

INK SLINGS.

—Anyway, Judge Shull would make an impressive looking Governor.

It is said that Secretary Mellon can't make a speech. But his money talks in several languages.

The Governor appears to be getting a good deal of fun out of the campaign at the expense of his dear friend "George."

—Maybe the freeze of Tuesday morning was only by way of getting the Bellefonte atmosphere ready to keep cool with Coolidge—if he comes.

—Don't believe all that you read in the subsidized organs of the Pepper-Fisher campaign committee. They are only whistling to keep up their courage. If given half a chance Pinchot will beat both Pepper and Vare and Beidleman will beat Fisher-Tener isn't in it. The Mellon crowd is only playing up the Vare scare to draw votes away from Pinchot in order to pull Pepper through. The same game was played here in Centre county last fall, when hundreds of Dale supporters were pulled over to Keller at the eleventh hour with the ruse that unless they deserted Dale the victor in the judicial race would be Walker.

—We presume that the many distinguished Centre county Republicans who have been given columns of space in this issue to air their views on the family fight they are having know what they are saying. It is possible, however, that most of them don't. Especially those who are urging loyalty to the Pepper-Fisher ticket because of its loyalty to Coolidge. On that ticket is Col. Ernest G. Smith, candidate for Lieutenant Governor. If Col. Smith isn't Democrat he has been making a noise like one for years. He is editor of the Wilkes-Barre Times—Leader, a Democratic paper and no paper in Pennsylvania has pounded Coolidge harder.

—If our report of council proceedings is right—and it must be so because Gates wears the belt for the longest and most uninterrupted service in the chamber of that august assemblage and knows what the borough solons have in mind almost before they do themselves—we want to record our approval of member Emerick's idea that if certain streets are to be repaired this year they should be repaired now. Do it and be done. Don't wait until August, September or October when cool nights will prevent proper setting of the "binder" and winter will be approaching with its frosts and freezings to puff up the surface of the roadways so that they will disintegrate with the spring thaws.

England is industrially paralyzed. Five million workers, one eighth of the entire population of the "tight little Isle," have laid down their tools and struck. Why? Because England, resorting to her proverbial propensity for putting off the inevitable, gave a bonus to her miners at the close of the war. Gave them something that they did not earn. And England, now that she has discovered that the bonus was not economically sound, finds herself on the verge of civil war because she wants to withdraw the bonus. Pater-nalism—and that's what a bonus of any sort is—is certain to lead any government into dangerous fields. Government isn't designed to provide subsistence for any of its subjects. It grew only out of the necessity of the individual to have some sort of mass protection while he eked out his own subsistence. As a matter of fact pensions—except for disability in war—bonuses, subsidies, State-aid, federal grants to this and the other thing, are all wrong. They sat at the individual initiative and build up a class that thinks the government ought to pass a law if it gets an ingrown toe-nail.

—We like old Bishop Berry. He stayed over night at our house once and shortly after that visit about the only nice thing we ever saw in print, with us as the subject, appeared in the Chicago Epworth Herald—or whatever the name of the church paper he was editor of at the time was—but we can't resist laughing at the predicament he finds himself in. He's gotten mixed up in politics to the extent that Harry Mackey has publicly asked him to explain why he preached an eulogistic funeral sermon over the late Senator Ed Vare and now condemns his brother Bill. In truth, Ed created the very organization that the Bishop finds so odious in the hands of Bill, but Ed was more clever than Bill and used it in a less brazen way and the Bishop, because he knows nothing of politics,—where there are no ethics—finds himself in the difficult position of squaring what he said several years ago over Ed, with what he is saying now about Bill. He was perfectly right in paying tribute to the devotion of a son to the memory of a saintly mother, but he has been all wrong in getting into politics, where people who scruple at nothing, and don't or won't understand, are given opportunity to charge the church with inconsistency. Bishop Berry is a Methodist—our church—but we are only using his predicament as a club to knock the idea into the heads of the clergy of every denomination that they are admitting their failure to make real Christians of men from their pulpits when they go mulling in politics.

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New Complication and Suspicion.

The cordial reception tendered by the Grundy organization to the Philadelphia Public Ledger emissaries in Philadelphia, the other day, has opened another basis for mental speculation in relation to the increasingly bitter contest for nominations of the Republican party. Mr. Phillips is palpably "leading a forlorn hope" for the nomination for Governor on a dripping wet platform. Mr. Grundy is making an almost as hopeless a fight for Mr. John S. Fisher on a "hard-boiled" reactionary platform. The only possible effect of the Phillips campaign will be to draw votes from Mr. Beidleman, who is the choice of State chairman Baker, and on a platform of law enforcement with a possible wet reservation.

Last week a contingent of Phillips supporters arrived in Philadelphia from the West for the purpose of opening up headquarters in the stronghold of Vare and presumably an atmosphere friendly to Beidleman. The managers of the Grundy organization welcomed them with open arms to generous hospitality. Nothing was too good for the Pittsburgh pilgrims or too much trouble for the Grundy satellites. Suitable quarters were obtained for campaign purposes and every sign of fraternity and sympathy extended. If the two forces had been brought together to celebrate a victory in which there was a common interest there could have been no greater cordiality in the meeting.

This incident quite naturally aroused the suspicion that Mr. Phillips is simply serving as a "stalking-horse" for Fisher and an investigation, it is claimed, has confirmed the suspicion. While Mr. Fisher has remained silent on the subject it is assumed that few of the wet voters will give him support. It is generally conceded that his strongest opponent for the nomination is Beidleman and currently reasoned that every vote drawn from Beidleman is a help to Fisher. Because of this obvious fact some of the friends of Beidleman boldly assert that Grundy is financing the campaign of Phillips and keeping him in the fight. In view of Mr. Phillips' wealth this is surprising.

Call to Democrats of Pennsylvania.

A movement to rejuvenate the Democratic party of Pennsylvania recently suggested by a Democratic citizen of Philadelphia has been cordially approved by the Philadelphia Record and the Pittsburgh Post and deserves the earnest encouragement of the Democratic men and women of the State. The party has been going "from bad to worse" for several years, and though the candidates nominated have been worthy of support the electorate has not responded to the appeals which have been made in their behalf. There are various reasons for this default in party fealty but none of them so formidable that they may not be overcome if the proper effort is invested in the work.

Heretofore in recent years movements looking toward the rejuvenation and reorganization of the party have failed for the reason that they were inspired more by a spirit of factionalism than a sentiment of patriotism. It is probably true that the party officials in the big cities of the Commonwealth have been recreant and that the decline in the party strength in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh may be justly ascribed to the selfishness of political traders who willingly sacrificed the interests of the party in order to promote their own ambitions for what is known as the "minority offices." But the delinquencies have extended beyond the limits of the big cities, though in a lesser degree.

If the Democratic men and women of Pennsylvania would join together in an earnest effort to rejuvenate the party there can be no doubt of vast improvement and at least a reasonable hope of actual victory in the State. The Pittsburgh Post points out the fact that in the campaign of 1922 the Democratic candidate for Governor carried thirty-one of the sixty-seven counties in the State and polled with 34,036 of an even split in all the counties outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny. A more earnest effort might have improved this record, but it is sufficient to justify the belief that on a fair vote and honest count Pennsylvania might yet be rescued from the corruptionists.

—After a careful analysis of their speeches and letters we are forced to the belief that what the Republican candidates are saying about each other is in the main true.

—Whoever wins in the Republican primaries President Coolidge stands to lose. Only two of his faithful followers can be nominated out of seven.

Political Rainbow Chaser.

A staff writer and expert political propagandist of the Philadelphia Public Ledger states in the issue of Sunday that "Cyrus E. Woods, manager of the Pepper-Fisher campaign, went to the western end of the State Friday to consult with leaders there. Mr. Woods was in an optimistic mood. The Judge and his party arrived without blare of trumpets or advance publicity and stopped merely on their way from Lock Haven to Lewistown but a goodly number of Democrats had gathered at the Brockhoff house to greet them and during their short stay several hundred called, quite

to turn the casual visit into something more significant than an informal reception.

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Judge Shull is a scion of a family long noted for its continuous and efficient service to the Democratic party. He has upheld the best traditions of his family and it is largely due to his devotion to the party that his home county, Monroe, is one of the few in the State that still votes solidly Democratic. In his home community Judge Shull has always been one of the leaders in business and philanthropic enterprises. Before his elevation to the bench he assisted in the control and management of the Stroudsburg engine works, the Thomas Kitson & Son woolen mill, was director of the Security Trust company, treasurer of the Monroe Publishing company, president of the Stroudsburg Chamber of Commerce, and has been president of the Chemical Fire company, No. 1 of Stroudsburg, since its organization in 1909.

He is 48 years old. He was born and has lived continuously in Monroe county, was graduated from South Easton High school, attended Lafayette college and was graduated from the Law Department of the University of North Carolina where he gained fame as a football player and was the first northerner ever to be elected captain of the football team. Following graduation he was admitted to the bar of Monroe county and elected its President Judge in 1917.

As Judge, he has presided in many counties other than those within his own District and is recognized everywhere as an able jurist, well grounded in the principles of our laws and institutions. It is well known in his Judicial District that all laws, criminal and civic are promptly and justly administered. No decision of his has ever been reversed by the Supreme Court.

Let Us Give the Academy Minstrels a Great House.

It is up to this community to recognize in a more material way than it has been doing one of our local institutions. Most any other town in Pennsylvania would be turning hand springs in enthusiasm back of such athletic teams as the Bellefonte Academy produces. To the champion prep school foot ball team of the United States, to a base-ball team that hasn't been defeated in two years Bellefonte has remained stolidly indifferent. None of their home games have been greeted by more than a corporal's guard; whereas away from home they are a great drawing card.

Possibly it is because the Academy has been here for one hundred and twenty-one years and "a prophet is not without honor in his own country." If this is the reason its time that Bellefonte begins to show some appreciation of a durable, steady industry that has been pouring \$150,000 regularly every year into the streams of local trade.

If we can't work ourselves up to enthusiasm over its superior sports exhibitions let us view it as good business to pat it on the back and help along, because that's what it is.

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Candidate Porter Visits Bellefonte.

At noon Wednesday Judge Samuel E. Shull, of Monroe county, one of the three aspirants for nomination as the Democratic candidate for Governor, visited Bellefonte and spent an hour and a half here.

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Where State Democracy Must Build Up.

From The Pittsburgh Post.

On this page yesterday reference was made to Democratic statistics of Philadelphia, showing how the minority party there has been running down through bipartisanship in which the Republican machine apparently has been playing a part in the selection of minority office-holders. Under the leadership of Lewis C. Cassidy, one of the Democratic candidates for Secretary of Internal Affairs, and with the endorsement and co-operation of the Democratic "Record" of that city, an effort is being made to rebuild the minority party organization in that district upon a basis leaving no question of its distinction from the majority party and its putting principles above mere office-holding. Mr. Cassidy and "The Record" and all joining with them deserve the heartiest commendation of Democrats throughout the State who are interested in the building up of the minority party.

Much the same conditions have been operating against the party in Allegheny county. Here, as in Philadelphia, it has been accused of lack of virility and of lack of independence of the Republican machine. Here, as in Philadelphia, statistics have been printed showing how far certain local candidates for minority offices have run ahead of the Democratic ticket in the main, indicating Republican help for them. Here also, as in Philadelphia, there is a movement to rehabilitate the party upon a distinct basis of principles and as an agency of public service.

Democrats in all the other counties of the State who have seen hopes of the party shattered again and again by the weakness or indifference of Democracy in the two big city districts naturally are heartened by the movements in Philadelphia and Allegheny county for rejuvenation of the minority party. They know that if these two counties did their part for Democracy the two-party system would be restored forthwith in Pennsylvania. Outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties the Democratic party in this State usually gives the Republican a real fight. The 65 other counties are credited with two-thirds of the population of the State. In them the Democrats, a large extent, have kept up the spirit that elected a Democrat to the Governorship in 1888 and elected him to it again in 1909; the spirit that elected a Democratic State Treasurer in 1905, and which takes pride in standing up constantly for the principles of Jefferson, Jackson, Cleveland and Wilson.

The Democrats in those 65 counties pitched in with a vim behind the State ticket of the party in 1922. They carried 31 of them and ran close with the Republicans in many others. The Democratic and Republican votes in those counties that year totaled 979,896. Of these the Democrats received 472,930 to 506,966 for the Republicans. They came to the big city counties only 34,036 behind—"only," because in a vote of nearly 1,000,000 such a difference cannot be considered great. If the political conditions of Philadelphia and Allegheny county had been normal, there still would have been a fair chance for the Democrats to win.

Now mark the Philadelphia vote that year! Those not familiar with conditions could scarcely think of it as having been cast in the same State with the vote of the other 65 counties, which the Democrats received a little more than 48 per cent. of the ballots of the two parties. The Democratic vote in Philadelphia was away below even half the average of the party showing in the 65 counties. Whereas in the latter the minority party vote exceeded 48 per cent. of the Democratic-Republican total, in Philadelphia it could squeeze past the Republican machine and its fraudulent counters only about 21 per cent. It produced only 65,111 votes to 245,312 "credited" to the Republicans.

The party which had passed through more than two-thirds of the voters of the State only 34,036 behind was 214,237 behind after the "counting" of the abnormal vote in Philadelphia. It was 250,071 behind after the counting of the Allegheny county vote.

Allegheny county, however, did considerably better by Democracy that year than the Quaker City. A favorite son of the Republicans here had been defeated in the primary, and some of the machine lieutenants "could not see" Pinchot at all. Here the Democratic vote was 43,584 to 79,418. Nevertheless the Democracy here also fell far below the showing of the party in the 65 counties. If it had held up, its vote would have been more than 59,000. When it is reflected that in 1916, with only men balloting, the Democratic vote in Allegheny county was nearly 53,000, it is no wonder that there is a crying out now against its being permitted to drop to around 22,000 with women as well as men voting.

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SPAWS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Falling down a flight of stairs in his boarding house in Wilkes-Barre, Joseph Barsavage, 36, of Sugar Notch, suffered a broken neck, dying before aid could reach him.

—A silver loving cup has been presented by the citizens of Vandegrift to the members of Troop A, State police, in recognition of their services in capturing the bandits who robbed the Vandegrift Savings and Trust company of \$75,000.

—The mine fire which has been raging for years in the abandoned Jersey mine in Plymouth and which has already consumed millions of tons of coal, is now reported to have spread to the Avondale colliery of the Glen Alden Coal company.

—Allentown detectives are seeking the owner of a bank pass book issued at Dickson City, near Scranton, and which was found at the home of Raymond McGee, of Allentown, whose body was discovered in the kitchen of his home Monday morning, six hours after he was shot to death.

—Forcing their way into the office of the William Penn Coal company near New Alexandria, on the William Penn Highway near Greensburg, safecrackers during last Wednesday night blew open the company's safe and escaped with money and valuable papers, bonds and insurance policies.

—The Rhody Lumber Co. of Paton, has instituted suit for \$50,000 damages against the New York Central Railroad Co. The suit is the result of a fire which destroyed the lumber company's mill and yard, near Kerrmoor, last summer. The fire is alleged to have resulted from sparks from a shifting engine.

—"She bit a chunk of flesh out of my hip," is one of the allegations of Joseph Allhouse of North Charleroi, who filed a suit for divorce from his wife, Mary Allhouse at Washington, Pa., on Monday. "It was a good sized chunk, too," said Allhouse, who declared indignities and cruelties suffered since his marriage in 1905 have become unbearable.

—The Enterprise Stamping company, of McKees Rocks, makers of cans, has given a contract to the Austin company for the construction of a three story combination warehouse and manufacturing plant adjoining their present building. The structure will cost \$150,000. The building will contain 200 tons of steel and will be of built "mill type." Work will start immediately.

—When Rose Kram, of Pittsburgh, bought a case of beer she did not bargain for the insects she claims it contained and therefore she is suing for \$25,000 damages. In the suit filed against the Tube City Brewing company in common pleas court at Pittsburgh, last week, Mrs. Kram alleges she found insects in beer bought from the company. These were not discovered until they lodged in her throat she avers.

—The C. B. & C. steel