

INK SLINGS.

—Senator Jim Watson is the Barkus in the Republican dilemma. He's willin' to be their candidate for President.

—Bellefonte kids were very unhappy on Tuesday. They are always unhappy when they have to do something they don't want to do and mighty few of them wanted to start back to school.

—Already the wise guys have the heavy weight crown back on Dempsey's head. It will be recalled that these same wise guys laid heavy money that Tunney couldn't knock it off a year ago.

—Have you ever known a September with grass, flowers and foliage looking as verdant as they do now? There is little in nature except the cool nights to indicate that fall is only twelve days off.

—Just by way of making a prediction based on no firmer foundation than gossip of Republicans who should know Frantz and Wilson are slated to pull down their party's nomination for County Commissioner.

—It is still a neck and neck race for the Republican nomination for Judge. According to our dope the week has brought little change in the situation. If there has been any at all it has been Judge Furst's neck that's grown slightly longer.

—Talking about birth control. Why the necessity for it? Let babies come, then buy them an aeroplane and interpose no objection when they want to start oceanic hops. The auto and the airplane are almost certain insurance against over population.

—After the primaries we shall have something to say about some of these gentlemen who are saying so much about themselves in the political advertisements appearing in the Watchman. We grant that they have been telling the truth, but not quite all of it.

—In these days, when the air is so full of political gas, women whose faith has been shattered by the erratic electric service to the community, might be interested in knowing that a project is afoot to give both Bellefonte, State College and possibly Pleasant Gap the real article.

—C. M. Parrish, local druggist and long time resident of Bellefonte, has filed papers and his name will appear on the Democratic ballot as an aspirant for nomination as County Commissioner, instead of that of the late John Yearick. The candidacy of Mr. Parrish gives the voters of our party three from whom to select its two nominees.

—Charles Evans Hughes is home from Europe and predicts that Coolidge will accept a renomination and be elected. He didn't, however, repeat the declaration he made some time ago to the effect that he is too old to think of running himself. If Cal sticks to his "I do not choose to run" program Charles Evans will grow twenty years younger over night.

—The Iowa ladies who have suggested Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as the nominee for Vice President on the Democratic ticket must have forgotten that the beautiful Edith Bolling won her way into the affections of the American people through the very traits of modesty, as first lady of the land, that would make her shun any attempt to exploit her marital relations with a martyred President.

—The death of Wayne B. Wheeler has removed the most dynamic force associated with the cause of Prohibition enforcement in the United States. He had become so powerful in the cause he represented as to have been credited with actually holding a whip hand over Congress. He was an able lawyer, but it was his gift as a political manipulator that made him so powerful in the lobby at Washington. It is not at all with disrespect that we say that "there'll be many a dry eye" in Congress over his passing.

—We have heard enough to indicate that some of our readers think it strange that a Democratic paper should carry advertising of Republican office seekers. Without going into a lengthy discussion of what might appear as an anomalous position we want to make two statements, the first of which will doubtless be a surprise to a great many. It is this: The Watchman probably has as many Republican readers as Democratic. The other is the fact that outside of its price for subscription, which doesn't pay for the white paper and type-setting, the Watchman hasn't a thing to sell but advertising space.

—And by all the ethics of business it has as much right to sell that to any purveyor of legitimate goods as a doctor of Democratic political beliefs has to sell his professional services to a Republican patient or as a Republican lawyer to serve a Democratic client. The Watchman is Democratic from principle. It is not dependent on what it gets from the party. If it were it would have ceased to exist long ago, for the Democrat isn't living or dead who was ever charged a cent for any support this paper gave him after he became the regular nominee of our party for the office he sought. And while we are saying it we might as well add that the Watchman has paid a mighty high price in business for its steadfast loyalty to its party candidates, a number of whom have turned to bite the hand that fed them.

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Fighting to Prevent Exposure.

The purpose which Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, had in mind in calling the Slush Fund committee, the Senate committee of Privileges and Elections and the Pennsylvania Senatorial candidates of last year into conference, at Chicago, is left to conjecture. Presumably it is to devise methods for impounding the ballot boxes used at the election of 1926 in all the districts, as requested by the committee on Privileges and Elections. But there is little time to accomplish that result. The meeting was called for the 7th, day before yesterday, and the primary election will be held on the 20th, less than two weeks later. It would be a physical impossibility to form and execute a plan within that time.

As the Watchman has repeatedly said there is no use in assembling all the Pennsylvania ballot boxes used in the election of last year to determine which of the candidates for Senator was actually and honestly elected. No question has been raised as to the integrity of the vote in any of the counties except Philadelphia, Allegheny, Delaware, Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill. The boxes for Philadelphia, Allegheny and Delaware have already been impounded, the first two in Washington and the other in the court house at Media. Unless sufficient frauds to overcome the majority claimed for Vare in those six counties is shown there can be no chance for declaring the election of Mr. Wilson.

Probably Senator Jim Reed's purpose was to laugh Dave Reed's smoke screen out of court. He may have imagined that by revealing the absurdity of impounding the ballot boxes of sixty counties in which there is not even a shadow of suspicion that Senator Watson would be shamed into withdrawing the request of the committee on Privileges and Elections to waste money and energy in such wanton manner. In partisan matters Senator Watson can't be shamed. He knows the purpose of the call for all the boxes was to defeat an investigation of the frauds in the six counties where it is not a question of suspicion, but a matter of actual knowledge, that frauds were perpetrated, and hopes to prevent the exposure.

—In the elections in Turkey, the other day, the Kemal delegates won. Kemal had appointed all the candidates for all the parties. He has just a shade the better of Bill Vare in politics.

Worthy Effort to Save Life.

The American Bar association, in session at Buffalo, last week, started a movement which ought to, and probably will, meet with universal approval. Its purpose is to decrease, if not entirely prevent, the "loss of lives in unworthy" air ships. A resolution was introduced by Chester W. Cutler, of New York, chairman of the association's air law committee, which "pledged members of the association to urge Congress to pass legislation extending the powers of the Secretary of Commerce to include regulation of such flights." Under existing law his authority to regulate is limited to aircraft engaged in, or operated for, commercial enterprises.

In support of his resolution, which was unanimously adopted, Mr. Cutler stated that during recent transoceanic flights twenty-five lives have been lost, if all reported missing are dead. This is altogether too high a toll on human life for carelessness or inefficiency in enterprises of doubtful value. In so far as the operations have contributed to the development of the science of aviation they are worth some sacrifices. The army and navy enterprises may have been worth-while, for they were in the nature of experiments for useful purposes. But most of them, for example the venture of Mr. Levine and that of the Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim, had no higher purpose than personal ambition.

The same may be said of the recent competitive flight from California to Hawaii and the venture from Brunswick, Georgia, to Brazil. It is difficult to imagine any real value from such enterprises yet they enlist public interest and human sympathy goes out freely and properly to the victims of failure. If there can be devised a plan by which the Secretary of Commerce or some other agent of government may exercise authority to prevent adventurous fools from attempting hazardous flights in inadequately equipped machines it will meet with popular approval. Such ventures may be polite methods of committing suicide but even at that they ought to be discouraged.

—The week-end automobile death rate continues to increase and the reckless driving is to blame as usual.

Enveloping Hughes in Mystery.

Mr. Charles E. Hughes, former Governor of New York, former Justice of the Supreme court, former candidate for President and now the leading corporation lawyer of the country, returned from Europe, on Monday, and promptly registered as among those who believe Mr. Coolidge's "do not choose" declaration was an electioneering gesture. Mr. Hughes had been widely considered as a probable candidate for the nomination in the event that Coolidge is really out of the race and was promptly sounded on the subject upon his arrival in New York. His reply was: "I think President Coolidge will be renominated and re-elected. I do not think it is necessary to say anything more than I have already said."

Strangely enough the political experts in Washington, according to the newspaper correspondents, interpret this as meaning that in the event that Coolidge is not a candidate Mr. Hughes is willing to answer his party's summons. All that he had previously said was that in 1929 he would be too old and it is not easy to see how that can be construed as expressing a willingness to run. Still these experts have various ways of constructing opinions and approaching conclusions. They have differed widely in interpreting the Coolidge curiously worded message to the public on the subject, and may have reasons unknown to the average mind for enveloping the Hughes statement in mystery.

It is of great importance to Mr. Hughes' corporate clients that the next President is in full sympathy with their methods and purposes. Mr. Coolidge is entirely satisfactory to them, and at the time Mr. Hughes referred to his age handicap he was generally understood and fully believed that Mr. Coolidge would be renominated. But in the event that he actually means to retire there is no other man in the entire list of "Barkuses" who would meet the requirements as completely as Mr. Hughes. He is by nature educated and by environment the type of man the corporate interests could depend on to continue the policies through which Mr. Coolidge has made the corporate managers masters of the government.

—The Boston professor who will ed \$10,000 to remain in trust and accumulate interest for 100 years gave little comfort and less help to the present generation.

Sad Situation for the Machine.

On the morning of the first registration day in Philadelphia one hundred of the division registrars refused to enter upon the duties of the office for which they had just a short time before been appointed. All these men probably went to considerable trouble and possibly some expense to secure the appointments. The ten dollars a day compensation for the service would have "come in handy" to most of them after the comparatively light labor involved in the brief service. But without reason or explanation they declined to take the oath of office and the risk, and put the Registration Commission to the trouble of securing substitutes.

But even in the absence of explanation the reasons for the surprising action are obvious. These minor officials were placed literally "between the devil and the deep sea." The chairman of the board of Registration Commissioners and the district attorney of Philadelphia had only a few days previously, issued a warning that every violator of the law governing the process of registration would be prosecuted and punished, and the timid registrars knew that Mr. Brennan and Mr. Fox meant business. On the other hand the Vare machine had them named on an implied condition that the registration would be padded as usual and that disappointment of expectations along those lines would be severely punished.

So there they stood within the shadow of an uncertain but condign punishment whether they did right or wrong. It was a case of "heads I win and tails you lose," and they imagined there might be immunity in dodging and dodged. It is true they have escaped the penalty of violating the law because there is no punishment for declining such public service. But they have lost the reward the machine pays generously for registering dead men and dogs in order that crooks may subsequently stuff the ballot boxes with fraudulent votes. It is a sad situation for the machine and the crooks and has fooled nobody. A blind man can see why they refused to serve and honest men will vote against the machine because of it.

—Whatever euphemistic name the veterinarians adopt a good many people will still call them horse doctors.

Various Forms of Slavery.

Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin and a graceful writer on subjects of human interest, recently said, "the average school boy probably thinks of slavery as a thing that disappeared when Lincoln signed the proclamation of emancipation. But a recent survey made by the slavery commission of the League of Nations uncovered the fact that there are still about 500,000,000 human beings in bondage here and there throughout the world." He adds that slavery exists in twenty countries, two millions in Abyssinia and two millions in China, the balance being in various other parts of the world. A considerable number have been freed since the world war and the good work is still going on.

These slaves are held in bondage as the negro slaves were held in the Southern States before the Civil war but, Dr. Frank says, "there are less obvious but highly objectionable forms of slavery at the present time, and even in the United States. We have slaves to illiteracy, we have slaves to bad heredity, we have slaves to bad environment, we have slaves to soul-killing routine, we have slaves to preventable accidents in industry," and he continues, "we have slaves to preventable diseases." All these forms of slavery "cry aloud for emancipation no less than the slaves in Africa." They are with us and shame us but no concerted or adequate effort has been made thus far to remove them.

There is another form of slavery, much too common in this country and especially in this State, quite as obvious and even more odious than that in China and Abyssinia. It is the slavery to the political boss, which Dr. Frank has omitted from his list of evils. Slavery to illiteracy, bad heredity, bad environment, soul-killing routine, preventable accidents and diseases are bad enough, but they reveal none of the atrocities of human bondage so flagrantly as the slavery to the political boss who, like Simon Lagree, slashed his whip over the naked bodies of his victims. That is the supreme evil in American life which challenges the resentment of all fair-minded men and women.

—Half the Democratic National committeemen favor repeal of the two-thirds rule, according to a poll by the New York World, but half is not a majority, and besides it's a matter for the convention to decide.

Loyd Bertaud and John D. Hill Lost in Atlantic Ocean.

Loyd Bertaud and John DeWitt Hill, the two airmen pilots who sailed away from Old Orchard, Maine, on Tuesday morning, on a flight to Rome in their monoplane "Old Glory," carrying with them as a passenger Philip Payne, are down in the great wastes of the Atlantic ocean and there is grave fears that all have perished. An S.O.S. call was sent out by the ship at four o'clock on Wednesday morning, giving its location at about 500 miles off Newfoundland.

A dozen ships plying the sea sped to the assistance of the daring aviators but up to this time have found not even a trace of the ship or men. The fliers had with them a collapsible boat and a supply of flares and rockets, and if they had time to float the boat would be able to survive for several days.

Both Bertaud and Hill are well known in Bellefonte, having piloted airmail planes between New York and Cleveland during the past four or five years, and their many friends here are still hoping that they may be found.

Treating Criminal Insane at Rockview.

A ward has been established at Rockview penitentiary for the treatment of the criminally insane as one of the means of relieving the overcrowded condition at Fairview. Several months ago, when State authorities were confronted with the fact that the Fairview institution was so overcrowded as to render adequate treatment and care of the inmates impossible, arrangements were made to open wards at each of the three penitentiaries in the State and the one at Rockview was established during July.

Dr. Asa Hickok, an eminent psychiatrist, formerly of Fairview, is in charge and at the present time the ward has ten patients, or inmates, although it has a total capacity of forty. Dr. Hickok is an enthusiast in his profession and is strong in his belief that a certain form of insanity, and if the man or woman can be cured of insanity he or she will lose their criminal instincts and habits. And it is to this end that he is devoting his life's work.

—Subscribe for the Watchman.

One Dollar in 500 Years.

From the Pittsburgh Post.  
A Michigan man has deposited one dollar in a bank, directing that it be kept at compound interest 500 years and the total then be distributed to his male descendants. Bankers calculated that at three per cent, the fund will be \$2,900,000.

Some calculating may be done on the other side. It is possible that in the year 2,427 the founder may have 100,000 male descendants, in which case each will receive \$29, less administration costs. The fund may amount to less, or more; the descendants may exceed 100,000, or fall far below.

Benjamin Franklin in his will left the tons of Boston and Philadelphia one thousand pounds each. He directed them to "let out the same upon interest at five per cent, per annum to such young married artificers, under the age of 25, as have served an apprenticeship. . . . so as to obtain a good moral character from at least two respectable citizens, who are willing to become their sureties . . . for the repayment of the monies so lent, with interest." In 100 years, Franklin calculated, each fund would amount to 131,000 pounds. Nothing of the kind happened. Boston's fund contained \$391,000 in 1891, Philadelphia's less than \$100,000. If Franklin had been ambitious to establish a great family it would interest him now to know that no descendant bears his name.

In a letter written a short time before his death Franklin wrote the last words on this subject: "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."

Food Handler Arrested at Grange Fair.

Bernard Wolfe, of Lockport, Maine, a food handler, operating a concession at the Grange fair, in Centre Hall, during the encampment was arrested by state health officer J. L. Tressel, Bellefonte, who was on duty in Centre county. Information was made by Mr. D. W. Miller, state health inspector from the Harrisburg office before Squire Cyrus Brungard, of Centre Hall. The violator was selling "Aunt Priscilla Fudge" and the evidence in the case was to the effect that Wolfe was warned by Mr. Miller, at the Lewistown fair several weeks ago to "protect his food from flies and dust" as required by the health law. On August 29, he was also warned by Mr. Tressel while making a sanitary inspection of his stand, to properly protect his food stuff as required by the health law. On the 31st of August a reinspection was made by the state inspectors Miller and Tressel and Wolfe was again warned to abide by the law and was threatened with arrest if he did not heed the numerous warnings. At noon the insubordinate condition still existed and it was at this time that he was arrested and taken to Centre Hall.

At the hearing he entered a plea of guilty and was released upon the payment of \$15 fine and costs and with a severe reprimand by the Justice. This case should serve as a lesson to all food handlers in Pennsylvania.  
There were 126 good handlers on the fair grounds and 50 eating stands were inspected by the state health inspectors. An increase of 33 employees and 16 stands over that of last year. All food handlers were equipped with health certificates as required by the health law.

Bellefonte Troopers at Altoona Horse Show.

A half dozen or more members of the headquarters troop and Troop B, 52nd machine gun squadron, of Bellefonte, attended the horse show, held in Altoona on Sunday. In the riding contests Lieut. C. W. Roberts, of the headquarters troop, took first prize. In the enlisted men's jumping contest H. T. Howard, of Bellefonte, won first prize, T. J. Garbrick second and P. Fanning third. The show was in charge of Major H. Laird Curtin, president of the association.

—In Labor Day addresses to members of the organization officials of the American Federation of Labor urge support of candidates who are friendly to labor interests.

When it comes down to staging big fights Centre county will put on one on the 20th that will make the affair in Chicago, two days later, look like a pink tea.

—If it be true that Mrs. Eddy has been born again and is now twelve years old there is no telling what will happen to the spiritual life in the future.

—Henry Ford is threatened with new trouble. Mme. Schwimmer demands that he absolve her of blame for the failure of the peace expedition.

—The Philadelphia bandits who took the shoes off their victim's feet used their heads as well as their guns.

—It is a happy registration that promises victory to the managers of both parties.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSONE.

—James DeHaas, of Castanea, fell from a coal tippie into Saturday afternoon and fractured his skull.

—Returning as mysteriously as it disappeared, \$1,000 worth of silverware taken from the home of Mrs. Maude Bennett, at Sunbury, three weeks ago was found on the doorstep early last Wednesday morning, ending a widespread search by the police.

—The Bell Telephone Co., of Pennsylvania, has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to acquire the properties of the Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone Co., for \$500,000, and the properties of the Summerville Telephone Co., for \$400,000.

—Returning after spending the summer at their country home, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Campbell found their residence in Tyrone completely ransacked, everything of value being removed. All the silverware and dishes and much of the furniture had been hauled away and the loss amounts to \$8000.

—M. E. Honetter, Mill Hall merchant, left his home Sunday a week ago, stating that he was going to Clearfield to look for work, and has not been heard of since. It is said that he was confronted with a number of outstanding bills which he was unable to collect, and was in financial difficulties.

—Convicted of arson two years ago, George Nchus, of Monessen, on Saturday was sentenced to from five to ten years in the western penitentiary. He walked from the courtroom when his trial closed two years ago and disappeared. State police traced him through many States and last week he was arrested in the West.

—Plunging into water up to his neck, Robert Pegg saved the life of his superior, Master Mechanic Robert Reeves, in the depths of the Pike mine, near Brownsville, Pa., after Reeves had suffered a fractured skull as the result of a bursting cylinder head. Reeves was unconscious when taken from the water, but will recover.

—Land granted Bucknell University promises to be one of the greatest boons ever given the school. Judging from the prices of property near it. Two hundred and fifty acres of land was given the school by Dr. James Schwartz, New York. It lies in the center of a land development near Alexandria, Va., near Washington. It is valued at more than \$500,000.

—Believed to have lost his grip and fallen to the tracks while "riding the rails" an unidentified youth was almost instantly killed while traveling from Lilly to Cresson early Tuesday night. A brown felt hat, carrying the stamp of an Altoona haberdasher, provided the only clue to his identity, and led to the belief that the boy was a resident of that city.

—Becoming angry because Edward O'Hara, a Negro, tried to persuade his sister-in-law to leave a festival with him, Neal Williams, also colored, is alleged to have shot and instantly killed O'Hara at Claysburg, Blair county, Monday night. All parties resided in Roaring Springs. Williams escaped and state and county authorities are searching for him.

—While attempting to hang up a slab of bacon in the butcher shop of Harry M. Beyer, at Pottstown, by whom he is employed, Raymond Reinsnyder ran a large metal hook into his left arm as a box on which he was standing tilted. Fellow-workmen went to his assistance as he hung in midair, suspended by the hook. The flesh of his arm was horribly mangled.

—A resourceful Pittsburgh bride-elect last week refused to permit the arrest of her prospective husband to interfere with her wedding plans. A few hours before his scheduled march to the altar, Stanley Folick was taken to a police station, charged with the theft of \$95. As the hour for the ceremony approached, the bride rushed into the police station and obtained Folick's release by depositing \$120 for his appearance at a hearing the next day. She already had the license.

—Philadelphia's gold rush is over. After four days of diligent digging along the Parkway, where earth excavated from a building operation has been dumped, the gold mine has petered out. In the four-day period of the rush, the hundreds of men, women and children who swarmed over the shifting mass of earth and debris in sunshine and in storm found gold coins in denominations of \$20, \$10 and \$5, amounting in all to about \$5,000. Some of the golden discs were minted by the United States as far back as 1836.

—A new high record for week-end travel over the Delaware river bridge was recorded at the bridge commission office in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, when the toll collectors' reports showed that during the three day Labor day holiday, 135,051 vehicles crossed the span for which \$33,746 was collected in tolls. Monday's travel was 50,995 vehicles, which paid \$12,999 in tolls. The peak of the homeward travel from seashore points was reached between 9 and 10 p. m., when motor cars crossed at the rate of 93 a minute.

—On the verge of collapse because her youthful husband is said to have refused to see her, Mrs. Grant Young, 24, pretty Northumberland matron, is in the county jail at Sunbury after being returned from Baltimore where police said she confessed to forging \$24 in checks. Baltimore police said Mrs. Young walked into the city hall there and said she was "tired being hunted." She had been sought in four States for the past several months. Taken back to Sunbury, she fainted in her cell when told her husband had refused to see her.

—Frank Thompson, occupant of the chair of electricity at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., fell from a third story window in the rear of the Coleman Hotel, Lewistown, Pa., at noon on Sunday, and died before medical aid could reach him. He was born at Milroy 57 years ago, a son of Rev. Samuel Thompson, a Presbyterian minister, was graduated from Princeton in 1924 and was a frequent visitor in Lewistown, the guest of his cousin, Andrew Thompson, of the Thompson Knitting Mills. He went to Lewistown on August 29 for a two weeks' vacation.

—The First Methodist congregation at Bloomsburg has fixed September 18 for the dedication of the new church school building, erected at a cost of \$60,000. Bishop McDowell and District Superintendent Swartz will be the speakers at the dedication services and on the three days preceding. Rev. Dr. E. R. Heckman, of Clearfield; Rev. Dr. A. L. Miller, of Lewistown, and Rev. C. W. Wasson, of Altoona, former pastors of the church, will be the other speakers. The new building will house the Sunday school and recreational and social activities of the congregation, which is the largest in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, with nearly 1500 members.