

INK SLINGS.

—Davis had the brains, but Coolidge got the votes.

—Democracy might be a trifle disfigured, but it's still in the ring.

—And to think! It's only fifty-eight days until Christmas. Have you begun it yet?

—Common sense as interpreted by Mr. Coolidge is keeping quiet about public rascals.

—The vote hunters as well as the rabbit chasers had fair weather for their work on Tuesday.

—Another thing worth while is the proof that election predictions are as uncertain as weather prognostications.

—We have probably seen the last activity of the Ku Klux Klan in politics and that is something to be thankful for.

—It's all over. And from an analysis of the vote we are compelled to admit that it must have been all over almost before it was started.

—The LaFollette strength turns out to have been all noise. It was terrible sounding enough, however, to scare a lot of Democrats into the Coolidge camp.

—Measured by all standards of ability and fitness for the office he sought John W. Davis remains greater in defeat than is President Coolidge in victory.

—Clem Shaver might put one of "Ma" Ferguson's petticoats on the Democratic donkey and ride it over the country as a consolation exhibit for the untirred.

—It is a great satisfaction to be licked right. When you are you don't lie awake at nights regretting the failure to turn the one little trick that might have changed everything.

—Iowa will be represented by a Democrat in the United States Senate for the first time in sixty-five years. Senator Brookhart has been defeated for re-election by Daniel F. Steck.

—To move the last vestige of doubt, that might be lingering in the minds of the faithful, as to what happened on Tuesday, we're here to admit that we're licked. And licked darn good.

—LaFollette declares he is "enlisted for life?" What in, Bob? The Republicans have read him out of their party, the Democrats don't want him and his effort to make one of his own was a flop.

—It seems that while giving Coolidge nearly a million majority in New York the Empire State did stop long enough to figure out that something more than a name was desirable in governing its domestic affairs.

—Turkeys are scarce and likely to be high in price. It's a sort of "dog in the manger" spirit that prompts us to make such an unpleasant comment, with Thanksgiving and Christmas drawing nigh, but it's the truth, none-the-less.

—The Bellefonte High football team has a lesson to learn from the fracas of last Saturday afternoon. To be clean and big and outstanding in sports it must remember that it is not what the other team does, it's what it does that counts.

—The vote given Mr. Holmes by State College borough, as well as that given Mr. Noll, by his home township of Spring, were significant expressions of the esteem in which the gentlemen are held in the communities that have opportunity to know them best.

—LaFollette's strength was all on paper. Put there by the publicity department of the Republican National committee. The reason was this: It scared a lot of votes into the Coolidge camp and then milked them for the boodle that enticed the Wisconsin Senator's support away from him.

—These "cross word" puzzles are threatening Mah Jong with consignment to the oblivion to which Mr. Davis was sent on Tuesday. What we can't understand about it all is the anomaly of the man who is tickled pink while working one of them and then rages at the cross words his wife is compelled to use to get him to leave his "cross-word" puzzle long enough to rake up the furnace fire.

—Let us hope that when the final returns have filtered through it will be discovered that President Coolidge will have a Senate and Congress wholly subservient to his leadership. The country has been almost unanimous in acceptance of his alibi and if their causes have been removed it will naturally be interested in seeing how Coolidge can lead after he has been given an unfettered chance. We never did believe that he had the makings of a leader, so we will welcome the catastrophe that gives him the chance to show that we have underestimated his ability.

—Now that the election is over the interesting information is brought to us that Mr. Holmes never asked for the Prohibition endorsement, feels no obligation to the ladies who flooded the county with literature in his behalf, and expects to vote as he pleases when he gets to Harrisburg. If our information is correct it would suggest that our new Member has already taken steps to flee from the sinking Pinchot ship and line up with the regular Republican organization in the House that will do everything but promote the legislation that the women are working for.

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One of the Important Lessons.

The smoke of battle having moved off the opportunity to study the lessons of the campaign are offered. They are various and important. Probably the most significant is that "money is becoming the predominant influence in politics," to quote the language of an esteemed contemporary. This sinister influence first asserted itself in the campaign for President in 1896 when Mark Hanna, then chairman of the Republican National committee, literally bought the election of the candidate of his party. In every campaign since the beneficiaries of special privilege have invested freely in the expectation of generous profits. They have not always realized but they have persisted.

In the campaign of four years ago vast sums of money were paid by a group of capitalists for a pledge that a ship subsidy law would be enacted at an aggregate expense to the public treasury of one hundred millions of dollars a year. The party leaders were unable to fulfill the promise and the contributors were disappointed. But the promise this year of a great reduction of taxes on big incomes opened up the purses of the millionaires and it is estimated that upwards of fifteen million dollars was paid into the campaign treasury. Part of this money was spent legitimately but most of it was used to buy votes in doubtful States and Congressional districts to defeat the patriotic sentiment of the people.

The miscarriage of Newberry's investment in Michigan, the disappointment of the piratical ship owners in 1920 and the failure to deliver other favors for which prices were paid ought to have admonished the speculators in privilege of the futurity of such investments, but they didn't. The Stotesberrys and Vauclains gave as cheerfully and liberally as ever to reward the ballot box stuffers for their vicious work at the polls this year. They will be disappointed again, of course, for Congress will not dare enact the legislation they are paying for. But they are drawing closer to the time when the wages of their sins will be terms in prison rather than favors of government.

—The president of the Baldwin Locomotive company can see nothing wrong in buying legislation which benefits him at the expense of the public. There are various types of moral pervers.

Advice to Pennsylvania Hunters.

The precautionary proclamation of Governor Pinchot prohibiting the opening of the game season on Saturday was justified but futile. Most of the city hunters were out of the reach of newspaper information before the proclamation was issued on Friday afternoon. There was much danger of forest fires at the time which has not been greatly abated since. But the Governor's action may have the effect of making some of the hunters careful and thus avert some of the disastrous fires which come annually with the hunting season. Such admonitions ought not to be necessary. The good sense of the hunter ought to be ample protection.

The State of Pennsylvania is pretty generous to the sportsmen who derive so much pleasure from their annual outings in the woods in pursuit of game. Everything possible is done to propagate and protect game birds and animals. But every effort in that direction would be wasted if the forests were destroyed. The protection of the game shelters is up to the hunters. If, through carelessness or malice, they let the woods burn down the game will seek other sections and the sport will be lost. Every hunter ought to exercise the same care to prevent fires in the woods that he employs in his home or about his own premises.

No doubt a good many forest fires ascribed to hunters are started by other agencies and putting the blame on the hunters is unjust. But it is certain that some of the damage is the result of the carelessness of hunters and for that reason it should be the common purpose of hunters to prevent fires rather than create them. There will be fires this year, do doubt, for the conditions are favorable for them. But they can be reduced to a minimum and the hunters will earn the good opinion of property owners if they do their best to achieve this result. Forests reduced to ashes are sad sights and bad for game and hunters.

—Newberry was canned some time ago and Stotesberry ought to be sealed up during the next canning season.

—Election campaigns have their uses. They develop the propensity for lying and the capacity of liars.

—Now that election is over business may be resumed at the old stand.

Clergymen Divided on War.

That all clergymen are not all ultra Pacifists was revealed in an interesting discussion which was developed during the annual session of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed church at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the other day. The report of the committee on social service declared that "war is contrary to the spirit of the Gospel which we proclaim, that it is the most destructive social sin of our age, that it threatens the foundations of civilization and the church itself, and that as an instrument of righteousness and the just settlements of disputes and as a means of defense and the protection of innocent, it has outlived the very last vestige of effectiveness."

Most persons, whether preachers or parishioners, would be inclined to accept that doctrine. But some of the most influential churchmen of the Synod protested that it was a step too far. Of course such distinguished members of the body as the venerable Dr. Ellis Kremer, of Harrisburg, and our own worthy representative in the Synod, Rev. Dr. A. M. Schmidt, are in favor of peace and against the horrors and evils of war. Both these gentlemen have recently visited Europe and know fully its repulsiveness. But they protested against the report on the ground that it was premature and that war, evil as it might be, is justified as an expedient of self-defense.

The report was finally adopted and it may be said to put the Reformed church in advance of all others and of all diplomacy on that subject. The contemplation of another war in view of the certainty that it would be more cruel and destructive than any previous conflict is certainly forbidding. But the idea of refusing to declare war in self-defense is quite as intolerable, and for that reason it is both wise and expedient for the government of the United States to maintain such a defensive force on land and sea as will guarantee safety. Nobody wants war and the aim of statesmanship should be to avert it. But not at the expense of sacrifice nor until other nations are in co-operation.

Quixotic attacks on the constitution will never wreck the country but corruption in politics before the election and by politicians after may.

Tuesday's Election in Centre County.

For the Presidential election Tuesday's battle of the ballots was about as devoid of excitement and sensational enthusiasm as it was possible to make it, and this notwithstanding the fact that a larger vote was polled by about eight hundred than four years ago. This is probably accounted for by the women becoming more accustomed to their right of franchise. The total vote cast for the presidential aspirants on Tuesday was 13230, while four years ago the total was 12401.

Of course the absence of any local contests aside of the personal interest shown in the candidacy of W. H. Noll, for Assembly, had a lot to do with the lack of enthusiasm. Of course there was a large stay-at-home vote, and also, as usual, the larger number of the stay-at-homes were Democrats. This is what helped materially in piling up the big majorities for every Republican candidate.

Among those who went to the polls and voted were two octogenarians, Mrs. Nancy McMeen, of Curtin, who is 95 years old, and Mrs. Hannah Green, of Milesburg, 91 years old. The complete returns of Centre county will be found in the table on page four of this issue.

—Radio is a great thing but as a political instrument it costs more than it is worth. Static is a more provoking interrupter than the heckler.

Diphtheria Spreading Slightly.

There are now ten cases of diphtheria in Bellefonte. The disease broke out about three weeks ago and caused considerable alarm, but evidently it has been held in good control.

The Board of Health met Wednesday night to take action and after a general discussion of the situation it was decided that neither the schools nor other places of public assembly will be closed at present. However, it urged preventive care on the part of every one, the use of disinfectants and temporary quarantine for all children who have been exposed in any way to the disease.

The measures adopted by the Board would be published here, but they were received too late to get in type for this issue.

In general the Board put in immediate effect and intends to rigidly enforce every quarantine regulation in the law and asks for the co-operation of the public in preventing what might become a serious epidemic.

—Let us hope that the next Presidential campaign will be less expensive.

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN LANDSLIDE.

President Coolidge Swept into Office by a Vote Almost Equalling that Given Harding Four Years Ago.

Unlimited expenditures of money, fear of a red-uprising and the disorganizing effect of the New York convention were the factors that contributed most to blinding the public to the real issues that were involved in the campaign that closed with the polls on Tuesday evening.

The voters forgot the scandals at Washington, the wobbling foreign policy and the urge to help himself instead of the predatory interests that fed upon them and herded to the polls to strike at the menace to their government that the paid publicity agents of the Republican organization had so cleverly conjured up to frighten and distract them.

The following table will show how completely Coolidge and Dawes swept the country:

ELECTORAL VOTE CAST BY STATES.

State	Coolidge	Davis	LaFollette
Alabama	13	12	1
Arizona	3	9	1
Arkansas	13	12	1
California	13	12	1
Colorado	6	6	1
Connecticut	7	7	1
Delaware	3	3	1
Florida	3	6	1
Georgia	4	14	1
Idaho	3	4	1
Illinois	29	24	1
Indiana	15	15	1
Iowa	13	13	1
Kansas	10	10	1
Kentucky	13	10	1
Louisiana	13	10	1
Maine	6	10	1
Maryland	8	8	1
Massachusetts	15	15	1
Michigan	12	10	1
Minnesota	18	10	1
Mississippi	4	4	1
Missouri	13	13	1
Montana	4	4	1
Nebraska	3	3	1
Nevada	3	3	1
New Hampshire	4	4	1
New Jersey	14	3	1
New Mexico	45	12	1
New York	24	12	1
North Carolina	5	10	1
North Dakota	5	5	1
Ohio	24	10	1
Oklahoma	5	5	1
Oregon	38	5	1
Pennsylvania	5	9	1
Rhode Island	5	5	1
South Carolina	5	5	1
South Dakota	5	5	1
Tennessee	12	12	1
Texas	4	20	1
Utah	4	4	1
Vermont	4	4	1
Virginia	7	12	1
West Virginia	8	13	1
Wisconsin	13	13	1
Wyoming	3	3	1
Totals	379	139	13

*Still slightly doubtful.

Returns up to early yesterday morning gave the Republicans the best of it in the upsets in both the House and Senate, but it appeared that final reports from all districts would be necessary before there could be a determination whether President Coolidge could expect a real working majority in the next Congress.

Returns from 390 of the 435 Congressional districts gave the Republicans an actual majority—218—but in this total are included nearly a score of the LaFollette insurgents.

The Democrats, meantime, had made certain of 170 seats and the Farmer-Labor party of two.

On the basis of these returns the Republicans had made a net gain of 16 over the Democrats, recapturing 20 seats, as against four now held by Republicans, which were moved into the Democratic column.

At adjournment last June the House line-up was: Republicans, 225; Democrats, 207, and three scattered.

In the Senatorial contests the most surprising results were in Iowa, where Smith W. Brookhart, Republican, who publicly repudiated his own national ticket, had conceded his defeat at the hands of Daniel F. Steck, a Democratic lawyer of Ottumwa Mr. Steck was generally credited with receiving support from many regular Republicans.

REPUBLICAN GAINS IN SENATE. The Republicans, however, apparently had gained three Senatorial seats on the basis of returns received. These were in Massachusetts, Kentucky and Oklahoma.

The Democrats had elected 11 Senators, while 17 Republicans had been chosen or had such leads as to make their election practically certain. In the six remaining contests, all in western States, where returns still were coming in slowly, the results were uncertain.

In Minnesota, Representative Thomas D. Schall, Republican, had what his supporters regarded as a commanding lead over Senator Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Labor. Johnson still insisted, however, that missing rural precincts would return him a winner.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, Democratic prosecutor in the Teapot Dome investigation, was leading the field in Montana, with a sufficient margin as to make him appear reasonably certain of re-election.

The result in both New Mexico and Wyoming was surrounded with much uncertainty because of the slowness in gathering the returns. In Colorado, where two Senate seats were at stake, Senator Phipps, Republican, was leading Adams, Democrat, and Rice W. Means, Republican, was ahead of Morrison Shafroth, Democrat.

A DOLEFUL RESULT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Keystone State has given Coolidge and Dawes nearly a million majority. In this great avalanche of votes for President what little representation the Democratic party had in Congress and in the General Assem-

bly has been almost entirely wiped out.

Only two counties in the State returned majorities for Davis, Monroe and Greene. In the next House of Representatives we will probably have only 25 members as against 41 in the last session and in the Senate we will only have 7 of the 50 State Senators.

Upon the face of the returns every one of the six Democratic Congressmen in the State have been defeated and the only hope of the party in the State being represented at all in the next Congress is through the still doubtful contest in Cambria county where Warren Worth Bailey, Democrat, claims victory by a majority of something over 100 votes.

PINCHOT LOSES CONTROL.

The new Legislature will be controlled by leaders who are not overly solicitous about the political welfare of Governor Pinchot. For that reason it was said the Governor will have little, if any, part in organizing the House. In this connection it has been learned that C. Jay Goodnow, Speaker at the last session, stands little chance for reelection. He was put over two years ago at the suggestion of Pinchot. At that time, however, Pinchot was at the beginning of his four-year term and the regular leaders, with an eye on patronage, were inclined to go along on some of the gubernatorial whims.

The poor showing of LaFollette in Pennsylvania was a surprise. In only one industrial centre, Allegheny county, did his vote result anything like it was predicted it would.

TWO WOMEN GOVERNORS ELECTED.

In Wyoming Mrs. Nellie T. Ross, Democrat, was elected to succeed her late husband as Governor of that State.

In Texas Mrs. Miriam Ferguson who was running for Governor to vindicate her husband who had been put out of the gubernatorial chair by the K. K. K., was elected by an overwhelming majority.

Vic Donahue, Democrat, has been re-elected Governor of Ohio and Al Smith's personal popularity carried him to victory in New York, notwithstanding the tremendous majorities given all Republican aspirants for the other offices in that State.

THE RESULT IN CENTRE COUNTY.

There was heavy voting in the towns of Centre county and only about half the normal poll in the country districts turned out. The result was that Coolidge has carried the county by 3283, with the State ticket running only slightly behind. LaFollette polled 693 votes, showing little strength except in Philipsburg, State College, the Rushes and Snow Shoe townships, where two-thirds of his entire vote was piled up.

The only local interest in the fight was in the contest for Legislature. William H. Noll, Democrat, lost to John L. Holmes, Republican. Many factors contributed to Mr. Noll's defeat the principal one being, of course, that it was a presidential year and a bad time for a worthy minority candidate to make an appeal purely personal. Though Mr. Noll is not "a wet," he was bitterly fought by the "drys" because he steadfastly refused to pledge himself to support legislation in advance of its presentation.



I'm for Ma Ferguson.

Football and Education Mix at the Penitentiary.

In addition to conducting the night classes twice a week at the Rockview branch of the western penitentiary, members of the engineering extension staff at The Pennsylvania State College are giving their assistance in an athletic schedule at the "pen."

Each week-end the prisoners enjoy a football game between rival teams made up of the penitentiary inmates, and the college extension men act as officials for the contests. Professor C. G. Gaum, who was formerly assistant football coach at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, acts as referee, with professors N. C. Miller and W. W. Elder as his assistants. The games are no pink tea affairs, but considerable skill is shown by the players. Some of them are of the old line plunging school, but the modern forward passing game is the most popular. Practically all of the 500 or more inmates at Rockview turn out for these games, which afford them great pleasure as they cheer for their favorites.

Academy Students Win Laurels.

While Bellefonte Academy is winning laurels on the gridiron and athletic field, she is also conspicuous for her honors achieved in literary lines. Leon Kutz, a senior at the Academy, won second prize last spring among about 17,000 contestants throughout the State in an essay contest promoted by the State W. C. T. U. During the past year Edward Free, of DuBois, who prepared at the Academy for Cornell, and at graduation was made an assistant instructor in mathematics at the University, has been made editor in chief of the Scientific American.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Final papers will be filed in the Supreme court this week in the old age pension appeal. This case and the bond issuance act will be argued in the Supreme court November 24th, in Pittsburgh.

—Charles Olinsky and Mike Thomas, were arrested in Blairsville last Thursday for alleged complicity in the \$33,000 payroll robbery of the Russell Coal company from a street car siding at Rising Sliding in June.

—Another gas well has been struck on the land of the Clinton Gas and Oil company, several miles from the group of eleven or twelve wells near Hammersley Fork, Clinton county. The well was struck at a depth of 11,000 feet, and has a capacity of 57,000 cubic feet a day.

—While eating a piece of pie and driving a tractor on Saturday morning, John Clifford Pickel, aged 21 years, of Lancaster, fell to the ground and the machine passed over his body. He was injured to such an extent that he died in the Lancaster General hospital on Sunday.

—After deliberating twelve hours, a jury in Warren county civil court returned a verdict of \$10,831 in favor of Miss Adelaide Campbell, of Mayburg, who lost her right leg on January 19, 1923, when the passenger bus in which she was riding was struck by a Pennsylvania railroad train at a Warren grade crossing.

—Burglars broke through a skylight over Landau's jewelry store in Wilkes-Barre between 6 and 7 o'clock on Monday evening and stole diamonds valued at \$8,000, and made their escape through a rear door. The scene of the robbery is in the heart of the city and hundreds of people passed the store while the thieves were at work.

—Farmers living in the vicinity of Mill Hill are alarmed over the progress of a peculiar disease which has attacked their hogs. The ailment is baffling the local veterinarians and as a consequence fifty hogs have died within a short radius. The animals are dead twenty-four hours after showing signs of being ill. For want of a better name, the disease has been locally called hog diphtheria.

—A verdict for \$1000 damages was awarded last Thursday by a Lehigh county jury to Mrs. Clara Schmidt, of Allentown, in her suit for damages against Sylvester Kratzer, of Allentown, for the death of her husband, who was killed six months ago, three hours after his marriage. Schmidt and his bride and other members of the wedding party were on their way to Allentown when they were run down by Kratzer's automobile on the Emaus pike.

—It cost Ralph Anthony, of Jefferson county \$800 for "peppering several trespassing cows with birdshot." Including the costs the case stands him \$1000. It was testified that several cows belonging to Gust Bezer, his neighbor, trespassed on his property and that Anthony notified Bezer and the next time the cows set foot on his property he shot at them. Suit for damages followed and the case was about ready to come to trial at Brookville when Anthony decided to settle the bill.

—A spoon, several needles, a bone hairpin and several steel hairpins were removed from the stomach and chest of Mrs. Frank A. Bostwick, forty years old of Liverpool, at the Harrisburg hospital on Saturday. One of the needles had punctured her stomach. The metal spoon when removed had broken in two pieces. One of the hairpins was two and one-half inches long. A handful of needles and small hairpins were found. Mrs. Bostwick will recover the attending physicians said.

—With dragnets thrown out for a radius of ten miles around Greensburg, Westmoreland county, state police, detectives and borough police are without a clue as to the identity of a pretty young woman, whose body, almost nude, was stumbled upon by a party of hunters in a woods near the Westmoreland county home on Saturday. The body revealed evidence of a brutal crime. Until it is identified officers working on the case entertain little hope of running down the woman's murderer.

—Charles Wisler, 36 years old, of Williamsburg, a student at Susquehanna University, where he is studying to enter the ministry, was admitted to the Altoona hospital on Monday morning suffering from wounds of the right hand received while hunting in the mountains of Blair county. The third and fourth fingers of the hand were torn off and the others punctured by small shot when his gun, which he had rested on a tree limb, was discharged. His condition at the hospital is regarded as good.

—An entire community, Concrete City, in Luzerne county, will disappear within one month as a result of the decision of the Glen Alden Coal company to destroy its forty homes rather than meet tax demands of Hanover township. Notices have been served on the families to vacate the properties by November 30. Decisions of the company to destroy the properties were reached after officials of the State Department of Health had served notice that the homes must be attached to the township sewer system. To do this work would require at least \$250,000, an expense which would have to be borne by the company.

—When the big engine which drives the machinery in the Hyde City plant of the American Nickel Alloy company "ran away" last Friday, it killed one man, injured a number of others, and wrecked the engine room of the plant. Some sections of the broken fly-wheel went clear through the roof of the building and landed many hundreds of feet from the plant. Paul Teats of Rockton, was killed when a piece of the fly-wheel hit him. The plant started up that morning and the engine driving the machinery moved along smoothly for a few hours and then it began to make trouble, despite the efforts of the engineer he was unable to stop it. It gained such speed that the big fly-wheel burst.

—Believed to be dosing over a letter at a table in her kitchen late Sunday night, Mrs. Emma Stover, 63 years old, wife of M. G. Stover of Nazareth, Northampton county, accidentally knocked a lamp off the table on to the floor. Her clothing was ignited and she ran screaming through the three first floor rooms, setting fire to the house. Neighbors broke in through a window and found her lying on the floor in flames. Claude Messinger extinguished the fire by wrapping her in a rug, but she was so terribly burned that she died on Monday morning in the Easton hospital. Her husband, who is quite deaf, slept through the excitement, and was awakened only after the fire, which did not assume serious proportions, had been extinguished.