

The man who pledges himself to support legislation, the real nature of which he has no knowledge, is certainly not a safe person to represent Centre or any other county in the Legislature.

The foot ball season is on, but it's lost its old time setting. We still have the chrysanthemum, but the long haired warriors are gone from the field and their long haired admirers will be few in the stands.

The Rev. Dr. Lever, of the Episcopal church of the Advocate, in Philadelphia, said it to Mayor Kendrick last Sunday night. If the Mayor reads or hears of that sermon he'll be face to face with a lot of truths that most politicians know, but try to hide from.

Betting in New York is already seven to five that Al. Smith will beat young Roosevelt for Governor. The odds on Smith will lengthen before November because Smith has a record to stand on and all Roosevelt claims as an illustrious Pap and a narrow escape from the oblivion that Fall and Daugherty and Denby were urged to set themselves to.

Due entirely to our rooting Washington has won the American League pennant and Walter Johnston, one of the greatest moundsmen of all time, will have his first chance to pitch in a world's series. Henceforth the world will be told that the Washington monument was really erected in anticipation of the glory that the Senators have brought to the Capital of the Nation.

No one had missed meals and stood day after day in a sweltering court room to hear the Musser murder trial. The "Watchman," today, publishes every detail of it, far more accurately than most of those who were in the court room can tell of it, for they couldn't hear more than a half of what was said either by the court, the attorneys, the witnesses or the prisoners at the bar.

Missouri being safe as Alabama or Davis, Indiana looking better every day and New York conceding as fifty-fifty proposition, even before Smith begins his campaign, it is not so awfully premature to begin thinking about who will be the next postmaster in Bellefonte. Mr. Kniesly is making a very good one, of course, but he wouldn't consider, for a minute, continuing in office under such a fellow as John W. Davis.

Eight years as Commissioner of Centre county gave William H. Noll an opportunity to observe and study our needs. He knows the diversity of interests in the county. He knows the valuations, the tax problems, the labor and racial conditions of every district, because he has personally come in contact with them in an official capacity. And if he is sent to Harrisburg to represent Centre in the legislature this knowledge will be ready to our advantage. It will enable him to vote intelligently on bills that may be presented.

As we walked down street Sunday morning we noticed the twelve men on whose verdict the life of Harry Musser was hanging. They were not for a bit of exercise under the observation of two court officials. To us, all of the jurors had the appearance of solemnity. Well might they, for a human life was in their hands, when we noticed the unusual number of automobiles moving on the streets and wondered whether one of the any drivers would, before night-fall, be the life of some innocent pedestrian. The responsibility of a life rests heavily on men in a jury box. It rested as heavily on men at a hearing wheel the grim reaper would be perched on the bumpers of so many automobiles.

There will be nine National primaries with candidates to be voted for next month. This means that the ballot will be at least eleven columns wide: One for the eleven congressmen; one for the thirty-eight electors of each party and one blank for other electors whom the voters may wish to write. This will necessitate a ballot at least thirty-two inches wide and long enough to accommodate the names of electors of each party, the candidates for Superior Court Judge, State Treasurer, Auditor General, Congressman, Member of the Legislature, Jury Commissioner and space for the proposal to hold a constitutional convention in 1926. A blanket ballot seems certain, whether it's to be warm cold on election day.

Settlement of the Boston police strike made Coolidge a vice-presidential candidate. Death made his president and gave him the chance to run for the office on his own. Some months ago we told you that Coolidge was away from Boston when the police strike was settled and had little to do with the achievement that was added to him and used to accomplish his nomination at Chicago four years ago. Now, no less an authority than the "Watchman's" statement in a new book, "You Take Your Oath," He says Coolidge did not settle the Boston police strike and he credits him with great mental power, not much political courage. If a Republican convention at Chicago should know that Mr. Harding would survive his term Calvin Coolidge would have stood no chance, whatever, of being its nominee for Vice president.

Democratic Watchman

Seeking Votes Under False Pretense.

No one is greatly surprised when demagogues of the George Wharton Pepper type juggle figures to fool the public. But when the President of the United States resorts to such expedients to support his claim to continued popular favor thoughtful people are justly amazed.

Mr. William B. Wilson, who was until his election to Congress in the Sixteenth district of Pennsylvania, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, is probably better informed on labor statistics than any other man in the country.

The scheme of the Republican managers is to deceive the voters into the belief that industrial life is running at high tide of prosperity. Of course, people in Bellefonte know that such is not the case here but being assured on so high an authority as the statement of the President of the United States they may be fooled as to conditions in Pittsburgh, Chicago or other points at which they have no contact.

When a business man goes to the bank and gets accommodations by false representations he commits a misdemeanor. If a man goes to the store and procures goods or credit by misrepresentation of facts he is prosecuted and punished.

Herbert Hoover is greatly worried for fear the government of the United States will spend forty or fifty billions of dollars to buy all the railroads of the country.

It seems that the Coolidge managers have been unable to get Senator Brookhart into line and thus the electoral vote of Iowa is almost certain to be for Davis.

Harry Daugherty has butted into the campaign in behalf of Coolidge but thus far they have been able to keep former Secretary Fall outside the breastworks.

Now if Governor Pinchot would add a line or two to his recent letter to the Public Service board dismissing all the members it would be worth while.

In order to avert a conniption fit in the White House we hasten to assure President Coolidge that the constitution is perfectly safe.

Coolidge will not reduce the sugar tariff as long as the sugar growers continue to "sweeten" the slush fund.

Don't put off all political work until election day. This is harvest time in that line.

New York Insures the Election of Davis.

If there were at any time since the adjournment of the New York convention any doubts of the election of John W. Davis to the office of President they were removed on Friday last when Governor Smith accepted the nomination of his party for re-election.

It is freely admitted even by the chairman of the Republican National committee that Mr. Coolidge cannot be elected without the electoral vote of New York.

With the electoral vote of all the southern States and such border States as Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri absolutely secure the addition of the vote of New York literally guarantees the election of John W. Davis by the Electoral College.

If the Japs continue to complain people are liable to conclude that the Washington conference was a complete failure.

Well Meaning but Futile Effort.

Four thousand well-meaning citizens of Philadelphia assembled in the Academy of Music on Monday evening to remonstrate against the impending removal of Brigadier General Butler from the office of Director of Public Safety.

General Butler obviously misinterpreted the purposes of the Mayor. He imagined that the expressed intention to drive the crime and vice out of the city was both earnest and sincere and proceeded to accomplish the result.

But the protest will be without avail. General Butler will be asked to resign as soon as he recovers from an illness with which he has been afflicted for several days.

The trouble with Pinchot's throat may be that the machine managers have secured a grip on it.

The Constitution is All Right.

We hasten to assure our distressed Republican friends that the constitution of the United States is in no danger from bolsheviks, anarchists, socialists or other persons who look at things through red lenses or imagine that some other form of government is preferable to that we are now living under.

Albert B. Fall, who was Secretary of the Interior during the administration of the late President Harding, did more to injure the government of the United States and impair the constitution when he leased the oil reserves to Doheny and Sinclair in one day than Mr. LaFollette could do in a thousand years, even if he were elected President, which he never will be.

The tariff law which steals from the pockets of the people five billion dollars a year to bestow unearned largesses on political favorites creates more discontent in the industrial life of the country in one month than a million "red" agitators could in a year.

We are glad to learn that Herbert Hoover has found out which party he belongs to. He is now outspoken for the party that gave him an office.

Pinchot's Profligate Administration.

It has been the custom of all concerned in such matters to treat the administration of Governor William C. Sprout as the high water mark of administrative profligacy so far as the government of Pennsylvania is concerned.

In a speech delivered at Williamsport, last Saturday evening, Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis declared that the first year of Gifford Pinchot's administration cost \$25,000,000 more than the last year of the Sprout administration, admittedly the most expensive year in the history of the State up to that time.

In various papers and at sundry times Governor Pinchot has boasted that he is administering the government at a saving of \$40,000,000 a day, which in a year would amount to the enormous sum of \$14,600,000.

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THE BURNING ISSUE—OIL!

(A Fall Poem.) (With apologies to E. A. Poe and condolence to Messrs. Daugherty, Denby, Fall and T. Roosevelt Jr.—From the National Democratic Magazine.)

How the gushing of the oil— Teapot oil! With a vision of "mazuma" as it rushes from the soil!

How the hissling of the oil— Teapot oil! How the schemers and despoilers seethe and broil!

G. O. P.'s Shift in Tactics. From the Philadelphia Record.

"Claim everything possible against LaFollette and pretend that Davis is utterly out of the race." This is the latest order that has gone out to "the faithful" from the G. O. P. press agency in Washington.

The fact that this "information" of such momentous importance only "became available today" for the first time is due entirely to the inability of the G. O. P. press agency forces to make up their collective mind as to what sort of "information" should be sent out.

The 249 votes—count 'em, 249!—"practically certain for Coolidge" include, of course, Utah's and Vermont's (four each) won by Taft in 1912; but we find there, also, California (where "Hi" Johnson is silent), Illinois, Michigan (where Couzens will prove the most distant of relatives), New Jersey, New York and Ohio.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Marion and Lucille, 2 and 3 year old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayes, of Lock Haven, were badly scalded about their bodies, last Friday, when they upset a kettle full of boiling jelly on themselves in the kitchen of their home in that place, when they ran against the oil stove.

Harry Cummings, of Johnstown, who was sentenced on September 25, 1922, to serve a term of not less than seven nor more than ten years in the western penitentiary by Judge Thomas J. Baldrige, for complicity in the robbery of the First National bank, of Claysburg, is asking for a pardon.

One of the most daring burglaries committed in Luzerne county for many years took place Friday night when the Night Owl Lunch, at Plymouth, was entered and a safe containing \$1200 was carried away. No trace has been found of the safe, which weighed in the neighborhood of 500 pounds.

John C. Smith, a well known resident of Blair county, who died recently, bequeathed \$3000 to the Altoona hospital, \$3000 to the Asbury Methodist church and the remainder of the \$20,000 estate in equal parts to the Methodist Home for the Aged at Tyrone, and foreign missionary societies.

Declaring that "petting parties" in the rural sections of Lehigh county not only have become a nuisance, but have a tendency to break down the high standards of home life and "low ideals," Schenckville Grange has adopted resolutions protesting against improper usage of public highways and calling upon the officers of the law to break up the practice.

Edward Free, son of Dr. Spencer M. Free, of DuBois, has been appointed chief editor of The Scientific American. Mr. Free is a graduate of the DuBois High school, 1911, later graduating from Cornell and receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Johns Hopkins.

George W. Rockwell, has been formally awarded a contract to build a bridge across the Susquehanna's west branch between Northumberland and Blue Hill. His bid was \$405,112.08, for a cement and steel structure of eleven spans.

The first of a series of criminal prosecutions by the State Department of Forestry against the railroads of the State, was entered at Allentown at a hearing before Alderman Ricketts. The Central Railroad of New Jersey and William Sweeney, division superintendent, were co-defendants to a charge of starting a forest fire at Sugar Notch in March with sparks from a defective locomotive.

Mrs. Sadie Erb, 24 years of age, of Lehigh county, the mother of five small children, was so badly burned last Thursday morning at her home that she died a few hours later at the Allentown hospital. How the accident occurred is not known as she was alone at the time. Her husband was attracted by her screams, finding her clothing a mass of flames. She died without regaining consciousness.

Pleading guilty to smuggling twelve steel saws into the western penitentiary, Harry Holtgraver, a former guard at the prison, was sentenced to serve from two to four years in the Allegheny county workhouse, in criminal court at Pittsburgh last Thursday. Holtgraver testified that he was in urgent need of money at the time and was unable to resist the temptation when convicts made him offers to obtain saws for him.

Dr. L. F. Arensburg, the new commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was a member of the Legislature in the sessions of 1901, 1903 and 1905 from Fayette county. He is a doctor and a farmer. He served under all the big generals of the army from Bull Run to Appomattox, marching over 8000 miles, and was under fire 60 times with his battery. The Pennsylvania Department of the G. A. R. elected him department commander in 1916.

The Reading Iron company, successor to the Thomas Iron company, of Allentown, is offering virtually the whole of Hokendouqua for sale. The town for many years figured prominently in the steel and iron industry, but several months ago the furnaces were shut down and indications are they will never be reopened.

With a view to establishing a training camp for young people, an option has been taken on the camp grounds at Newton Hamilton by a commission named by the board of Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues of Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference. The commission hopes to move the Epworth League Institute from Eagles Mere to Newton Hamilton and to establish a boys' and girls' camp. The project has the approval of Bishop McDowell and the four district superintendents.

Pennsylvania express train No. 65, west bound, ran from Bellwood to East Altoona last Friday without a directing hand in the locomotive cab. The engineer and the firemen were driven from the cab by flames, steam and smoke when the lift pipe in the stack collapsed. Engineer J. E. Arndt took refuge on the lower step of the engine and, as the train sped through Bellwood, he was knocked off by a fence.

Raymond Steinmetz, who leaped into national prominence on the front pages of many papers last Tuesday, when he saved a 5 year old girl from death by a locomotive at Emporia, Kan., may be a hero to most of the world, but to his home-town folks in Monessen, Pa., he is a fugitive from justice. Steinmetz is wanted in West-morland county for deserting his wife and on charges of fraud. Other Pennsylvania towns want him on other charges. William Horne, chief of police of Monessen, says. Reading of the exploit of Steinmetz, Chief Horne wired to Emporia police to arrest him. Steinmetz was captured in Council Grove, Kan., and is today awaiting extradition to Pennsylvania. The man went to Monessen last year and married Miss Schilling, sister of the Rev. A. F. Schilling, pastor of the German Lutheran church of that place. He left and Mrs. Steinmetz brought desertion charges against him.