

INK SLINGS.

President Hoover continues to discuss the jobless problem with those who don't need jobs.

One pleasant aftermath of the primary that the dear public will be immediately conscious of is the diminution in the amount of "back-slapping" it receives.

We are glad the Democrats of Centre county rebuked the effort of Judge James B. Drew, a Republican, to steal their endorsement for Supreme Court Judge away from Charles F. Uhl, a Democrat.

Well, the primary is over and, of course, there are many disappointed. There should be some consolation for the losers in the thought that they don't have to go on with the grind until next November 3rd.

Before us is a picture of Mr. N. R. Stiver and his fourteen children. He was among those who ran for nomination for the office of Register of Centre county. While we can't see what a man's family has to do with his fitness for office we admit very great admiration for a father and mother who could bring fourteen as interesting looking sons and daughters as they present to the world. We don't know Mr. Stiver but we believe he is an honest man. We are convinced of that by his admission that his cares and responsibilities as a father are greater than those of the average man.

Several weeks ago we happened to stop at the marble works of Frank Mayes in Lemont. To us a display of tombstones has never had any special appeal, but Frank insisted on our seeing his "presto-change" manner of cutting epigraphs on them. It is a new process by which sand is blown against rubber stencils fastened on the face of the granite or marble. In an hour's time letters, clean and sharp, were cut into the hard granite much more perfectly than could have been done by hand in several days. Then we thought it was the slickest thing in tombstone making we had ever seen. The world do move," however, in Tuesday Harry Keeler exhibited a machine that wrote the epitaph on Frank's political tombstone far slicker than his own could have one it.

So far as our memory runs the man against whom we made the most earnest and powerful political fight we have ever waged was the husband of a woman who died in Bellefonte last Thursday. He was our friend before he went into the contest. He was bigger than we thought him to be, for he remained our friend when he came successfully out of it. He knew that we were fighting him purely because of our belief that he was not the better qualified of the two contestants for the high office to which he was aspiring. Be it said to our tribute to the memory of his life, for he saw it the same way as few would do—that there are wars as broad minded as she. The tears that trickled over our cheeks we sat in the presence of Augusta Quigley, "Sleeping", last Saturday afternoon, welled from a heart grateful for the friendship of such a woman.

We're skinned completely. Our title, epidermis, hide or whatever may be called is nailed on a barn or in Lock Haven. If you don't believe it read what Mr. Owen K. Jams, of that city, has to say of it.

His interesting communication published under "Talks With the Editor" on page six of this edition. We had read it we just wouldn't help thinking of the story told of Judge Burnside and a young attorney's lawyer of years ago. The rather egotistic young attorney is trying a case before the Judge. He didn't know what it was all about, so he let go a barrage of andioquent "foolishment," as by Cohen would say. The attorney on the other side besought the court to stop him. To which plea the old Judge replied: "Let him go, he reminds me of a bear climbing a pole. The further up he goes the more he slips." Well, if Mr. Adams has heard the story he'll know what we mean.

Inasmuch as we have heard of the Honorable Court expects to make some comment on his appearance in official robes at the opening of the sessions on Monday might be hailed before him for attempt if we don't. For the moment we are at a loss to conceive a plea that might not draw a rebuke and a parole of two years in the study of someone who would not us to be reporting to him at every moment we might want to fishing. The toga is all right in us. Anything that adds dignity and impressiveness to the majesty of the law, we're for, but if Court handles it like we do our neck apron we are going after him. We saw a Judge rushing into a courtroom, struggling wildly to get arms into the sleeves of his gown. His graceless antics so reminded us of a half dressed kid climbing to the breakfast table that we laughed in court. That was a new one. We laughed at the Court—that was something that the jesty of the law should never volve.

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Peaceful Primaries in Centre.

Everybody Was at Sea as Results Until the Votes were Counted. Mistakes in Ballot Printing and Distribution Caused Early Morning Confusion. Keeler Runs Up Smashing Lead Over All Opponents for Sheriff.

As might have been expected in a peaceful community like Centre county the Primary election, on Tuesday, passed off without any of the disorder that characterized many other polling places in the State. There was considerable confusion in many of the districts caused by ballots that had been printed wrong. Some fourteen or more districts had to be reprinted before the primaries but at that there were a few others in which mistakes were found only after the polls had been opened and it was too late to correct them. In addition to this the ballots were evidently badly mixed up because in several cases those for one precinct had been delivered to another.

The printers claim that they delivered the ballots as per copy received by them and such mistakes as were discovered were all chargeable to the Commissioner's office. Wherever the fault lies it cost the County a pretty penny in the matter of reprinting incorrect ballots.

Considering the great number of contestants for the various county offices, as well as the fact that there were bitter factional fights over local offices in a number of the precincts, there was not as great a vote out to the Primary as might have been expected. The Democrats had real contests for only two of the places: Those of Sheriff and County Commissioners. That might account for their combined vote on Sheriff on Tuesday having fallen off 453 under that cast four years ago.

There might be another reason for it too. In the campaign last year many Democrats registered as Republicans in order to vote for Pinchot in the Primary. Some did it this year in order to help friends running for County office in the Republican Primary. Many did not take the trouble to change back, so that it is reported that in various places in the county they were denied Democratic ballots when they called for them on Tuesday. There is still another cause that had some effect in it. Whether by design or just accident Republican Assessors are falling into the habit of registering Democrats as Republicans.

This has been noticeable for several years and is growing to the extent that suspicion of actual design is justified. While the Democrats fell off the Republicans gained 718 votes in their combined poll for their five candidates for Sheriff this year over the combined vote of their two candidates for Prothonotary four years ago. The gain was only a natural consequence of accretions from Democrats indicated above and the hard fought contests they had for every office.

There were no political upsets on either side, for the scramble was so terribly scrambled that none of the leaders could unscramble it far enough to pick out a slate that might have had a chance of winning. Keeler's smashing victory for the Republican nomination for Sheriff was easily the feature of the day's voting. A desperate last minute effort to put Mayes over was made but the juvenile politician showed the older heads that he is just as handy at pulling in votes as he is at pulling down dress goods for the ladies to mull over. He had 3515 against 4650 the combined votes of his four opponents, and a majority of 1517 over Mayes.

On the Democratic the four aspirants for Sheriff made a clean, earnest fight in which John M. Boob, the wounded Legionaire and meat market man in Millheim won more hands than pre-primary symptoms indicated. It was known that he was a strong candidate, but there were three very good men against him and it was the general impression that that contest would be closer.

For County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket it was generally believed that Speary would have a run-away for one of the places, notwithstanding he was out for a third term which has never been regarded as a wise political venture in Centre county. The other place went to J. K. Brungart of Miles township, by only a small margin over Womer, Huey and Houser. It is surprising how close the totals of the latter four are.

The Republican contest for Commissioner must have gotten clear out of hand, else Holzworth and Miles, who live almost within a stone's throw of each other, would never have been successful. The old party convention system of picking candidates would have considered such an allocation fatal to party success.

The political debacle of the entire campaign was the Republican contest for Treasurer. Phillipsburg or Rush might have had that nomination had not three aspirants entered the race from that section. Had either Barnett, Womelsdorf or Demi had only one half the votes cast for the other two in Phillipsburg and Rush one of them would have had the doubtful prospect of defeating Robert F. Hunter, the Democratic aspirant for the office, instead of Harry Jones. Jones figured all through the campaign that the split up over there was his best chance to slip through.

The contest for local offices in Bellefonte was devoid of interest other than that aroused by Tom Fleming's successful effort to talk himself out of a chance to run again for the office of Overseer of the Poor. If Tom hadn't been so sure that certain gentlemen were trying to lick him he wouldn't be in the embarrassing position today of having to admit that they have more influence in Bellefonte than he has given them credit with having.

The contest for School Director caused some excitement among those who believe that the American Lime and Stone Co., is trying to buy Bellefonte what it is said to do in Wilmington—run everything—Be that as it may the two women who were running to succeed Mrs. Erouse and Mrs. Gilmour on the Board, nosed the very estimable Mr. Hewitt out and he is probably just as happy as they are.

The unofficial returns of all precincts in the county for the Democratic balloting are published below. Those for the Republican balloting will be found on page 4. Bellefonte borough results will also be found on page four.

Unofficial Returns of Vote at Democratic Primaries, September 15, 1931

Table with columns for Districts, Sheriff, Treasurer, Register, County Commissioners, and Auditor. Lists candidates and their vote counts across various districts.

Trying to Solve the Coal Problem.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. It is highly appropriate that a world conference to solve the bituminous coal problem should be held in Pennsylvania; and for that reason there will be a wide interest in the announcement that an international convention to discuss the future of coal is to be held at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh in November. It is not necessary to state that the industry is in a bad way and that the problem is of vital importance to the Keystone State. But the forth-coming meeting is to be more than local in its character. There will be delegates from not less than seventeen countries, and they will discuss every angle of the prevailing depression. While mainly scientific, it will offer an opportunity to deal with the practical and business side of the question. Indeed one section of the conference will be devoted to a consideration of the competition between coal, petroleum, natural gas and water power.

Herbert and Cal.

From the Philadelphia Record. Unless Yankee psychology has changed radically, President Hoover is going the wrong way about shutting off the dreaded move for drafting Coolidge at the next national convention. Indications are that Mr. Coolidge really "does not choose to run," but what we know of him also indicates quite convincingly that he would be much more likely to change his mind as a result of Hoover manipulation than in response to a party or popular demand that he accept a nomination.

Cost Accounting

From the Harrisburg Telegraph. Governor Pinchot dignified with his presence the first meeting of the Harrisburg Chapter of Cost Accountants yesterday. Cost accounting has risen to the dignity of a profession. The manufacturer or the merchant who knows his costs, to the last penny, is on the road to success. More distress has been caused by lack of knowledge in this respect during the depression starting in 1929 than probably could be traced to any other fault in our industrial system. In times of great prosperity when business is good and profits are large wastes and extravagances of all sorts are often allowed to creep in, unless halted by the cost accounting sentinel at the door. Of course there are no statistics on the subject, but it would be interesting to know if it is true, as may be suspected, that those industries which have shown increases of business and profits during the present dull period were generally those who knew most about their costs.

Spawls From the Keystone

Mandamus proceedings were brought in court at Sunbury by the Pennsylvania Power and Light company against the borough of Mount Carmel, in which it seeks to recover a light bill of \$423.494.27, alleged to be due for several years for light furnished at city hall and several of the fire houses. George Heinman, 39, Catawissa, time-keeper for the Great Lakes Construction company, builders of the new Federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, committed suicide in his apartment at Lewisburg by cutting his throat with a pair of scissors. According to his wife, he had been in ill health and despondent. Samuel Lewis, Secretary of Highways for Pennsylvania, has reported construction of 349 miles of new roads through Federal aid funds this season. The department used \$10,000,000 of United States money, including emergency grants, and \$2,000,000 of its own money in the program before September 1st. The branch of Buffalo creek has been practically cleared of beavers according to a statement made by Miles Reeder, game warden. Sixty beavers have been trapped thus far and transported to various parts of the State. Reeder and the State men assisting in this work expect to go over the branch again and get the few stragglers. The Pennsylvania department of public instruction has announced completion of plans for organization of a uniform safety patrol among school children of the State as authorized by the 1931 Legislature. The patrol will direct children and not traffic in street crossings near schools, according to the plan. Children will be trained how and when to cross streets and highways. Suit for \$50,000 damages was filed in federal court at Pittsburgh on Wednesday, the 9th, by C. V. Brown, of Cleveland against Virginia Krob, of Grampian, Clearfield county. Brown avers he was injured April 12, 1930, when his automobile collided with one driven by the defendant. He further alleges the accident was caused by the carelessness of the Grampian woman. N. R. Buller, former Commissioner of Fisheries in Pennsylvania who was dismissed by Governor Pinchot at the beginning of the present administration, has been employed by the Pennsylvania Power and Light company to make a Statewide survey of the waters which the company owns or controls with a view of stocking them with fish and development of other recreational facilities. The Board of Fish Commissioners is now busy with its fall distribution of trout. Fish are being shipped from Pleasant Mount, Corry, Reynoldsdale, Bellefonte and Tionesta hatcheries. The fish, which are being distributed, are all of a legal size and are being placed only in those waters which have been surveyed by the Board and found suitable. A number of streams which were stocked in the spring are receiving another shipment of trout. A bill of indictment was returned last Thursday by the federal grand jury in Philadelphia against Miss Gwendolyn S. Cameron, former cashier of the Bridgeport National Bank, on charges of embezzling \$2981. Miss Cameron was arrested by bank examiners on January 15 last, and is at present at liberty under bail. The Government charges the peculations occurred during 1930 and that Miss Cameron delved into the bank funds on at least 10 occasions. More than 850 hatcheries and egg opening plants operating in Pennsylvania have been advised by the bureau of foods and chemistry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, of the amendment to the pure food laws which requires that all eggs incubated for eight days or more must be labeled "Incubated" when offered for sale. The amendment also provides that all bakery products in which incubated eggs are used must be labeled "Incubated Eggs Used." The old joke about the amorous ice-man is no joke at all. George E. McGlennon, of Sharon Hill, McGlennon obtained a divorce in Delaware county court, last week, after citing his former ice-man, Harry Ayres, as the recipient of Mrs. McGlennon's affections. "When I told her I had ordered him to stop serving us with ice she said she would slam the door in the face of any other ice-man," McGlennon said. "And when I suggested that we install electric refrigeration she threatened to leave me." Products of what is believed to be the largest truck garden in Pennsylvania are being canned to feed 1,400 people this winter. None of the products will be sold because the garden was owned by the Althegny court work house. Superintendent Robert A. Braun expects to use every bit of the food for the work house. Some of the products from the 650 acres are: 8,000 bushels cabbage; 4,500 bushels of potatoes; 17,000 quarts of peas; 30,000 quarts of green beans; 9,000 gallons of tomatoes, and tons of other truck, so that Centre contains sent to the work house need have no fear of not getting enough to eat. Wayne Meyers, Jr., 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayne Meyers, Dunstown, a mile from Lock Haven, is entering the junior class of the Lock Haven High school with a perfect attendance record. He was neither absent nor tardy from school during the ten years he has attended. During the several years that he attended the training school at the Lock Haven State Teachers' college, the highway along the Susquehanna river frequently was piled with snowdrifts so that it was impossible for automobile or horse to get through. Wayne pulled on an extra sweater and heavy leggings and waded through the drifts to the school, more than two miles. James P. Denny, of Lock Haven, has been named district deputy for the Pennsylvania North Central district B. P. O. E. The district includes thirteen other lodges in addition to the Lock Haven lodge. The appointment was made by grand exalted ruler John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo. Mr. Denny has gone through all chairs of his local lodge and was exalted ruler for three successive terms. At present time he is serving a three year term as a trustee. The North Central district is composed of Williamsport, Sunbury, Kane, Renovo, Bloomsburg, St. Marys, Johnsonburg, Danville, Ridgway, Milton, Jersey Shore, Bellefonte and Berwick in addition to Lock Haven.