

INK SLINGS.

—Poor Walter Johnson! After waiting eighteen years to get a chance in a world series the glory of a victory is denied him.

—When Edward R. Benson, candidate for Congress in this District, was in the Legislature, in 1913, his vote on every bill of importance to the taxpayers was just what they could have wished it to be.

—Amos Pinchot, Gif's brother, is out hurrahing for LaFollette. And that's where Gif would be right now if he were not trying to get a lot of "Come-ons" like Holmes elected to the next Legislature.

—Davis is the real man in the Presidential race. Coolidge is only a pawn that fate is moving about on the board and LaFollette the frenzied soldier of fortune who knows the Coolidge weakness and hopes to slide in on it.

—To those fanatics who'd vote for a cow if they thought she was dry let us say this: "Hell-an-Maria" Dawes isn't wearing any of the late Frances Willard's white ribbons. He's as wet as a soused run-runner who has fallen overboard.

—President Coolidge actually smiled and waved his hat while at the world series ball game in Washington on Saturday. The effort was so unusual that he had to take an over-Sunday trip down the Potomac, on the Mayflower, to recover from its exhausting effect.

—Did you get one of Joe Grundy's letters? You know Joe, don't you? He is the "fat fryer" for the Republican organization in Pennsylvania. Joe's scared. He says so in his letter to the heads of all the corporations of the State. With tears in his eyes he is pleading for Pennsylvania to vote for Coolidge. Think of it. Joe Grundy admitting that Pennsylvania is a doubtful State.

—W. H. Lewis, foot ball, base ball and track star at Harvard and assistant Attorney General of the United States, and colored, is stumping the country for Davis. Why? Simply because he "knows Coolidge." He knew him at Amherst and evidently knows him well now, for he is said to have letters from that gentleman which go so far in expression of intimacy as to be signed "Yours, Cal."

—Those who are using the straw vote being taken by the Literary Digest to bolster up their hope of Coolidge's election seem to overlook the fact that of the nineteen States reported in the poll only two are Democratic. And in the seventeen Republican States the Coolidge vote has fallen considerably under that of Harding in 1920; whereas the Davis vote has gained greatly over that given to Cox.

—We haven't an idea who she is, but the little lady who teaches the school out in Bush's Addition is a girl with her head sitting right. On Tuesday her scholars marched in to be guests at the showing of Abraham Lincoln. When they reached the dangerous intersection of Water and High streets the thoughtful girl was first to step right into the middle of the street and there she stood until the last of her charges had crossed in safety. We viewed her action with the appreciation that only a parent can experience and a silent prayer went up of praise for her and petition for more of her kind.

—Just because we have always made a point of being as accurate as possible ourselves we can't resist calling the publicity agent of The Pennsylvania State College to book for sending out dope to the effect that Andy Lytle "has been a foot ball rooster" up there "for more than forty years." State didn't play foot ball "more than forty years ago." And, while we'd as soon steal a wilted cabbage leaf from a blind cow as rob Andy of any of the deserved laurels he has won as a later day follower and rooster for State teams, for the sake of history and accuracy, we are compelled to say that the grand old man of the Ancient and Honorable Order of State Fans was the great-grand-dad of the present Sauers generation at State College. Dear old, loyal old "Baldy" Sauers was sitting on a player's bench at every State game long before Andy knew a foot ball from a pound apple.

—Billy Swoope, our present Congressman, is almost desperate in his search for something he can point with pride to. His is a rocky road. In Clearfield he undertook to pat himself on the back for voting for the old soldiers' pension increase. Then somebody asked him what the President he wants to go back to Washington to support did to that bill. Billy dropped the subject like a hot cake. Then he started in to tell what the Fordney-McCumber tariff has done for American industry and another inquisitive person asked him why everybody is getting less under it than they did under the Wilson bill. Again Billy hanged his line of talk. Then he went up to Bradford to play for the woman's vote and there he spilled the beans entirely. We know Billy. We like him as a friend, so we won't tell you of the hole two persistent women put in him in Bradford. But we will advise you to vote against him for reelection. Doubtless he is ornamental in Congress, but his record doesn't indicate that he is a particle of use here. Vote for Edward R. Benson. Give him a chance to show you what man who knows nothing about stumping can do.

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Davis May Carry Pennsylvania.

Recent developments greatly strengthen the belief heretofore expressed in these columns that the result of the election in Pennsylvania this year will be practically the same as that of 1912. The regular Republican candidate, Mr. Coolidge, will be the third in the race and a rather bad third at that. The vote in 1912 was Roosevelt, bolting Republican, 447,426; Wilson, Democrat, 395,619; Taft, regular Republican, 273,305. Probably one-fifth of the Roosevelt vote was cast by Democrats influenced by personal admiration of the Rough Rider and factionalism in the Democratic force. If the Democratic votes cast for Roosevelt had been given to Wilson he would have had a majority over Roosevelt and a considerable plurality of the total vote.

Roosevelt had elements of strength which LaFollette does not possess. A great many voters admired that spirit of daring expressed in his testimony before a Congressional committee in which he declared he had seized the canal zone in violation of the constitution and left the discussion of the question to Congress afterward. But LaFollette has elements of strength which Roosevelt lacked and LaFollette's running mate, Senator Wheeler, is infinitely a greater help to his chief than Roosevelt's candidate for Vice President, Hiram Johnson. Both Roosevelt and LaFollette, as candidates for President, had and have the weakness of radicalism in about the same ratio. Roosevelt was about the first prominent public man to cast aspersions upon the Supreme court.

Assuming, therefore, that the elements of strength and weaknesses of Roosevelt and LaFollette are about balanced there is no basis for a claim that Coolidge will get a larger proportion of the Republican vote than Taft polled. The votes of all the candidates will be greater, of course, the women not having been enfranchised at that time. But LaFollette stands to lose the greater part, if not the entire bulk, of the Democratic votes cast for Roosevelt in 1912. There are no factional differences among the Democrats of Pennsylvania this year and the registrations in the cities and the enrollments in the rural districts indicate a measure of enthusiasm and alertness which give promise of a full party vote for the Democratic candidate.

The Republican party was wrecked on the rocks of inefficiency and venality of the Taft administration then drawing to a close. Nobody accused Taft of dishonesty or even of participation in the spoils of corrupt government. But the Ballinger scandal, a mere trifle in comparison with the colossal crimes of the Harding-Coolidge regime, hung over the Republican party like a pall. What reason is there to believe that Republican voters who balked at Taft will support Coolidge who made himself responsible for the outrages of Albert B. Fall, Harry Daugherty and Charles Forbes by giving them moral support? Who can imagine that consciences shocked by the carelessness of pleasure-loving Taft will be reconciled to the support of Newberryism and the appointment of Sloop?

Because of a firm and abiding faith in the intelligence and integrity of a vast majority of the voters of Pennsylvania the "Watchman" is persuaded that Calvin Coolidge will not receive even a plurality of the votes of Pennsylvania at the coming election. Which of the other two candidates will be so honored is a subject of conjecture. Even the earnest supporters of LaFollette admit that John W. Davis is the fitter man for the great office and the better qualified to meet the burdens and obligations during the crucial period approaching. And if the Democrats of the State are just to themselves and true to their obligations to the country he will get the electoral vote of Pennsylvania on the 4th day of November. Let us of Centre county do our part.

—Speaking of Senator Brookhart's defection the Harrisburg Telegraph says: "It's a good year to purge the G. O. P. of undesirables." Strange that the Telegraph never thinks of the purging business until after the "undesirable" has declared his intention of deserting Coolidge.

—Probably the most disappointed man in Philadelphia was Mayor Kendrick when Gen. Butler swallowed whatever was ailing him and busted the plan to let him go.

—Attorney General Stone is proving himself a fit successor to Daugherty. He regulates the department of politics rather than law.

—Secretary Hughes thinks Coolidge is the only issue in the campaign. That is slighting Fall, Daugherty and Forbes without reason.

—Coolidge is free with lip service for peace but offers nothing more.

WILLIAM H. NOLL, WHY?

There are many reasons that we might advance in support of the candidacy of William H. Noll for the Legislature, but the terse, comprehensive answer that a Republican gave to a friend who asked him, a few days ago, why he was going to vote for Noll seems to cover the situation so perfectly that we pass it on for the consideration of the voters of Centre county.

The gentleman said: "It doesn't matter to me whether Holmes is for Pinchot, whether he is for our organization or what he is for. Bill Noll knows more about Centre county, what we need and how to get it than Holmes could ever hope to know."

That expression sums up the situation as well as it could possibly be done. Mr. Noll does know Centre county. He was one of its Commissioners for eight years and in that office he proved that, though a Democrat, his eye was single to the interest of the tax payers whether his action made for party expediency or not. It is not necessary for him to seize every opportunity to proclaim from the rostrum what he will do. He needs but ask you to turn to the county statements from 1911 to 1919 to discover what he has had a great part in doing.

He will go to Harrisburg under obligation to no one but the voters of Centre county. If Governor Pinchot has any measures to introduce that will affect the people of Centre county favorably he will support them. If the Republican organization—which will oppose any program the Governor presents—introduces anything that will be of benefit to Centre county, he will support that. If the Labor party has any legislation to enact that will help the laboring man of Centre county Noll will be for it. He has labored himself and at present is a director of a corporation that employs hundreds of laboring men. If any proposals are made for more effective enforcement of the prohibitory laws now on our statute books he will support them, unless they should give to some one the right to spend the taxpayer's money to employ other officers than those who are now being paid for enforcing the laws.

Mr. Noll is against the insidious grafting of political parasites on the backs of the tax payers. He was in the County Commissioner's office long enough to discover how easy it is to add some one to the public pay-roll and how hard it is to get rid of him.

He will go to Harrisburg unpledged and uncontrolled. He won't have to teeter between what Governor Pinchot wants and Harry Baker demands as the price of being regular. All he'll have to do is sit back and watch to see where the interests of Centre county come in and vote "Aye" for that.

Because Mr. Noll has a more intimate knowledge of what Centre county needs and because he will be FREE to vote for what we need is the answer to the question: "William H. Noll, Why?"

Iowa Certain Against Coolidge.

In a speech delivered at Emmittsburg, Iowa, a few days ago, Senator Brookhart finally and firmly fixed the attitude of that leading Mid-western State on the Presidential problem this year. Senator Brookhart is the Republican nominee for United States Senator, having recently defeated the Coolidge candidate at the primary contest by upward of 200,000 majority. What he says on the subject may, therefore, be accepted as the voice of the Republican party of Iowa. What he says is that President Coolidge is against every principle that the Republicans of Iowa stand for and that he favors every principle they are opposed to. That being the case, Iowa is certain to cast its electoral vote against Coolidge.

In the opening of his speech Senator Brookhart declared that Mr. Coolidge is the candidate of Wall Street and the Republican machine. In support of this declaration he states that Coolidge was for Newberryism, ship subsidy, the Esch-Cummings railroad law and the Mellon tax bill, while the Republicans of Iowa are against those things. He charged that Mr. Coolidge opposed the investigation of corruption and criticized the Senate for denouncing it; that the President opposed the soldiers' bonus bill and the postal employees measure and favors discriminating taxes against the poor and in favor of the rich. In view of this difference in attitude there can be no doubt of Iowa's electoral vote.

What is true of Iowa is equally certain of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. So far as Minnesota, Wisconsin, Idaho and the Dakotas are concerned there has never been a chance of Coolidge getting an electoral vote. Then if the Republican managers are afraid of the election going to Mr. Bryan as a result of the failure of the electoral college to make the choice why shouldn't they advise the regular Republicans of those States to cast their ballots for John W. Davis? Nobody questions his sanity or disputes his safety. We do not share in the fears they express on this subject. We are fully convinced that Mr. Davis will be elected in the usual way. But if they have doubts, a vote for Davis is the remedy.

—Since Kendrick and Butler have reconciled their differences the enterprising Philadelphia burglars have resumed their burglary.

—The prosecution of Congressman Hill for making cider like that of Fall and Forbes will be held off until after the election.

—Senator Brookhart has located Coolidge. He belongs to the "Wall Street bloc," the Iowa Senator declares.

—It is suspected that Coolidge got hot when he read Dawes' approval of the Ku Klux Klan.

United States and the World.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The honor of the nation, the progress of humanity and the suppression of war demand the election of John W. Davis. For three and a half years a Republican Administration has put the country to shame before the world, continuing the infamous work of the Senate, which began a year and a half earlier.

During the war there was a universal expectation in this country that the greatest of all wars would be the last. It was assumed by all that the nations could not leave the way open for another such catastrophe. In focusing public opinion on this point the lead was taken by the two Republican ex-Presidents, Mr. Taft, through his organization, the League to Enforce Peace, and Mr. Roosevelt, by his writings and speeches in support of what he called "the posse comitatus of nations."

Public opinion emphatically demanded measures to end the needless horror and barbarism of war. But the election of a Republican Congress in 1918 inspired Senator Lodge and others with the idea of "fighting President Wilson." They broke the heart of humanity, in Mr. Wilson's words, to win a little partisan advantage. The Republican party has not repented; it has not cast out the leaders who defeated the peace treaty and kept the United States out of the League, and left to foreign nations the work of securing humanity against another war.

Republicans—some of them—voted for Mr. Harding under the influence of thirty-one men—two of them now in the Cabinet—who said that the surest way of getting the United States into the League of Nations was to elect him. Mr. Harding was elected, and there is not the slightest indication that we shall enter the League, or even join the civilized world in maintaining the Permanent Court of International Justice, under Republican rule. Mr. Harding was really enthusiastic about the Court idea, but Mr. Coolidge is not, and he describes the League of Nations as a foreign affair of no interest to us.

The League is absolutely the only agency that can reduce the danger of war. It has already done notable work in adjusting international controversies for menaces, and driving out secret diplomacy. It is now perfecting a plan to make the action of the League more certain and more efficient. But if the Republicans carry the election the United States will have nothing to do with the most beneficent international action in all history. With the accession of the United States to the League, and with its acceptance of the Geneva protocol, the perpetuation of the world's peace would be assured.

The United States will never join the civilized world in averting war while the Republican party is in power. Its barbaric disinclination to peace goes back of Mr. Wilson. When Chief Justice Taft was President he negotiated universal arbitration treaties with England and France, and a Republican Senate mutilated them so that they were worthless and President Taft dropped them. We can get no help for civilization from the Republicans. No adequate conception of the world can find entrance into the parochial mind of Calvin Coolidge.

If the country will elect Mr. Davis, the United States will join the civilized world in proscribing war by assuring each nation of justice by peaceful methods, and agreeing to prevent any bellicose and predatory nation from attacking a neighbor.

Premier's Boyhood Friend.

From the Providence Journal.

Some professional critics of the MacDonald government in Great Britain are trying to stir up trouble for the Prime Minister because an old friend and benefactor was honored with a baronetcy last June. Boyhood friends, they have retained for each other that great measure of mutual affection bred in earlier days. Neither had any large endowment of worldly riches in youth. In fact, they worked their way laboriously from the bottom to the top, one in business, the other in public life.

In position to exchange some substantial form of recognition for such a life-long friendship, the one of great riches made certain that his friend should have a little share in the comforts which wealth brings. The other, head of Britain's government, requested King George to bestow a baronetcy. To try to draw false inferences in the case or to suggest impropriety is but to display one's ignorance of the qualities of character and the habits of life that have made Ramsay MacDonald one of the great men of our times.

Ma is Feminine.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The eternal feminine came to the fore again when Mrs. Ferguson, who won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Texas, smilingly yet firmly declined to tell her age.

The first educational classes at the Rockview penitentiary, under the auspices of the school of engineering at The Pennsylvania State College, were held last night. About 125 inmates answered to the roll call of prisoner students.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Homes for more than 400 additional families have been provided in Altoona so far this year.

—Because her husband would not accompany her to Italy, Mrs. Matilda Mangano, of Pittston, took poison and died.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Altoona went on a 48 hour schedule Monday, affecting approximately 11,000 men.

—Mrs. Dell deForrest, of Cassville, was appointed constable by the Huntingdon county court, being the first woman to hold that position in the county.

—Grant Reeder, of Beech Creek, is in the Clinton county jail under bond for \$5,000, charged with burning the barn of G. Mack Johnson, of Beech Creek township.

—Peter Lechman, of Freeland, was admitted to the Hazleton State hospital with a stab wound in the abdomen, which he told the doctors was inflicted by his wife with a table knife.

—Governor Pinchot on Monday appointed Henry D. Brown, of Williamsport, a member of the board of trustees of The Pennsylvania State College. The appointee is publisher of the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.

—The Shannon Oil company is drilling a test well on the William Baker farm, on the Roosevelt highway near Rexford's bridge, in Potter county. The well, which is to go down at least 1000 feet and cost \$3000, is said to be backed by Elmira, N. Y., capitalists.

—Mrs. John Fitzell, aged 45 years, her two daughters and her four sons were instantly killed and her husband was so badly injured he may die, when their automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad passenger train at a grade crossing near Port Alleghey, McKean county, on Sunday.

—The Reading fair earnings this year were \$300,000, according to a report by president Abner S. Deysler. This, it is stated, is the largest net profit for one year for any county fair ever held in Pennsylvania. The total receipts were more than \$1,500,000 and the paid admissions were nearly 120,000, also a high record there. The total admissions were about 200,000.

—The Highland pulp mill, at Johnsonburg, which has been shut down for three months, resumed operations on Monday. The plant employs 125 men, the majority of them have been employed at the Clarion paper mill on special work. Most of the pulp will be shipped to Lock Haven, to supply their needs owing to the recent explosion that crippled the pulp department of the paper mill in that place.

—For the first time in the history of Huntingdon county a woman has been appointed to fill the office of constable, and to act with all the high authority pertaining to that office. The woman distinguished by this appointment is Miss Dell De Forrest, of Cassville, and her selection for this position was made by the citizens of Cassville themselves, and confirmed judicially by Judge Bailey at a special session of court.

—Mrs. Kate Garner, an Oneida township, Huntingdon county, widow, returning from the home of her brother, William McElwain, a Civil war veteran, on Thursday was so badly frightened by a bull that she became hysterical, fleeing into the woods, where she became unconscious. Sixty men scoured the country for her, continuing the search until early Saturday morning, when Mrs. Garner emerged from the woods in an exhausted condition.

—While William O'Hay and Albert Robinson, each 11 years old, were playing in a shanty, last Saturday, on the outskirts of Easton, Pa., the O'Hay boy found two rifles, one of which he knew was not loaded. He wanted to play with this and picked up one of the guns, but got the wrong one. He pointed it at Robinson and fired. Now Robinson is in the Easton hospital in a serious condition with a bullet wound near his left shoulder, and O'Hay is in charge of probation officer Miss Carrie Riddle.

—Joseph Bach, of Philadelphia, pleaded guilty on Monday on a charge of taking a gold watch from the home of a clergyman in that city, where Bach had been serving as best man at the wedding of two Philadelphia friends. While the clergyman was making out the wedding certificate, Bach found the watch and later gave it to the bride as a wedding gift. Later the trio were arrested. The bride and groom were held in jail for several days, but were discharged when Bach confessed. Judge Schaeffer sentenced Bach to nine months in jail and fined him \$50.

—The reptilian population of Huntingdon county took a sudden drop recently, when Charles Rath, an Altoona boy, killed thirty-one copperhead snakes at a cabin on Spruce creek. One of the snakes was a female adult, three feet two inches in length, while the rest were her family of youngsters, from six to eight inches long. Later in the same day another large copperhead snake was killed in the same vicinity. The Rath family spent practically the entire summer at Spruce creek and saw no copperhead snakes excepting on this day, when the copperheads appeared in wholesale lots.

—A damage suit in which defamation of character was alleged, was decided against the defendant by a jury in the Clinton county court last week, who returned its verdict after a trial lasting over two days. Mrs. Annie Salmon, of Beech Creek, alleged that Frank Kunes, a neighbor, had circulated stories that she locked her husband in a corn crib and otherwise abused him and that this treatment was a contributory cause of his death. Sixty witnesses were called. Kunes denied the charge and said that he had not originated any of the stories which were circulated. The jury placed all the costs, which will amount to a large sum, on Mrs. Salmon.

—Charles A. Thompson, former register of wills of Butler county, who shot himself at Butler, is said to have been short \$4,188.96 in his accounts with the State of Pennsylvania and a letter demanding that he make immediate settlement was sent him on September 29th by the Auditor General's Department. Thompson's term expired in January and in making an audit of the inheritance and other taxes due to the State from his office, one of the auditors from Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis' office found a shortage of \$3,000 due to failure to make payments of the taxes on an estate. The remainder of the delinquency was turned up soon after and early in September Thompson was asked to go to Harrisburg and make settlement. He sent word he had been overcome by the heat and on one excuse or another did not comply with notices. A preceptory letter was then sent him. The Auditor General has notified the company bonding Thompson of the situation.