

INK SLINGS.

Former Secretary Fall would probably offer no objection to a movement to dispense with all courts.

Centre county would probably not have been in on the Mothers Assistance fund if it had not been for the far-sightedness of Wm. H. Noll.

May be the New York bankers are contributing a million dollars to the Republican campaign fund in order to make wage earners happy.

The Clarksburg, West Virginia, Exponent thinks "that Cal's 'sap' pail is one that Ballinger used when he 'tapped' the Alaska forests."

A West Virginia contemporary says that Mr. Davis is having plenty of fun in the campaign. Coolidge looks like a child taking castor oil.

With a twelve million dollar "slush" fund promoting his candidacy we presume the Republican managers are relying on the ability of money to talk, while Cal. can't.

William H. Noll rendered Centre county a great service when he was a member of the board of Commissioners. He will do the same thing when he is sent to the Legislature.

One of the unfortunates, writing from Bradford, says: "Let's put Davis in." That's what we say. Let's put Davis in and be sure of having a President who is something more than a mollycoddle or a fire brand.

If Holmes goes to Harrisburg either Governor Pinchot or Harry Baker will carry the vote of Centre county in his vest pocket. That's certain. If Noll goes he'll vote as he thinks best for you, regardless of the threats of Pinchot or Baker.

A regular Republican has no obligation to Swoope, because he supported the President while in Congress. If he has asked you to vote for him because he has supported the President, ask him where he gets the big idea. We'll tell you, next week, how Swoope turned yellow on Coolidge.

If the Farm Bureau has been of any value to agriculture in Centre county thank William H. Noll for his share in establishing it. We know who was first to see that it would be a boon to the farmers of the county because we presented the appeal for the first appropriation that was made by a board of County Commissioners.

Writing as to "Why I Shall Vote for Davis" former Governor Black, of Kentucky, says in a recent issue of the Christian Advocate: "Ultra conservatism and big business have their candidate. Radicalism and socialist discontent have their standard bearer. The rest of us are compelled to place our fealty elsewhere. In the person of John W. Davis we will have a towering figure as the next President of the United States."

Coolidge could act on his tariff commission's recommendation that half a cent be taken off sugar tomorrow, if he would. But he won't as long as the sugar barons are dropping contributions of ten thousand dollars at a crack into his campaign fund. Half a cent on a pound of sugar would save fifty million dollars in a year for the house-keepers of the country, but Coolidge wants to be President, so what's the use of hoping.

In the 1920 election there were ninety-six stay at homes for every hundred voters who actually went to the polls and exercised their right of franchise. In that election Pennsylvania was the most derelict of all the States. Here there were one hundred and thirty-three stay at homes for every hundred who voted. In this appalling neglect of civic duty Centre county was outstanding. Especially so in the Pennsylvania section where few women go to the polls and many men stay at home to keep them company. The consequences of such failure was never better illustrated in our county than it was last fall when Potter and Penn townships, alone, could have elected the entire Democratic ticket in the field if they had but polled eighty per cent. of their registered vote. Let us hope that at the coming election Centre will show more interest in the contest than she has for years. Let us have a great vote in the county.

Billy Swoope is scared stiff. The District has discovered that he is not of Congressional caliber and if the opposition to his re-election is organized he'll be overwhelmingly defeated. In the face of outspoken disaffection in his own party Billy has grown frantic and has been reduced to the undignified practice of calling ladies on the telephone to implore them to vote for him. He's made a miserable mess of it in Washington and worse at home when he has tried to explain his actions. He went into the "bone head" lass permanently when he appointed an Allegheny county boy to West Point in the face of the fact that there were four boys in his own District who had filed applications for the honor. When cornered in his treachery to the people who had elected him he tried to squirm out by saying it was one as a favor for Senator Reed, senator Reed has a number of West Point scholarships at his disposal, the Congressman of this District has only one, yet he gave that to Allegheny county in preference to a boy from Centre, Clearfield, McKean or Cameron. Don't you think Swoope ought to go out to Allegheny and get votes if he wants to go back to Congress? Vote for Benson. He won't be giving things that belong to his District away to others.

The Republican Slush Fund.

In his testimony before the Senate committee on campaign expenditures, in Chicago the other day, chairman Butler, of the Republican National committee, declared that New York State Republicans have been assessed \$1,000,000 and Pennsylvania Republicans \$600,000 to make up the slush fund of the party for this campaign. He gave no reason for the discrimination in assessments, for no levy at all is made against some States and comparatively speaking Ohio and Illinois are let off easy. Senator Caraway asked whether it was believed that New York and Pennsylvania are easy marks, so to speak, but he failed to answer. Probably he had in mind the answer of Secretary Fall. He might incriminate himself.

The reason for the heavy assessments upon New York and Pennsylvania is perfectly plain and is obvious to Senator Caraway as to anybody else. Calvin Coolidge is the candidate of the beneficiaries of "special privilege" and there are more of these in New York and Pennsylvania than in all the other States in the Union. Outside of the sugar growers, who steal from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 a year from the consumers, the bankers and brokers of New York and the manufacturers of Pennsylvania derive the greatest advantage from the policies which Coolidge is under obligation to serve. The graft from the operation of the present tariff law amounts to about \$4,000,000 a year, and the bulk of it goes to New York and Pennsylvania.

The budget of the Republican National committee, according to Mr. Butler's sworn testimony, is \$3,000,000 and considerably more than half of it will be drawn from New York and Pennsylvania. But if Coolidge is elected it will be a good investment for those who make it up. No "get-rich-quick" enterprise ever known in fact or fiction has yielded profits as abundantly as the excessive tariff tax affords them. But the budget of the committee does not express the sum total of the investment. The attorney for the complainant submitted proof that the slush fund will amount to \$12,000,000 dollars instead of \$3,000,000, and that will not be enough to buy Coolidge's election.

It is reported that a new oil field has been discovered in Louisiana. Probably this is an invention to divert other members of the Coolidge cabinet from campaign work.

McAdoo Points the Way.

In a letter written in a hospital in Baltimore, where he is convalescing after a serious surgical operation, and addressed to Senator Swanson, of Virginia, Mr. William G. McAdoo lays before the eyes of the progressive voters an accurate statement of present political conditions. "If the forces of reaction represented by the Coolidge administration succeed in November," he writes, "it will be due solely to division in the ranks of the Progressive and Liberal forces in America. It is a great pity that the Progressives, led by LaFollette and Wheeler, and the Democrats, led by Davis and Bryan, cannot present a united front against the common enemy."

That being impossible, under existing circumstances, Mr. McAdoo proceeds to reason why all Democrats and some Progressives ought to vote for the Democratic candidates. Davis and Bryan have an absolute certainty of the one hundred and sixty-six votes of the Southern States, and being practically sure to carry the border States of Kentucky, Delaware, Maryland and Missouri, they will have a force greater than it is possible for LaFollette to acquire. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming are doubtful as between the Democratic and Republican tickets. Illinois is fighting territory and late Republican estimates concede New York to the Democrats as well as New Jersey.

The only hope Mr. LaFollette can indulge in is that he will prevent the election of Coolidge this year and create the nucleus of a party in the future. His is a laudable ambition but it might be indulged at too great a cost. That is it might possibly alienate a sufficient number of well meaning but ill-informed voters from support of Davis and Bryan to elect Coolidge, thus surrendering the government to the reactionaries, not only for the present but for all time. For that reason Democratic voters should adhere to the candidates of their own party in the doubtful States. Acknowledging all the Progressives claim for their candidate he is neither safer nor better than Davis.

Republican chairman Butler is willing to pay a generous reward for a likely scheme to get rid of Senator Brookhart.

There are 242 kinds of cheese but they all look alike to a rat.

The Tide is Running Strong for Noll.

A very careful survey of the political outlook in Centre county within the past week reveals an unmistakable and doubtless an irresistible swing toward William H. Noll for Representative in the General Assembly. In several precincts of the many from which we have had reports the vote will be almost unanimous for him. In one of the larger precincts of the county, one that is overwhelmingly Republican in sentiment, it is predicted that he will receive ninety per cent. of the entire vote cast on Tuesday, November 4th.

This latter report seemed so unusual that we took the time to check up on it to ascertain just what justification there could be for the statement that Mr. Noll would poll ninety per cent. of the vote of a district in which the party he represents is in decided minority. From Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists and three voters, who said they were Socialists, whom we interrogated at random, came as many replies as to their reasons for voting for Mr. Noll.

Some merely said: "I know him."

Others said: "I voted for him both times he ran for County Commissioner and had no reason to regret it."

Two said: "I don't care whether Noll is a Democrat, a Republican, a Prohibitionist or anything else. I'm for him because he is a clean cut, well informed man who stands four-square with everybody and isn't running 'round trying to capitalize his membership in lodges and the church in a contest in which such things should have no place."

While these are only a few of the replies that have been turned in in answer to our question as to why a candidate is strong enough in one particular district to be reasonably certain of getting ninety per cent. of its entire vote we want to dwell on the last one, for the reason that it shows that others have looked at the situation in the big, broad manner in which it should be viewed by every voter.

In the first place a Member of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, or any other State, has nothing whatever to do with the fundamental principles of Democracy, Republicanism, Prohibition, Socialism or any other form of government. They are all prerogatives of the Federal government and when the right of voting for a United States Senator was taken away from the Legislature of Pennsylvania and placed in the hands of the voters, themselves, the last incentive of partisanship, except the flimsy one of being regular and supporting the organization, was taken out of State elections.

If every Member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania were a Democrat, or a Prohibitionist, or a Socialist, or a what-not they could, by their votes, bring about no legislation in Pennsylvania in contrariety of the principles of their party.

Having disposed of the partisan aspect of the present contest let us take up the one that should have a real appeal to the voter in Centre county who wants a Representative in Harrisburg to represent him. Because a man is a Presbyterian, a Mason, an Odd Fellow, an Elk, a Moose, a P. O. S. of A., or a Red Man, doesn't guarantee that he is qualified to represent you in the body that makes the laws governing your mode of living. What is really essential is a man who is square enough and fair enough to stand on what HE is and what HE HAS DONE without leaning on props that are only brought into a campaign to incite social, spiritual and creed hatred.

Mr. Noll is not asking you to vote for him because he is a communicant member of the Reformed church. He is not asking you to vote for him because he has been an Odd Fellow for thirty-five years. He is not asking you to vote for him because he is an Elk or any other of the Orders to which he belongs. He isn't jumping onto every stump he sees, kissing babies, and promising to change rhinestones into diamonds. He is simply standing on his record as an official of Centre county who had a part in doing a lot for you as a tax payer, on his reputation for being square with everybody, and on the fact that he knows a lot about Centre county and its needs that the rest of us only guess at.

The intelligent voter is quick to discern the difference between flub-dub and reality and that is why the tide has turned so strong to Noll.

This thing of yelling support of the President, the church, lodges, the tariff, the fundamental principles of any party in a county or State election is bunk.

It's the man that counts and William H. Noll is the man.

Treating the Wrong Organ.

Governor Pinchot ought to change his doctors. His present physician certainly made a sad mistake in diagnosing his malady. It isn't his throat that needs treatment. The trouble is in his head. We are led to this opinion by reading the speeches he has been delivering. In his first effort he declared that the Republican party of Pennsylvania is made up of crooks and corruptionists. But he asked the men and women in his audience to vote to continue them in authority. That is not inconsistency. It is insanity. No man of healthy mind would make such a break. It not only revealed absolute indifference to public morals but expressed contempt for popular intelligence.

If Gifford Pinchot knows, as he declares he does, that the leaders of the Republican party of Pennsylvania are "unworthy of association with good women and decent men and that they deserve to be driven forever from any contact with the affairs of the Commonwealth they have betrayed," his request that the men and women in his audience "support the Republican ticket from President Coolidge down," was a crime perpetrated in the light of knowledge and for a purpose of evil. It marks Mr. Pinchot as a political hypocrite if not a moral degenerate. No honorable man of sane mind would so stultify himself. In that act alone Mr. Pinchot has justified the contempt in which he is held by thousands.

After fulsomely praising his own work Mr. Pinchot added: "Only one thing could interfere to prevent me from retiring from office with every promise fulfilled. This would be the success of the old gang in its desire and effort to bring back the mess we have cleaned up." Then he brazenly asked the voters of the State to restore the old gang by voting "the Re-

publican ticket from President Coolidge down." Possibly he hopes that restoring the old gang to power would open up another opportunity for him to buy a nomination and fool the people as he did in 1922. But if he entertains such expectations he will be disappointed, for his misfeasances have made the worst gang acts look respectable.

Republican chairman Harry Baker may have released his grip on Pinchot's throat in order that the Governor might make a fool of himself.

A CALL TO WOMEN.

Women! You have a call to Duty on November 4. Will you answer?

No one has any respect for a Slacker—an Excuse Maker.

A woman slacker is one who fails to go to the polls to vote.

The welfare of your home and children depends upon good Government.

Can any woman say she is not interested when Republican tariff has doubled the cost of almost everything you buy.

If you want good government—vote for it and get it.

If you want lower prices, it's up to you—Vote for JOHN W. DAVIS.

If you do not vote, then don't complain about anything that happens.

To you progressive women who do not need to be reminded to vote, will you see to it that your neighbor women vote?

Election Day—November 4
The man—JOHN W. DAVIS

If the tendency continues the penalty for murder will be no greater after a while than that for petty larceny.

A Logical Decree.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.
The decree that calls for the dismantling of the Zeppelin factory that could turn out so fine and beautiful a piece of work as our navy's newest airship, Los Angeles, seems, indeed, hard. The Friedrichshafen plant represents the last word in technique, equipment and personnel, and it does appear that its breaking up would be a slap in the face of progress.

The decree, however, is the logical outcome of Germany's defeat in the war and the necessity of controlling in that still uncertain country the urge to harness science to warfare for the attainment of ends which the world cannot countenance. The Germany that ran amuck once may conceivably do so again. For her insanity she has paid by the destruction of her navy and the limitation of her army. She must continue to be kept under control, and the decree for dismantling the Zeppelin works is only a detail in the system that has been laid upon her.

The nations that today are striving to keep the world upon the straight and narrow path are not unmindful of German psychology. They may be making a mistake in striving to control the military urge of a nation such as Germany. But they can conceive of no better method. They realize, moreover, that if Germany is allowed to manufacture war Zeppelins for others, she will soon be asking for permission to make "peace" Zeppelins for herself—and it may not be feasible to deny her. Thus, a step toward making the military control of the country more lenient might have dangerous consequences.

Germany must be—not destroyed, but controlled. That she happens to be equipped to make angels of the air, however beautiful, must not blind the eyes of the world with any false sentimentality about what use she would make of Zeppelins if she could.

An Attack from the Bench.

From the New York Evening World.
The delectable Mr. Forbes, of the famous company of "best minds," who squandered the money intended by an appreciative nation for the care of crippled soldiers, on wine, women and crooked contractors, will not be tried until after the election.

Of all the crimes that have blackened the record of a national Administration, there is none so repulsive as that of a man who, with a bottle in his hand, a woman on his arm, and a deal with crooked contractors in his scheme for self-enrichment, robbed the broken soldiers for whom the nation had thought to provide.

But United States Judge Carpenter postpones the trial until after the election because it has a "political aspect." Does he mean to imply that there is a political party in the country interested in saving this wretched malefactor from punishment? He does—and this is the way he puts it: "The average Democrat * * * will feel that there ought to be conviction and the average Republican will feel that there ought to be an acquittal."

This, we submit, is the most serious attack yet made in the course of the campaign on the party of President Coolidge. It comes from a United States Judge, who is a Republican, appointed to his present position by the present Administration on the recommendation of Mr. Daugherty.

The Game by Innings.

From the New York Times.
LaFollette: "The Democratic party lost its last vestige of democracy. The Republican party lost its last semblance of freedom. Both the old parties became private things, palsied agencies of the popular will." No hits. No runs. Three errors.

Caldor: "In New York it will be Coolidge by a plurality of more than a million. LaFollette will poll a large vote in the industrial cities. Davis will be third." No hits. No runs. Two errors.

Borah: "I claim the right as your Senator to oppose any measure by whomsoever proposed which I believe to be in the public good and in the interest of sound government." One hit. One run. Two grammatical errors.

Davis: "Never in all the history of the United States was its foreign policy made the football of partisan politics as during those melancholy years and during the campaign whose result elevated the Secretary of State to the position he now holds." One hit. One run. No errors.

The Teapot Dome in Politics.

From the Philadelphia Record.
Chairman William M. Butler says he has heard little about the Teapot Dome scandal, but if he will listen carefully he will hear a good deal about it in New York. A party of Democratic women are going campaigning in the "Singing Teapot." It is an automobile body shaped like a kettle, and when the steam blows the cover off a Democratic woman pops her head out and makes a speech. If Mr. Butler will come around and keep quiet still he may hear a plenty about petroleum and other things that don't get much attention from the Republican speakers.

If the absurd notion that Governor Bryan may become President is a menace what would you call a chance that Hell 'an Maria might get that job.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Arthur C. Dorman, convicted last May of attempted burglary of the Lloyd apartments at Northumberland, was sentenced on Monday to from three to six years in the eastern penitentiary and a fine of \$100 and the costs.

Gundel Brothers, who operate dredges on the Susquehanna river, at Columbia, have taken out 1,500 tons of coal from the river and have orders for at least 600 tons more. They will continue dredging operations as long as the weather permits.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Jones, of Philadelphia, aged 82 years, is the oldest applicant to ask the State test prescribed for motor vehicle drivers, officials in the Department of Highways have announced. They declared she passed the examination with "flying colors."

The only case listed for trial at the November term of Perry county court is that of Elmer E. Rice vs. F. H. Bernheisel, an appeal from the docket of Frank H. Zinn, justice of the peace of Newport. The case grew out of the sale of a cow, by Rice to Bernheisel, which died soon after being loaded for shipment.

The Ambler home of the late Senator Edwin H. Vare will be sold by his widow. Last year the spacious mansion and ground were offered to the government for a veterans' hospital site. Since the death of the late Senator Mrs. Vare has contemplated selling his home. It is said that the property is held at about \$300,000.

Complaint against five ship workers of the Pennsylvania railroad for operating automobiles as common carriers in Hollidaysburg, Pa., was dismissed by the Public Service Commission last Friday. Charles A. Shaw, jitney driver, brought the complaint. It was found the men operating the car as a co-operative plan for going to and from their work.

A contract has been let for the erection of a new building at the Williamsport hospital which will add a hundred more beds to its capacity. The new structure will be 155 by 45 feet and will face on Rural Avenue. It will be all steel and brick construction and will be built, with the exception of the elevators, entirely by Williamsport contractors.

A box of powder placed by an enemy under the hood of his automobile resulted in serious injury on Monday to Albert Donavasky, a coal miner, of Allegheny county. Donavasky was hurled through the roof of his garage when he attempted to crank his automobile, the ignition throwing a spark into the powder. The machine and garage were blown to pieces.

Although a wrench he had carried in his pocket was ground to bits by the car wheels, his watch was found running by workmen when they found the body of Antonio Memequino, aged 40 years, a track-walker, in the Conaway yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Rochester, Pa., on Monday afternoon. The man is believed to have been killed by a fast train which passed through the yards several hours before.

Appeals in the Ku Klux Klan case from Cambria county, involving the arrest of about 28 Klansmen after a Klan demonstration on Pipers Hill, just outside Lilly, last April, were argued on Monday before the Superior court. The case heard was between the Commonwealth and 10 Klansmen who had been convicted of affray and unlawful assembly and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo two years' imprisonment.

Holiday dinners in Columbia county this winter will find more guineas on the menu than usual, for the delicacy of the bird, and the ease with which they are reared locally, has relegated to the background the turkey, with all its historic associations. Foxes which prey especially on the young turkeys pay little attention to the guineas, and the noise they make when disturbed is a good safeguard against thefts from the flock.

Informed by school teachers, at Pottsville, that the pupils had dynamite in their possession, the police after an investigation, announced that three pupils all under 12 years of age, had confessed stealing a box of dynamite from the Sherman Coal company operation, and had used the death-dealing sticks for kindling wood. According to police the boys confessed building a fire with forty of the sticks because they made such "pretty blue flames."

George Brown, weather man of Phoenixville, has predicted that the winter will be milder than for many years. No rain storms are in sight until after the next new moon, and the winter will bring only seven snow storms, one a blizzard, he says. Election day will see fine weather. Christmas will be without snow or ice, and the first heavy, killing frost will be about November 9. The first part of the winter will be the hardest and spring will come late.

At the time of the Civil war Frank J. Stader and Henry B. Coshey, both residents of western Pennsylvania, entered into an agreement by the terms of which the one who died first was to be buried free of charge by the other. Several years ago Stader died and Coshey fulfilled the terms of the agreement. Coshey died last week and he was buried on Monday at Greensburg at the expense of John F. Stader, who had assumed his father's part of the agreement.

Quarter-master Sergeant Edward B. Haas, of Troop B, state police, on Friday accidentally shot and killed himself at the Wyoming barracks of the constabulary. Haas was at work in the supplies department of the barracks and was cleaning a revolver. One of the bullets remained in the chamber after he believed he had emptied the weapon. The bullet entered the chin and penetrated the brain. Haas is survived by a widow and two children, both residents of Wyoming.

Coming in contact with 11,000 volts at the Reed substation, near Paxinos, Harold Frens, 29 years of age, of Mount Carmel, was severely burned on the arm and hands and has deep lacerations of the back and head. He is still in a dazed condition in the State hospital at Shamokin. He was sent to paint a transformer and came in contact with the wire, carrying 11,000 volts. On the opposite side was a wire carrying 66,000 volts which he missed. He was tossed eight feet to the ground.

Driving two officers and a woman clerk of the National Bank of Penbrook, Dauphin county, into the bank vault with revolvers, two youthful bandits on Monday afternoon took \$2,650 from the cash drawers and left thousands of dollars and securities in the vault untouched. The whole robbery was over in a few minutes and conducted so quietly that the pair were on their way with their loot before any one knew what had happened and no one got the number of their automobile.