

INK SLINGS.

The airship Los Angeles is preparing for a joy run to Detroit. Her Commander will do well to keep in mind the Shenandoah.

Trudy Ederly is making good use of her good fortune. Her family has purchased and is about to occupy a new and improved home.

Out in Chicago they seem to gun for men in the streets with far less thought of the value of life than we of the east have for the rabbits in our thickets. At least, we secure a license before we start out on a shooting expedition.

Let us send enough Democrats to Harrisburg to complete the cleaning up of the mess that Governor Pinchot would have done had he not been blocked by the failure of his party to give him a Legislature that was more for purity of State government than for machine bosses. Holmes was sent to Harrisburg to help Pinchot and what did he do? Let us send A. C. Thompson down there to do what Holmes welched on.

The Hon. William I. Betts has represented the District in the Senate of Pennsylvania for four years and he has done it just as he said he would: for the best interests of the people of the District without fear of punishment by bosses or thought of personal exploitation. Senator Betts is the type of man Pennsylvania needs more of in Harrisburg. The more of his kind who are sent there the sooner the interests of the people will have consideration over the gang that is filling its pockets with the money wrrenched from the taxpayers to pay salaries for the satellites that keep it in power.

Of course the St. Louis idea of running Grover Cleveland Alexander for President originated in the mind of some enthusiastic fan who merely suggested it as a pleasantry but the way it was taken up by the other residents of the base-ball metropolis of the world shows what mass psychology might lead to. There isn't a doubt in our mind that if every other community in the country could be inflamed the day before a presidential election as was St. Louis last Sunday night a triumphant ball pitcher could be elected President of the United States easier than the greatest statesman the country knows of.

The Clearfield Republican took an awful wallop at brother Harter, of the Gazette, last week. It charges him with having sat at a banquet with Vare only recently in Pittsburgh and because of the gratification of sitting in with "the big fellows" of completely losing sight of what he's been preaching for years and what he preached last May when he was telling all his readers that Vare was a very bad man and should not be nominated. The Republican evidently doesn't know the Gazette as Centre countians do. We know that it has never done anything else than run with the hare and chase with the hounds.

The new moon, which we happened to glimpse over our right shoulder without there having been any tree limbs in sight, happens to be away round to the south. If we were at all superstitious it would mean that the weather is going to be mild and we'll have good luck. We don't care a hang what the weather is to be. It is fall and we're prepared for anything. We are, however, interested in the good luck part of it. We're wondering whether those who know they owe the Watchman are going to come across in time for it to pay its taxes and those who don't owe it will have sense enough to know that this paragraph is not intended for them.

The statement of the cost of operation and receipts from all sources of the Centre county hospital during the last year is the item that should interest Centre countians most. The payment of the delinquent pledges to the new building enterprise are important, of course, but they will be cleaned up in time. The \$5600 deficit in maintenance is the real problem confronting the community. It can scarcely be hoped to reduce it any in the future and as rates at the institution are at present about as high as can be afforded by those who may have to use it we might as well look the situation squarely in the face and make up our minds to give generously and annually to provide for the deficiency that is inevitable.

The official ballot for Centre county has been certified and a copy of it can be seen on another page of this issue. It is extremely interesting to us because the Hon. Harry B. Scott appears as a Prohibition nominee and the Hon. Holmes does not. Lordy, what changes a few years work. In 1922 Scott was anathema to every Prohibitionist. In 1924 Holmes was the pet of the party. Scott never professed to be anything else than what he was and is. Holmes voted to seat Bluet, a wet, as speaker of the House, after he had, at least by implication, assured the Prohibitionists that he would fight to the finish in the dry trenches. While Mr. Scott should not be on the Prohibition ticket it is infinitely more creditable to that party that he is there than if the Hon. Holmes should appear again as their nominee for Assembly, because Scott is not a dissembler and never stooped to straddling this issue as Holmes has done.

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Good Reason for Supporting Wilson.

Mr. John J. Patton is chairman of one of the township Republican committees in Allegheny county. During the primary campaign he was impressed with the estimates placed upon the merits of William S. Vare by the Republican leaders in whom he had confidence. Andrew Mellon, W. S. Mellon, John S. Fisher, George Wharton Pepper and others had declared Mr. Vare unfit for the office of Senator in Congress and their adverse opinions were unanimously endorsed by the leading newspapers of the State professing allegiance to Republican principles. Since the primary Mr. Patton has, by careful investigation, confirmed the previous estimates of his party leaders with respect to Mr. Vare's fitness for Senator and announced his intention to vote for the Democratic candidate, William B. Wilson.

In publicly announcing his intention to vote for Mr. Wilson, Mr. Patton says: "The only thing against Wilson is that he is a Democrat, and with the eyes of the United States on the coming Pennsylvania Senatorial election it is time for the decent minded progressive Republicans to cast aside their allegiance to their party, as their fathers and grand-fathers did when they elected Robert E. Pattison as Governor of Pennsylvania—as they did when they elected William H. Berry to the State Treasuryship—and when they elected George W. Guthrie mayor of Pittsburgh. Roosevelt carried this State as the Progressive candidate in 1912. Let us put William B. Wilson, the father of the Department of Labor, who has the average man's welfare at heart, and who does not have to make any explanation of his slush fund, over with a bang."

Mr. Patton scores a strong point in his reference to the election of Pattison, Berry and Guthrie. All these Democrats were elected by Republican votes, and their election worked no permanent impairment of the status of Pennsylvania as a Republican State. But their election worked a material and substantial benefit to the people of Pennsylvania. Pattison gave the State an administration absolutely free from graft or scandal and Berry cleaned out the nest of thieves which had been robbing the treasury ruthlessly for a number of years. The present situation is an exact parallel. The Vare machine, grown insolent by its successes, cast aside all restraints and literally bought the nomination for an office which his own party leaders admit he is unfit to fill.

An Absurd Tariff Bugaboo.

The more or less interesting but wholly absurd story that a group of German and French steel makers are about to combine in a movement to dump vast quantities of pauper labor products into the markets of this country with the result that one of our basic industries will be impoverished has made its expected appearance. This preposterous story needs no label to show that it is intended to frighten voters into the support of the slush fund ticket in order to preserve the tariff. All other expedients having failed to divert the thousands of independent Republican voters from their purpose to vote for Bonniwell and Wilson, for Governor and Senator, respectively, that favorite bugaboo, the tariff, is invoked.

In the first place there are no steel makers in Germany or France with sufficient idle capital to engage in so expensive an enterprise with so little prospect of profit. The products of the dumping operation would necessarily be delivered to our markets at a loss, and German and French steel makers are not in position to indulge in the luxury of heavy losses for a considerable period of time for purely sentimental considerations. The half a century or more of high protection to the steel industry of this country has certainly made it secure enough to resist such an attack as this story indicates, for a year or more, and the German and French adventurers would grow tired of their war in that time.

Then if the worst comes, our rather well established and substantial steel industry has an appeal to the existing law against dumping. If German and French steel makers, separately or in collusion, sell the products of their plants in this country at prices less than the cost of production they may be adjudged as dumping, and their goods excluded from our markets altogether. In view of these various facts it would seem that our somewhat extensive steel industry is amply protected, and that this story of a combination of German and French adventurers is too absurd to deserve serious consideration. Even Germany and France do not know steel makers from insane assylums.

Why You Should Vote for Democratic Nominees this Fall.

This paper is Democratic because of principle, not because it is partisan.

There is a vast difference between party principles and political partisanship.

One is founded on an intelligent understanding of the fundamental principles of the major parties and conviction that those of one of them represents best one's conception of government. The other has nothing more to lean on for inspiration than the hope of office or the blind obeisance to such traditions as because our daddies or our friends or our associates voted this that or the other ticket we should vote the same way or because we want to be with the majority.

We invite any reader of these lines to challenge in the columns of this paper the assertion we now make that not five per cent of the voters of the United States really have any other reason for being Democrats, Republicans or other party advocates than those of an accidental nature: Such as heredity, environment or desire to be with the winning crowd.

If you are broad minded as we are trying to be with you right now, you will admit that every word we have written thus far has expressed truth.

Because the Watchman has probably as many readers who are traditionally Republicans as it has Democrats it wants to talk candidly to them. In the election that is approaching it has no axe to grind. Pennsylvania is hopelessly Republican, so that if this paper ever had been or were at present inclined to play for what there is in it for itself the futility of such stultification must be apparent.

It means nothing to us by way of hope of office who is elected United States Senator, Governor, Congressman, State Senator or Assemblyman. Whether they happen to be Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists, or what not, we will have no favors to ask and we will live, if you can.

As a matter of fact there is so little difference between the real principles of the major parties to our political controversies and so little intelligent understanding as to why this one is that and the other is the other that we here make another radical assertion that after all, there is little more to modern party fights than the crowd that is in and the crowd that is out.

As we have said, we are writing specially to our Republican readers. They are the ones whose votes will decide where Pennsylvania shall stand in November. If they are Republicans because of an intelligent conviction that they should be so they will see that their principles are not involved in the contest now on in this State. They will understand what Elihu Root said, what Theodore Roosevelt said, what Senator Geo. Wharton Pepper said, what Senator David Reed said, that a man who doesn't even know why he is a Republican is playing to take the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the throat and choke it into submission to his desire to be boss; for all he can get out of it for himself and those who will lick his boots for a job for themselves or their friends.

Time was when Pennsylvania boasted constructive statesmanship in Washington and at Harrisburg. Today it seems the idea of the few who are striving to make themselves and their friends parasites on the majority is to get a job, no matter what the sacrifice of conscience or principle may be.

If there ever was a time when Pennsylvania needed to be purged of this crowd of grafters it is now. There are no party principles involved in the present campaign. Vare wants to be a Senator for no other reason than that he wants to be boss of a great State and control its action on matters of government that he knows less about than you do. John Fisher wants to be Governor of Pennsylvania because that is a laudable ambition, but he has only gotten the chance because Joe Grundy is his sponsor and boss and is sure that Fisher, as Governor, will not approve taking some of the taxes off you and putting them onto the corporations that Grundy represents.

Chase wants to be our Congressman because he would be set up with the honor, but he is only part and parcel of the machine that Grundy and Mellon are, for selfish reasons, striving to make powerful enough to take over the control that Penrose and Baker once exercised in Pennsylvania, bad as it was, but thousands of times more constructive than the present gang has any idea of.

Harry B. Scott wants to be our Senator in the General Assembly. Mr. Scott is a clean man in every phase of his life except his warped idea that he must be for the organization—right or wrong. He is not a Republican from principle. He is one of the partisan type. His greatest desire to go to Harrisburg as your Senator is that he might be able to make the machine stronger and become a more important cog in its wheels. He hasn't discovered how useful he might be if he were to stand for something more constructive than the organization—right or wrong.

Mr. Holmes went to Harrisburg two years ago as our Representative in the General Assembly. It was hoped that he might prove a character strong enough to resist the machine. He had scarcely been there long enough to find the way to his seat before he fell and revealed the taint by voting for Bluet, the gang's candidate for Speaker. Personally we know of little that is discreditable to any of these men. Politically they are all tarred with the same stick; the stick which selfish, arrogant bosses are using to club the members of a great party into submission to their will.

There is only one way to defeat this sinister purpose and that is by voting for every nominee on the Democratic ticket. Not because they are Democrats, but because it is time to show the exploiters of the Republican party in Pennsylvania that the electorate of this great State refuses to be further humiliated.

The tax on mortgages may be inequitable, as the realtors say, but there must be revenues and so long as Grundy prevents the taxation of corporation shares other objects of taxation must be found.

General Pershing is persuaded that our standing army is much too small. But you can't have large standing armies and economical government.

The vote of Dauphin county will probably show that Mr. Beidleman's speech for John S. Fisher was of the lip-service variety.

The Governor has an opinion of the Public Service Commission and unfortunately a good many rational minded people concur in his view.

The lynching spirit broke out in South Carolina the other day and made a disgraceful spectacle of a respectable community.

Chairman Mellon is keeping Max Leslie quiet in the campaign but he isn't fooling anybody. Max is still the Pittsburgh boss.

Read the "Watchman" and get all the news worth reading.

Many Men Want to be Appointed County Commissioner.

The sudden and unexpected death of County Commissioner Harry P. Austin, at the Centre county hospital last Thursday, has naturally left a vacancy on the board that will have to be filled by appointment. As Mr. Austin was the one Republican member of the board it is only natural to suppose that the man who will be appointed must in the nature of things be a Republican. This rule was followed a few years ago when George M. Harter, a Democratic member of the board, died rather unexpectedly. The late Judge Henry C. Quigley, then on the bench, promptly appointed John Yearick, a Democrat.

The appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Austin will be made by Judge Harry Keller. If he so desires he can consult with the two other members of the board, Messrs. Spearley and Swabb, and might be influenced by their wishes in the matter, but it is not obligatory on him to do so. On the other hand both Mr. Spearley and Mr. Swabb have intimated that they will keep hands off so far as trying to influence the appointment is concerned.

In the meantime candidates for the appointment are looming up in various sections and it is said that some fifteen or twenty are already in the field. Among the number are Harry Shively, Benjamin Shaffer and Fred B. Healy, of Bellefonte; Howard Miles and Harry Diehl, of Milesburg; Samuel Everhart, of State College; John A. Way, of Halfmoon township, and others whose names could not be learned. The office carries a straight salary of \$1000 per year. As Judge Keller is away on a two weeks vacation no appointment will be made until his return.

Hunters Getting Their Licenses.

While it is yet two weeks until the opening of the hunting season for small game, such as squirrel, pheasant and rabbits, a small army of hunters in Centre county have already secured their hunting license for this year. To be exact, just 1805 licenses had been issued up to Wednesday morning.

While the small game season does not open until November 1st, and continues only two weeks, or to November 13th, inclusive, some of the enthusiastic wing shots have been scouting around to see what the outlook for game will be. And from their reports pheasants seem to be more plentiful this year than they have been in several seasons. One hunter is authority for the statement that on one trip he saw three flocks of birds and he estimated the total number at from twenty to thirty birds. Of course he did not divulge their exact location, as that is the spot where he will be found on the opening day.

Rabbits are reported as quite plentiful and there are some squirrel, but reports have reached this office that illegal hunters are already shooting the latter, so that there may not be many left by the time for the opening of the season. The killing of wild turkeys is prohibited this year, so be careful and don't bag any.

Bellefonte cannot be considered a very fertile field to work in by the State candidates of either the Democratic or Republican party. The Republican spellbinders skirted along the outskirts on Wednesday and yesterday but fought shy of Bellefonte, while up to this time there is no booking for the appearance here of any of the Democratic State candidates.

Probably the occasion of Attorney Buckner's address to the jury in the New York Federal court the other day was the first time Harry M. Daugherty ever heard "the truth and the whole truth" about himself.

Editor Harter Should Answer This.

From the Clearfield Republican. Tom Harter, of the Bellefonte Keystone Gazette, has rushed to the front certifying to the people of Pennsylvania that Bill Vare is "not as black as painted." Tom sat at the same table with Bill in Pittsburgh a week or two since and heard Bill proclaim the virtues of his family and himself. Tom says Bill neither drinks, smokes, chews (tobacco or gum), pads, uses corsets, rouge or lipsticks and is foremost the saloon coming back. All of which should bring into line all of Tom's followers throughout the length and breadth of Mother Centre. Then again, a lot of them may have used copies of the Gazette published during the late primary campaign for self covers and sich during fall house cleaning and may look over the editorial and news columns again. Then they would be in between hades and the iron works guessing Tom out.

Heroes are soon created. Every base ball game provides three or four.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Application by the State Department of Highways of Pennsylvania for approval of plans for a bridge to be constructed across the Allegheny River have been approved by Assistant Secretary of War MacNider. The bridge in question is to be constructed over the river five miles west of the city of Warren.

William Hineman, aged 22, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hineman, of Mahaffey, was instantly killed in a coal mine near Mahaffey on Friday. The young man was cutting coal in the mine with a machine when the high power line to the cutter short-circuited killing him instantly. Attempts at resuscitation were fruitless.

Fatsy Santella, Pennsylvania Railroad employe, at Altoona, reported to the police that he had been held up on Ninth avenue Saturday night, by two colored men and robbed of forty-one Pennsylvania Railroad checks aggregating more than \$2,000. The checks were his. He said he had not cashed any pay checks in four years.

George A. Rigby, 58, general manager of the New Castle works of the Carnegie Steel company, shot and killed himself at his home at New Castle on Sunday morning. He had been in ill health for some time, relatives said. Rigby was found with a bullet through his head by members of the family investigating his failure to appear at breakfast.

Improvements which will aggregate \$400,000 and represent construction of a modern machine shop 350 feet long, devoted exclusively to manufacture of Diesel engines is planned by the Chicago Pneumatic Tool company at its plant at Franklin, Pa., was announced following the visit of Charles M. Schwab and H. A. Jackson of Chicago, president of the company. Present plans call for starting work in the spring. Several hundred more men will be given employment.

Elmer P. Buzzard, former president of the Bangor Trust company, of Bangor, Pa., and a former county commissioner, was found guilty by a jury at Easton on Thursday of embezzling \$113,000 from the trust company. His trial lasted ten days. Most of the money taken from the trust company went toward financing a road contract in Washington county, New York, for the Masterson Construction Corporation, of which Mr. Buzzard was president. The jury recommended clemency. A motion for a new trial was filed Monday.

Bedbugs are no cause for leaving an apartment before the lease has expired, according to a decision by Judge Hassler, at Lancaster, on Saturday. The case involved I. P. Helper, a real estate dealer, and Josephine B. Miller. The woman rented an apartment in that city and vacated before the lease had expired. When Helper executed judgment the woman alleged she was forced to vacate the apartment before the expiration of the lease because of bedbugs. Today the court refused to open judgment, holding the defendant was liable to pay the amount involved.

A thrilling ride on a cow ended disastrously for Robert Miller, aged 11 years of near Winfield, when he fell and suffered a broken arm. The boy with a few friends was staging a wild west show. He managed to crawl on the back of the unsuspecting animal, but his presence there frightened her and she ran about the pasture, with the boy holding fast. The cow passed under a tree and a limb brushed him from her back. He was assisted to the house and later taken to the Mary M. Packer hospital at Sunbury, where an X-ray examination showed a fracture of the left arm.

Lewistown lodge, No. 663, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, decided at a special meeting last Saturday night to authorize the building of a new home on their 200 foot lot on the corner of South Wayne and East Market streets. The building will cost \$114,000 and will be five stories in height, and will be the highest building in Lewistown. The lot was the home site of the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad company before that official was transferred to Sunbury, and is located just across the street from the new Federal building, the county jail, the new building of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Home of Wisto.

Curiosity as to what was inside a dynamite can resulted in 9-year-old Howard Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Johnson, of Harrisburg, being admitted to the Harrisburg hospital in a serious condition suffering from severe wounds of the abdomen and the loss of four fingers received when the cap exploded. The boy told his parents that he had found the cap at home and took it to school on Friday. He was seated on the steps of the Shimmell building at recess picking at the cap with a pin when it exploded. A teacher from the school took him to the hospital. A piece of the cap had entered his abdomen. The boy's condition is reported fair. One finger on the left hand and three fingers on his right hand were torn off.

Preparations for moving the large air mail beacon light on Renn's hill, north of Sunbury, are now being made and the big steel tower with its powerful light will be transferred to Mile Hill, a short distance to the east, within a few weeks. As the same time the change in location is made the light will be equipped with a sun dial arrangement, which automatically turns the current, which automatically turns the new motor for this purpose is being waited for, an error having been made in a shipment received last week. Another change to be made will place all of the lights on the Island Park landing field upon one circuit controlled from the caretaker's shelter. At present it is necessary for the care taker to cover the field on foot, turning the lights on or off.

Dr. E. Henry Warren, of West Chester, widely known ornithologist, died Sunday at his home there at the age of sixty-eight years. He had long been prominent in Republican political circles. He was a close friend of the late United States Senator Matthew Stanley Quay and aided in several of the Senator's campaigns. In 1912 he was one of the organizers of the Roosevelt Republicans and ten years later worked for the nomination of Gifford Pinchot for Governor. He had served as State ornithologist and State Dairy and Food Commissioner and formerly was a member of the State Republican committee. After his retirement as Food Commissioner Dr. Warren for a number of years was curator of the Everhart Museum at Scranton. He was deeply interested in organizing bird clubs, and creating bird sanctuaries. He was the author of "Birds in Pennsylvania," and was a frequent contributor of articles or natural history in newspapers and periodicals.