

INK SLINGS.

—Maybe Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, is still on the pay roll of the Mitten management.

—Mr. Hoover's protest against intolerance would be more effective in the form of an order to muzzle Mrs. Willebrandt.

—Inasmuch as the "Afaletics" didn't win we're off Mr. Cornelius McGillicuddy until next season, at least. Almost we would be saying mean things about his inability to nose out Miller Huggins' bunch of crippled Yanks were it not for the belief that "Conny" is going to vote for Smith.

—We're in trouble again. Rebecca Naomi is after us. We anticipated a rise out of her when we quoted Lincoln on Prohibition last week, but since we thrive on trouble we're delighted, especially when the ladies hear it on us. Miss Rhoads' challenge of our accuracy is published in "Talks With the Editor."

—We're out of step with our State chairman. Mr. Collins is doing a fine work but he is seeing things. When he predicts a hundred and fifty thousand majority for Smith in Pennsylvania we fear his wish is father to the thought. Pennsylvania will probably not give Smith a majority at all, but the State is so uncertain as to give Mr. Hoover's managers a lot of sleepless nights.

—Where was the man we are paying taxes to support when young John Coolidge got into that automobile smash-up. Of course we will be accused of villifying some sacrosanct Republican by even referring to the ridiculousness of paying a secret service man to watch over the President's son while he works at his job, but what we want to know is: What's the use of paying the fellow if he can't keep John out of jeopardy and why is John of any more value to this good old U. S. A. than the son of any other parent.

—By way of starting something, we want to ask the Hon. Holmes just what he has done to stimulate the idea that he should be our perpetual Representative at Harrisburg. Did he get any more for The Pennsylvania State College, the new penitentiary, the hospitals and other State dependent institutions than somebody else might have gotten? Did he make himself so consequential in the Legislative halls of Pennsylvania that his own party in the Commonwealth is clamoring to have him back there to guide the Ship of State? Did he do anything, like the late Calvin Meyer did, by way of making Harrisburg sit up and take notice that Centre county wants to send a statesman to represent her—and when she has found one she wants to keep him there.

—We are not unappreciative of the service the members of our National Guard unit are rendering the State and the Nation—should an emergency arrive—but we're against the proposed bond issue for the erection of armories, etc. The State has ample current funds to take care of such needs and if this bond issue mania is encouraged the millions of dollars that are garnered in to the State Treasury annually will be squandered in all directions. Because we don't pay any direct State tax we are supposed to believe that it will cost us nothing. We don't believe any such thing, because we know that we pay for it all indirectly which is the very worst method for us. Corporation taxes mean nothing to the person without wit to understand that he or she pays them in every transaction with the corporation so taxed. We happen to know that for several years the Adjutant General's Department of Pennsylvania has been looking for a suitable site for an armory and drill ground for our local troop. It wasn't doing that in anticipation of the present proposed bond issue. It was planning to take proper care of the local organization and it will do that eventually whether the bond issue is approved or disapproved.

—When you are asking yourself: What has Al Smith ever done to qualify himself to be President of the United States why not hark back four years and try to recall whether you asked yourself the same question when you went into the booth and voted for Coolidge—if you voted that way. Mr. Coolidge would never have been President if it had not been for the death of Warren G. Harding. In all probability not one in one hundred readers of the Watchman would ever have known that such a person existed had not political expediency seized on the possible potency of a bally-hoo over his supposed settlement of a police strike in Boston. It was that and nothing else that caused the Chicago convention of his party to name him for Vice President on the ticket with Harding. We don't know that Al Smith ever forced warring "bulls" back into their proper pasture, but we do know that he has been four times Governor of a darned sight bigger State than Massachusetts ever will be. We also know that Grover Cleveland, as Governor of New York, had no such record for constructive administration in that Commonwealth as Al Smith has. And who is there to say that Cleveland wasn't among our great Presidents?

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The Whispering Campaign Again.

The Literary Digest discredits its pretense of non-partisanship by inferentially supporting the complaint of Hubert Work, chairman of the Republican National committee, that Mr. Hoover has been made the victim of the "whispering" campaign. In its issue of last week it says: "It was whispered diligently, especially during the pre-convention campaign, that Mr. Hoover's Americanism was open to grave suspicion and that his wealth had been acquired none too scrupulously," and quotes the Republican Hartford Courant as stating that Mr. Hoover "has been called everything from a traitor to a superior type of horse thief." The obvious purpose was to convey the impression that the charges were made by Democratic campaigners.

Even if Democratic leaders had originated or promulgated scandalous charges against Mr. Hoover such a violation of ethics and decency would not justify the vicious methods which have been adopted, apparently with the sanction of chairman Work, for the purpose of alienating support from Governor Smith. But as a matter of fact no Democratic leader, manager, newspaper or spokesman has charged or encouraged the circulation of scandals against the Republican candidate. Mr. chairman Work's emissaries in the Ku Klux Klan bureau of the Republican National committee, a few ecclesiastical mountebanks like Dr. John Roach Straton and a few journalistic charlatans have enjoyed a monopoly of this mendacious method of campaigning.

Previous to the Kansas City convention Senator Charles Curtis, now the Republican candidate for Vice President, said some nasty things about Mr. Hoover and on the day before the balloting in the convention he admonished the delegates that the nomination of Hoover would result in the defeat of the party in November. Senator Jim Watson, of Indiana, Senator Goff, of West Virginia and a number of other acknowledged leaders of the Republican party, traduced him shamefully. But the Democratic leaders and the Democratic press of the country have scrupulously held to the lines of decency in the campaign and refrained from even encouraging the circulation of such statements as the Literary Digest and the Hartford Courant complains of.

The motor clubs of the State seem to be opposed to the proposed road loan, and motorists ought to know something on the subject.

Judge Monaghan's Valuable Service.

District Atty. Monaghan, of Philadelphia, is performing an admirable public service in exposing the corruption of the official life of that city. It is true that he did not initiate the crusade against organized vice which has been known to exist. But he responded promptly and efficiently when Judge Lewis issued the call to action and the Grand Inquest pointed the way. He has not only shown that that organized crime practically controls the municipal government. When it is remembered that he was elected to punish his predecessor's office for fidelity to duty his activity is somewhat surprising but highly gratifying.

It has been widely known for many years that the city of Philadelphia is governed by a gang of political pirates operating for selfish purposes. Nearly a quarter of a century ago Elisha Root, of New York, an eminent lawyer and distinguished Republican leader, declared that the Republican organization there "is a criminal conspiracy masquerading as the Republican party." About the same time a conspicuous reformer said "Philadelphia is corrupt and contented." But meantime no steps had been taken to reform the morals or correct the methods of the governing power until a few years ago the Board of Judges selected a District Attorney who prosecuted a few ballot box stuffers.

Because of this righteous action the corrupt machine "marked him for slaughter" and at the Primary election a year ago defeated him for the party nomination. It was expected that this summary punishment would admonish his successor against a similar use of the office. That expectation has been disappointed and though Judge Monaghan has not attacked the ballot thieves he has achieved an equally valuable service in exposing the partnership of politics and crime which has made the evil of ballot pollution possible and tracing the cause to its source. But he is not helping the cause of reform by throwing boquets at Mayor Mackey. As much as any other of the conspirators, Mackey is to blame.

Referendum on Amendment.

The State Chamber of Commerce has completed a straw vote on the bond issues to be voted on next month. The highway bond issue was approved by 54.3 per cent. and the welfare issue by 51.5 per cent. The forestry bond had 50.8 of the vote in its favor and the State College loan 63.4 per cent, thus appearing the most popular. The \$5,000,000 loan for the construction of State armories got only 37.1 per cent. of the total vote cast. The referendum was limited to members of the body and only 30,000 ballots were issued.

Straw votes are not much value as a rule and frequently they are inspired by ulterior motives. But it may be assumed that this test of public sentiment in some measure reflects the opinions of the business element of the electorate. It has been known for some time that there is an aversion in the minds of the people to increasing the bonded debt except for necessary improvements. Some leaders of the Republican party in the State have been vigorously opposing all the loans. This vote indicates that business men are not in sympathy with them.

The vote on the State College loan is gratifying evidence that among business men the importance of liberal treatment of that great institution is recognized. The inadequacy of equipment which made it necessary to turn away a considerable number of applicants at the opening of the present term was a disgrace to the State. The members of the State Chamber of Congress realize this fact now and it is to be hoped that other elements of the population which have greater reason to favor the institution will adopt the same view of the subject.

It is difficult to understand why the business voters registered so scant an approval of the forestry loan. It seems like a promising investment and ought to be approved. The State College and forestry loan amendments and that one providing for voting machines ought to be endorsed unanimously.

A postponement of the election a few months would be a great help to the Democratic candidates. By that time most of the Republican leaders in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are likely to be in jail.

Expensive Propaganda at Public Cost.

The activities of the Power trust, as revealed in the investigation now in progress under the auspices of the Federal Trade Commission, increases in significance. At a recent session of the commission a letter written by M. H. Aylesworth, managing director of the National Electric Light association, was submitted. It seems that some of the officials of the organization were becoming alarmed at the cost of their operations. Mr. Aylesworth advised them to put no restraints upon their expenditures. He seems to have been entirely satisfied with the results achieved and gave no thought to the expense. There was plenty of money available and it was literally "as free as water."

"All the money being spent is worth while," wrote Mr. Aylesworth to a group of executives, "and may I leave this thought with you executives, don't quit now. At the next convention have more young ladies here to do the job right and let off more men from the departments so they may come here. Don't be afraid of the expense. The public pays the expense. Let us continue with big meetings." The public referred to is the consumers of electric energy. They are increasing in number as industry expands and when the trust secures the monopoly for which it is striving there will be abundance of money to reimburse it for its profligate propaganda in securing control.

Governor Pinchot warned the people of Pennsylvania of the danger impending three years ago, and in one of his western speeches Governor Smith pointed out the relations of Herbert Hoover to this monstrous conspiracy. Several of the officers of the National Electric Light association were formerly associated with him in the government service, the Republican platform makes no protest against the activities of the trust and Mr. Hoover is as silent as the grave concerning it. Yet Mr. Pinchot offers his voice and vote to elect Mr. Hoover to a station that will enable him to give more substantial aid to the trust than selecting their executive and agents to spend their money.

John Roach Straton has found out that the decoration of Doctor of Divinity is not great help to a political scavenger.

Curtis Hooked Up With Sinclair.

Recent disclosures "hook up" Senator Charles Curtis, Republican candidate for Vice President rather closely to the Teapot oil scandal. It will be recalled that when this conspiracy to rob the government of that valuable oil reserve, was revealed, Senator Curtis was among the leading Republicans to whom Secretary of the Interior Fall appealed to prevent an investigation that there was abundant That fact created suspicion at the time but the Senator's emphatic denial that he had any interest in the matter or knowledge of the subject served the purpose of diverting the search into other channels. It was believed by those concerned in the investigation that there was abundance of evidence against the accused.

But since the inauguration of the whispering campaign by the Republican organization, with the apparent sanction of both Hoover and Curtis the lead then laid was again taken up and it has been discovered that at the time Senator Curtis held a considerable amount of stock in the Sinclair companies which had been so liberally favored through the corrupt lease. Not only that but it is now known that Senator Curtis has procured for his son, Harry K. Curtis, an easy and lucrative job in the employment of Sinclair which he continues to enjoy. One of Sinclair's policies was to enlist the favor of influential persons by bestowing that kind of jobs upon dependant relatives.

When the investigation began young Curtis suggested to his father that it might be wise to sever the family relations with the Sinclair corporations. But it was decided that such drastic measures were not necessary. Mr. Sinclair had a profitable sinecure in Chicago and the young man was shifted to that city where, in an interview the other day, he naively stated he has "definite work to do. It's not like Archie Roosevelt to get a job with Sinclair" he added, "and then had to be shoved around, from department to department, because they couldn't find any work that he could do." But the Senator promptly disposed of his shares in the Sinclair corporations.

Republican managers admit that results are doubtful in North and South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota, California, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts and a few other normally Republican States, but they hope to carry Oklahoma and North Carolina.

League of Women Voters to Banquet Next Week.

The Centre Co. League of Women voters will give a dinner at the Broomfield house, Bellefonte, on the evening of Thursday, October 11th, at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Seltzer, Philadelphia county chairman of the League, will be one of the speakers. Republican and Democratic candidates for the coming election are invited to be present. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Thompson, candidates for the State Legislature, Mr. Costello and Mr. Chase, candidates or Congress, will be asked to speak.

The price of a ticket for the dinner is \$1.00. These can be obtained from Mrs. Robert Beach and Mrs. Adolph Fauble, both of Bellefonte. It is hoped that many men and women will take this opportunity to meet the candidates of both parties.

A good many well informed persons wonder what process of reasoning makes Mr. Hoover proud of the records of the Harding and Coolidge administrations.

When Emma Goldman was deported to Russia we thought the country was rid of her ilk, but it seems that we still have Mabel Willebrandt.

Senator Borah is to answer Governor Smith's speeches. It is hoped that "ponderous platitudes" will serve the purpose of refuting facts.

Hit and run drivers killed six and injured sixteen in Pennsylvania last week. That record ought to urge the authorities to greater activity.

Shifting policemen from one station to another is a poor way of correcting corrupt service. Shifting them into jail is a surer remedy.

One fourth of reported motor accidents in Pennsylvania, during the month of August, happened during Sunday driving.

Kiwians to Celebrate Air Mail Field Anniversary.

M. I. Gardner, of Clearfield, was a guest at the weekly Kiwanian luncheon, at the Broomfield house, on Tuesday. President W. Harrison Walker called attention to the fact that the annual meeting of the Centre County hospital corporation will be held in the court house next Monday evening, and every member should attend.

George T. Bush called attention to the fact that December 18th will be the tenth anniversary of the opening of the air mail field in Bellefonte and suggested the holding of some kind of a celebration commemorating the event. If nothing else can be done make an effort to send out to friends on that day a special letter of greeting by air mail. It would likely be possible to have the planes stop at the Bellefonte field that day, and if proper interest is shown Bellefonte may be made a regular stop in the near future. Acting on the suggestion the president appointed as a committee to arrange for the celebration George T. Bush, chairman; post-master John L. Knisely, Robert F. Hunter, Judge M. Ward Fleming and Samuel M. Shallock.

Mr. Bush was the speaker of the day and regaled the Kiwanians with an account of his trip to Toronto to attend the philatelic convention and also the big Toronto fair. This fair covers three hundred acres of ground, has one hundred buildings and represents a capital investment of sixteen million dollars. The attendance last year exceeded one million eight hundred thousand.

Mr. Bush told of the public utilities in Toronto, all of which are owned by the city. Electricity is one cent a kilowatt hour and gas 85 cents a thousand cubic feet.

On Tuesday evening the members of the board of directors of the club were entertained at dinner at the Nittany Country club by Kiwanian F. W. West.

On Tuesday, October 16th, E. B. Dorsett, Master of the State Grange, will be the club luncheon speaker and every member has been requested to take a farmer friend with him as a guest.

Afternoon Train Finally Taken Off Lewisburg Railroad.

The afternoon train made its last run on the Lewisburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, last Saturday, and before they left on the return trip to Sunbury the train crew said good-bye to railroad employees here. On Monday the mail and baggage car which heretofore came to Bellefonte on the morning train over the Lewisburg and laid over here until the evening train to Sunbury, was taken back on the morning train. This train, also, took the milk car from the Bellefonte plant of the Sheffield Farms company.

With the taking off of the afternoon train the Postoffice Department has awarded to J. G. Marshall, of Bellefonte, the contract for carrying the afternoon mail from Bellefonte to Millheim by motor truck. Mr. Marshall will leave Bellefonte at 3 o'clock p. m., and will carry closed pouches for Pleasant Gap, Centre Hall, Spring Mills and Millheim. The latter place will probably be utilized as a distributing office for postoffices in that vicinity. Returning Mr. Marshall is scheduled to reach Bellefonte at 6 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. Fund Short of the Desired Amount.

The big drive for annual support of the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A., put on last week, has so far fallen short of the desired amount. A careful compilation of the money needed for the ensuing year's maintenance, which includes the up-keep of the swimming pool and salary of an assistant athletic instructor, is approximately \$8,000. Towards this amount about \$5,000 were raised last week.

The committees which made a canvass of the town were somewhat handicapped in their work because of so many people being out of town when they made their rounds. Therefore the work of raising the necessary fund to the amount needed will be continued until success has been attained.

Another carload of prisoners, forty-four in number, were transferred from the eastern penitentiary to Rockview, last Friday. A dozen guards accompanied the prisoners on the trip.

The boot-leggers union is unanimous for Hoover. The election of Smith would put them out of business.

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Edward Cain, fourteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cain and a freshman in the Berwick High school, died at the Berwick hospital on Sunday as the result of a fractured skull suffered when he fell from a truck while delivering newspapers Saturday.

—Despite the fact that they were receiving nothing for work they were doing, three prisoners in the Lycoming county jail went on strike for "more" money when they refused to continue work for a contractor engaged in renovating the furnace and cleaning out the heating pipes in the prison.

—The dial system of telephones, at a cost of \$307,000 for Lewistown, has been decided upon by the Bell Telephone Company, to be installed in 1930, according to John F. Kirby, Jr., manager at that place. The company will build a general office building and Lewistown will become the center of business for the company between Altoona and Harrisburg.

—Constable Paul Wagner, who is in a hospital at Reading with a fractured skull, was able to speak a few words, on Monday, for the first time since he was beaten by a prisoner with an iron bucket 16 days ago. The blows paralyzed the constable's tongue. Wagner has been exonerated by authorities in the killing of his assailant, John Monkowski.

—Because he cut off several pieces of a cow's tail Charles Merrill, a farm hand, is in the Chester county jail awaiting a hearing. He was arrested on Saturday on a charge of cruelty to animals by a justice of the peace sitting at Edgemont. While milking a cow Merrill became angered when it struck him in the face with its tail. In retaliation, it was alleged, Merrill cut the tail with his pen knife.

—City and county authorities have joined in trying to solve the mysterious disappearance three days ago of Henry Tice, 46, a Lebanon county farmer. Tice went to Lebanon last Friday to sell wheat. He was last seen boarding an electric car for Annaville, which is several miles distant on a charge of cruelty to animals by a justice of the peace sitting at Edgemont. While milking a cow Merrill became angered when it struck him in the face with its tail. In retaliation, it was alleged, Merrill cut the tail with his pen knife.

—Sylvester Watson, 33, Negro pool room owner of Oil City, last week pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, larceny and arson in connection with the robbing and firing of the Citizens State bank at Pleasantville, last Monday. Watson, in an alleged confession, said E. L. Flick, 25, cashier of the bank engineered the robbery and incendiarism. About seven thousand dollars were taken, about half of which was recovered.

—Arrested before John W. Burket, Warriors Mark justice of the peace, on charges of illegally shooting deer, Conrad Deeters, Warriors Mark, was fined \$100 and costs. Charges of threats and pointing firearms were dropped when John D. Stroup, Tyrone, who saw the man shoot the animal, but refused to prosecute. Stroup had asserted that he was threatened by the hunter after he witnessed the slaughter of the deer.

—While she was peering into a hand mirror after a playmate had dressed her hair, Mary Grace Brown, 8 years of age, was shot and killed by Edna Lemmon, 10 years old. The latter child aimed a shot gun, which she did not know was loaded, at the mirror. The shot shattered the mirror and tore away the top of the Brown girl's head. The children were alone in the house of the parents of the Lemmon girl which is located two miles south of Littlestown, Adams county.

—Mrs. Almira Parsons, of Mount Union, has just celebrated her 83rd birthday anniversary with as much enthusiasm as a person half that age. Notwithstanding the fact that she has reached that number of years, Mrs. Parsons sews and reads without spectacles and looks after her household every day. Her basement is stored for the winter with rows of preserved fruits, which she prepared. Her health is good. She is the mother of nine children, has thirty-seven grandchildren and twenty-nine great grandchildren.

—Shot in the right breast, Joseph Cindrich, 42, of Hammer Park, Westmoreland county, is in a hospital at Greensburg, and John Smridge, 46, is in the Westmoreland county jail in connection with the shooting. The extent of the wounded man's injuries has not been definitely determined. Cindrich was shot on Sunday night. He and Smridge were said to have quarreled while playing cards. A neighbor heard the shot and told police that he ran to Smridge and took the gun from him.

—Lester J. Hendershott, who last February announced that he had invented a "featureless" magnetic induction motor, and who subsequently has run a gauntlet of misadventure, is in McKeesport jail charged with passing fraudulent checks. According to police of West Elizabeth, Hendershott's home town, the inventor gave two worthless checks to friends totaling \$50. Hendershott told police that friends had promised to deposit \$500 to his account but that this amount was never placed in the bank.

—Charles C. Hartman, 56, owner of a summer resort at Daughlinstown, near Greensburg, is in jail on a liquor charge and another serious complaint lodged by two women he is alleged to have fleeced of \$4,000 through a matrimonial ad. Detectives said Mrs. Belle M. Adams, 76, formerly of Boston, Mass., told them she answered a matrimonial advertisement placed by Hartman, and that after meeting him she gave him \$1,000, only to be replaced later by Mary Desenberger, 55, of Altoona. The officers said the latter woman gave Hartman more than \$2,000. Hartman, they added, did not marry either of the women.

—One of the most tragic events which ever occurred in Clinton county was a fire which destroyed the frame dwelling of Mrs. Linnie Shadle, at McKittahann, about midnight Saturday night, burning the bodies of Mrs. Shadle, aged 50, her daughters, Frances, aged 30, and Lydia Ellen, aged three, and her son, Freddy, aged six years, to a crisp, while LaRue, aged 14, years, and Bennie, aged nine, were so seriously burned that LaRue died four hours later in the Lock Haven hospital, and Benny's condition is critical. Of the family of six children and the mother, Harrison, whose twenty-first birthday occurred Sunday, was the only one to escape unscathed from the burning building. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it may have been caused by the explosion of a lamp downstairs. The fifth child, Benjamin Shadle, died on Tuesday.