

INK SLINGS.

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—Vote for Boal for Register.
—Vote for Herr for Prothonotary.
—Vote for Smith for County Treasurer.

—Former Secretary Fall protests his innocence but vehemently objects to evidence on the subject.

—Three men were arrested in Bristol, the other day, for stealing soap. It may be safely said they were not hobos.

—A vote for Dunlap for Sheriff would be a nice way to tell an overseas veteran how much you appreciate what he did for you in 1917 and 1918.

—Senator Curtis, of Kansas, enjoys the distinction of being the best poker player in Congress. But there are other essential qualifications for President.

—It is rumored that Mrs. Pinchot will be a candidate for Senator against Dave Reed next year. Cornelia is "red headed and hopeful," as well as a vigorous fighter.

—Mayor Kendrick has agreed to "be good" until after the election, which goes a long way toward convincing the public that what has been said about him is true.

—Secretary Mellon is positive that the revenue surplus next year will not exceed \$250,000,000. But his previous guesses on the subject were so wide of the mark that little confidence is placed in his opinion.

—If Phillipsburg is going to give Mr. Fleming such a terrific complementary vote would it be out of the way for Bellefonte to pay Mr. Walker a like compliment. He has lived a very honorable life here and certainly he has done as much for our town as Mr. Fleming has done for his.

—If you think that Mr. Wilkinson should have eighty four thousand dollars worth of county offices before any one else has a look in vote for him. Claude Herr is quite as capable of filling the office as Roy is and the voters of Centre county have refused to give a third term to many who have had much more right to it than he has.

—Don't forget that Lyman Smith is the only candidate for County Treasurer whose election might save the county piles of money because of the legal complications that involve his competitor's candidacy. Lyman, if defeated, won't challenge Mr. Holtzworth's lawful right to serve. Lyman isn't that kind of a fellow. Those with business with the Treasurer's office will want to know whether his signature makes licenses, land deeds and sundry other papers legal.

—We have it from authority that is pretty close to Governor Fisher that he was very much pleased at the vote State College gave Judge Furst at the primary election. The Governor might not be displeased if the voters of State College were to show their gratitude for what he has done for them by giving Mr. Fleming a little set-back. They should keep in mind that Governor Fisher, not Senator Scott, will say what the Pennsylvania State College is to have in the next appropriation bill.

—Latest reports are to the effect that the gang is on the run. The county has wakened up and discovered what the Scott-Fleming-Holtzworth-Wilkinson combination is trying to put over on it. There is a split of resentment everywhere. Thousands of Republicans are refusing to take orders because they know what will happen if they do. They are going to vote the Democratic ticket in preference to helping bring about a victory for the gang that will make them eat out of its hand if it wins.

—Do you know Claude Herr, candidate for Prothonotary? If you don't, ask somebody who does what kind of a man he is. He is one of the cleanest, christian gentlemen we have ever known. His life, from boyhood to the present moment, will stand the most critical investigation. He has never held a political office, but he's splendidly qualified for any that he might aspire to. We are sure that he would make just as good a Prothonotary as Mr. Wilkinson thinks he has been and that would be some Prothonotary.

—We are wondering how many and who will be at the "Massing Meeting" advertised for Bellefonte tonight. The Republicans of the county haven't been massing very massingly at the meetings the gang has been holding. We note that the Hon. J. Mitchell Chase is to be the principal speaker. Of course our Congressman will give a good account of himself, but he's from Clearfield county and if memory serves us right the Fleming people started an awful "ballyhoo" about outside interference when some lawyers in Clinton and Elk told, before the primary, how ably Judge Furst had presided in their courts. Our Representative, the Hon. Holmes, is also scheduled to address the crowd, and right here is where we want to go on record as having said something nice about the Hon. He can make a political speech and there are few in Centre county who can. John Laird started spouting in Krumrine's school house and he was brought up on the idea that so many lawyers have that when you've got a weak case the only thing to do is "give the other side hell."

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To Celebrate Colonel Wood's Millions in Contracts.

The "testimonial dinner" for Colonel Eric Fisher Wood which was scheduled at Harrisburg for the evening of November 17, has been postponed for a week and will be held on the 24th of November. The reason given for the postponement is that "the original date conflicted with the celebration of Founders' day at the Philadelphia Union League, which is to be attended by President Coolidge, Governor Fisher and other well known Republican leaders." It is not expected that President Coolidge is anxious to give testimony as to "the good character, conduct and ability" of Colonel Wood but it is certain that Governor Fisher, Mr. Vare, Max Leslie and probably Tom Cunningham desire to be "among those present."

Governor Fisher has great reason for entertaining a high opinion of Colonel Wood's ability as a campaign manager and considerable information as to his efficiency as a "solicitor of official favors." It is generally known that W. M. Mellon, chairman of the party during the campaign of last year, was simply a "figurehead" whose activities were limited to raising the slush fund while Colonel Wood, as chairman of the executive committee, performed the work. Mr. Vare has some reason for feeling grateful to the Colonel also, for though he apologized for supporting Vare for Senator as a man "unfit for the office but a party necessity," he did the best he could to get votes for him.

The postponement of the dinner may be disappointing to some of the "ten dollars a plate" subscribers to the enterprise but they have the comforting assurance that it will be "pulled off" on the date now fixed and it will be a notable event. It is not certain that the speeches will run in the direction of praise of a political leader or appreciation of ability as a "getter." The big majority given Governor Fisher in all parts of the State and carrying three counties for Vare was quite an achievement, but scooping up \$4,000,000 worth of public contracts within a period of less than a year is an extraordinary performance in the line of getting it back. Viewed from any angle Colonel Wood is a "bird."

—Young Roosevelt swears he didn't know Teapot Dome had been leased until two weeks after the event. But he procured from the lessee profitable employment for his brother while the negotiations were pending.

The Magruder Must be Disciplined.

Admiral T. P. Magruder, who for fifteen months has been stationed in Philadelphia as Commandant of the Fourth Naval district, was "distinctly shocked" the other day when he was summarily dismissed from the post by telegraphed order from Washington. He has been in the service of the navy for thirty-six years and received the Distinguished Service medal as second in command of American Naval forces in European waters during the World War. Naturally with such a record he expected to serve out the full four years' tenure of his assignment. But the bureaucrats in the department at Washington appear to be "after his scalp" and even denied him the usual courtesy of communicating by mail.

Admiral Magruder had recently written and published in one of the popular magazines an article mildly criticizing some of the methods of the Navy Department. Among other things he said there "are too many officers in Washington and with the fleets and too much money is being spent on the maintenance of navy yards and naval stations. He had said the same thing in testifying before Congressional committees and other distinguished officers of the navy had corroborated his evidence. Moreover he literally told the truth both in his evidence and in his magazine article. But the language in the magazine article has been interpreted by the bureaucrats as insubordination.

In commenting upon the incident Admiral Magruder said he had no intention to criticize the methods of the Navy Department but hoped his "article would be of some good to the navy." "That," he added, "was my purpose in writing it. I make no effort to hang out the navy's dirty laundry. The taxpayers have been generous to the navy and Congress has been generous, too, but I fear we have taken advantage of them." That is precisely the fact and the bureaucrats in Washington want the generosity to be continued indefinitely. The publication of faults and exposure of waste and extravagance may arouse popular indignation and force a correction of the faults. Magruder must be disciplined.

—Vote for Spearly and Parrish for County Commissioners.

Democrats of Centre, Respond To This Republican Call.

It is not often in political campaigns that Republicans implore Democrats to get out their vote, yet that is the situation in Centre county today.

On all sides we hear expressions like this: "If you Democrats will only get your vote out on election day here is a Republican who is going to help you elect your entire ticket."

We have quoted the gentleman's words as nearly as we remember them. Ordinarily we have little trouble recalling the exact language of conversations, but in this case the declaration was so wholly unexpected as to take us completely by surprise and we might be slightly in error as to his verbiage. However, that may be, it was what he meant that counts.

As we have frequently said the county is full of voters of both parties who vote for men more than they are credited with doing. They are the ones who are not partisan in their politics. There is another class which is partisan always on national issues but not wholly so when voting for county and borough officials. They split their ticket occasionally to cast a complimentary vote for a friend or when they recognize in the candidate of an opposing ticket one whom they believe to be very much better equipped for the office than the candidate of their own party.

The gentleman we have quoted is of the latter class and that is why we were so greatly surprised when he told us that he intends voting the straight Democratic ticket next week. We didn't discuss the relative ability of contesting candidates, their character or their records. That wasn't necessary, for he said he intends voting with us purely to go on record as being against bossism in his "own party or any other party."

We told him that we accepted that statement with the proverbial "grain of salt" because we know that Republicans usually do their scrapping before election day and Democrats usually save it all for the only day that it could spell disaster for them.

He laughed at that and said: "Well, I guess that is the case very often, but this time it is going to be different. I am going to vote your entire ticket and I know a number of others who are going to do the same thing."

"I am heartily disgusted with the manner in which our party is run in some other parts of the State and I am determined to do everything, I can to keep Centre county out of such debauchery." "There is only one thing to do and that is to put your party in power long enough to teach ours the lesson that there are still Republicans who will follow constructive leadership but won't swallow destructive dictatorship."

Democrats, of Centre county, there are thousands of Republicans who feel exactly as the gentleman we have quoted does. They are not broadcasting their sentiments. But they are going quietly to the polls on Tuesday to vote them. They know they are giving us a chance. That's exactly what they want to do and that's why they want us all to go out and vote. It's their way and the only effectual way of crushing the attempt of self-seeking political manipulators who are trying to run the Republican party in Centre county like Vare does in "the neck" in Philadelphia and like Leslie does in the "Strip District" of Allegheny.

Get out to the polls on Tuesday, Democrats, it will be the greatest chance you have had in years to win a great victory not wholly for your ticket but for pure politics as well.

"Lest We Forget"

In 1917, when the flower of the young manhood of Centre county was marching away to fight the battles that were as much ours as theirs we patting them on the back, clasped hands and pledged our everlasting loyalty to them.

It seemed years that they were gone. Alas! Some of them are gone forever, and when those who went through that inferno in France returned we were overwhelmed with joy. We were so grateful at what they had done that with one voice, almost, we told them that nothing was too much to ask in payment of the service they had rendered us.

One of that little army that went out from Centre county in the dark days of 1917 is now asking you to make him Sheriff of Centre county. He was too good a soldier to be asking you to repay him with your vote. All he probably thinks about is that he is qualified for the office, and is just as good, otherwise, as his opponent and ought to be entitled to one term more than his opponent is to two.

Whether he likes it or not we are going to ask you to look at his appeal for your support from another angle. We ask you to carry yourself back ten years, when you enter the voting booth next Tuesday, and when you see H. E. Dunlap's name printed in the block set apart for aspirants for Sheriff of the county prove to yourself that you are not one of the kind who forgets.

Prove to this honorable soldier-candidate that in 1927 you haven't forgotten the sense of gratitude you felt in 1917.

Howard Must Have Gotten Another Lawyer.

After Howard Holtzworth, appointed a County Commissioner by the late Judge Keller, announced that he would be a candidate for the office of County Treasurer this fall some one dug up an old act of 1841 that says, in substance, that a person who has been "elected" a County Commissioner is ineligible to the office of County Treasurer within a year after the termination of his term as Commissioner.

This act was brought to Howard's attention by the Watchman.

We presume he took counsel with someone of the legal profession, for soon thereafter came the announcement, through the press of Mr. Holtzworth's party, that he had consulted able lawyers and was convinced that the act of 1841 didn't apply to his case because he had been appointed—not "elected" to the office of County Commissioner.

The Watchman then published the opinion that should a contest arise over the question the courts would probably find that the intent not the letter of the act would prevail.

On last Thursday Howard resigned office as Commissioner.

That eleventh hour action is what arouses the suspicion in our mind that he must have gotten another lawyer.

If he did or he didn't we want to say right here that his resignation doesn't help the situation a particle.

—Vote for Dunlap for Sheriff.

State College Will Make Amends Next Tuesday.

Some of the Republican business men and a lot of other property owners at State College realize that their investments there are considerably affected by the appropriations made by the State to the institution from which the town takes its name.

If the College is well taken care of at Harrisburg things boom in State College. If it isn't business becomes dull, property values fall and there is consequent depression.

While Governor Pinchot did permit a slight increase in the appropriations to State it is generally believed, by those who are close enough in to know, that he might have done much more had not certain things happened in a political way up there.

The town has been dull in consequence of the Pinchot parsimony—or shall we call it retaliation. Now, however, it sees the dawn of a new boom in the immense College building program that Governor Fisher provided the funds for by sheathing the gubernatorial paring knife almost to the hilt when the College bill went to his desk.

At the primaries the Governor was naturally interested in the campaign of Judge Furst for nomination to succeed himself. He had appointed Judge Furst and, in a manner, the verdict of the primary was a vindication of his action. State College is so peculiarly affected by what a Governor does or doesn't that it responded by giving Judge Furst a handsome vote, which was quite to the contrary of what had been expected before the town wakened up to the real situation. And Governor Fisher was pleased.

Those who brought about that result are going to go further next Tuesday. They are going to try to make amends for the wholly blundering tactics of the Fleming leader up there who declined to give the workers for Judge Furst the parlor in his hotel for a little meeting that Gen. Martin was to address.

Gen. Martin is part of the administration at Harrisburg, besides that, he is a member of the American Legion and was wounded twice while overseas.

The parlor, or room, was asked for by a Centre county soldier who also won distinguishment in France so that the refusal by the Fleming leader and boss of the hotel is regarded as a slap, both at Governor Fisher and the American Legion. A slap that many of them showed their resentment of at the primary and were intent making amends for next Tuesday.

State College doesn't want to see Governor Fisher hurtling through the town at thirty miles an hour like Governor Pinchot did after it had displeased him. It wants the Governor to do more than wave from the back seat of a handsome car numbered 1. It also wants him to do better next time than he did the last by way of appropriation. And figuring that the Governor is human those with investments up there realize that there own fat might be in the fire and they are not going to let it turn entirely by rolling up a big vote for the candidate of the gentleman who refused a room in his hotel in which a friend of Governor Fisher had been invited to speak.

—Vote for Spearly and Parrish for County Commissioners.

A Very Desirable Combination.

What better combination could be had in the County Commissioners' office than Spearly and Parrish.

Spearly has had four year's experience in the office. He knows the county business and has made an honest effort to serve the public. His record there is an open book.

Parrish is a sound and successful business man. He has managed his own affairs well and would help do the same for the county. A man like Dr. Parrish would undoubtedly carry to the office many ideas that might mean savings to the tax payers through more economical handling of the county business.

—Vote for Herr for Prothonotary.

Secretary Mellon's plan for tax reduction shows deep sympathy for corporations, and those poor fellows whose incomes are between fifty and one hundred thousand a year.

—Vote for Boal for Register.

—Strangely enough the question of Coolidge's real purpose is still a subject of controversy.

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SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—While her invalid husband lay half asleep in the next room, Mrs. Esther Kimmelblatt, 65, was choked and beaten to death in her home in Philadelphia by a robber.

—Her husband threatened her with a revolver when she objected to his keeping 500 chicks in their bedroom with the temperature at 90 degrees. Mrs. Freda Neus, of Pittsburgh, testified in her successful suit for divorce.

—Thieves who entered six homes in the same section of Easton on Sunday night got only \$12 in money, two gold watches a suit of clothes and edibles. In each case entrance was gained through a window on the first floor that had been left unlocked. The intruders did not venture beyond the first floor.

—William Long, of Jerseytown, near Milton, stole two pigs from a neighbor and willingly admitted the theft in court. He agreed to return the pigs to their owner, S. F. Shoup, and to pay the costs of the case, \$7.50, but before he left the court-room he demanded that he be paid for the feed he had given the pigs while they were in his possession. The court disallowed the claim.

—After several days of wandering the streets in melancholy complaint, Mrs. Mary Jagenhofer, 48, of Egypt, Lehigh county, was found a suicide on Monday with a bullet in her heart. According to neighbors, she was afraid of being killed by the ghost of her husband, Rudolph Jagenhofer, who last March committed suicide by hurling himself in front of a train at Northampton.

—Three men, all heavily armed, were arrested at Bristol, Pa., early on Monday by police as they attempted to drive away from the Manhattan Soap Company's plant with 1000 cases of soap, valued at \$4,000. Pending a hearing before Justice of the Peace Kraft, police are endeavoring to link the men with a similar robbery which occurred at the same place two weeks ago. At that time, soap, also valued at \$4,000, was stolen.

—Joseph McMullen, 31, is dead and a brother James, 19, a resident of Dry Valley, Millin county, is under detention pending investigation into the death by county officials. It is said that in an altercation, which followed interference by James when his elder brother started to abuse his family, the former struck Joseph with a rake handle. The blow rendered Joseph unconscious and he died in the hospital here early Sunday.

—A monster lump of coal has been placed along the Sullivan trail where it enters the anthracite field. The lump weighs 7,700 pounds and is composed of the purest anthracite. It was taken from the Honey Brook stripping and loaded on a large automobile truck, on which it was taken to the spot along the trail. It was placed just prior to the formal opening of that section of the trail between Wilkes-Barre and Elmira.

—Edward M. Nicklaus, of Renovo, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad shops there, fell from the river bridge into the West Branch of the Susquehanna River at noon Saturday and was drowned. His body was seen shortly after noon by four boys, Donald Sharp, Clyde Staples, George Bradney and Thomas Dismond. Young Dismond got a canoe and poled the body to shore. Nicklaus leaves his widow and three children, all at home. He was a lifelong resident of Renovo.

—The Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania has been formally authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to acquire the properties of the Huntingdon and Clearfield Telephone company, which has lines in Clearfield, Centre, Blair, Cambria and Indiana counties, Pennsylvania. Under the decision the Bell company will pay \$550,000 for the Huntingdon company's system. The system purchased includes 14 exchanges which serve 5487 subscriber stations, with 252 miles of toll lines and 1,068 miles of aerial toll wires.

—The sweet-tooth raids of bears cost the State \$117 in McKean county, last week. Carl Benson, game protector of McKean county has announced. Mr. Benson settled claims of three farmers who said that bears had destroyed a total of thirteen bee hives on their farms. The farmers told unusual tales in making their claims, one saying that he saw eight bears in one drove and another stating that he fired a shot through a closed window in an effort to kill a marauding brute. Another ruralite told of a mother bear standing watch while her two cubs made away with the contents of five hives.

—M. R. Hoffman, Maytown, Lancaster county, was arrested on Monday on a charge of fraud in connection with a statement of his financial standing filed with the Lancaster Trust company and upon which he borrowed \$150,000 on notes. Bankruptcy proceedings followed, and the creditors charge that the Hoffman Tobacco company, of which M. R. Hoffman is president, was insolvent when the loan was negotiated. Hoffman is a former member of the State Legislature and a former president of the Union Trust company, which was recently absorbed by the Lancaster Trust company. His chief financial interests were in tobacco. Following his arrest, Hoffman gave bail for \$5000.

—Frank S. Searl, railway mail clerk, is in the Dauphin county jail in default of \$2500 bail, charged with the theft of Government pension checks to the amount of \$8000. He was arrested by postal inspectors from Harrisburg and Pittsburgh and had a hearing on Friday before United States Commissioner Levin. The charges allege that in June, 1926, Searl stole 135 pension checks amounting to \$8000 intended for veterans in Colorado from two mail pouches put on his car at Baltimore on the run to Harrisburg. Searl is charged with having changed the date on the checks from 1926 to 1927 and cashing three of them in Akron, Ohio, at department stores where he made purchases. On June 17 Searl drew \$800 from a local bank and went to Altoona, Juniata and Bellwood where he deposited \$50 in ten different accounts, each in the name of payee on the stolen checks. He would then deposit the check to the account and shortly afterwards draw a check on the account leaving only a small balance in each case. When he was arrested at his home bank books and checks on these banks were found and it is also said he had prepared deposit slips on York, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton banks.