

INK SLINGS.

—Vote "Yes" on amendments 2, 6 and 13.

—Centre county should go 100% strong for amendment No. 2. That's the one that would give State College enough money to end this thing of having every year, to deny a thousand or more boys and girls a chance to get an education.

—Every vote in Centre county should be "Yes" on amendment No. 2. It is a proposal that means so much to everyone that we are looking to next Tuesday to see all election precedents broken here. We expect the return to show that there has not been a single "No" vote cast against giving State College what she so richly deserves and so sorely needs.

—Surely there is no Centre county who will fail to vote "Yes" on the proposal to give State College eight million dollars. You readers of the Watchman who happen to be living in some other part of the State can help a lot by electioneering among your friends for amendment No. 2. Go to it. Every vote will count and this proposal should be carried.

—The enigma of this campaign is not so much the breaking up of party lines. That can be accounted for among the masses by the religious and the prohibition factors. By why, if Smith is such an illiterate, are most of the presidents of our greatest universities and colleges for him? And why, if he is such a devil, are so many of the really great ministers of the country for him—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, for instance?

—Say what you will about him we are ready to meet any one in debate on the question as to what Governor of the States of our Union has been responsible for writing into their statutes the most laws affecting the welfare of the people. As Governor of New York Al Smith has suggested and caused to be enacted more humane legislation than any other Governor of any other State from the time of the Declaration of Independence to the present day.

—We notice that Mr. Charles H. Buckius, an employee of the State Highway Department, and located at Scranton, is given credit with having presented one of the best arguments in favor of the proposed fifty million dollar bond issue for State roads. Mr. Buckius, of course, would present a good argument because the Highway Department wants the fifty million and the Highway Department is his meal ticket. We have a hazy recollection of having once seen this gentleman pushing a peanut down High street with a twenty foot pike pole. He had to do that because one of his good arguments didn't turn out to be so good.

—Some of the ladies have been jumping all over us because we are against levying a tax on the people of Centre county to buy books and provide a push-cart so they can be peddled around to the schools of the county. From the fuss they are making one would suppose that our word went for as many votes in Centre county as Vane's does in Philadelphia. Without boasting we have reason to believe that it goes for more—very many more—than a lot of people are willing to admit, but, be that as it may, we're against the proposal because it is just another scheme to pile more taxes on the people of Centre county.

—Nobody could say that Herbert Hoover is not a good engineer. But is a good engineer, necessarily, a good executive? We know numbers of men who probably would have proven just as capable as Mr. Hoover had they been called to perform the tasks fortune decreed him to do. And as for feeding the Belgians—that's his big stock in the trade—the Belgians would have starved right under his nose if it hadn't been for a Jew, who managed the finances on this side, and a conglomeration of Protestants and Catholics who engineered the safe transport of the food over to his haven in Belgium. We don't want to detract an iota from the honor that is due Mr. Hoover, but if his advocates insist on making a moon out of him, then, we are forced back to our childhood fantasies when we believed that the moon was made of green cheese.

—Do you know that there is recorded in the court house in Bellefonte a draft of all the state roads in Centre county. Do you know that that draft presumes that some day all of these roads will be made very much wider than they are today. Do you know that when the State decides to widen them out—whether it is next year or twenty years hence—it is empowered by law to take whatever land it needs at the value it had the day the law was passed, not at the day it takes it? Do you know that if a State road runs through your farm and you should hereafter put any necessary building within this pre-empted right of way, or sell a building lot on it or want to use it for any other purpose of your own that all such improvements will be a dead loss to you? The new plan of the Central Pennsylvania Gas company is located where it is only because its projectors discovered that they might be forced to move off the site they would rather have had because of the very law we refer to and, do you know that our Representative in Harrisburg, the gentleman who wants to go back there for the third term, voted for this law?

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Honest Business for Smith.

United States Senator Peter G. Gerry, of Rhode Island, has prepared a resume of the reasons which have influenced a great many prominent business men, heretofore Republicans, who have left their party and are supporting Governor Smith and contributing liberally to the campaign fund of the Democratic party. Among those enumerated are Pierre DuPont, William A. Woodin, Arthur Curtis James, Edward S. Harkness, Charles F. Noyes and many others. Some of them were influenced by the Governor's attitude on the prohibition question and others by his position on the tariff, to some extent, but all agree that the moving cause is faith in "his rare ability and sterling character."

Mr. DuPont turned to Governor Smith because "he believed the Governor has the strength of character to correct the evils of enforcement." Edward S. Harkness, director in several leading railroads, says: "Any nation which can produce a real leader is to be congratulated and I cannot but feel that Governor Smith has demonstrated to the people that he possesses those rare qualities of leadership." Uzal H. McCarter states that "Governor Smith is a man of undoubted sincerity, ability and refinement." R. L. Agassiz declares that "if Governor Smith is elected the country will be assured that the people of the United States will enjoy their constitutional right to liberty and happiness."

Delancey Kowitz states that he has come to his decision "on account of Governor Smith's long public record of fearlessness in stating in no uncertain words his convictions on matters affecting the good of the people." W. H. Hibbs will support Governor Smith because of "admiration for his ability, character and courage" and Henry Morgenthau because "Alfred E. Smith is a staunch friend of honest business." F. G. Snow, farmer and banker, says the "prayer of the farmer to-day is not for rain but for Al Smith." Brigadier General W. D. Potter says "my conception of true Americanism compels me to cast my lot with Governor Smith," and H. H. Curran, formerly Republican candidate for Mayor of New York, is for Smith because "he is right and Hoover wrong on the great issue."

And so the narrative continues. John J. Stamler, John Napier Dyer, James F. Lucas, Nicholas M. Schwenck, James M. Easter, Waldo Newcomer, Charles W. Clark, Spruille Braden, Thomas C. Condon, Edward W. Gray, Frank W. Murphy, Edward C. Carrington, L. F. Shuttleworth, Moses E. Clapp, William H. Woodin, Charles F. Noyes, Harry L. Reid, R. Bland, Morton M. Prentiss, and hundreds of others, life-long Republicans and leaders in big but honest business, are actively supporting Governor Smith for one good reason or another. In the face of this record the false pretense that legitimate business would be impaired by the election of Smith is not only absurd but criminal.

—If you think your taxes are not high enough now vote for the proposed traveling library. If you find it difficult to pay the taxes already levied in Centre county then vote against the proposal to add another mill to them for a purpose of doubtful value.

Vote Progressively.

The ballot, as well as public office, is a public trust in the hands of each voter. To fulfill the duties of this trust each voter should cast his or her ballot for some good public purpose. For the first time in the history of Centre county we have a candidate seeking a third term in the General Assembly. What reason does he assign for re-election?

Throughout the entire campaign Mr. Holmes has failed to submit his record at Harrisburg to the voters of Centre county. Has he done nothing of which he can be proud? He should have extraordinary reasons before asking from his county something no one else has ever requested. The truth is, that he has accomplished in two terms, nothing that warrants his re-election.

Why return a man to the General Assembly when there is no good reason for doing so. One of our county's best citizens has promised energetic and faithful representation at Harrisburg, and Andrew Curtin Thompson is the kind of a man who will fulfill the pledges he makes. Another is from Col. J. Miles Kephart whose views on intolerance are convincingly expressed. Col. Kephart is at New Smyrna, Florida.

The third is from the Hon. Frederic A. Godcharles, director of the State Library at Harrisburg. It challenges our position on the library loan for Centre county and is so illuminative that we think we will publish it next week.

It's Up To the Democrats of Centre.

Andrew Curtin Thompson will be elected our Representative in the Legislature next Tuesday if the Democrats of the county do their part.

We know that Mr. Holmes is not overly sanguine of the success of his attempt to get back for a third term.

We know that hundreds of Republicans are going to vote for Mr. Thompson. Some of them will do so because they know him to be a gentleman worthy the compliment of their vote. Some are going to vote for him because they think Mr. Holmes has shown nothing that stamps him as a Representative who should be kept in Harrisburg perpetually. The world war veterans feel that they owe him nothing because he said, in substance, in a speech made not so long ago, that the country owes them nothing. Many of those familiar with his course during the two terms he has had in Harrisburg will not support him for a third term because they believe him to be a wobbler. In other words he attempts to carry political water on both shoulders.

Mr. Thompson is a man of most exemplary personal habits, for years a school teacher and now in business, he has been superintendent of the largest Sunday school in the county for a long time. In character and ability he is worthy of the honor of representing the county at Harrisburg. At least his equipment justifies the thought that it is worth while to give him a chance.

He has the chance if the Democrats of the county go out, on Tuesday, and vote for him. As we have said enough Republicans are going to join in the attempt to send him to Harrisburg to do it if the Democrats do their part.

Being perfectly candid about the matter we know that in certain sections of the county there is indifference over this election because of our nominee for President. In such districts it is probable that some Democrats will not go to the polls at all. It is to those we are appealing. No matter how they feel on the head of the ticket they can find no fault with Mr. Thompson and as the nominee of their party locally, he has a right to expect them to go out and vote for him. We hope they do it. Not only because we think the minority party needs strong representation in Harrisburg, but because so many Republicans in the county think the same thing and are ready to vote with us.

Vote Early and Save a Possible Jam.

As election day is drawing near, we want to caution all voters in the State and appeal to them to get out as early as possible on election morning, November 6th, and cast their votes. The ballot is unusually large and the registration very heavy this year, and unless people get out and vote early in the morning there will be such a jam at the close of the polls that it may cost Governor Smith a great many votes.

We want also to caution you about what the Republican leaders and higher ups in the Republican party are saying and that is that the friends of Governor Smith in Pennsylvania can shout all they please and claim the State before election day, but on the night of election, after the polls close, is when the real work will be done; that is to say they expect to get it by their usual methods and you all know what that means.

We are appealing to every true American, every man and woman in the State who wants to see an honest election this fall and an honest man elected to the Presidency of the United States, that they not only cast their votes early, but see to it that every vote is counted for the person for whom it is cast. If you all do this, there is no question but what Governor Smith will carry this State by a handsome majority, regardless of what Governor Fisher says about his million majority for Hoover. We say to the voters of Pennsylvania that there is no way under God's Heavens that Hoover can carry this State unless the same tactics are applied that were applied by Fisher and his crowd in Pittsburgh two years ago when he received the nomination for Governor of this State and Ed Beidleman was deprived of it.

Governor Fisher's administration seems to be sufficiently worried about Pennsylvania that they felt compelled to levy an assessment of three per cent. on every State employee, including widows, stenographers, normal school teachers, doctors and nurses in State hospitals, road laborers, butlers and watchmen, to produce an enormous campaign fund running into hundreds of thousands of dollars, in order to stem the tide for Governor Smith in Pennsylvania.

All the women, especially, and the men who are masters of their own time should go to the polls in the morning or early afternoon; leaving the hours between five and seven for the workers who can't leave their jobs until then.

Too Late.

In the mail, yesterday morning, just about an hour before our time for going to press, three very interesting communications arrived. All of them would have been published had they arrived in time.

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CONTAMINATION.

H. A. Getchel, in the Boston Herald. Here's to the city of Boston! Her exclusiveness now is a myth: Where Lovells speak only to Cabots, And Cabots speak only to God. Alas, for the city of Boston! Her exclusiveness now is a myth: The Lovells are walking with Hoover, The Cabots are strolling with Smith.

Mr. Hoover Mas Discovered a Farm Emergency.

From the Philadelphia Record. Now another turn of the Smith jack-screw has squeezed from his opponent a definite statement concerning his obscure purposes. Reluctantly, hesitatingly and in contradiction of his attitude 24 hours before, Mr. Hoover undertook yesterday to overcome defections in the Middle West by promising haste in seeking solution of the problem of agricultural depression. Should adequate farm relief legislation not be passed at the regular session of Congress beginning in December, he announced, if elected he "would of necessity call an extra session so as to secure early action."

It is important to note that this pledge, no less than the constructive action it suggests, was a product of necessity. That the gesture is a belated move of campaign strategy is plainly shown by the record.

Both candidates have appealed to the Republican insurgents of the "corn belt" States. Mr. Hoover's professions have been general—except for his rejection of the McNary-Haugen plan—and his most influential apologists have been able to offer nothing more definite than an assurance of his statesmanlike wisdom and sympathetic concern for the distracted farmers.

Governor Smith, on the contrary, has declared his views with candor. Moreover, from the beginning he pledged himself to initiate action immediately upon his election, without waiting until his assumption of office. This sharp contrast made the work of the Republican peace-makers extremely difficult. Vague certificates of character, even signed by such leaders as McNary, did not satisfy the embattled farmers. And within the last week or so the calling of a special session for the enactment of farm relief became the test of the candidates among the insurgents.

Governor McMullen, of Nebraska, made a valiant attempt a few days ago to stem the Smith tide by announcing that Mr. Hoover "contemplated" a special session. But that declaration was swiftly and destructively overtaken by an official denial from headquarters. Admitting that the question had been discussed it said: "Obviously no conclusion has been reached."

Then Senator Borah, most valued of the Republican farm spellbinders, gave the screw a not gentle twist. Emerging from a luncheon with Mr. Hoover on Friday he declared that in default of earlier action a special session would be imperative. Straightway it was announced that this view in no way bound the candidate. But 24 hours later Mr. Hoover found it expedient to echo the proposal.

The situation is now simplified. Both candidates are committed to early action. The choice presented to the farmers is between Governor Smith, who has always stood for measures both effective and prompt, and Mr. Hoover, who has just discovered that the problem is urgent, and who is the representative of a party that has denied justice to agriculture for seven and one-half years.

Penn State Bond Issue.

No State can afford to neglect education, whether in the lower grades or higher institutions of learning. Such neglect inevitably is paid for by a lower standard of citizenship due to deficiencies in knowledge. The duty of the State to Pennsylvania State College is plain. The seat of learning up in Centre county must be expanded, enlarging facilities for the daily work of students and for research. Penn State, doing excellent work with the opportunities at its command, can extend that work if treated more generously on the score of financial assistance.

Though Penn State is controlled by a board of trustees, Governor Fisher well states the case when he says that "a direct obligation rests upon the Commonwealth to provide it with proper buildings and equipment." The Governor in recent comment added that the institution in the past "has undoubtedly been badly neglected." That statement, also, is hardly a subject of dispute.

New friends of Penn State are seeking authorization by the voters of the State of a fund of \$8,000,000 to be raised through a bond issue which will be on the ballot at the coming election. Even should the amendment pass, and should the Legislature enact legislation necessary to make the funds available, the sum would not be spent in a single year. A building program would be spread out, and the first money probably would not be available until next August.

—Rev. Reed O. Steely, president of the Farmer's National bank, presented himself with a new Chrysler car on Tuesday and started for Milton immediately upon its delivery.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—While registering for work on the time clock at the plant of the York Ice Machinery corporation, Saturday, John Shutter, 74 years old, dropped dead. His death was caused by a heart condition, the coroner says. He had been employed at the plant as a mechanic for 22 years.

—Attempting to remove a nail which pierced the hoof of a mule he was driving in Big Lick Colliery, Raymond Miller of Williamstown, Dauphin county, sustained a painful injury of the knee by the animal kicking to prevent its removal. Following an examination by Dr. C. C. Bobb, it was found no bones were broken.

—Montour county's oldest resident is 109 and a veteran of the Crimean War. He is William Withers, grizzled and white-haired, who came to America at the close of the Civil War. In his younger days he bore the reputation of being the strongest man in Columbia and Montour counties. Two of his thirteen children are living.

—The Kile church, in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, was sold by Sheriff Pettit for \$100 to Paul Achenbach to satisfy a \$800 mortgage. A considerable tract of land goes with the church. The building cost about \$2000 when built twenty-five years ago. The sale is the first Sheriff's sale of a church in that section in many years.

—Traversing a rich agricultural section, the Cumberland Valley division of the Pennsylvania railroad has handled large shipments of fruits and vegetables this season. Apples head the list with 2736 cars and peaches follow with 470. The large potato crop in Franklin county has been reflected in shipment of 158 cars. Eight cars of grapes and one of pears complete the division's shipments of seasonable fruits.

—In the case of Eva Walizer, of Lock Haven, charged with being a common scold, at the October term of criminal court, the jury found her guilty, and the court is delving in musty law books to find what disposition to make of the case, as it is one of the most unique in the history of the county. The charge coming from the old English laws, the remedy offered there suggests itself, which is a duck stool, placed on the river bank.

—Justice of the Peace William D. Culton, of Shamokin, presided at a Leap Year marital trial, when Walter Lashekof, of that city, had his wife, Veronica, arrested and taken into the Sheriff's office, charging her with beating him. After a severe reprimand the wife agreed to refrain in the future. Two hours later the justice says he received a telephone call from the husband, who declared that his wife had thrown him out of the house and that he would be down to see him in the morning.

—The timely arrival of George Harlocker at his boarding house in York, Pa., probably saved his roommate, Harry Dris, of Hallam, from death by gas asphyxiation. Dris, who had retired two hours before, was asleep in the gas-filled room when his companion arrived. The unconscious man was taken to the York hospital, where he was revived. Dris, it is believed, opened the petcock of the gas jet when he pushed his bed against the wall. He went to sleep and probably would never have awakened had Harlocker not arrived.

—Snydertown received a confirmed report that the death of E. A. Slagle, a farmer and proprietor of a general store, has revealed a fortune of \$20,000 or more—a portion of which was found in jars buried in the cellar. Recently, when he was certain that he could not recover from his illness, he confided to his housekeeper about hidden gold in various parts of the house and told for the first time the combination of a safe which he had in his bedroom. After the elderly man's death, an appointed executor of the estate was given the information, which led to the finding of gold and bills amounting to more than \$20,000—to be divided among sisters and brothers, the house and a few personals to be given to the housekeeper.

—Five hundred days in jail is too severe a penalty for trapping one rabbit, in the opinion of the attorney for Charles Dougard, who filed an appeal for his client in the Montgomery county court Friday. The action of a magistrate in sending the man to jail for failure to pay a fine of \$500 and costs of \$636 for one rabbit was "unreasonable, excessive and irrational," said the attorney. Dougard was arrested on information of a game warden, who said he found traps, and a rabbit, caught on Dougard's farm. At his trial before magistrate H. F. Bourse, Dougard said the traps had been placed to catch muskrats and that the rabbit found in one of them was the first he ever caught. He said he kept it as a pet for his little daughter.

—A big black bear attacked three hunters in the woods east of Baden, Beaver county, when their automobile mired in the muddy road, and severely injured one man before it was finally slain. W. W. White, 30, of Conway, is in the Rossport, Pa., hospital with a lacerated left leg and bruises about the body. Allen Dusenberry and Roy E. Schueth, both of Freedom, were his companions. As the bear knocked White to the ground, Dusenberry struck it with an ax. The animal fled and attacked two cows in a field nearby injuring them. Dusenberry and Schueth then fired several loads of buckshot into the infuriated bear killing it. It was learned the animal, owned by A. A. Wehr, New Sewickley township farmer, and sports man had been chained in the yard but had broken away and escaped into the woods a few hours before the attack.

—Thomas J. Ayers, of Lewisport, arrested on a warrant issued on oath of D. J. Davis, president of the Lycoming Trust company, of Williamsport, charging false pretense and fraudulent conversion, is out on \$2000 bail. Ayers first sold power plants to farmers, then entered the automobile game. It is alleged he was the influence that caused Ralph Taylor, cashier of the Milroy bank, to go wrong. Cashier Reupert, of the McVeytown bank, also attributes his shortage to dealing with him. Kary Bergery, cashier of the Lewisport Trust company, was affiliated with Ayers. In his shortage of \$28,000 Ayers was tried in the Federal courts at Scranton last February, when he pleaded guilty to fourteen counts of aiding and abetting janking officials to misapply funds and falsify records, for which he paid his fine and had the jail sentence suspended. He was arrested several weeks ago in connection with the Bergery shortage and held in \$4,000 bond for court. Later he was injured in an automobile accident on the Buckhorn road, out of Altoona, and has been unable to attend court.