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By this time next week the primary election will be over and the nomination winners will be known. At this time, in the case of some of the offices, neither party can do a thing but guess at the results. Some of the contests promise to be close, from all appearances, particularly in the commissionership race in both Republican and Democratic ballots. All through this campaign, the Press-Courier has contended that the northern portion of Cambria county is entitled to representation on the board of commissioners, and no one has attempted to refute the claim. Over a long period of years we have heard voters deplore the fact that Johnstown always gets the commissioners and we should have done something at previous elections. In previous years, we parties, have usually managed to get two or more candidates in the field at the primaries, with the result that these candidates slaughtered their votes, and the south was "sitting pretty." This year the story is different. For perhaps the first time since the turn of the century, only one candidate from the north appears on either ballot. They are George C. Hoppel of Patton, and William R. Stich of Spangler. Voters in the north of Cambria county, who have the interests of the north county really at heart should make one of these men their choice together with any other of their picking on primary day.

Interest as a whole has not been up to par among voters for the coming primary, and now with the situation such as it is in Europe, the interest has gone down a good many more points. The candidate has only one recourse, and that is he must get out and see the voters personally, and ask them to do their "bit." The national situation, the WPA, the election—all have been scuttled into back pages, and only war headlines dominate the fronts of the daily press. Should a protracted war hold on in Europe, and Franklin D. Roosevelt and his administration succeed in keeping us out of it, the people of this country wouldn't care three hurras about a third term, and the Roosevelt stock would go

bouncing up—a fact that even his greatest political enemies concede.

Despite lots of antagonism from sports quarters, and lots of praise from the merchants, President Roosevelt will stand by his recent announcement that he will proclaim Thanksgiving Day on November 23, instead of the fifth and last Thursday of the month. He also announces in advance that November 21st, the third Thursday in the month, will be proclaimed Thanksgiving Day in 1940, thus giving the calendar makers and football promoters a full year in which to make their dates. While some state governors declare their intention to ignore the proclamation of the President, this year, Governor James of our own state, says he will follow the wishes of the President and recognize November 23, as the holiday.

We note by the newspapers that the annual boy scout drive is again being planned, and committee chairmen are being named in various sections of the county. Up here in the north of the county for the past several years, it has been the policy to combine the movement into a general fund that included the Tiny Tim Club of the Kewanians with it. We presume that will be the procedure this year. This is one drive that is really worthy. For the past year the boy scout movement in Cambria County has been growing by leaps and bounds, and interest is on the upswing.

What do the printers think of being ousted from the AFL? Sentiment of an important part of the International Typographical Union's membership on the AFL demand to pay assessments to fight the CIO was voiced by Elmer Brown, President of Local No. 6, of New York City: "We will never pay a tax to fight another union," he said "Nor will we contribute one cent to destroy any organization which is working in the interests of labor." Following his recommendation, the local passed a resolution urging the ITU convention to "take no action that might compromise the traditional and long established independence of the ITU."

With the primary on Tuesday next, folks who vote Democratic, and particularly the members of labor organizations, should not forget that Patrick McDermott, of Hastings, is a candidate

to succeed himself as coroner. Mr. McDermott, now serving by appointment, has made a mighty fine record in the coroner's office, and is deserving of support generally, both at the primary and general election. As a Democrat, he has always been a party war-horse. Vote for Pat.

While Dennis L. Westrick has no opposition at the primary in his quest for nomination as County Controller, nevertheless, party voters should not neglect to give him a complimentary vote. That he will make a good controller is an assured fact to all who know this energetic assemblyman. It is his intention to conduct an aggressive campaign during the fall election period.

There are about eight or ten union print shops in Cambria county who are prepared to give candidates the "union label" on their printed matter with the regular Johnstown Allied Printing Trades Council Label. These shops pay a high wage scale, one that compares with the wages paid by the Johnstown dailies. The union label, of course, can be secured outside the county, on printed matter, likely cheaper, because in some sections wage scales are lower, but it doesn't show exactly the best faith on the part of candidate who seeks votes from Cambria countians, to get his work done elsewhere.

That's one thing that State Senator John J. Haluska, now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for county treasurer, could ever be accused of. Mr. Haluska, who has been through many a county campaign, and one state-wide tussle, has always recognized that his money should be spent in the districts wherein he sought votes. Incidentally, Haluska is making rapid progress in his campaign, and most all observers accord him the strength to be nominated easily. Senator Haluska has a labor record and background that our readers well know. In his aspirations to be county treasurer, he asks the continued support of his past friends, as well as the new.

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During the past few years, as the director of a labor newspaper, it has been in the line of our duties to follow up rather closely the administration of W. Lloyd Hibbs as a compensation referee, and that record, alone, is such as to merit the support of the mine workers and other members of organized labor. Upon our request we wrote Mr. Hibbs and asked him to give us a brief resume of himself, and substantially we received the following:

W. Lloyd Hibbs was born in Juniata county, Pa., in 1882, and since 1895 has been a resident of Cambria county. His early education was obtained in the Cresson public schools and after earning sufficient money as a locomotive fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he attended and is a graduate of Dickinson College and Dickinson School of Law. Since his admission to the bar in 1910, he has practiced law in this county with offices in Ebensburg and Cresson. On our own part, we might state here, that Mr. Hibbs has the confidence of the people who

know him best, as he was a school director in his home town for 14 years, until his election to the office of District Attorney in 1931. He believes in the honest and economical administration of all departments of the government and from 1932 to 1936, while District Attorney of Cambria County, by counseling with justices of the peace, the magistrates and constables, he weeded out trivial cases and unnecessary witnesses, and, as a result, reduced the number of cases returned to court by more than one-third. In dollars and cents, this effected a saving to the taxpayers of at least \$25,000.00 a year. Law and order prevailed during his administration.

As a Workmen's Compensation Referee for the Seventh District, because of the character of his work, he received the written and personal commendation of the Chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Hon. David L. Ullman, for his "sane and intelligent handling of the cases" before him, and his "fair and com-

prehensive findings of fact."

Mr. Hibbs has always regarded public office as a place in which to serve the people and he was never "high hat" and always accorded a hearty welcome and courteous treatment to all who had problems for consultation with him. As the father of six children, he is interested in making Cambria County a cleaner and better place in which to live. As a lawyer and former District Attorney, he understands the problems which confront the District Attorney, and possesses the sound judgment with which to meet them. As a citizen, he has stood, and will stand, for the principles of our Democratic form of government and the basic institutions which sustain it, and pledges the influence of the office of District Attorney in backing up the work which the home, the school, the church and community effort are doing to create a wholesome environment in our county. He is sincere and earnest and his past record is a guarantee of his future performance.

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