

INK SLINGS.

—Vote for "Dep" Dunlap, the clean, upstanding young ex-soldier for Sheriff of Centre county.

—Frank Boal would make a good Register for Centre county. Why not elect him?

—Every time we refer to the vote cast at the primaries it convinces us the more that there was a Fleming—Wilkinson—Holtzworth combination.

—God, how proud broad minded people should be if Centre county would overwhelmingly rebuke aspirants for office who personally or through their workers, attempt to drag religion into politics.

—Dr. Parrish guarantees that he will see to it that if he is elected a Commissioner that the taxpayers of the county will get one hundred cents in service for every dollar of public money that is spent. The doctor has been in business long enough to know just exactly what that means and we know that he has been successful enough in managing his own business to make a very profitable manager for that of the county.

—If Mr. Wilkinson really is the only man in Centre county who is capable of being Prothonotary we're in a helluva fix. He can't live forever—and what are we going to do when the Grim Reaper cuts the versatile Roy down. Old Charon is going to pilot him over the Styx, some day, just as sure as the Yank's won the world's series. What are we going to do then? Don't let us wait for the awful day. Let us start training a substitute. Let us put Claude Herr in the office and see how near he can come to taking this super—Prothonotary's place.

—The person who signs himself manager of "Richelieu Theatre Co." is among others who are trying to make us believe they are putting Bellefonte on the map. We are not supposed to know, but everybody but this person does, that it was only because Bellefonte stood out big on the map that they found their way here. We have always been told that fish is good brain food, but we don't think there are enough suckers in this vicinity to stimulate Mr. Richelieu's gray matter to the point of understanding that "knocking" on "Toner's bologna" isn't going to make the sucker business any better.

—Howard Holtzworth is still sticking to the idea that it is lawful to step from the Commissioners' office into that of County Treasurer. The act of 1841 says it isn't. However that may be Howard is probably figuring it this way: If I am elected and my right to a commission is successfully challenged I still have the chance that if my friend Fleming is elected Judge ne will appoint me to fill the vacancy caused by my elective ineligibility. Punch that theory full of holes, you lawyers. It's just as good law as the advice that has been given to Howard that he doesn't come under the act of 1841 because he was appointed to his present office and not elected.

—We know that the Patriotic Sons of America in Centre county are being played up to by certain candidates for office who are really only after their votes. The Order is old enough to have learned from experience that the motives of those who join it only after they have developed an ambition to get a political office are not patriotism. We don't care who he is, any man who has lived in a community long enough to feel that he has a chance to be elected to office and then joins a fraternity on the eve of his candidacy, is worth watching. We have known many "joiners" in our days. Most of them have been sickeningly loyal brothers until the election is over and then—?

—In Pittsburgh it is openly charged that one hundred thousand dollars was offered as an inducement to a candidate if he would get out of the way of a machine aspirant for the same office whose candidacy was imperiled. In Philadelphia J. Hampton Moore, who is a Republican and the Independent Republicans nominee for mayor of that city, says that he was offered a big bribe to quit. Who are offering these stupendous sums? Why are they offering them? It's the machine. What is the machine? It isn't real Republicanism. It isn't real Democracy. It is a parasitic growth conceived in the minds of rich men who want power and reared by those who are willing to be their tools. Tuesday, November 8, will be the day when Centre county can throw a monkey wrench into the machine.

—Have you seen "Metropolis," the movie idea of what the world might be a thousand years from now? If you have, you will understand what John Mastermen typified. He was the character who, by force of ambition and money, had subjugated a great city to the degree of subservience that his wink or nod meant life or death, sunshine or sorrow to everyone in it. He was the Boss, the arbiter of the destiny of every creature in the community over which he had gained control. To be sure, the picture is only an allegory, but it preaches a serious sermon. In Centre county, today, the question isn't nearly as serious as to whether its new officials are to be Democrats or Republicans as it is as to whether our voters are going to play into the hands of a would be John Mastermen.

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Corrupt Politics at Both Ends.

It has been alleged that an independent candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Allegheny county was offered \$100,000 if he would withdraw from the contest. The statement, which is supported by three or four credible witnesses, is that the offer was made by an official of the internal revenue service, an emissary of the Mellon machine. Mr. J. Hampton Moore, the independent candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, has publicly declared that he was offered a substantial bribe by an agent of the Vane machine if he would withdraw from the contest in that city. Thus the Mellon-Vane partnership is working at both ends of the State to control the elections by corrupt methods.

The salary of a County Commissioner in counties of the class in which Allegheny county is listed is about \$8000 a year, and the remuneration for a full term is \$32,000. If the Mellon machine is willing to pay \$100,000 for a practical guarantee that its slated candidates will be elected it must have some sinister plans in mind to make its books balance. The Mellon candidates for the office have denied personal responsibility for the offer and demanded the name of the person who made it. This demand was promptly complied with and the testimony of the witnesses who heard it published. But nothing has been done since to refute the statement or punish the official charged with the crime.

The independent candidate who was thus corruptly approached is the present County Controller, having been appointed to that important office by Governor Pinchot several years ago. He has repeatedly accused the County Commissioners of extravagance and waste, totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars. The anxiety of the Mellon machine to prevent his election to the office of County Commissioner is plainly evident in this corrupt offer of a competency for life in order that the extravagance and waste may be continued indefinitely in the future. If the voters of Allegheny county are true to their obligations as citizens, Mr. McGovern will be elected by an overwhelming majority.

—Press "agencing" is attracting distinguished votaries. President Coolidge is performing the service for Secretary Mellon and Governor Fisher for Congressman Vane.

Election Officers Convicted.

In congratulating assistant district attorney Park, who conducted the prosecution, on the conviction of three election crooks in the Allegheny county court, former U. S. district attorney E. Lowery Humes said, "these convictions represent a splendid start. They will throw a fear into the hearts of dishonest election officials and form the best guarantee, after a long period of fraudulent elections, of cleaner elections in the future." The defendants were Charles Golden, J. W. Bolster and Mrs. Anna Conklin, who were members of the election board at the 1926 primary election which dumped the ballots into a sewer to prevent a recount after a charge of fraud.

Golden is a captain in the fire department of the city of Pittsburgh and chairman of the Republican Ward committee, and Mrs. Conklin a clerk on the board. The judge of the election, J. A. Miller and Charles Carr, the other clerk, have not been arrested thus far and John Downey, the other inspector, was the principal witness for the prosecution. The defense was that the absent judge did the crooked work but the evidence revealed the fact that Golden was the "boss of the job." The penalty is a fine of \$500 and imprisonment not to exceed three years. The jury recommended mercy for Mrs. Conklin, who appears to have been a rather reluctant participant in the crime.

Strangely enough this flagrant violation of law did not occur in a "strip" where such methods of conducting elections have been the rule for many years. But it was the more alarming on that account. In previous elections the fraudulent practices were confined to a small part of the city. But in the primary campaign of 1926, both in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, corrupt methods were extended to districts which had previously been regarded as independent and conservative. Obviously the purpose of the machine was to corrupt the vote of both cities in all parts, thus making more certain machine control of the vote of the State. It is to be hoped Major Humes' prediction will be verified.

—Trans-oceanic flying females enlist wide public interest but are liable to make people "tired."

Let Us Have a Non-Partisan Judiciary.

Of all the offices that are filled by the suffrage of the people the one that should be associated least with partisan politics is that of Judge.

As we have said so often about county officials; there isn't one of them who has the slightest legislative function that could effect the fundamental principles of any of the great parties. In their official capacity there is no party platform, no policy, nothing they can do that would uphold or tear down the tenets of either Democracy or Republicanism. Everyone of them, from the Judge down to the Auditor, has to do solely with affairs as they are found in Centre county and no where else. The only possible way this statement might be distorted into even a slight deviation from the fact is through admission that the newly elected judge becomes the titular head of his party's organization, if he chooses to do so.

The traditions of the law itself are against partisanship in the Judiciary. Partisanship means partiality and partiality is akin to favoritism and all of them contribute to the defeat of justice.

Notwithstanding this self evident truth the exigencies of machine politics never have and possibly never will cease their attempts to grasp for this exalted position through the plea of party loyalty and party regularity. And what for?

The machine doesn't care a baubee about the qualifications of the candidate it attempts to elect. All it wants is a friend in the office. That accomplished, it works subtly to get the rest. Its candidates may be eminently good or notoriously bad. That depends on its psycho-analysis of the public temper at the moment.

No one can say that the late Samuel W. Pennypacker was not a good man. It is a matter of political knowledge that a machine threatened with destruction by an outraged and indignant Commonwealth set him up as its candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania and elected him for no other reason than that the people knew he was a good man. What happened then? The State bowed its head in shame as news of the Capitol building scandal was spread over the land.

That, as well as the many others that have followed it, was the contribution of machine politics to the record of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. Yet the Republican party was not in sympathy with it. It should be held to accountability only for its negligence in having permitted its organization to fall into the hands of men who had no ideals. Nothing but lust for power and plunder.

We are not wandering from our suggestion that we have a non-partisan judiciary in Centre county. We are only trying to bring home to you the danger that lurks in it before we ask you again to cast it aside in choosing your local officials.

Bellefonte, long ago, discovered that a councilman who happened to be a Democrat, couldn't destroy the tariff and empty the full dinner pail, so it discarded partisanship in its local elections and who will say that we haven't been the better for it?

This would not have been so, however, had their been any borough offices fat enough to have furnished grease to keep the wheels of a machine turning. Were there enough in the offices of our town to make it worth while, just as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow, there would be a machine attempting to lash the dominant Republican electorate into line with the false plea of party loyalty and regularity.

Morally, mentally and physically, man for man, the candidates on the Democratic ticket are the equals of those on the Republican ticket. Indeed, in some instances, they are notably superior. With such a condition why should you let partisanship guide your pencil when you mark your ballot on Nov. 8.

It is not only proper to discard partisan feeling when one visits the polls on election day. It is often a patriotic duty.

We believe that the zero hour for those who will respond to duty's call has arrived in Centre county. No matter how honorable Mr. Fleming may be; no matter how learned he is in the law; he is not more so in either than Samuel W. Pennypacker and there is a machine in the offing that ought to be wrecked before the tentacles of the Philadelphia octopus wiggle up into Centre county.

Keep in mind the fact that we are not striking at Mr. Fleming. He might be as guiltless as the sage of Wetzel's swamp who was so busy chasing butterflies that he didn't see the machine grinding millions in plunder out of the State Treasury. We are only suggesting that it might be wise to keep partisan politics out of the election of local officials, especially so in the selection of a Judge who is to sit in judgment of all the people, no matter what their politics, their nationality, their color or their creed may be.

Philipsburg Journal Pays Tribute to Dr. Parrish.

In its issue of Oct. 5, the Daily Journal of Philipsburg made the following complimentary reference to the candidacy of Dr. C. M. Parrish for the office of County Commissioner. "C. M. Parrish, business man of Bellefonte and one of the Democratic nominees for County Commissioner, was a caller at the Journal office this afternoon. He is friendly, sensible and apparently possesses sound judgment, and if elected would doubtless prove a valuable member of the board that has disposal of the people's taxes. With his pleasing personality Mr. Parrish is sure to make many friends during the campaign."

—We notice that the Gazette, last week, challenged the accuracy of our statement that the Prothonotary's office pays approximately seven thousand dollars a year. If the Gazette can prove to us that we were in error we shall be glad to revise our belief that Mr. Wilkinson has already taken down fifty thousand dollars in emoluments and has been very well served. We based our statement on the opinion of two attorneys who examined the records in his office, checked up the fees that he had charged and agreed that they are even in excess of the amount. We have been told that Mr. Wilkinson, himself, has said that the office is good for nine thousand a year. While we know that Roy is a very glib gentleman—almost we regard him as a personal competitor in that respect—we can't believe him to have been silly enough to have revealed a goose that is laying such golden eggs.

—It is gratifying to be able to announce that Princess Ileana, of Rumania, has not eloped with a naval lieutenant or anybody else.

Charles P. Long Will Not Run as an Independent.

Charles P. Long, of Spring Mills, Pa., who was a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer on the Republican ticket at the primaries, held September 20th, wishes to express his thanks to those who supported his candidacy and voted for him. Mr. Long, it has been rumored, would be an independent candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the coming election to be held November 8th, but when interviewed by the writer states that he will not be a candidate for this office at that time.

—Ordinarily a candidate for office is content with claiming a favorite son's share of the vote in only one home town. Not so with Mr. Fleming. He claims two, both Philipsburg and Bellefonte.

—The "balance" of export trade for September was the greatest ever but when the rest of Europe adopts the French tariff system the record will be different.

—Senator Borah no longer wishes "to be placed in the attitude of criticizing the State Department." The President has probably hypnotized the Idaho Warwick.

—The Mexican system of shooting opposition candidates reveals less finesse than the methods used in the "neck" of Philadelphia and the "strip" in Pittsburgh.

—Speaking of glass house dwellers the New York World admonishes young Roosevelt against throwing stones.

December Court Session Changed to Suit Deer Hunters.

Judge James C. Furst, who loves to follow the trail of the wild and go gunning for small game and deer, has taken compassion on the hunters of Centre county and issued a decree changing the date of the December term of court so that it will not conflict with their sport. Heretofore the court term has begun on the second Monday in December but the court's decree makes the date the third Tuesday. The decree is as follows:

In the matter of changing the time for the meeting of the grand jury and the regular December term of court for the year 1927, only.

And now, to wit, October 20, 1927, it appearing to the Court that a large number of those men who would ordinarily be drawn for jury duty at the December term of court would desire to go to the woods for the deer season, which runs from December 1st to December 15th, and because of the fact that those men look forward throughout the entire year to their annual vacation to be spent in this way, it seems like an imposition to deprive those persons of the pleasure and benefit they receive from their annual outing, and on the other hand it seems unfair to the Commonwealth and to the litigants to try cases before juries from which men of the type who go to the woods are stricken off by excuses.

Under the regular rules the grand jury would meet on December 5th, the traverse jury for the quarter sessions on December 12th, followed by civil term of court on December 19th.

The Court has concluded to make a change for this particular term as follows: The grand jury is directed to convene at 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, December 19th; the traverse jury called for the regular meeting of the quarter sessions court will appear on Tuesday, December 20th, at 1:30 p. m. The traverse jury called for the civil week of court will appear on Tuesday, December 27th, at 10:30 a. m. This order shall not effect the regular standing order for the calling of the regular terms of court.

By the Court.
JAMES C. FURST, J. J.

Game Commission Will Not Kill Does Unless Requested.

Hunters all over the State are up in arms against the proposition of the State Game Commission to send expert marksmen into the woods to kill off the surplus does, but according to game protector Thomas G. Mosier the purpose of the Commission is very much misunderstood. It is not the intention to send out the marksmen willy nilly and have them kill off the deer promiscuously.

The Commission has issued a small card on which is asked the questions: "Are the deer doing excessive damage to your crops? Do you want the Game Commission to send men to kill them or do you not?"

These cards have been distributed among the farmers and property owners adjacent to the mountains, where the deer are the most prolific. To date two hundred of these cards have been filled out by Centre county farmers and returned to the game wardens, and only one of the number has asked that men be sent to kill the deer. That one is a Mr. McKivison, living near Pennsylvania Furnace, in Ferguson township. All the others state positively that they don't want the deer killed.

In this connection it might be stated that some of the land owners on the Seven mountains are putting up "No Trespass" signs as a means of thwarting the Game Commission's purpose to kill the does, but this is really an unnecessary precaution, as men won't be sent to kill the deer unless they are requested.

Game protector Mosier believes, however, that five thousand does could be killed in Centre county and not affect the hunting at all. During the past week he, accompanied by Joe Campani, took a drive through the wilds of the Seven mountains, going in at Walter Gheritty's and coming out at Colyer, and on the trip counted 216 deer. The biggest herd they saw contained 27 deer.

—The Bishop of London, addressing American Legionnaires, asks that American children be taught to love rather than hate England. His idea might take better if it were made reciprocal.

—A convention of aviators will be held in Washington in December to consider means of promoting commercial aviation. A plan to decrease the number of fatalities ought to be part of the agenda.

—The number of prisoners in custody has increased thirty-four per cent. in four years. The number of bootleggers has probably increased in greater ratio.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Four men and two women are being held in Pittsburgh by Federal authorities investigating an alleged counterfeiting ring which has flooded Pennsylvania and Ohio, with spurious \$20 bills raised from \$5 bills.

—Mrs. Jacob Kanagy died at the Lewis-town hospital on Sunday, from a fracture of the skull sustained a few hours earlier when she fell down the cellar stairs at the home of Rev. Hess in Belleville, where she was a guest for the day. Mrs. Kanagy opened the cellar door in error, believing it to be the door to an adjoining room.

—Mrs. Hannah Holmes, of Lansford, Pa., last Friday celebrated the arrival of her forty-third grandchild, a daughter having been born that morning to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Granger, of Singtown. Mrs. Holmes, widow of the late John Holmes, mothered five sons and five daughters, all of whom have followed her example in rearing large families.

—Alfred B. Bowe, who was removed as post-master of Port Carbon last week, surrendered to the authorities when he learned a warrant was out for his arrest, and on Monday was held in \$1000 bail. There was a shortage of \$1800 in his accounts, but this has been made good by friends. Edward Beddall, of Port Carbon, was appointed acting postmaster.

—E. C. A. Moyer, a Norristown lawyer and real estate operator, and his stenographer, Isabel Thomas, 23, 103 West Wood street, Norristown, were publicly horse-whipped on the street by Moyer's wife last Saturday night. Mrs. Moyer had previously bought the horse-whip from a Norristown harness dealer, and several passers-by witnessed the flogging.

—George Bell, aged 15 years, of Tuscarora, can thank football for the removal of a .22 caliber bullet from his head, where he carried it for nine years. When six years old a playmate shot Bell in the forehead and the ball could not be found. In a football game he was bumped and a lump appeared over the right eye. A doctor who lanced it found the bullet inside.

—Arthur R. Thompson, of Middletown, on Tuesday paid a fine of \$7.50 for playing football on Sunday in violation of Pennsylvania's blue laws. He announced that another game between Middletown and the Ephrata Yellow-jackets would be played next Sunday at the Middletown aviation field, which is Federal property. If Dauphin county officials have jurisdiction over the field no more games will be played, he said.

—One workman was killed and two others hurt when a five ton radiator they were moving fell in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church at Greensburg, on Friday. Robert B. Sweltz was caught under the radiator and crushed to death. Charles E. Altman narrowly escaped death. Although pinned beneath the apparatus he suffered only from shock. John Carroll, the third workman, suffered lacerations.

—Three members of Homestead borough council and two other men enroute for the Atlanta penitentiary on Tuesday to serve sentences imposed in the Homestead liquor conspiracy case. The three councilmen, president Edwin Kline, John Richards and James L. Oates, are to serve one year each and their codefendants, Joseph Frank and Sam Stein, are under sentence of fifteen months each. Two other Councilmen convicted took appeals.

—H. H. Spayd, of Minersville, Pa., former department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, died on Thursday night in a hospital at Washington, D. C., where he had been taken after collapsing on the speakers' stand with President Coolidge at the dedication of the General Meade monument. He was taken ill while speaking, but insisted upon continuing until he was prevailed upon to stop when in a state of collapse. He once was a prominent educator in Schuylkill county.

—Several hours after she had been stricken suddenly with a heart attack, the body of Mrs. John Hillpot, Lansdale, was found on the steps of a Columbia avenue house, a block from her home, on Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock. She attended a masquerade party at St. John's Reformed church on Monday evening and started for her home alone. When she failed to appear at midnight Hillpot became alarmed, a searching party was formed and the entire borough was covered. About 3 a. m. her body was found at the home of Isaac Trumbauer, No. 631 Columbia avenue. A physician said death had been due to heart disease.

—After camping in an auto for three days along the Slatingsville pike, several miles from Allentown, George Rado, a tramp-like Frenchman, was taken to police headquarters in Allentown, on Monday and detained for the night. On being searched prior to a hearing he was found to possess \$400 in cash, \$800 in good checks and \$32,000 in bonds. Owner's card and driver's license showed that the auto is the property of Rado, and a receipted bill proved that he had bought the machine several days ago for \$1350 in cash. It developed that he had worked as a laborer in and about the city during the summer and was looking for a pick and shovel job when suspicion was aroused.

—Two perfect bridge hands and two other bridge hands lacking but one card each of being perfect were dealt at one table in a game at Bloomsburg, one evening last week. The players were so excited they exposed their hands and did not play them. Mr. and Mrs. Richard White and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McHenry had been playing about an hour when the incident occurred. The cards had been well shuffled prior to the deal. McHenry received 13 spades, White 13 hearts, Mrs. McHenry 12 clubs and one diamond and Mrs. White 12 diamonds and one club. With a perfect hand held only once in some millions of times, it is figured such an incident could occur only about once in a century.

—Because she repeatedly refused to pay her 1926 school tax, amounting to \$5.25, Mrs. Lillian Reed, Amagh Township, Mifflin county, must remain in the Mifflin county jail until the tax and costs of \$4.40 are paid, President Judge Bailey, of the Mifflin county court, ruled on Saturday. Mrs. Reed spent two days in the county jail about two years ago, when she refused to pay the tax. Last month Mrs. Reed again was arrested and after spending three days in jail was released pending a decision in her case. The woman has made no attempt to get bail and is said to regard the matter as an attempt to gain a decision exempting housewives from paying this tax. Her husband has taken no action in the case.