

INK SLINGS. BY GEORGE R. MEER.

—Anyway, it will not be necessary to have Mr. Wilkinson burdened with the additional work of running the Prothonotary's office.

—Of the 121 Democrats in the West ward of Bellefonte every one but the few who were away from home or sick were at the polls on Tuesday.

—It is none too soon to suggest doing your Christmas shopping early. Think of it, only seven more issues of the Watchman will reach you before that festive occasion.

—If voting machines could be relied on to cut such capers as they did in Philadelphia on Tuesday all us Democrats ought to vote to have them used in every Republican precinct in the county.

—Maybe it was because John Boob is one of those "Forty and Eight" men that Centre county gave him a majority of eight and, maybe it was the "eight reasons" that defeated Mr. Keeler by eight.

—Governor Pinchot's plan to raise money for the poor by putting a special tax on cigarettes is all right with us. Our physician has just ordered us to cut down on our daily consumption of them.

—Mr. Flopper McSparran, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania, thinks the "bridal paths" that are being built to get the farmers out of the mud will turn out all right. We hope they don't turn out to be as big a flop as Mr. Flopper McSparran was to the Democratic party in the State.

—The entire Democratic ticket in the county would have been elected if it hadn't been so good. Our Republican friends are mostly home-opathists in politics. They will take a couple of nice little sugar coated pills, but when it comes down to administering an allopathic dose, like we offered them, Tuesday, they just had to gag before they got the second of our Auditor's down.

—The third of Governor Pinchot's whereas in promulgating his fifteen-point program reads as follows: "The right to work for a living is part of the right to live." That's exactly what H. F. Derrick, of Clearfield county, thought until he received a letter discharging him from a job on the highway because he didn't give "this administration" his support. The Governor's platitudes might sound very pretty to those who don't know that he really meant that no one has a right to live who doesn't work for Pinchot.

—Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, thinks the Democrats ought to have a "dripping wet" candidate for President. Mayor Cermak is the gentleman, some of you will recall, who promised to clean up Chicago when he was elected last fall. We know little that has happened in the windy city since Cermak kicked "Big Bill" Thompson into the discard other than that Al Capone is actually in jail. Anton probably had very little to do with his incarceration and his call for a "dripping" wet candidate will have very little to do with the selection of a standard bearer by the next national convention of our party.

—Calling an extra session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, to convene next Monday night, is fulfillment of the Governor's announcement, several months ago, of his intention to do so. His fifteen-point program is not bad, except in the phases wherein it reveals his contempt for the constitution of the Commonwealth. The plan cannot be carried out without violation of the fundamental law of the State. With the characteristic Pinchot habit of sweeping aside any and all things that stand in his way he proposes that the Constitution be torn up for the time being and later recited together again. Any relief that the Legislature might enact can only be made available before printing, and by that time the hardships anticipated during the approaching winter will have been endured.

—This is Tuesday night. The our ten thirty. We have not heard a thing as to what happened to the splendid candidates we supported, except encouraging reports from hillsburg and Millheim boroughs that have been phoned to us. For ears we have been waiting for a lance to let the Watchman's roosters out of their coop. We feel at no Democrat in Centre county as done more to bring success to us or her party than we have today; so we are going to hit the hay. We are hoping for the best, it will have provided for the worst tomorrow morning. In the "Fifty Years Ago" column you will see a roster over the announcement at Centre went Democratic fifty years ago today. We are hoping at the morning will bring news at might release several of the staid old birds. However, if it n't that good we have at least had an excuse for one rooster.

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Table with columns for Districts, Candidates, and Votes. Includes sections for Republican and Democrat candidates across various districts like Bellefonte, Centre Hall, etc.

Democratic Ticket Wins In Close Contest in County

By Majorities Ranging from 8 to 1503 All the Court House Offices Have Been Turned Over to Democrats to Manage for Four Years.

As a result of the election in Centre county on Tuesday every office in the court house will be filled by a Democrat after January 1, 1932. The only fly in the ointment that the voters of the County poured on our battered scared old party was the loss of control of the board of Auditors. The victory would have smacked of days fifty years ago had Irvin A. Meyer pulled through. It was somewhat of a surprise that in face of the admitted apathy in the Republican party there should have been a poll almost equal to that recorded in the important contest for Judge four years ago. In that contest there was a total vote of 13951 whereas there were 13336 votes cast on Tuesday.

Table listing election results for various offices: School Director, Borough Auditors, Overseer of Poor, For Sheriff, For Treasurer, For Prothonotary, For Register, For Recorder, For Commissioners, For Auditors.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—The bounty on Goshawks is now effective, and until May 1, of next year, a reward of \$5.00 will be paid on them if they are shipped to the offices of the Game Commission, in Harrisburg, within thirty-six hours after killing.

—Mrs. Rachel Wynn Trowbridge, of Sunbury, celebrated her 100th birthday Tuesday by taking a 10-minute airplane ride. Shortly after noon she soared 3000 feet above the ground and enjoyed it so much she wants to go up again for a longer flight.

—The Reading Iron company, on Monday, resumed operations in all departments of its mill at Danville with a force of between 400 and 500 men. Recent work in the mill has been limited to different departments, this being the first for a long time that the entire mill has been in operation. The mill will operate one shift a day, but no definite statement has been made as to how long the work will continue.

—The Pennsylvania Securities Commission on Friday warned owners of Schulte-United Stores stock to be on guard against a man who identifies himself as a Russell Griffith and seeks to secure payments for a "stockholders investigating committee." Offices of the committee are reported to be at Room 368, 50 Church street, New York city. Commission officials said Griffith claims to be an employee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is not.

—Ninety-eight per cent of a \$300,000 estate was devised in public bequests by the late Dr. John M. Hyson, of York, Pa. Institutions and organizations which will benefit are four churches of Red Lion, the Round Top Presbyterian church and cemetery in East Hopewell township, his Masonic lodge, the York county Medical Society, Leo Independent Fire company of Red Lion and the Red Lion School Library. The remainder of the estate is left to brothers, sisters and nephews.

—Calvin C. Gorgy, former Monroe county detective, must serve from three to six years in solitary confinement for the slaying of James Settimo, Delaware Gap hotel keeper on Labor Day. In addition he must pay a \$5 fine. Convicted at the September term of court, he was sentenced and fined by Judge Samuel E. Shull, Monday, after defense counsel had withdrawn a motion for a new trial. Arlington Y. Hama, counsel asked for leniency. Gorgy shot Settimo when he sought to arrest him in his hotel on a liquor charge.

—A Conemaugh man seeking enlistment in the Pennsylvania State Highway patrol has requested he be sent a motorcycle on which to practice. In a letter addressed to Captain Wilson C. Price, superintendent of the patrol, asking information regarding requirements, the prospective patrolman wrote: "If you are going to give me a job as patrolman then send me a motorcycle so that I can get some practice." Captain Price is answering that the patrol does not ship motorcycles to the home towns of applicants, for practical purposes.

—The Rev. J. O. C. McCracken, former pastor of the Junata Presbyterian church and now located at Export, Pa., is a patient in the Greensburg hospital, suffering from a fracture of the left leg below the knee and other injuries received in an automobile accident last Wednesday morning, ten miles east of Wilkesburg along the William Penn highway. He was returning from Pittsburg where he had taken his wife to attend a meeting. Rev. McCracken is a native of Centre county, having been born at the farm home in the Glades.

—Scores of persons visited St. Joseph's cemetery at Oil City, on Sunday, to inspect a furrow a hundred feet long, plowed by lightning in the freck stone which struck that place with unexpected suddenness, broke 100 windows on the north side and threw the switchboard at Oil City hospital out of commission. Two boys, Fred Carr and Byron McCracken, both 16 years old, fleeing from the shelter of a tree, were hurled to the ground with terrific force, when lightning struck the tree. They were overcome by sickening fumes and suffered considerably from shock. Three others, who had left the tree a few moments before, were stunned by the blinding flash.

—Fire which swept through the Sigfried hotel and several stores in the main business section of Hughesville, a few miles east of Williamsport, caused an estimated loss of \$70,000. The hotel was one of the landmarks in that locality, the rear part being almost a century old. It played an important part in the early lumbering days in Central Pennsylvania, and was a gathering point for teamsters and bark haulers. Firemen from three nearby boroughs aided in fighting the blaze, which for a time threatened the entire business section. In addition to the destruction of the hotel, a large clothing shop was wiped out and several stores and apartments damaged.

—Seven Bucknell University students appeared at a hospital in Sunbury and volunteered their blood for a transfusion for Mrs. Lizzie Bennage, of Lewisburg, who has taken an appreciation for her service as cook at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house. Mrs. Bennage underwent an operation and little hope was held for her life. Hearing of her condition, the students went to the hospital immediately and offered blood. It was hard for them to forget the extra dainties and little favors Mrs. Bennage had granted the boys as their cook. Robert Crowley was selected for the ordeal and the transfusion was performed. Her condition is good, although the other six students await their turn to give their blood.

—Daniel W. Smyser, 76, a lifelong resident of Warrington township, York county, and prominent in Sunday school work, died on Sunday in the manner he had desired—in harness. That afternoon, while in the midst of an address at the Sunday school convention of the Salem Union church, near Dover, he dropped dead from a heart attack. Mr. Smyser had been called on for an address. He refused to mount the rostrum, saying that was the place for the ministers. He stood up in front in the auditorium and had been speaking about 10 minutes. He started a sentence—"I am going to show—" when he crumpled to the floor. Smyser had taught school in the borough and Warrington township for many years, retiring four years ago.