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Perhaps no more fitting tribute could have been paid a man in death who was a great lover of flowers in life, than the hundreds of floral offerings that bedecked the bier of the late Richard Gilbert, Secretary-Treasurer of District No. 2, United Mine Workers of America, whose funeral took place from his home in Clearfield, on Wednesday of last week, and was attended by hundreds of his friends from far and wide. As an attestation to his esteem, it was particularly noted that not only did his own—the union representatives—come to pay their last respects—but intermingled with them were coal operators, mine superintendents and many others whom during his lifetime Mr. Gilbert in the duties of his office no doubt found on the opposite side of the table, and with different thought and view. But, after all, most of these men, knew Mr. Gilbert for the true representative of labor he was, and honored

and respected him for his honesty of purpose. Dick Gilbert's death was a blow to all—employer and employee.

On the basis of the registration, as compiled by the county commissioners' office, Republicans and Democrats in Cambria county are pretty evenly divided. In fact, in the entire county, the Republicans hold a slight lead. In Johnstown city they predominate by more than four thousand, while in the districts outside the city, the Democrats lead them nearly as heavily. Hence, with many voters in both parties, having independent thought and action, the county election this fall likely will be much more the man than the party—which is as it should be.

Meanwhile the primary election campaign goes merrily forward, with candidates for county offices missing no opportunities of meeting the people. Picnics and outings of all kinds are the mecca for the aspirants for office. What interest the voters have in going to the polls on primary day, remains to be seen. Lively competition is being put forth in both parties by the candidates and, so far, there hasn't been any mud-slinging evident. But, beneath the surface, the various races are in earnest, and candidates are out to get the votes by any and every method and device possible.

And all this brings us back to our old pet topic of what Northern Cambria will draw out of the primary and election—particularly as it affects the county commissioner's office. There seem to be mighty few, if any folks, living today, who can remember when Cambria county, north of Ebensburg has had representation in the commissioner's office. Lately all the representation has come from Johnstown. It is but fair and equitable that we, in the north of the county have representation. In the past, both parties have slaughtered themselves in this matter by having too many candidates of their own in the field. This primary election day will find only one man on each party ticket from the north of the county on the ballot. They are George C. Hoppel, Democrat, of Patton, and William R. Stich, Republican, of Spangler. Can any candidate or person from anywhere come into the north

of the county and tell us why we should not have our own representation nominated. Is there any reason why northern Cambria county in a half century, anyway, should not have representation of at least one of three commissioners? The voters of the north of the county can remedy this situation themselves on primary day—if they are loyal. And why shouldn't they be?

With a lot of pleasure we note that the State highway department is calling for bids on September 1, for the resurfacing and widening of the brick road between Patton and Carrolltown, likely with the correction of the numerous obnoxious curves that exist. Some of the residents, adjacent to town, on the Strittmatter Hill, however, do not take very kindly to the proposed improvement, and report that plans will virtually ruin their properties.

We note by the newspapers that William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has suspended the International Typographical Union (Printers' Union) because they have not paid the special assessments levied by the AFL to fight the CIO. The printers have taken the stand that none of their funds should be used to fight organized labor at all. The rank and file of the printers, and even the officers, likely don't give three hoots whether they're ousted from the AFL or not. They don't believe in labor strife within labor itself. Perhaps the stand of the International Typographical Union, may have a lot to do with the ultimate peace within labor.

We have heard the allegation that the workers on WPA don't want any private employment, yet out in Cleveland the other day 3500 people got in line at midnight and before to apply for 600 jobs for which applications were to be taken at 6:30 the following morning. Most of them were former WPA workers. Every time a clear test comes the available jobs are stalked down, with hungry zeal by five or six times as many applicants as there are jobs. There may be cases where ill-paid, temporary "fill-in" jobs have been refused, but until there are regular, desirable jobs going begging it is unnecessary to worry about the suggestion that "people just won't work anymore."

A summer tempest blew out of the North Atlantic last week and took the country's mind momentarily off the heat. President Roosevelt had sent word from his vacation cruise that he had decided to change the date for Thanksgiving, thus breaking tradition, or returning to it, depending on how history is read. Celebration of harvest-home would this year be November 23—not November 30, as set by the calendar makers in accordance with the custom that the last Thursday of the eleventh month shall be a day for church services, family reunions and overeating. The President had acted for business reasons. Retailers like a long Christmas shopping season, a season that traditionally begins after the Thanksgiving holiday. This year they faced a short season for Thanksgiving would fall on November's last day. They appealed for help and Mr. Roosevelt heard them. Since no Federal statute fixes Thanksgiving, he moved the holiday back a week. Retailers praised the President. Football-schedule makers wondered aloud what would happen the games arranged for November 30. Traditionalists spoke out in dismay, forgetting that until Civil War times Thanksgiving had been neither a fixed day nor a fixed national celebration. Governors, most of whom have the power to proclaim Thanksgiving day in their own states, disagreed as to whether they would abide by the tradition of following the President's example. Turkey growers said the change wouldn't make any difference to the turkeys.

Probably as colorful a political character as Pennsylvania has seen in a generation died in Philadelphia last Saturday. He was Samuel Davis Wilson, until a week previous the boss, until a week previous the boss. He did not trail along with anyone and he did not depend on a year-in-and-year-out political following. Mr. Wilson never headed what might be called a political machine. He was strictly the product of his own hell-raising. Mayor Wilson's health has been impaired for some time. Even when he spoke in Johnstown last year during the Tom Kennedy campaign, he was a sick man. While politicians have predicted he was "washed up," it's hard to tell what would have happened if S. Davis Wilson had enjoyed his good health.

With Congress out of the way Secretary Perkins has quietly resumed her efforts to get the AFL and CIO to reopen suspended peace negotiations. So far she has had no more luck than when congress was in session. The parleys were broken off last spring to permit John L. Lewis to dicker with coal operators for a new miners' contract. The understanding was, so Miss Perkins claims, that when these negotiations were concluded the AFL-CIO peace talks would be resumed. But when the coal contract was signed, Lewis informed her that he would not sit down with the AFL committee while the AFL kept up its fire against the Wagner act. Miss Perkins also was against meddling with the law, but there was nothing she could do to stop Bill Green and other AFL chieftains. When Congress adjourned and the Wagner act fight was temporarily shelved, she resumed pressure of the two warring camps to get together again.

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Neither has been enthusiastic. Green was willing, but balked at making the first move. Lewis didn't decline outright, but said he saw no use in further parleys. He contended that agreement was impossible as long as the AFL leaders refused to take in all the CIO members. And so!

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, in this manner to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us, in our recent bereavement, the illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Mary Rabick; for the spiritual bouquets, the floral offerings, and use of cars at the funeral. — The Rabick Family.

ISSUE CALL FOR CIO CONVENTION

Washington, Aug. 19.—Official call for the second annual convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, to be held at San Francisco starting October 10, was issued today by Pres. John L. Lewis and Sec. James B. Carey.

The CIO executive board will convene in the Golden Gate city five days earlier, on October 5.

Sessions of the convention will be held at Polk Hall in the Civic Auditorium. Convention headquarters will be in the Hotel Whitcomb.

Under provisions of the CIO constitution drawn up and accepted at last year's Pittsburgh convention, each CIO international and national union and organizing committee is entitled to the following number of delegates:

- For the first 5,000 members, two delegates.
 - Over 5,000 members, three delegates.
 - Over 10,000 members, four delegates.
 - Over 25,000 members, five delegates.
 - Over 50,000 members, six delegates.
 - Over 75,000 members, seven delegates.
 - Over 100,000 members, eight delegates.
 - Over 150,000 members, nine delegates.
 - Over 200,000 members, ten delegates.
- Each CIO Industrial Union Council and each local industrial union is entitled to one delegate.
- CIO Director John Brophy is chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee and Ralph Hetzel is secretary.

All resolutions, appeals and constitutional amendments offered for convention action must be in the hands of the Secretary at CIO headquarters, 1106 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C., at

least 10 days prior to the opening of the convention.

SECOND CIO PARLEY SCHEDULED OCTOBER 10

Washington. — President John L. Lewis of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, has issued a call for the second annual C. I. O. convention to be held in San Francisco beginning October 10th.

The call made no mention of issues to come before the convention but it is believed that President Roosevelt's newest appeal for peace between the CIO and the American Federation of Labor will receive an airing.

Mr. Roosevelt made the appeal last week in a message to the New York State AFL convention. After reciting the accomplishments of labor he deplored the CIO and AFL schism and

said he hoped the AFL "will have open every possible door of access to peace and progress in the affairs of organized labor."

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