

INK SLINGS.

We're not exactly sick, but we just don't feel right. It's hard to rise above the political depression that is weighted on the old bean tonight. You say we ought to be cheering because most of the country has gone Democratic. What if it has. What does that amount to us. Nothing, absolutely nothing! Democrats might be parading tonight in other States, but they are not doing it in Pennsylvania. We have been feeding on husks for exactly forty years and just when we got so near to the leaves and fishes that the old party had merely to reach out and grab them and bulge its slats for four years, what did they do? Yes, what did they do? They let the Pied Piper from Pike swap a camel stuffed with bunk on a donkey that would have given them many a happy ride had it only gotten a little nibble at the public crib.

Our hat is off to the hundreds of thousands of Republicans in Pennsylvania who went so far in self sacrifice as to voluntarily take their feet out of the trough so that we could get ours in awhile. God give us grace to think charitably of and not to hiss the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on keepers who are wilfully starving donkeys to death.

Captain Arthur Dale is sitting so pretty just now that we fairly write as we write. Write in an agony of regret that it isn't some Centre county Democrat who is in his shoes. From now until January will seem a century to Arthur, but if Hemphill had been elected we Democrats, who have fasted forty years, would have viewed the sixty days as merely a split second.

Not that we covet anything that Arthur so richly deserves. Only that we deplore the deafness of Democracy when Opportunity was knocking at it's door.

The trouble with us is that we have too many Andys and not enough Amoses.

Prohibition wasn't an issue. Mr. Pinchot told his hypnotics that himself. Anybody with the wit of a nit should have known that a Governor of a State is impotent as a law maker, yet the dregs flocked to Pinchot and the wets to Hemphill, unmindful of the fact that Davis and Kistler, candidates for United States Senator, and the Congressmen of the Districts are the only officials who could possibly affect the Volstead Act in any way. And, incidentally, brother Chase carried Centre county by 1319 more votes than brother Pinchot. Dry Centre county giving Mitch Chase that lead over Gif. Pinchot was so ridiculous that we dug out a pair of Boy Scout boots instead of calling up the seams of the old boat for the journey up Salt River.

We knew that the fanaticism of the misguided dregs would lead them to dip the water out of the familiar old stream so that it wouldn't be wet enough to float the label on a bottle of pop.

Some paragraphs above we took our hat off to Republicans who laid their votes at our feet. We've got another hat. We are taking it off to the Republicans of Bellefonte and Spring township. All these six districts are largely Republican, yet all but one of them returned verdicts for Hemphill and John Miller had a majority of 84 in their consolidated vote and Senator Scott was 118 short of a majority in them.

Of course holding post mortems is the natural pastime of losers. We have never indulged in it much, but we can't resist reference to our loved old West ward of Bellefonte. There Hemphill, Gingery and Miller came through with nice majorities, notwithstanding the fact that the registration shows the Republican strength to be three to Democracy's one. And if we can borrow somebody's hat—for we haven't three—we'll take it off to the thirty-eight Republicans who voted the straight Democratic ticket to help the seventy-seven registered Democrats get a poll of sixty-seven straight votes.

It isn't going to be all "beer and skittles" for the new line-up in Republican boss-ship here in Centre county, either. Mr. Secretary Dornworth has faded out of the picture and only Senator Scott remains. But there is a fly in the Senator's ointment. What's he going to do with Capt. Arthur Dale, or what is Capt. Dale going to do with him? Of course, the Senator has Grundy to fall back on, but the Capt. has Pinchot, and when it comes to handing out the plums the Governor is a real ace in the hole and Capt. Arthur has always been besmeared with luck.

Outside of a congested liver, a heart that ticks as erratically as the Ingersoll that nestles over it, a tongue that usually looks like a celluloid shoe horn and chronic symptoms of "pip" we are not sick. We are just depressed because Democrats didn't lean heavier on politics, than nature, this fall, to get enough corn to keep their donkeys over the winter.

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President Hoover a Poor Sport.

President Hoover shows poor sportsmanship in his bitter attack on the newspapers which published Ralph F. Kelley's charges that the Interior Department had favored oil speculators in disposing of the oil shale public lands in Colorado. Mr. Kelley had been for twenty-five years a trusted and efficient employee of the Interior Department. He had frequently remonstrated against the practice of the Department in disposing of the government's property in the shale lands in direct violation of the law and to the prejudice of public interests. Copies of the correspondence in which the facts were fully revealed were given in support of the charges and there were no reasons, ethical or otherwise, against the exposure. Mr. Kelley's statement appraised the value of the oil shale lands owned by the government in Colorado at several billion dollars. The President estimates the value as negligible. Mr. Kelley based his estimate on the report of the geological survey, which fixes the potential value at a dollar an acre and the area at 40,000,000 acres. As long as the oil remains in the shale and the government retains title to the mineral there is no actual loss. But the charge, supported by ample evidence, is that the title to the mineral was being rapidly and fraudulently alienated to powerful and unscrupulous oil corporations in the face of protests made not only by Mr. Kelley himself but by the commissioner of the Land Office and the engineers of the Department.

It may be all right for the President to entertain abiding faith in the integrity of the Secretary of the Interior. But a similar confidence in the integrity of Albert Fall enabled that recreant official to convey to Harry Sinclair and Edward Doheny hundreds of millions of dollars worth of oil in Wyoming and a prodigious amount of energy, California, the partial recovery of which cost vast sums of money and singularly enough some of the persons involved in the transactions then were concerned in the manipulations in Colorado, and the record of the present Secretary of the Interior in the allotment of prospective power of Boulder dam is anything but reassuring. As a matter of fact the President ought to be grateful that an impending scandal was "nipped in the bud."

Now public interest may be directed toward restoring prosperity instead of repairing political fences.

The Man in the Green Hat.

Some of the leading newspapers of the country have been publishing in serial form, an interesting story concerning the habits and appetites of Senators and Representatives in Congress under the cryptic title of "The Man in the Green Hat." It seems that during a period of ten years one George L. Cassidy has been conducting a lucrative but somewhat secretive business of supplying, with perfect impartiality, the wet and dry Senators and Congressmen with fluid refreshments, variously called hooch, white mule, moonshine and chain-lightning. His first business location was in the House office building which he subsequently removed to the Senate office building.

According to Mr. Cassidy's "confession" a very large proportion of the national law makers are habitual drinkers, and a considerable number of them make no concealment of the fact. The customers were liberal in all cases, prompt in payment, and surprisingly easy to satisfy. That is, they were "poor judges" as to quality and easily deceived. The change of base from the House to the Senate building was the result of an accident. The vendor carelessly let a package fall which revealed the character of the merchandise with the result that the House officials became too vigilant for safe operations thereafter. But the change of location made little difference in the volume of trade.

Besides generous profits the enterprise afforded Mr. Cassidy considerable amusement. When he had nothing else to do he found abundant diversion sitting in the galleries and listening to prohibition speeches by his customers. Of course the enterprise had to come to an end sooner or later and finally information was lodged against the vendor which couldn't be suppressed. Now a complete exposure is threatened. Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, declares that he will demand an investigation upon the reassembling of Congress next month and a considerable number of Mr. Cassidy's best customers are in a state of terror. Happily the election will be over before the expose.

Unofficial Returns of Election Held Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1930

Table with columns for Districts, Candidates, and Vote counts. Includes candidates like Miller, D., and various district names like Bellefonte, N. W., etc.

CENTRE COUNTY STICKS TO REPUBLICANISM.

Two things were noticeable at Tuesday's election in Centre county, the one the large vote cast, especially in the boroughs, the biggest vote, in fact, ever polled at a gubernatorial election and the only time it was exceeded was at the Presidential election two years ago; and the other thing how consistently most of the Republicans stick to their ticket and some Democrats are recreant in their party obligations.

The largest vote polled in the county was for Governor, Pinchot having a majority of 3504 over John Hemphill, the Democratic nominee. Holmes, for the Legislature, had the smallest majority of any on the Republican ticket, 2014, but that was plenty large enough to return him to the Legislature for a fourth term.

Senator Scott's majority in the county over Gingery is 3450, while his total majority in the district will be ten thousand or more.

Congressman Chase had a majority of 4423 in Centre county and his entire majority in the district will be close to twenty thousand.

There were no unusual incidents in connection with the county election. Party leaders worked assiduously to get out the vote and were successful in the towns, but some of the country districts, especially in Pennsylvania, were far short of what they should have been.

The returns on Tuesday night were received in the court house. Manager M. W. Hall, of the Western Union Telegraph company, was in the main court room where a telegraph instrument had been installed, and received all the returns from the State and country at large, while the county returns were received over a special phone installed in the jury room. Election boards were on the job and got the returns in better time than ever before.

Following is the complete vote for all the major candidates:

Table listing candidates and their vote counts for various offices including United States Senator, Governor, and various county offices.

DEMOCRACY SWEEPS OVER THE COUNTRY.

The result of Tuesday's voting in the United States is unmistakable evidence of a general trend back to Democracy.

In every State in the Union candidates on the Democratic ticket either won or reduced the majorities of their opponents to margins so small as to be nothing to crow over.

Congress is probably Democratic. The Republicans have lost 40 House seats and 28 more are still in doubt. The Senate will probably be tie with 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite. This means that the Democrats have made a gain of 9 in the Senate and 53 in the House.

All over the country there were turnovers that might be regarded as land-slides. Republican Governors were replaced by Democrats in Massachusetts, Ohio, Connecticut and Idaho and the South went solid for Democracy.

Here in Pennsylvania the fight was really non-partisan so that the greatly reduced majority by which Mr. Pinchot was elected Governor means little in national affairs other than the discomfiture of the Republican national organization. The Democrats have gained three Congressmen in the State, as well as small gains in both houses of the General Assembly.

Pinchot's majority will be nearly 75,000. He carried all but 8 of the 67 counties in the State. Those giving Hemphill majorities were: Berks, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia. On the wet and dry question the complexion of Congress has been changed materially, but not enough to threaten immediate changes in the Volstead act. Overwhelming victories were scored by the wets in States holding Prohibition referenda—Massachusetts, Illinois and Rhode Island. They increase the number of States that have abolished Prohibition enforcement entirely to eight. There is no doubt of a reversal of feeling about the 18th Amendment. As to whether it will become a real national issue in 1932 only the actions of Congress during the next year and a half will reveal.

As official complications have not been completed in any of the States

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Cunningham's Case Revived.

The United States Supreme court, on Monday, directed the Court of Appeals to reverse its ruling made some time ago releasing Sheriff Cunningham of Philadelphia from arrest on the charge of contempt of the Senate. Mr. Cunningham has had a long period of rare pleasure in defying the Senate but this action of the highest court is likely to put an end to his immunity from just punishment. Richer and more conspicuous men have "served time" for similar offenses against the law but for some unexplained reason this flagrant offender has been able to defy the Senate for upward of three years.

In the Republican primary campaign of 1926 Mr. Cunningham, then earning \$8000 a year, contributed \$50,000 to the Vire slush fund. The source of this generous donation came under suspicion. It might have come from bootleggers and other elements of the underworld and it could have been extracted from the official life of Philadelphia. Either would have been a violation of law and against public policy. But Mr. Cunningham flatly refused to reveal the facts and the Senate obtained an indictment against him for contempt. Upon his arrest in Philadelphia on a warrant from the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, he applied to the Federal District court at Philadelphia for a writ of habeas corpus, which released him from custody and apparently ended the case.

But the dignity of the Senate was not as somnolent as the Philadelphia politicians were stupid. During the time that has elapsed since the release writ was issued the personnel of the court officials changed and the writ was not altered to comply with the changed conditions. Accordingly, a few days ago, Solicitor General Thatcher brought the matter before the Supreme court and obtained an order to the District court of Philadelphia to reverse itself which order automatically returns Cunningham to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and incidentally within the shadow of the District of Columbia jail.

we shall attempt no guesswork as to actual results. Next week, however, we will be able to give you something definite.

That this country is political-minded is shown by the increased activity of the effort to restore prosperity as election day approaches.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

More than 300 miles of cable guard fence was erected by maintenance employees of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways during the past year, according to a report recently made to Samuel Eckels, Chief Engineer.

A half completed Lebanon county school building upon which work was abandoned six years ago after taxpayers objected to the expense, was sold for \$1950 to R. F. King, head of the Lebanon County Trust company realty department, at public sale at Lebanon.

A bag containing jewelry and securities valued at almost \$25,000, according to State police, was found on a highway near Chicora, Butler county, and police are seeking the owner. Clothing in the bag indicated it had been in possession of a person from California.

A 3300-pound weight from the class of 1907 memorial clock in the West College tower of Bucknell University crashed through three of the five floors of the building late last Friday. The falling mass ripped holes six feet wide in the floors and ceilings and fell through two student rooms.

Visions of white intrigue the farmers in West Penn township, Luzerne county, where the State has cut locations for a new road through beds of rock 80 to 100 feet thick. Veins of a white, greasy, crumbling material are white lead, the farmers say. Others say veins of coal have been disclosed.

Overcome by turpentine fumes while painting the interior of an unoccupied cottage, according to the finding of W. J. McGrath, coroner, John Yarb, 25, of Sharon, Pa., died a short time after being found in an unconscious condition. The doors and windows of the small structure were closed as he worked. Yarb leaves his widow and two children.

George Beisel, 27, of Shamokin, died in the State hospital at Ashland, on Monday, after having been burned in the Reading Railway yards at Locust Summit. He was hoisting a pole which came in contact with a 65,000-volt high-tension line, burning three of a crew of five. Fred Zenzel, of Ashland, and William Beisel, father of the dead man, will recover.

Register and Recorder Robert W. Bullock has recorded fifteen leases of land in the western part of Clinton county, bringing the total number secured by the Summit Oil and Gas company, of Pittsburgh to fifty in Clinton county. The leases are all for a period of ten years and must be operated within a year. Extensive oil and gas drilling will be begun, the company representatives have declared.

During the first nine months of 1930 the Pennsylvania Department of Highways completed or placed under construction contracts for the elimination of fifteen grade crossings, elimination of two grade separation structures and relocation, with consequent improvement of safety conditions, of fifteen grade crossings. The total estimated cost of the work is \$2,526,483.81. Thirty-eight cases are pending before the Public Service Commission.

Mrs. Robert Kast, 45, Dushore, Bradford county, was killed last night through the attempt of her husband to avoid running into a deer which appeared suddenly on the highway. Kast drove his machine up an embankment and as the car drifted back it crashed into a moving van. The truck rolled down an embankment on the other side of the road, but a steel cab protected the three men in it from injury. The van was driven by John Hockman, Ephrata.

Presiding Elder W. B. Cox, of Williamsport, the reverend of the Williamsport district of the Evangelical church, of which the Bellefonte church is a part, was recently elected to a general church office, that of secretary-treasurer of the General Church Extension society, at the recent session of the general conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Rev. Cox will relinquish his duties as presiding elder on March 1. He at one time was pastor of the Bellefonte church.

As a result of several complaints reaching the office of the bureau of engineering in the State Health Department alleging pollution of a stream in Jackson township, Luzerne county, and for which pollution a rendering plant was blamed, personnel of the bureau of engineering located a 10,000-gallon still, the mash of which was being dumped into the stream. Investigation also proved that the rendering plant was blameless. Operators of the still were arrested by the state police.

Possibilities of mining for petroleum instead of drilling, which were presented to producers of this State by geologists in the School of Mineral Industries of the Pennsylvania State College some time ago, received considerable attention at the 75th anniversary conference of gas and oil producers at State College. Paul D. Torrey, consulting engineer of Bradford, estimated that mining in Pennsylvania oil fields opened possibilities of recovering 80 per cent more petroleum than present methods produce, and at a smaller cost per barrel.

Charles F. Brandler, 23, of Johnstown, Pa., a Georgetown University law student, early on Monday held a small box up before his brother and two friends and announced: "I've taken this." Then he went to bed. Some time later Robert Brandler found his brother dead in the bathroom. The box had contained poison. Police said a few hours before Brandler's death they went to the apartment in which the brothers lived after neighbors had complained of noise. When they left, police reported the brothers and two fellow students were arguing.

A fire fed by tons of lard and butter swept the Chester Packing & Provision company's plant at Chester on Monday, causing more than \$100,000 damage. A large part of the business section was endangered. A general alarm was sounded. The building is at 16 West Second street near the center of the business district. Firemen fought the blaze for more than five hours before getting it under control. Sixty firemen were saved from suffocation only because they had been equipped with gas masks when refrigerating lines broke and flooded the section with dangerous fumes. Thousands of pounds of lard, butter, fresh and cured meats were destroyed. This is the second time the company's plant has been destroyed by fire. The other fire was in 1916. John Shorts, a night watchman, discovered the flames.