating the cost of tobacco to the American people the expense of maintaining a war ship at Samsun, Turkey, is no small amount.

—It may be noticed that they are already canvassing for a successor to Senator Pepper, though he hasn't said a word about retiring.

—It is not surprising that the Ku Klux Klan carried Maine. That New England colony is based on bigotry.

—Mr. Davis' brief visit to Nebraska settled the question as to how that State will vote in November.

—Keep in mind that President Davis will need friends in Congress and vote accordingly.

NATIONAL DEFENSE DAY.

Many Bellefonte People Have Enrolled for Big Parade This Afternoon.

When the whistles start blowing and bells ringing at 12 o'clock today just remember that this is National Defense day and the whistles and bells will be simply performing their part in ushering in the patriotic movement. At that hour all business in Bellefonte will be suspended for the day, the stores remaining closed instead of taking their half holiday yesterday. The banks will also be closed as well as all business offices.

As stated last week enrollment of private citizens who have volunteered for the day only will take place at the armory from 9 to 12 o'clock this morning, when every man will be given a badge of honor, assigned to certain divisions and told where to report for the big parade.

The employees of the Titan Metal company have volunteered in a body and will be enrolled as the 367th artillery. They will be commanded by Lieut. Col. David Dale.

The P. O. S. of A. will be enrolled as Battery B, 305th artillery.

The Headquarters troop and Troop B, of the National Guard, will be in line, the latter 101 men strong. Other units will be the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, the one day volunteers, Odd Fellows and other civic organizations. Music for the parade will be furnished by Wetzler's band, of Milesburg, the Odd Fellows band, of Bellefonte, and the P. O. S. of A. drum corps.

All organizations and individuals taking part are requested to report at the armory or on Linn street at one o'clock p. m., so the parade can move promptly at 1:30. The line of march will be exactly as published in last week's "Watchman."

At the conclusion of the parade Col. H. S. Taylor will deliver the address of the day from the reviewing stand in the Diamond after which everybody is invited to attend the free ball game at Hughes field between Bellefonte and Snow Shoe.

Remember that a free dance will be held in the armory this evening. Wetzler's orchestra will furnish the music.

The Sportsmen's Big Day.

Every sportsman in Clearfield and Centre county should look forward with keen interest to the basket picnic to be held under the auspices of the State-Centre Game, Fish and Forestry Association, at Lakeside Park, Morrisdale, September 19th.

Seth E. Gordon, executive secretary of the Board of Game Commissioners; Mr. Spencer, a member of the Fish Commission, and L. E. Staley, representative of the Forestry Association will be in attendance and will make addresses. An event of this kind will of course bring out the target and trap shooters, for which ample provisions have been made. There will be all kinds of game and park amusements for the children, shooting, music and dancing for the grown ups.

The different committees are working hard to provide a good time for the sportsmen and their friends, who will attend.

The State-Centre Game, Fish and Forestry Association has hung out the invitation: "Everybody Welcome." Take the whole family.

Treating the Officer Rough.

Shortly before six o'clock on Tuesday evening an officer in plain clothes was driving up the Snow Shoe mountain. About 200 yards above the Dim Lantern another motor coming down ran him so far to the side of the road that his Overland sedan toppled over the embankment, turned completely upside down and was only stopped from rolling into the deep ravine by a six inch sapling.

Strange to say the officer was not hurt, but was so busy protecting himself while his car was rolling over that he couldn't get the number of the other machine which sped on. Harry Hall, who happened along, drove him to Snow Shoe for assistance and when he came back, scarcely an hour later, three of his tires were gone, rims and all.

The officer then hired Sam Furl to watch the wreck for the rest of the night and next morning Sam found two of them hidden in the brush near the wreck.

—An item has been going the rounds of the State press depicting how twenty-two enforcement officers swooped down upon Bellefonte last Saturday evening and scooped in fourteen bootleggers. This is a mistake. Lock Haven was the place where the raid occurred.

—After reading one of his speeches it is easy enough to "keep cool toward Coolidge."

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Work will soon be started on the new overhead bridge that will be constructed over the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Vail, just north of Tyrone, thereby eliminating a very dangerous grade crossing. The new bridge will connect the two portions of concrete road between Tyrone and Osceola Mills.

—Luzerne county authorities are investigating the death of William Klimeck, 60 years old, of Dupont, who was found dead, with a fracture at the base of his skull, along the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks in Dupont early on Sunday morning. The man had been to a wedding and had left a few hours before his body was found by a trackwalker.

—For preventing a wreck on the New York Central railroad John Burfield, of Keating, was given a check for \$25 by that company. The lad discovered a break in one of the rails as he was walking along the tracks and knowing that a passenger train was soon due, he hurried to the home of the operator and notified him of the condition of the rail.

—Bucknell University is awarded \$10,000 by the will of Mrs. Jennie Williams, widow of Dr. W. T. Williams, of Mount Carmel, which was probated on Monday at Sunbury. Mount Carmel Chapter, American Red Cross, is given \$2000; Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, \$5000; Baptist Women's Foreign Missionary society, New York, \$5000; and Harry Geist Post No. 101, American Legion, Mount Carmel, a player piano.

—Antonio Apostolico, reported arrested at Caserta, Italy, last week, is wanted for the killing of Frank Matera, a grocer at Burnham, near Lewisburg, in August, 1923. It is charged that Apostolico shot Matera after a quarrel, the result of the latter refusing to permit Apostolico to marry his thirteen year old daughter. Apostolico fled to Wilkes-Barre and is believed to have left the country by way of Buffalo, N. Y.

—Immediate steps will be taken by the State Old Age pension commission to organize the meeting to be held in Harrisburg November 13th for the discussion of the problems of administration and legislative prospects. Governor Pinchot will be the chief speaker. The appeal of the Supreme court from the decision of the Dauphin county court against constitutionality of the act has been completed by the Attorney General.

—Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne county officials are searching for the individuals who early last Friday morning entered the cigar store and pool room conducted by James P. Munley, at Sugar Notch, and stole his entire stock, including the cash register. When the proprietor opened his store at the usual opening time Friday morning, he was surprised to find it entirely vacant. The loss is estimated at approximately \$1000.

—Closing of the inter-county bridge between Milton and West Milton was ordered at a joint meeting of the Northumberland and Union county commissioners. This action was taken following reports from the engineer in charge of the rebuilding of the bridge that the structure is in a weakened condition and is highly dangerous. As a result of the bridge being closed, a detour via Lewisburg and up the west shore of the river will be necessary.

—Mrs. Sallie Hulsizer, of Milton, on Saturday filed her claim in her suit against the Pennsylvania Power and Light company as a result of the electrocution of her husband, Harry Hulsizer, in Milton, on the night of July 2nd, 1923. She asks \$20,000 for the loss of her husband. At the same time William Hulsizer, brother of the victim of the fatal accident, filed a claim for \$3,000 damages. He narrowly escaped a like fate when he came in contact with the death-dealing guy wire.

—"That's how I would do it if a highwayman would attack me," said William Conrad, Shamokin High school Senior, on Sunday night, as he whipped out a big revolver and fired a shot through Edward Wallish's right lung. The boy fell with a scream and was rushed to the Shamokin State hospital, where he is in a serious condition. Both boys are 19 years of age. Conrad said he didn't know it was loaded. Wallish begged for his friend's release from custody. Conrad is still being held.

—Fines on the installment plan are being tried by a Bloomsburg justice of the peace to keep prisoners from going to jail for an indefinite length of time, but a jail sentence will be the punishment if the law violators are even one day late in paying their installments. Six young men, charged with dynamiting Little Fishing creek, were fined \$100 each and permitted to pay the fine in \$15 monthly installments. Six months in jail is the penalty hanging over each if the money is not in the hands of the justice on the appointed day each month.

—E. H. Wakefield, of Altoona, had a narrow escape from death Friday when he came in contact with high tension wires while helping to install the Lilly sub-station of the Penn Central Light and Power company. Wakefield was knocked from the platform on which he was standing and fell ten feet through a number of other highly charged wires. He was unconscious when reached by fellow workmen. Dr. Lynch, of Cresson, treated the injured man and he was taken to his home in Altoona. He is suffering from burns and contusions of the body, but his condition is not serious.

—Mary Benchuk, 40 years of age, of Butler township, Butler county, was sentenced in criminal court last Thursday by Judge Henninger to pay the costs, a fine of \$800, and serve one year in the Allegheny county workhouse on a charge of violating the liquor law. She had pleaded guilty to the second offense. The time for beginning the prison term was extended to December 1st, because of the fact that her husband, Nick Benchuk, now in the workhouse, will have completed a six months' term for bootlegging by that time and can go home and run the farm and take care of two children while his wife takes her extended vacation.

—M. A. Davis, Mifflin county detective, fell victim to the chain gang, and spent Saturday night in the open with a prisoner. Farmers in isolated districts of Mifflin county have been pestered by persons who have had automobiles wished on them in more prosperous times, and are now using them to collect vegetables and chickens in the dark. The farmers have padlocked all machines parked along the cornfield fence, and settled with the owners when they return for their car. The county detective was watching for a moonshiner in Ort valley when a farmer, seeing his car parked, padlocked it, leaving the detective and his prisoner out all night.