

INK SLINGS.

It looks very much as if the clergymen of Pennsylvania intend to vote as they talk this year. The climate of California may be all that is claimed for it but it is a trifle too much given to shakes. Vote for Thompson for the Legislature and help send a man to Harrisburg who will not be Vare's plaything. Senator Norris may be "an outside wanderer in Pennsylvania" but he is giving the people a valuable service. Of course we'll all survive it, but the passing of Hallowe'en without the Eks carnival is something to be regretted. Democrats of Pennsylvania, go to the polls next Tuesday. Go and vote your convictions. It's your duty as citizens. Queen Marie promptly served notice on the New York bankers that she isn't after money. That will help to get her a good time. The State Prison Site Commission has selected a site for the Eastern penitentiary and all that is needed now is money to put up the buildings. Holmes was elected by the dregs in Centre county and then went to Harrisburg and voted for Bluet, Vare's wet candidate for Speaker. Holmes fooled the Temperance folks two years ago. Is he going to do it again, next Tuesday. If Queen Marie really wants to get a glimpse into the kitchen of the American house-wife there are lots of them in this broad land in which she could find the answer to her inquiry as to why the American people look so happy. Andrew Curtin Thompson is the candidate of the people. He has no political bosses to serve nor political debts to pay. If we elect him our Representative in Harrisburg next Tuesday we'll be sure of having a man there who will represent us instead of the machine. Poor "Dixie" Freeman is gone and he's probably better off. He had been the town's "night hawk" for many years. Harmless, inoffensive and peculiar in that he preferred the streets and hallways of public buildings to a home in which he might have had physical comforts. He was a town character, a type that is fast passing in Bellefonte. The Clearfield hospital received the largest appropriation from the State, the last biennium, that it has ever gotten. Senator Betts looked after that. And when Senator Betts volunteered to help Holmes with the appropriation to the Bellefonte hospital that worthy told him to keep his hands off. The result was that Bellefonte got the least it has ever gotten. If the rains don't soon stop we are going to be the modern Noah and start building an ark. And let's tell you right here: When the floods come and we start marching them in, two by two, we're going to pull in the gang plank before any Republicans get aboard. It's a heartless, cruel attitude to take, but if we build the ark and save something for after the deluge we are not going to have the G. O. P. stepping in and taking all the offices. If the Democrats of Penns Valley go to the polls next Tuesday Centre county will give a thousand or more majority to every candidate on our ticket. Republicans are with us in every part of the county. Not because they are traitors to their party, but because they have refused to gulp down the hokum of standing by the President by putting a lot of men in office whom they know would be a disgrace to their party. Let us help them, while they are so eager to help us. Every twenty-third person in the United States is on a public payroll of some sort. That means that a group of twenty-two men work and children is paying the entire salary of someone holding public office. The next session of the Pennsylvania Legislature is going to be maced into passing several bills that will make a lot more officials in this State. That is, it will be maced into it if machine candidates are elected to represent us in Harrisburg. We have enough nuisance laws. We are carrying enough public officials on our shoulders. Let us send Betts and Thompson to Harrisburg. They are not of the machine. They are for us and it is time that we should be getting something more out of government than the creation of new offices which we have to pay to keep going. Senator Betts has a record in Harrisburg that any one might be proud of. There was no guessing as to where he stood on legislation. If the measure that was up for consideration was a good one, in his judgment, he was for it. If he saw a snake in it, something that was against the best interests of we people of the District, he was against it, no matter whose bill it was or how much friends among his fellow Senators urged him to support it. Senator Betts went there to represent the people of the Thirty-fourth district and he did it splendidly, without fear or favor. His ability was recognized on the floor of the Senate and his watchfulness scotched many a bill that would have added to the burdens of the tax payers by creating more offices for machine hangers-on.

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Fraud Plan Will Be Stopped.

As the campaign approaches its end the chances of a complete Democratic victory are greatly improved. In every section of the State there are evidences of opposition to Mr. Vare among the better element of the voters of his own party and in many localities Mr. Fisher, the Grundy candidate for Governor, is losing ground. Alarmed at these signs of disaster it is said the party managers have put upon Vare the obligation of carrying the election by fraudulent votes in Philadelphia. In response to this criminal command the Vare lieutenants in the city "are boasting that the Congressman's majority in the Forty-eight wards will be as large as it is necessary to make it." The only interpretation of this boast that is possible to conceive is that the ballot fraud mill will be operated in full force on election day, and that however strong the State goes against the Mellon-Grundy machine in the up-State sections the fraudulent vote in Philadelphia will overcome it. This would be a sad situation if it were possible of fulfillment. Beyond doubt there will be many fraudulent votes cast for the Republican ticket both in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Mellon and Max Leslie are as dangerous in Pittsburgh as Vare and Cunningham are in Philadelphia. But fortunately wholesale frauds will not be possible this year in either end of the State. Cornelius Haggerty, Jr., chairman of the Democratic State committee, having obtained information of the plans has made public a warning to those who would undertake the dastardly work "that a strict watch will be maintained in every one of the 1500 election divisions in that city on November 2. There will be Democratic watchers in every polling place and the Independent Republicans will have representatives in the divisions to guard against debauchery of the election," while Senator Reed, of Missouri, chairman of the slush fund investigation committee, will have representatives in Philadelphia "to see that the Vare organization is not permitted to take advantage of its control of the election machinery."

It is not easy to see how women voters can be fooled into supporting the tariff. It makes everything they use cost more and adds nothing to their income.

Planning Fraud for Tuesday.

Mr. Frederick William Wile, widely known Washington correspondent, has just completed a nation wide survey of political conditions with respect to the Senatorial elections to be held next Tuesday. Last week he reached Pittsburgh and after a careful scrutiny of that fountain of political activity and iniquity wrote concerning the Republican party managers there that "they are genuinely anxious over the dimensions of the silent protest vote piling up against Vare on the slush fund issue." The plan that has been agreed upon to overcome this unmeasured tide of popular opposition is the time worn expedient of employing "watchers." It is the Pittsburgh "strip" form of bribing voters.

It will be recalled that at the primary last May there were nearly as many watchers at the polls as there were voters in that section of Pittsburgh controlled by Max Leslie. Leslie was not for Vare but had a friendly feeling toward him as he had also for Beidleman while he voted for Fisher under orders from Mellon. Each of the candidates had from thirty to a hundred watchers and all that was required of the watchers was that they vote for the candidate whose friends employed them. It was a great old day in the "strip" and the payment of the forces was a spectacle, resembling, as the news dispatches stated at the time, "a run on a bank." The recompense was generous too.

In planning to repeat that orgie of crime next Tuesday the Vare managers in Pittsburgh are "riding for a fall." The Act of Assembly authorizing the appointment of watchers for general election limits the number which each party may have at each polling place to three and no party "shall be represented by more than one watcher in the same voting room at any one time." It is the intention of the Democrats and independent Republicans to carefully scrutinize the casting and counting of the votes in the "strip" district and every violator of the law will be justly punished for his crime. If Mr. Vare expects to win by that method he will be sadly disappointed.

Senator Watson of Indiana denies that he had "dealings" with the Ku Klux Klan but the Klan leaders were all for him and they usually vote for "a consideration."

What Leading Republicans and Their Newspapers Said of Vare

On April 30th, last, John S. Fisher now the Republican candidate for Governor, said:

"You must determine as to whether . . . you are going to send into the Senate representing your State one whose statesmanship is not above that of the mere mob. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous or more shameful than a man who makes a complete platform out of a beer mug?"

On May 16th, last, The Philadelphia Inquirer said:

"Mr. Vare is without qualifications for this great office. His education has been that of the division and ward leader in the departments of practical politics which eventually landed him the Boss, or Supreme Dictator, of a sinister machine. He has nothing else to commend him."

On April 20th, last, W. L. Mellon, chairman of the Republican State Committee for Pennsylvania, said:

"The issue is extremely important, for the result of the election on May 18 will determine if Mr. Vare or the people are to run the State of Pennsylvania."

On May 18th, last, The Philadelphia Public Ledger said:

"If you choose Vare you get an arrogant ward boss who is now driving the bogus issue of his beer-cart across Pennsylvania Republican necks."

"Vareism with its election trickery and its 'zero divisions' is the lowest known form of political life"

"It twists a ballot 'sticker' into a knife and stabs a dying friend."

"Nominate Vare and you smear Vareism all over the State and force it into national councils of the Republican party."

WHAT IS YOUR BALLOT GOING TO SAY TUESDAY?

Are You for Yourself or the Machine?

On November 2, next Tuesday, the voters of Centre county will have opportunity to select both a Senator and a Member to represent them in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

Waiving discussion of the fitness or the personality of any of the aspirants in the field for these offices we want to suggest a thought that should have thorough consideration in the mind of the voter before casting his ballot.

Pennsylvania is a Republican State. Overwhelmingly so. Every session of its Legislature, with the exception of two, since before the Civil war, has been completely dominated by Republicans. Up to eighteen years ago the Democrats had enough representation in the body to constitute a check on legislation. In other words there was a minority representation of sufficient voting strength to constitute a threat to those who undertook to exploit the Republican majority for selfish, personal ends. It was a wholesome condition.

Of late years minority representation has dwindled until it is almost negligible and the consequence has been correspondingly disastrous to the best interests of the tax payers. The Republican party in Pennsylvania has fallen into the hands of a machine that is shameless in what it does and permits to be done in the name of Republicanism. Laws are flagrantly flouted, taxes are piled on those least able to pay them, ballot boxes are stuffed and armies of place holders are built up so that they can be stood up against the wall and made to deliver votes and money with which to keep the machine in power. And its all done in the name of Republicanism, yet the real, honest Republicans of the State are ashamed of it.

They have voted the ticket because of regularity, but on all sides there are indications that they are beginning to see the situation in another light. They are face to face with the alternative of apologizing for their party or getting rid of the machine that is prostituting it.

It will take years to break up the tentacles that the gang has thrown about Harrisburg, but the time to start is next Tuesday. And the beginning can be made then by sending a strong minority party representation there.

Mr. Scott and Mr. Holmes are both of and by the machine. No matter what manner of gentlemen they may be, personally, they will be for what the machine wants in Harrisburg first and for whatever you might need afterward. Read Mr. Scott's own advertisement in another column of this issue.

He hints at what we mean when he says: "You want your State Senator to sit up front with the men who plan and direct and execute." Who are these men who plan and execute for Pennsylvania? They are Joe Grundy, Bill Vare and their ilk. Men who raise millions to debauch your elections and then get it back in legislation favoring their interests at your expense and creating offices for their henchmen the expenses of which you pay in taxes. That's what "sitting up front" means in Pennsylvania today. And both Mr. Scott and Mr. Holmes know, that, no matter what ability they might have, they couldn't "sit up front" for a minute if they showed the least sign of refusing to "go along" on everything the machine wants.

The time has come for the voter to look out for himself. You can't do it all next Tuesday, but you can do a lot by voting to send William I. Betts back to the Senate and Andrew Curtin Thompson to the Assembly. They are both Democrats, but God save the country if it is worse, in the eyes of an honest Republican, to be a Democrat than it is to be a cog in the machinery of the gang that is ruling Pennsylvania in the name of Republicanism.

Let us have at least enough Democrats down there to keep them from stealing the whole works. Let Centre county do her part toward beginning the work of wresting Pennsylvania from the machine and restoring it to the people.

Vote for Betts and Thompson.

The fact that Hallowe'en this year falls officially on Sunday is not deterring a number of children from celebrating. In fact, some of them have been at it for a week, and not only making nuisances of themselves but actually destroying property. This is especially true of a gang that holds forth on Lamb and north Spring streets, who do not confine themselves to harmless sport but steal and destroy property. The names of some of them are known, and if the police would visit that locality most any evening they could catch the gang in some of its unlawful acts.

Five convicted Scranton election crooks were set free on payment of costs the other day which would indicate that debauching the ballot is a "protected industry" in Lackawanna county.

The Vare machine must be hard up for money. Joe Grundy has been forced into the collecting work and he is always the "last resort."

The radio appears to lend itself to every need. A Pottertown family has appealed to it in search of a missing child.

I have a little garden— (In a corner of my mind) And often—when I'm lonely— Wond'ring through it—I can find— A-straying bit of gladness Like an Alpine flower—rare— And—often—bits—of wisdom— That—I didn't know were there. UNKNOWN.

Wilson Can Be Elected.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

The opinion expressed by William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, that William B. Wilson can be elected to the United States Senate over William S. Vare, the Republican nominee, has substantial basis.

To begin with, it has been demonstrated that when the people of the State are stirred the Republican machine can be defeated. Robert E. Pattison, Democrat, was twice elected to the Governorship. In 1905 William H. Berry, Democrat, was elected to the State Treasurership. The Republican party ran third in the State in the Presidential contest of 1912.

Today the Republican party in Pennsylvania again is split, with leading members of it out working for the election of the candidate of the Democrats, Independents and Laborites for the United States Senate. Outside Philadelphia, Mr. Vare, in the senatorial contest, made one of the poorest showings in the history of his party. In a three-cornered fight, he carried only one of the sixty-six counties outside Philadelphia. He was pulled through in Dauphin county only by the strength of his running mate of the primary, Beidleman, who lives there. But the combined Pinchot-Pepper vote in Dauphin was 3,488 greater than that of Vare.

Thus the record stands that in the three-cornered fight, the sentiment was overwhelmingly against Mr. Vare in every county in the State outside Philadelphia. The Pinchot-Pepper vote in Allegheny county was 57,136 beyond that of Vare. The combined Pinchot-Pepper vote in the State as a whole outside Philadelphia was 454,909 greater than that of the Quaker City contractor boss.

Since the primary came the "slush fund" scandal that weakened Vare further with hundreds of thousands of Republican voters of the State.

Keeping in mind that outside Philadelphia and Allegheny counties the Democratic party is fairly evenly matched with the Republican, who could be surprised, under the conditions, if Wilson should carry every county outside the two mentioned? Who will dare to say that Vare is as strong as Pinchot in 1922? The Democrats that year carried thirty-one of the sixty-five counties outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties and ran close with the Republicans in many others. This year, as emphasized, the feeling against Vare should give every one of those sixty-five counties to Wilson. The Vare supporters who talk of carrying such great counties as Luzerne and Lackawanna, in the anthracite region, but draw attention to where Wilson, with his record of leadership of the miners, should be particularly strong. The officers of the miners and some of the operators are now out working for Wilson. Besides, the Democrats are strong there ordinarily. Wilson can be elected. Sure he can. Look at the endorsements he is receiving daily while Vare gets none. Party lines have been broken down. Allegheny county Republican leaders would only injure themselves should they attempt further to stem that tide of sentiment. The people showed overwhelmingly in the primary that they do not want Vare. He barely pulled through with the opposition to him divided.

It Makes Quite a Difference.

From the Philadelphia Record.

When Woodrow Wilson appealed to the country in 1913 for the election of a Congress which would be in sympathy with the course pursued by him during the world war the Republican press and spellbinders denounced this as an unfair effort to influence the electorate, and by false and misleading arguments persuaded the people to return a Congress hostile to the President, vastly to the detriment of the United States in all its subsequent relations as a world power. Now President Coolidge appeals to Massachusetts to elect his friend, Senator Butler, whom he eulogizes as a great statesman, "admirer for his wisdom, respected for his integrity—a benefactor to his State and nation—able and conscientious—his presence there is of great importance to me in my efforts to discharge the duties of my office." This is not the usual estimate held of Senator Butler, especially in his own State, and it is quite clear that the President is using the influence of his great post in behalf of a candidate threatened with defeat. This is far more than Mr. Wilson did in his plea of 1913.

Will the Republicans now criticize Mr. Coolidge for employing much the same tactics as those of his distinguished predecessor? They certainly will not. That is not the Republican way of doing things. What is wrong if done by a Democrat becomes sanctified when done for the noble G. O. P.

H. G. Wells, the English novelist, has turned King George against him, and that about makes it unanimous.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

For the fourth time in as many years Charles M. Feathers, Blair county farmer, lost his barn by fire on Sunday night. The loss was placed at \$10,000.

Jacob Snyder, of Aspers, in the northern part of Adams county, has a squash vine in his truck patch, which is of immense length. The vine measures 726 feet. It has produced sixty large squashes and many small ones.

Twenty-five black eyes in 11 years of married life is the record held by Mrs. Thomas Craggs, Jr., appearing in the Blair county court on Monday, charging assault and battery and infidelity on the part of her husband. She appeared in court with a black eye. Judge T. J. Bairdridge made a decree for the wife.

Lloyd W. Snyder, a mechanic in the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Altoona, was burned to death last Thursday morning when a can of oil with which he was starting the kitchen fire exploded, covering him with flames and setting fire to the house. A brother was burned to death four years ago when a can of gasoline exploded in his garage at Port Matilda.

Walking back to Clearfield county, from Reading, Pa., without funds looked better than jail to Herman Lenhart, aged 18, of Coalport, who pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons, at Reading last Friday. He said he spent his last cent to buy bullets for target practice. The Court decided to give the lad a chance and he immediately started on his hike home.

Frank Aikens, 26 years old of Van Ormer, Cambria county, convicted slayer of his step-sister, Mrs. Verna Beers, of Fallen Timber, and sentenced to life in the western penitentiary, was married on Wednesday of last week to Mrs. Myrtle Bates, of Fallen Timber, who figured prominently in Aikens' murder trial. The marriage was performed in the jail by Justice of the peace Charles P. Rowland.

Nurses at the Geisinger hospital, at Danville, greeted lifting of the ban on bobbed hair with a rush to the barbers, with the result that the shops were kept open later than usual to accommodate the desire of the student nurses to have their tresses shorn. There are about sixty students at the institution, and Danville barbers declared that apparently most of them had been in the first day's rush to the shop.

When his wife told him she wouldn't live with him any longer, Albert Wachoskie, 24, of Shamokin, secured an axe, a minor's pick and a razor and broke practically everything in the home. The damage is placed at \$1500. Dining room and parlor suits, dishes, carpets and rugs were rendered worthless as Wachoskie wielded the axe and pick and cut up the rugs with the razor. He was placed in the Sunbury jail in default of \$3000 bail.

In a casket he selected fifteen years ago, while in health and with a funeral arranged according to plans made at the same time, Ira Saylor, for thirty years a teller in the First National Bank of Conshohocken, was buried in the lot he had chosen. Even the flowers that surrounded the bier had been ordered fifteen years ago by Saylor, who gave detailed instructions to Thomas J. Carroll, of Conshohocken, his friend who is an undertaker.

Daniel Finch, alias Fuller, 23 years old, of Pittsburgh, was sentenced to one year and a half in Atlantic prison on Tuesday by Federal Judge Johnson after entering a plea of guilty to forging United States mail orders and attempting to pass them at Chambersburg, Pa. The money order blanks had been stolen from a post office at Crittenden, Ky. Finch had previously served time in Leavenworth prison for larceny. Federal officers informed the court.

The late Senator T. Larry Eyre, Republican politician and widely known contractor, of West Chester, probably died intestate, since no will has been found, and letters of administration have been applied for at the Chester register of wills office. No estimate of the amount of his estate has yet been made. There were rumors a month or two previous to the Senator's death that he had lost heavily on a contract for building a large dam in Canada, but this has not been confirmed.

Suffering a broken leg for the seventh time in his lifetime, William S. Peterson, aged 43 years, of Franklin, one of the four men injured in an automobile accident near Springville Saturday night, has been taken to the Allegheny General hospital, Pittsburgh, for treatment by a specialist. Francis Hepler, aged 27, another victim of the accident, also has been taken to the Allegheny General hospital. In the seven times Peterson's right leg has been fractured the injury has been sustained at the same place in the bones, but he suffered seven different varieties of accidents.

Charles Hendrickson, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hendrickson, of Port Allegheny, died after suffering for a short time with tetanus. A few weeks ago he fell while playing football with some other boys. He injured his side but paid no attention to it, as he thought it was nothing serious. Later he complained of his jaws feeling tight, but not until he was in bed was the trouble discovered. The doctors then operated and found a small piece of wood embedded in his side, but the discovery was made too late, and the boy passed away soon after the operation.

The quick action of a trainer prevented a lion from obtaining more than a moment's freedom at Bloomsburg, last Friday. The animal, one of a number with a carnival company, is wintering on the fair grounds at Bloomsburg, leaping through the top of its cage when a team of horses came near. Another spring took the beast to the back of one of the horses, which it claved severely before the trainer crashed a chair over the animal's head with such force that the chair was broken to splinters and the lion knocked unconscious. Before it recovered the trainer had tied its feet and put it back in the cage.

Forty-eight hours after being impaled on a tree stump while cutting down trees in the mountains near his home, Harry Hess, aged 50 years, a woodsman of Gratz, Dauphin county, died in the Harrisburg hospital on Monday from internal injuries. Fellow workmen told authorities that Hess lost his balance while swinging an axe and fell backward on the stump of a sapling which he had cut off about a foot and a half from the ground a short time before. Part of the sapling stump went through his body. The workmen said they heard Hess scream and went to his rescue and then took him to the hospital in Harrisburg.