

—If Washington only beats the Yanks out and Brooklyn or Pittsburgh does the same thing to the Giants the baseball season will have been a complete success, so far as we are concerned.

—With Al. Smith running for Governor of New York and McAdoo running all over the west for Davis we'll say there must be some awful disturbing thoughts racing through "Silent Cal's" mind.

—If the Republicans nominate Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. as their candidate for Governor of New York, as they now seem certain to do, the world is likely to hear a lot more of the oil scandal than has come out thus far.

—After starting their campaign on ridiculous claims the Republican campaign spell-binders have already found it necessary to begin warning against over confidence. Senator Pepper told the President on Tuesday not to get too cock-sure.

—The German drummer who committed suicide because he believed that the day of jazz is over certainly did the right thing. It is a forlorn hope that a drummer could ever find a job in a real German band. We never saw one. Did you?

—The Prince has departed. Yes, he betook himself to Canada on Monday, but it wasn't good riddance of bad rubbish for it was only silly fawning to Royalty on the part of those who profess democracy that made H. R. H. appear any less democratic than we think he really wants to be.

—The Governor's much advertised stumping tour of the State has been abandoned. So far as Centre county is concerned there won't be any regret because his itinerary didn't call for a stop here to help his friend Holmes out of the hole he has gotten into by his early campaign declarations to the effect that he was a Pinchot candidate.

—William H. Noll will be your representative if you send him to Harrisburg. He wouldn't, if he could, go to the Legislature tied up by promises to this, that and the other organization to vote for any legislation they should present. He knows Centre county and if you send him down there he'll be for what Centre wants. And not for what a lot of fanatics think it should have.

—If Gaston B. Means was lying when he gave that damaging evidence against disgraced and dismissed Attorney General Daugherty, as he now says he was, who is going to believe him now. By his own mouth he is a self convicted liar and it was Daugherty who created him a government agent. Maybe Daugherty knew Gaston's propensities at the time and thought he would use for them.

—Since hearing that the B. R. and P. railroad has called as many as twenty of its long laid off DuBois men back to repair cars we are wondering whether Congressman Billy Swoope is going to miss the chance to proclaim it, from every stump he can get on, as a sure sign of the prosperity that he has brought to his district. We hope he doesn't, because he needs all the tricks we can rake in. The cards are running bad for Billy in this campaign.

—One by one the politicians have been knocking the props from under Gen. Butler. He has lasted longer than we thought he would, at that. There are far more decent people than otherwise in Philadelphia, but they don't make themselves felt on election day and the few who do control. All of Mayor Kendrick's much vaunted determination to stand behind his Director of Public Safety, no matter what the consequences, seems to have gone and with it Butler's head will have to be given to "the boys."

—On Tuesday the Altoona Tribune, the one paper that seems, since dear old brother Dern departed some years ago, to get its foot in its mouth more than any other we know of, said, in voicing its opposition to the League of Nations: "We have seen their kind in the United States, where bureaucracy has often made itself obnoxious." We would remind the Tribune that since 1861, sixty-three years ago, its party has been in control of the government continuously, except for the sixteen years served by Grover Cleveland and Woodrow Wilson, and it had better have a care about its declarations of obnoxious bureaucracy.

—While the county W. C. T. U. was in session in Howard passing resolutions urging more christianity in the homes and more family altars and more religious training for the children of the county the criminal court was in session in Bellefonte passing on such a list of depraved and immoral cases as has never before been heard. God knows there is need for something. Resolutions are fine, but more is needed than reams of noble expressions spread on the minutes. How many christian people do you suppose there are who have ever said a kind word to that pitiable little Sayers girl from out in Curtin township? Brought into the world in a lonely, desolate environment she has grown to womanhood in nature, but remains a child in mentality. She doesn't know what a resolution is. She might have escaped her said plight had some of us given more of our time to the field and not so much to the platform. Her sin is but a smudge on a blanket of snow as compared with the all enveloping crimson that stains her betrayal.

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Tariff Tax the Greatest Burden.

When the Mellon tax bill was urged by President Coolidge and the Republican party as the only and certain remedy for excessive taxation the "Watchman" protested that it was a quack prescription. The fault in our tax system was not in the levy on internal sources, whether on incomes or articles of commerce. The high cost of living was not greatly affected by internal taxation. It was the tariff tax that worked the evil results on the family budget. The Mellon bill was vicious because it discriminated in favor of the rich and against the poor. But the "crowning atrocity" in taxation was in the tariff law, which not only discriminated in the same way but robbed many to enrich a few.

This view is confirmed in an investigation of the subject recently made by Mr. Shaver, chairman of the Democratic National committee, with respect to the operation of the tax on sugar. Six months ago the tariff commission advised the President that the tariff tax on sugar is half a cent a pound in excess of a just levy, and recommended a decrease of the tax to that amount. Mr. Shaver shows by actual figures that this excessive half a cent tax on sugar costs the consumers of sugar in the United States the enormous sum of \$145,000 a day or \$52,925,000 a year. This is only one item of an expense account needlessly levied against the family budgets of the country, which in the aggregate amounts to not less than five billion dollars a year, more than \$40 on every man, woman and child in the country.

The nearly \$53,000,000 a year shamelessly and fraudulently taken from the pockets of the people by this excessive tax on sugar is distributed among a group of growers of sugar beets and cane in this country, less than five hundred, and most of them were delegates in the Republican National convention at Cleveland which nominated Mr. Coolidge for President by unanimous vote. They are also the most liberal contributors to the Republican campaign fund, so that the money literally stolen from the consumer of sugar is used to debauch the ballot in the hope of continuing in power the administration which gives the sugar barons license to loot the public by the process of tariff taxation. The tariff tax on woolen goods, textile and other articles of necessity in the household is equally excessive, burdensome and wicked.

The income tax is excessive and burdensome and the stamp tax on legal papers, inheritances and similar objects are objectionable and should be greatly reduced. If the expenses of administration of the government were cut to an economic basis all taxes might be reduced by half without impairment of efficiency. But so long as the President complacently allows profligacy and corruption in administration and robbery of the public in tariff and internal taxation, as Calvin Coolidge has done since his accidental elevation to the office of President, there will be no relief from tax burdens except such as are expected to work favors as the Mellon bill would have done.

"Birds of a feather flock together." Gaston Means is back in the confidence, if not in the affections, of former Attorney General Daugherty.

Mrs. Allen Reports Enthusiasm Among State Democrats.

Mrs. Edith B. Allen, vice chairman of the Democratic State committee, returned to Williamsport, on Monday, from a tour through the eastern part of the State, and reports a very general interest and enthusiasm among the Democrats of the counties which she visited.

On Thursday, September 18th, Mrs. Allen attended the luncheon and meeting of the State Executive committee, held at the Bellevue-Stratford, in Philadelphia, and that evening addressed a large group of men and women who are organized in the "Get-out-the-vote" movement.

On the evening of the 19th Mrs. Allen spoke to the Women's Democratic club of Allentown, a live organization of four hundred women, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Herbert.

Saturday, September 20th, Mrs. Allen was one of the speakers at the Carbon county Democratic picnic, held at the Leighton fair grounds and attended by hundreds of men and women from the Congressional districts. The other speakers on this occasion were Congressman Everett Kent, a candidate for re-election; State chairman John H. Bigelow, Esq., and former Secretary of Labor, William B. Wilson.

Some scientist states that "moonshining is a disease." The worm in the still must be the germ.

Keep in mind that Gaston Means only corroborated the evidence of truthful witnesses.

Silly Campaign Plan.

The silliest campaign plan ever devised is that recently adopted by Chairman Butler, of the Republican National committee. It came in the form of a suggestion, or order, that the candidacy of the Democratic nominee be ignored and simultaneously in all sections of the country the orators and organs of the Republican party declared that John W. Davis is out of the running and the contest for President is between LaFollette and Coolidge. The idea, it is suspected, was to frighten conservative Democrats into the support of Coolidge as preferable in the office to LaFollette. That it has failed of its purpose is beyond question. It was too absurd to fool anybody. Besides the difference is negligible.

In 1912 the Republican managers pretended to believe that the independent movement would work little impairment of the Republican strength throughout the country. They realized that Roosevelt might get a few votes in certain Republican States but not enough to prevent the success of the Taft electors in any of them. Up to the last minute a plurality of a quarter of a million was claimed for Taft in Pennsylvania. But as a matter of fact Roosevelt got nearly twice as many votes in Pennsylvania as Taft, and in several other States he divided the vote with Taft so evenly that the Wilson electors were chosen and Roosevelt had eighty-eight electoral votes against eight for Taft.

The conditions are somewhat different now and the regular Republican candidate, Mr. Coolidge, may poll a larger vote than the independent Republican, Mr. LaFollette. Roosevelt had personal strength that augmented the independent party. But Mr. Davis goes into the contest with a considerably larger electoral strength than either of the others and the contest is between the Democratic nominee and whichever of the Republican candidates gets the most votes. In fact, if present expectations are fulfilled in New York, it may be set down as certain that Davis will get as many electoral votes as Wilson received in 1912 and the ninety-six which went to Taft and Roosevelt may go where they like this year.

Of course Gaston Means lied in his testimony in the Daugherty investigation. If he hadn't been a liar he wouldn't have been associated officially with Daugherty, Farr, Burns, and let us add, Ed. MacLean.

Punishment that Fits the Crime.

In sentencing a drunken chauffeur to a stiff, but not excessive, term in prison, the other day, Judge Miller, of Montgomery county, said that millions of dollars are being wisely expended in an effort to eradicate the fatal malady of cancer and that drunk automobile drivers are killing as many people annually as cancer. This surprising statement should command the attention, not only of all the judges in the State but of the users of automobiles and citizens generally. We have no means of testing the accuracy of the statement but Judge Miller, being a highly respected jurist, it may be assumed that he knows what he is talking about.

We have referred to this great menace to public life before and avail ourselves of the text given by this wise jurist to repeat that driving automobiles on the public highways by chauffeurs under the influence of liquor is one of the gravest crimes that can be perpetrated. If the menace were limited to the life of the offender it might be overlooked on the theory that such fools are "cumberers of the earth" and might as well be removed at one time as another. But in nine cases out of ten the greatest sufferers are persons on the road in pursuance of business and pleasure who know how to behave and do so.

Judge Miller said in pronouncing sentence that the surest way to check the evil is to make the penalty so severe that even the reckless drivers will take notice. This is probably true, and for that reason it is to be hoped that every judge in the Commonwealth will follow the example set by the Norristown jurist. There will be fool drivers on the road anyway, no doubt, just as there are murderers here and there. But there are not as many murderers as there would be if the punishment were light and reckless automobile driving may be diminished if every reckless driver is given the "full extent of the law."

The fellow who offers to provide funerals at \$3 per may mean well, but most of us decline bargains in funerals.

Common sense is all right in its place but common honesty is more important in public office.

Probably the Prince had to sell his polo ponies to get car fare to his next stopping place.

Good News for Democrats.

After a careful survey of the field Democratic leaders in Congress express confidence that the party will have a majority in both branches of the National Legislature, after the 4th of March. The present estimate is that there will be 220 Democrats in the next House of Representatives and "a safe majority in the Senate." In the House Pennsylvania will contribute three or four to the increase. The Cambria county district, the Shoenberg district and this district are almost certain to return the Democratic candidates, and all the Democratic members now in commission are certain to be re-elected.

In the Senate it is expected that the party will gain in Colorado, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa and Illinois. In Iowa and Michigan, for example, the Independents won in the nominating contests and the regulars appear ready to support the Democratic candidates against Brookhart and Couzens. In Illinois there is strong opposition to Deneen, the Republican nominee, in his own party, and the LaFollette influence will add to the strength of the Democratic candidate. In New Jersey a fight between the factions has completely wrecked the party and in West Virginia the Republican nominee has been a non-resident of the State for twenty years or more.

This is gratifying news for the reason that important events will be considered during the period of the next Congress. The election of John W. Davis is practically certain, but with an adverse majority in Congress he would be unable to achieve the results he has in mind. It is the consensus of enlightened opinion that this country should occupy a place in the League of Nations and with a Democratic President and a Senate of the same political faith this will be speedily accomplished. We are glad to feel that the Democrats of Pennsylvania are taking their share of the burden of this great work.

That Pittsburgh church that is trying to stimulate attendance by serving breakfast in the Sunday school room must be run by a board that isn't blessed with children of their own else they would know that the little folks will go further for and linger longer around a counter of lolly-pops and ice cream cones than they will for all the cereals and bacon and eggs in the market.

Coolidge Accused of Fraud.

The LaFollette campaigners are not wanting in courage whatever else may be said of them. In Chicago, the other day, Senator Wheeler boldly charged General Dawes, Republican candidate for Vice President, with being accessory before the fact, if not criminally participating in the bank swindle in which William Lorimer, of Chicago, robbed the patrons of the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank of something like a million dollars. After declaring that "every statement I shall make will be based on court documents, on printed statements of the candidate himself or on other public documents easily obtainable," he accused Dawes with co-operating with Lorimer in that swindle.

The LaFollette-Wheeler campaign text book, just issued, accuses Calvin Coolidge with guilty knowledge of and participation in the corrupt leasing of the Teapot Dome and California oil reserves. It will be recalled that the investigation by the Senate committee of this scandal exposed a code message from Washington to Edward MacLean, in Florida, in which it was said: "Saw principal. He says greatly appreciates and sends regards to you and Mrs. MacLean. There will be no rocking of the boat and no resignations." The author of the message swore that Senator Curtis, of Kansas, was the "principal." Senator Curtis denied it positively. The campaign book declares Coolidge was the person referred to.

The President's private secretary was a guest at MacLean's Florida "estate" at the time. Developments in the investigation had created intense interest in political circles. The code was a government instrument of secret communication. The White House "operator" had dispatched the message and a private telegraph line had been constructed between the White House and MacLean's "estate," in order that MacLean "might have easy access to the White House." These facts were all brought out in the investigation. A campaign text book is a responsible authority. The party organization by which it is issued is behind it. This statement calls for a good deal of explaining.

Reports from all sections indicate a large registration of women voters in Pennsylvania this year. Let us hope they will go to the polls with an understanding of the tariff tax in mind.

Shall Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis be Cared for in the New Centre County Hospital? If Not, Where?

Mr. Arthur Dewees, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Tuberculosis society, spent part of Tuesday in Bellefonte in an effort to learn the sentiment of this community towards the care of advanced cases of tuberculosis. The present policy of the State Bureau of Health is to compel counties to provide for advanced cases rather than admit them to State sanatoria which they are reserving for cases that can be cured; advanced cases are admitted only to Hamburg.

Thirteen counties have voted to build their own sanatoria but in counties the size of Centre, it would be too expensive to erect and maintain a sanatorium, hence counties of this size are advised to combine or to make provision for care of advanced cases in local hospitals.

This is now being done in several hospitals in the State and the late Dr. Francine, chief of the tuberculosis division of the State Health Bureau, and Dr. Turnbull, present assistant secretary and supervisor of Cresson sanatorium, have stated that there is no reason why cases of tuberculosis cannot be cared for in general hospitals without danger of contagion to other patients.

This would seem the logical thing to do in this county and Mr. Dewees was here to present the matter to the new board of managers of the Centre County hospital, hoping the reconstructed building would include a room, ward, or whatever space was possible, where tuberculosis sufferers could be comfortably cared for. He also interviewed the county commissioners, the county medical director, the State chest clinic chief and then went to State College to call the attention of authorities there to the need of providing care for their advanced cases. He and Mr. Ira Foutz, publicity director of the tuberculosis society, conferred, Tuesday afternoon, with Dr. Thomas, who has consented to be chairman of the Christmas seal sale of 1924.

Wouldn't the abandoned fair grounds make a fine tourists camp if the Business Mens Association should undertake what so many other towns have already provided for the many motor travelers who do not stop at hotels but who do buy food stuffs in the towns where camping sites are available.

Bellefonte Hospital News.

The first thing presented to Judge Quigley on the convening of court, on Monday morning, was the application for the changing of the name of the Bellefonte Hospital to Centre County Hospital, and it was promptly approved.

The Department of Labor and Industry has approved the plans submitted for the new wing and other changes and improvements to the institution. The board of trustees are advertising for bids for the work.

Contractor John T. Harnish on Wednesday completed the concrete foundation walls and will probably finish the piers this week.

Considerable interest is already manifest in the approaching election of a new board of trustees. As planned now double the number of men and women required to constitute the board will be put in nomination, and those receiving the highest number of votes will, of course, be elected.

General Dawes understands discipline, anyway. Only one admonition from Coolidge was required to close his mouth on the Klan question.

Presbyterian Home an Assured Fact.

At a meeting of the committee of Huntingdon Presbytery having charge of the proposed home for the aged, held in the Presbyterian church at Tyrone last Wednesday, it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a proposed addition to the Keller Property, at Hollidaysburg, purchased a year or so ago. The final plans of Millard & Co., architects, were approved and a sub-committee was appointed to secure specifications and advertise for bids for the work. It is the hope of the committee to have the addition under roof by Christmas. The first unit will be devoted to the care of aged women within the bounds of the Presbytery. The committee having the preparation of the home in charge consists of R. H. Sommerville, Winburne; J. Thompson Henry, Martha; W. V. Hughes, Hollidaysburg; M. W. Crane and Rev. J. W. Francis, Altoona.

One thing is practically settled. Most all the Republicans are going to blame their defeat on Chairman Butler.

The Thursday afternoon holidays ended yesterday.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Warren county commissioners are planning an issue of bonds in the amount of \$250,000. Of this amount \$80,000 will be expended on an addition to the court house, and the rest will go into the construction of a highway from Pittsfield to Garland.

Shot in the head over an eye, Victor Strombosky, of Minersville, is in the Pottsville hospital in a serious condition. He says his wife ordered him to do something, and when he refused she opened fire on him. Mrs. Strombosky will be held by county officials for the shooting.

Mrs. Jennie Irwin, of Bellwood, aged 89 years, is the oldest member of the W. C. T. U. in Blair county. She was born in Huntingdon county. On April 15th, 1865, she became a teacher of colored people, working in the southern States twenty years. She was married to Abram R. Irwin in 1884. Mr. Irwin died four years ago.

When J. S. Brown, of Jersey Shore, was sitting in a restaurant at Northumberland on Monday, a tire blew out on a car just outside where he was perched eating a pork chop. The noise gave him a fright, the pork chop went into his throat and three doctors were summoned. They finally saved his life, but he had been very close to death, they said.

While cleaning accumulated rubbish from the home of Catherine Rosenberger, an aged woman, of York, Pa., workmen found \$1,011 and some small change which the occupant of the house did not know she had. The coins were found in stow-aways and other containers mixed up with the rubbish. The money has been deposited in a local bank in the woman's name.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Parker, for more than thirty years residents of Juniata, are preparing to move to Alexandria, Huntingdon county. For sixteen years Mr. Parker, who was in the lumber business, was president of the First National bank of Juniata, which he helped to organize. He was a member of the first town council and its president, serving from 1893 to 1908.

An indictment charging murder in the first degree was returned last Friday against Dr. Cornelius M. Dailey, Harrisburg physician, by the Dauphin county grand jury. Dr. Dailey is charged with the killing of Mrs. Anna Manbeck, who was found shot to death in his office last June. At the same time he was found suffering from a bullet wound which he claimed the woman inflicted. He said she then shot herself.

Mrs. Arabella Kelly Williams has been chosen matron of the Children's Aid Home, Lock Haven, to succeed Mrs. Charles Staub, resigned. Mrs. Williams has spent many years in institutional work. At Sunbury she was on the staff of the Odd Fellows' orphanage. She was matron of a Masonic orphanage in Burlington, N. J. Her father, a Methodist minister in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, resided in Lock Haven twenty years ago.

The recently organized Pennsylvania Plate Glass corporation is clearing a site for the erection of a large plate glass factory in the neighborhood of the American Plate Glass corporation's plant at Durant City, three miles from Kane. The company plans to build a plant which will produce 5,000,000 feet of plate glass annually, and will employ between 500 and 600 workmen. Dwelling houses will be erected near the plant for the use of the workmen, and actual construction work is expected to be under way this fall.

Fulton county is to lose its only rail-road. After an operation of fifteen years the twenty-one mile stretch of track is to be scrapped by Louis Bremer & Co., of Lebanon, who purchased the road and its equipment, two locomotives and fifteen cars from Reichley Brothers & company. The road was built by the Reichleys, who owned extensive timber tracts in Fulton county. This timber has now been marketed. The road ran from Reichley station on the Huntingdon & Broad Top railroad to the very heart of the Reichley timber tract.

Fleeing across roofs of Pittsburgh office buildings on Monday, to escape a policeman, Stanley Taylor, 19 years old, misjudged a leap across an airshaft and fell five stories to crash through a skylight into a candy shop. Taken to a hospital it was found his injuries were superficial and he was lodged in Central police station with a charge of disorderly conduct against him. Fifty patrons, mostly women, were in the candy shop when the youth fell through the skylight. He fell against a counter and rebounded into a show case scattering the broken glass among the surprised patrons.

Having scorned the bobbed hair fancy and retained her hair at full length many have been one of the contributing causes in Miss Katherine Dowd, of Oil City, winning the decision in a beauty contest to determine the Pennsylvania girl to compete for the crown of "Queen Petrolia" at the oil and gas exposition at Tulsa, Okla., early in October. Miss Dowd was named winner in the contest conducted by the Oil City Derrick, representing the officials of the exposition. Six entries kept the judges in a quandary almost a day. The winner is an Oil City girl. She will go to Tulsa to compete with sixteen other State "princesses."

While Mrs. William Weber, of Clover Creek, Blair county, was working in the garden on Friday, her attention was attracted by a commotion in the kitchen of her home. A hog had wandered from the orchard into the house, and, with forelegs on the table, was surveying the food that had been prepared for the evening meal. Mrs. Weber grabbed a broom and attempted to shoo the porker out the door. Instead, the hog pulled the tablecloth and dishes off the table and began to run around the room. At every circuit it overturned furniture and knocked down dishes and pans, squealing as it ran. Finally Mrs. Weber hit it with the broom and it plunged through the door. The kitchen was a wreck.

In his desire to see as much of the scenery as possible, Garret P. Roach, 30 years old, of Erie, leaped too far from the window of a Pennsylvania Railroad express last Wednesday and fell from the coach as the train was passing H. M. block station near Huntingdon, and was running about thirty miles an hour. Roach suffered abrasions of the forehead and lacerations of the right hand. He was given first aid treatment by a Huntingdon physician and continued his journey on a later train. Roach had just enlisted in the medical corps of the United States army and was on his way to the Carlisle barracks for training. He explained that it was his first trip through that section and that he wanted to see all the scenery.