

We beg to assure the world that the resignation of A. P. Moore, Ambassador to Spain, will not entirely wreck the diplomatic service.

If you want a Judge on the Bench who will speed up justice and save you in the taxes you have to pay for maintaining our courts vote for W. Harrison Walker.

If you want a District Attorney who knows the procedure of the office and who won't be compelled to call in assistance in the prosecution of the Commonwealth's cases vote for William Groh Runkle.

Vote for the lawyer who has made his reputation at the bar on sound advice, attention to detail and everlasting determination to get the things of today cleaned up today and ready for the problems of tomorrow.

Judge Dale seems to have discovered that he is an "independent Republican" only after his rise of being "the Peoples' candidate" failed to fool the Democrats into making him their nominee at the primaries.

The Republicans who are disgusted with what their own party organization did by way of corrupting the ballot in Philadelphia at the last primaries are with us in this campaign. Let us stick together and help them give machine politics a lesson.

A change in the political complexion of our courts is just as wholesome to the legal system as a change is to our physical being. We haven't had a Democrat on the bench in Centre county for ten years. Let's try one for the next ten. Vote for Walker.

Show us the lawyer at the Centre county bar who is always pleading for more time in which to bring his cause to trial and we'll show you one who is certain to be against W. Harrison Walker for Judge. If you happen to be the client of one of this kind he will probably advise you to vote against Mr. Walker because he doesn't want any one on the bench of the "do-it-now" type.

Let us tell you this. Neither W. Harrison Walker, William Groh Runkle nor James C. Condo has any machine, clique or commandered organization back of them. No assessments on office holders or plums from the public purse are held out as a lure for them. They are not bound by any obligations, either promised or implied, in this campaign. They are running on their own, pure and simple, hoping that the people will realize that they offer the only escape from machine domination of the government of Centre county.

What every State and the Nation needs most is a law making it a crime, punishable by disqualification from ever holding office again, for any Legislator or Congressman attempting to put a new statute on the books for the next ten years. The country is hopelessly enmeshed in a maze of legal enactments that are so confusing, needless irritating and often so grotesque that the public mind laughs them all to scorn. What we need most is law killers not law makers when we send men or women to represent us in Harrisburg or Washington. The fearful increase in crime in this country is not because of too few laws. It is because of too many. They overlap, nullify one another and offer too many alleys into which the violator can run.

Rebecca Naomi is home and marshalling her forces. They held meetings at State College, on Monday night, and as was to have been expected endorsed Judge Dale. As we said last week she's in an awful hole. After repudiating John Love for District Attorney three years ago she's afraid to do it again because she would sooner see him elected than William Groh Runkle. She's the kind of temperance advocate who will make a choice between two Republicans, as was the case when Arthur Dale and John Love were in the running. But when it comes to a choice between a Republican whom she fought in 1922 and a Democrat, she's for the Republican. Rebecca has finally been discovered by the people whom she has been exploiting.

Of course when a man is a candidate for office it is to be expected that everything that he has done from the days when, as an infant, he regurgitated milk up to the moment he sallies forth in the political arena will be paraded in review. Much has been said of W. Harrison Walker's having represented liquor license applicants, away back in the dark ages. What if he did? Mr. Walker is a lawyer. All he has to sell is his professional services. And every lawyer is sworn to give his best service to any legitimate cause entrusted to him. The liquor business was legalized then and was legitimate. Mr. Walker had nothing to do with granting the licenses his clients applied for. That was up to the court. He was exactly in the same position that the "Watchman" is today. We have advertising space to sell. Any legitimate will be advertised in the "Watchman." On pages three and six you will find fulsome praise of Mr. Walker's opponents, paid for by the inch. Our readers can take it or leave it. Just exactly as the courts were privileged to take or leave the applications of the people he represented years ago. God save the country! God give us men and women with broad enough vision to see things as they are and not as pin heads are made believe them to be by malevolent gossip mongers.

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Confusion Causes Alarm.

Republican leaders in this State are considerably alarmed on account of the confusion in the party ranks. The present signs point unmistakably to a free-for-all fight for the nomination for Governor next year and a four or five cornered struggle for the Senatorial nomination. Until recently it was confidently believed that Senator Pepper and Governor Pinchot would have the Senatorial field to themselves and that each, or the friends of each, would select a candidate for Governor, thus limiting the contention to a narrow field. It is true that there was some talk of a Vane candidate for Senator, for it is well known that both Pepper and Pinchot are anathema to the Philadelphia boss.

But the wet element in the party has projected the liquor question into the equation and made it probable that a third candidate for Senator will be entered. In that event either J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, or Ralph Strassburger will be chosen to carry the wet flag. Both these men are ambitious and the friends of Moore claim that he has earned the favor of the party by long service. Neither Pepper nor Pinchot has been long enough in party work to challenge this proposition, while Strassburger has done nothing in the wide world except defeat Pinchot for delegate to the Republican National convention last year. Still that may have been a great service. Nobody knows what might have happened if Gifford had got into that convention.

In this state of confusion about the only hope left is that after the election of local officers this fall the leaders will get together and by process of elimination reduce the number of aspirants for Senator and Governor to a number that will permit easy manipulation. There are no outstanding leaders to enforce obedience to orders with respect either to measures or men. But it is expected that party exigencies will influence some and the party whip others to a peaceful agreement upon two candidates for each office, and party loyalty hold the loser to the support of the winner. But bolting is becoming a frequent if not fashionable practice, and the future is not bright.

There are approximately 22,000 registered voters in Centre county. At the recent primaries there were 9632 votes cast, which is less than half of the total registration. The Democratic vote at the primaries was 48% of the total party registration and the Republican was 46%. The election should bring out a larger percentage of the total vote, but it is doubtful if it will reach even 75%.

Last Resort a False Alarm.

The last resort of the Republican machine is an appeal to the assumed miserly impulses of the average voter. Dreading an extra session of the General Assembly as the condemned murderer dreads the hangman, the servile organs of the vote-stealing organization are holding before the public eye an exaggerated picture of an enormous expense bill. An extra session, the fawning Philadelphia Public Ledger declares, will cost the tax payers of the Commonwealth the enormous sum of "a million dollars or more," and admitting the crimes of the machine, protests that it is too much to pay for a cure. As a matter of fact an extra session will cost less than half that amount unless needlessly prolonged by the machine.

Even half a million dollars is a good deal of money but if the expenditure of ten times that much would achieve such reforms in electoral legislation as would guarantee fair elections and honest returns of the vote, it would be "dirt cheap." For nearly a quarter of a century the elections in this State have been controlled by the Republican machine through fraudulent votes and false returns and by equally devious methods untold millions have been taken from the pockets of the tax payers and distributed among the favorites of the organization. This is not only robbing the people of their property but stealing from them their rights as citizens to a voice in the government of the State.

The Republican machine is as resourceful as it is atrocious but in its appeal to public parsimony it has "o'erstepped the mark." The people of Pennsylvania are prudent but not miserly. They are willing to pay and pay liberally for just purposes and they understand that the enactment of legislation that will guarantee fair elections and honest returns will be worth the expense of a special session of the General Assembly which will not exceed half a million dollars unless the machine emissaries in the Legislature prolong the session in order to defeat the purpose. If the call for an extra session is withheld it need not be on account of the expense. The taxpayers will cheerfully "pay the freight."

An Appeal to Reason.

Whatever may be the outcome of the election next Tuesday—win or lose—Mr. Walker will have shown the people of Centre county how earnest energy can be put into a judicial campaign without lessening the dignity with which a contest for that high honor has always been supposed to be conducted.

Almost single handed he has made a fight that must command the admiration, even of his adversaries. For four months he has been on the hustings, day and night, and is still going. Such energy, such a will to work cannot but have impressed the people who know that there is much to be desired by way of speeding up legal procedure. He loves work, thrives on it and is never happier than when in it up to the elbows.

We all know that man is dominated largely by his habits and that habits once formed are rarely shaken off. Because we know this to be the fact we may be certain that when Mr. Walker goes on the Bench in Centre county the energy he has shown all through his life will be concentrated on the speedy handling of all court business. It will be of inestimable value to litigants and tax payers, as well, for keeping the wheels of justice turning means reduction of suspense and reduction of expense.

Besides showing the quality of energy in his campaigning our candidate has demonstrated to the people that he is broad and fair. He has neither manufactured nor peddled stories about his opponents and we know has courageously refuted such of them that he knew to be untrue when silence might have meant a vote or so for himself.

Another quality, courtesy and consideration, has made itself known in this grinding campaign that he is winding up. The average man becomes irritable under excessive work. Not so, Mr. Walker. Those who may meet him today will find him just as courtly and considerate as he was the day he entered the contest for Judge.

That he is self-reliant is proven by a glimpse into his career. He has become a successful lawyer purely by dint of his own efforts. Neither political pull, nor party plums have made the way to a place in the sun easier for him. His position today, not only as the candidate of our party but as a lawyer of ability, has been won wholly because of his reliance on himself. His determination to do things and get somewhere.

All of these qualities, energy, broad-mindedness, courtesy and consideration, and self-reliance are fundamental attributes most desirable in the character of a man who aspires to be our Judge. There can be no gainsaying any of them so far as Mr. Walker's possession of them is concerned. He has them all. He has shown them to you in the conduct of his campaign. There are only three other qualities that we regard as necessary for a full rounding out of the equipment a man should have who is to sit in judgment over us. They are caution, courage and a working knowledge of the law.

Mr. Walker has all of these. We know that he has caution because he has always made it a practice to study and weigh well any step he proposes making. We know that he has courage because he fights with determination for anything that he believes to be right or helpful. We know that he has a working knowledge of the law because he has been studying it for twenty-nine years and wouldn't be where he is today in his profession if he hadn't.

Equipped with energy, broad-mindedness, courtesy and consideration, self-reliance, caution, courage and a working knowledge of the law who is there to say that W. Harrison Walker would not make an exceptionally qualified Judge of our courts?

He can be elected if we Democrats help the Republicans who are eager to join in elevating him to the Bench. Our party ought to be proud of a candidate who is beholden to nothing other than his own qualifications for the position he has attained.

It wasn't a regrettable death and a self-seeking Governor, nor was it the exigencies of machine politics that made W. Harrison Walker the nominee of our great party for Judge. It was recognition of all the sterling qualities that we have recited.

Vote for him. He offers the voters of Centre county the most to be desired in a Judge.

The Peace of Locarno.

At Locarno, Switzerland, a week ago, a pact was signed by representatives of five European powers, which not only solidifies those powers in commerce and industries, but outlaws war. For this great achievement the United States entered into the world war in 1917 and sacrificed hundreds of thousands of lives and billions of treasure. But in the final process the government and people of the United States had no hand or voice. On the contrary the language expressed by some of those concerned in the accomplishment may be construed as a gesture friendly to the United States. M. Briand, of France, in what is said to have been the most brilliant speech of his career, said it "is the beginning of a new epoch, an epoch of co-operation and friendship."

When the armistice was signed in 1918 the United States was freely and cordially acknowledged by the whole world as the dominant influence in the splendid movement for enduring peace throughout the world. Our armies more than any other element checked the vaulting ambition of the German Kaiser and drove the German Kaiser into exile. Following this great service to human liberty President Woodrow Wilson took his place in the councils of civilization and guided the Congress of Versailles to an agreement which made for universal peace for all time. But personal malice and political prejudice intervened through the instrumentality of the Republican party in Congress and defeated the benevolent purpose. Seven years of suffering has been the harvest of this misadventure.

During all the time since the adoption of the Versailles treaty the best efforts of the finest minds in Europe and America have striven zealously to bring the government of the United

States into concurrent effort to complete the work. But it has proved unavailing, and now the powers of Europe have taken it upon themselves with the result that our government, which ought to be at the head directing the operations, is bowled out completely and Europe is in agreement which may easily be used to the prejudice of the people of this country in every way. It may not be so employed but commercial rivalry is a dangerous thing and the source of much trouble. It has caused more bloodshed than any other cause of quarrel, and such rivalry is certain to develop.

Page Mr. Know-it-all. We'd like to ask him where the pins go to. Three million pounds of copper are used up every year in the manufacture of pins and did you ever see a kid hauling a play-wagon load of old pins to the junk dealer?

Literally interpreted a recent statement of the President would mean that if parents in Philadelphia had performed their full duty in the past there would be no reason for extending the leave of General Butler now.

Let us hope the controversy between Secretary Mellon and Governor Pinchot, which occupied considerable newspaper space a few months ago, will not be renewed. It was neither interesting nor informing.

The only real reason for hurrying payments on our public debt is politics and the only beneficiary is Calvin Coolidge.

There is not an "air man" in the Mitchell court martial and probably few who will understand why Mitchell spoke.

The Song of a Tie.

Some men long for the soothing touch of lavender, cream and mauve But the ties I wear must possess the glare of a red-hot kitchen stove.

The things I read and the things I do are sensible, sane and mild, I like calm hats, and I don't wear spats but I like my neckties wild!

Oh, give me a wild tie, brother, one with a tie that will swear and rip and tear, When it sees my old blue serge.

Oh, some will say that a gent's cravat should be seen, not heard, But I want a tie that will make men cry and render their vision blurred.

I yearn, I long, for a tie so strong it will take two men to tie it, If such there be, go bring it to me; Whatever the price, I'll buy it.

Oh, give me a wild tie, brother, one with a lot of sins, A tie that will blaze with a hectic gaze, Down where the vest begins.

— Author Unknown.

Family Discipline.

From the Altoona Tribune.

A prominent educator was asked a few days ago as to what he thought were the principal causes for the prevalence of crime. He named a number of causes but the one that occurred to him first was the disposition on the part of the young people to demand a greater freedom from the family government. In the case of the great majority, this enlarged freedom may produce no serious results. But as a rule it will be generally said, by the older folks anyway, that the boys and girls have more freedom than they know what to do with.

Even if many of them do abuse such freedom, the majority of course do not go to any great lengths. After a few more years when they seem a little pronounced and noisy, and perhaps too lax in certain matters, they commonly settle down and go to work with steady industry. But there is a certain element of boys who escape from parental control at an early age. These families are not able to maintain any authority over them. They roam the streets at late hours of the night. They seek society through the toughest leaders of their gangs. There they hear a great deal of talk that does them no good. They get the idea that there are easier ways of making money than the slow path of patient industry. They see many things they want and they know it will take them a long time to get them if they just depend on the money they can earn. They learn from various sources of all kinds of lawlessness. When some tempter suggests to them that it will be easy for them to get money by some deed of evil many of them are in just the mood to accept the suggestion. The trouble began months or years before, when family government lost hold on them.

Wars Alarums Again.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

It is ironical that just as Europe was rejoicing over the results of the Locarno conference as constituting a great step toward permanent peace trouble should flare upon the Greco-Bulgarian border. But that's the way it goes in this imperfect world. As the statesmen of the allied and associated nations in the great war were wearing their lives out trying to get some peace ideals to take hold they were taunted by their critics with the statement that a dozen or more little wars appeared to be following the big. But the peace work began to tell eventually and finally all the wars appeared to be brought to an end. Undoubtedly the accord just reached at Locarno will be a safe guard against the spread of war from the Balkans.

Meanwhile there is the hope that the troubles between Greece and Bulgaria may be brought to an end quickly. Such border outbreaks are more or less frequent. It probably will turn out that the Bulgars who fired on the Greek outposts were irresponsible bands, such as those which in 1922 got their country into trouble with Greece, Rumania and the Serbo-Croat-Slovene state. As the League of Nations was able to prevent war when it may be able to again.

With the peace sentiment so strong on the tide of the Locarno rejoicing, this threat of war may not get much further than the border clash stage.

Election Reforms.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record.

As far as the corrupt practices act is concerned, it is a dead letter. Filing reports of expenditures is an unqualified farce. Nobody ever contests the veracity of the reports and no candidate is ever disqualified.

What the Governor has in mind is to devise ways and means by which the fraudulent practices going on in spite of the work of 1906 can be attacked. Experience has dictated certain changes that promise good results.

Colonel "Billy" Mitchell.

From the Norristown Times Herald.

Col. Mitchell is to face an army court, but that's nothing; think of the poor army court facing Mitchell.

Possibly the Tener gubernatorial boom is keeping quiet because there is nothing in sight to make noise about.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

While her husband poured buckets of water on flames which had forced their way into a bedroom from the kitchen beneath, Mrs. Robert Baldwin, of Lancaster, early on Monday snatched her four children from their beds and carried them through smoke filled rooms to the street.

A husband is boss in his own home, Judge U. P. Rossiter, of Erie, ruled on Monday when he discharged George Gregory, who was brought into court on a charge of refusing to support his wife. Gregory alleged that his wife insisted upon keeping boarders against his will and that he refused to pay the rent.

Charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Thomas F. Goodfellow, killed in an automobile collision Saturday, Robert J. Belling, of Ducessville, and Randal A. Mock, of Tyrone, were on Monday held in heavy bail for a hearing. They were in the car which crashed into the auto in which Goodfellow was returning from a funeral.

What is said to be the largest steam boiler in the world is now being installed in Pittsburgh, by a company which supplies heating service in the downtown business district. There are six miles of four-inch tubing in the heating and condensing tubes of this apparatus, with a heating surface of 32,750 square feet, about three-fourths of an acre.

One of the nursing staff of the Lewis-town hospital gave a pint of blood on Saturday in a blood transfusion to save the life of Miss Thressa Stayrook, a patient at the institution. The call was issued by Dr. H. C. Cassidy, but there were no offers until one of the nurses said she would submit to the operation of providing her name was kept a secret. The nurse stood the loss of blood well and the patient is improving nicely.

Paul Blöse, 40 year old civil engineer who was found, an amnesia victim, in a cave near Pittsburgh a week ago, ended his life on Sunday by leaping from the window of a hospital where he was taken following the discovery of his plight by a mushroom hunter. When found Blöse was very sparsely clothed and during his confinement in the hospital never was certain how he came to be in the cave. He disappeared July 20, last, while on his way to work at the Pittsburgh Coal company.

Judge John D. Shafer, in Common Pleas court at Pittsburgh, on Monday made an order revoking the adoption of the two year old daughter of Charles Baker, of Hollidaysburg, by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Guy, uncle and aunt of the child. After the court annulled the adoption proceedings, Baker made application for a writ of habeas corpus to secure possession of the child as the court's ruling dissolving the adoption did not deal with custody of the little girl. A hearing was set for next Friday.

The Public Service Commission has "reluctantly" dismissed a complaint made by Mrs. Mary Temple, of Spangler, against the Northern Cambria Water company, in which it was sought to have the extended as three families have lost their source of supply by wells drying up, owing to mining operations. The company offered to place a hydrant near the houses, but this was not satisfactory. The line asked would cost \$1,500 without cost of rock excavation and the return to the company is estimated at about \$30 a year.

Five fishermen from the vicinity of Williamsburg, Blair county, C. A. Patterson, W. A. Hyde, Fred, John and C. R. Pluke, were arrested last summer by game warden Jesse E. Haffly, of Blair county, charged with catching in Raystown branch nine bass less than nine inches long. Justice Kelly, of Huntingdon, fined them \$450 and costs. Their appeal came up in court at Huntingdon last week and the prosecutor, game warden Haffly, not appearing, the defendants were discharged and the officer penalized with the costs.

A special open season for hunting deer in Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Huntingdon, Mifflin and Perry counties December 18, 19, 21 and 22 was announced last week by members of the State Game Commission. A special license will be required for this hunting. The open season was declared to eliminate deer which are causing damage to farmers and orchardists in those counties and the commission suggested that the hunting be done near the farms and orchards which have been damaged. There are several hundred surplus deer in each county.

"Cattle rustling," long regarded in Pennsylvania as a thrill confined entirely to the movies, developed in reality near Kittanning, Armstrong county, when Harry Coulter discovered that his entire herd of milk cows had been stolen from the pasture field near his home, and probably hurried into Ohio or to some other western point of slaughtering. The cows were missed when Coulter went to the pasture field to locate them, and a diligent search failed to locate them. Evidences were found to indicate that the cows had been loaded upon automobile trucks and whisked away toward the Ohio State line.

Confessing to the theft of \$900 from the postoffice funds at Tyler, Clearfield county, James Lesneski, postmaster, was arrested in Boston last Thursday, after having been absent from Tyler since October 30. When he left Tyler, Lesneski stated that he was going to be gone for a day or two, but did not state his destination. After three days elapsed, the shortage was discovered, and an acting postmaster was placed in charge. Last Thursday while in an intoxicated condition Lesneski was arrested in Boston on a charge of disorderly conduct. Later he confessed to the embezzlement of \$900 from the Tyler postoffice. A local postal inspector left immediately for Boston and transferred Lesneski to Pittsburgh, where he will await trial in the next term of the Federal court.

Sharing the hospitality of the automobile of Walter L. Livengood, owner of the Sun Coal Co. mine at High House, nine miles southeast of Uniontown, a man said by Livengood to be Joe Misovich, an employe of the company, on Saturday held up Livengood at the point of a revolver and escaped with a payroll estimated at between \$1,500 and \$2,500, and escaped in the coal operator's car. Livengood says he met Misovich in Uniontown and that at the latter's request he was made a passenger in the automobile in which the payroll was being conveyed to the mines. At a lonely section of the road near the coal plant, Livengood says Misovich asked that the auto be stopped, and the driver did so. In a flash the passenger put a gun in Livengood's face and demanded his revolver, the operator says. Unarmed, Livengood then was forced to alight and stand by while the robber drove away with his car and his cash.