Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Blue-birds and robins have made their first spring calls.

-Don't fail to get your income tax report in by tomorrow. The fine is heavy for delinquents.

-Make your home so that your children will love it and they will not be so hungry for amusement elsewhere.

-Bellefonte entertained a hold-up man last Saturday night, but he must have been an amateur for when the intended victim wouldn't be held up he took to his heels in a way that indicated that he might be going yet.

-The maiden legislative effort of eminent domain.

-We understand that some of the ladies to whom the "Watchman" referred last week as being loose,-of course only so far as the grip they keep on their pocket books is concerned, have been disposed to remark that: "There are others." Which means that they recall the wail the writer set up when he lost a perfectly good overcoat last fall. Ordinarily it might look as if we had unwittingly thrown a boomerang, but be that as it may if this identifies a strange overcoat hanging around your house and it is sent back here we'll look upon the item to which so much exception has been taken as one of the most profitable the "Watchman" has ever published.

-If the liquor people had put the price of drinks up to their present mark a long time ago there might never have been a Prohibition movement. Common drunks and genteel jags constantly careening before the public eye had more to do with focusing public indignation on the liquor traffic than anything else and as few of either are seen now we search for the explanation and find it in the high cost of drinking and the low percentage of kick in the drink. It takes money and a capacity for liquids quite beyond the average individual to buy and store away enough of the stuff to get any results at all and the fellow with a real "souse" today is so rare as to be almost a novelty.

-The Philadelphia conference of the Methodist church is in session in Philadelphia. The work it proposed Rorke Sunday law will sure-



Treacherous Work of Republicans.

The efforts Republican newspapers are making to justify the filibuster in the Senate at the close of the session | Legislature show for the Governor is | will fail because a considerable numof Congress would be amusing if the attracting popular notice as well as ber of Senators have declared they will the Hon. Ives Harvey died a bornin'. result were less serious. It is pre-He had a bill giving cemetery associa- tended that the action was necessary tions the right of eminent domain to prevent hasty and ill considered clear up to third reading in the House, legislation on one hand and that it was necessary to "show the President tice and the Hon. Ives' first bill went his place" on another. Senator Sher- tion is submitted to him before being propriate a hundred million dollars surely to make it worth while for this to the Legislative boneyard-that al- man, of Illinois, is responsible for the read in place and unless he assents it ways finds room for the interment of latter reason. In the vernacular of is buried or presented merely for the such measures without the right of his class he says it was "necessary to purpose of being stifled in committee. call the bluff of the President." As a As a matter of fact the Governor is matter of fact, however, the President the "whole show" at the State capitol ly so and the opposition hadn't even had set up no bluff. He came home and in justice to him it must be said from Paris where his presence was that thus far it has not turned his greatly needed to perform official du- head in the least. ties incident to the close of the session and he fulfilled his duties in the

most unostentatious way. filibuster was to embarrass the gov- Every recent Governor has met the and destroying the weak nations beernment in its legitimate operations. same conditions in some measure and fore the ink on the peace protocol was Just as Jefferson Davis and Robert at least one or two of them were car- dry. The "balance of power" method Toombs undertook to cripple the gov- ried off their feet by the laudation. of preserving peace has proved not ernment in 1861 the Republican Sena- Brumbaugh, for example, actually be- only futile but actually mischievous tors proceeded at the close of the recent session of Congress. The filibuster was invoked as a means of defeat- lay the cause of his complete failure an organization is that which has ing the appropriations for the support as Governor. Sproul has not even reof the army and navy and for the operation of the railroads. Possibly thus far but it is hard to tell what the those participating in the traitorous future will disclose. Constant dropwork imagined that the President ping wears a stone away and persistwould postpone his return to Paris and call an extra session of Congress to provide the funds necessary to conduct the departments of the government affected. That would have been a famous victory for perfidy, a grand

achievement in the line of treason. If either branch of the new Congress had a Democratic majority the him. The Legislators are fishing for Republican Senators would have no desire for an extra session. The first any form of servility that promises to to creed or political alliance. This Monday of December, the time fixed by law nearly a hundred years ago, he will not fall for the game of the would have been early enough for the office brokers because he knows from assembling. But through a blunder, experience, the dearest of all teachwhich is now well nigh universally re- ers, that there is no sincerity in the gretted, Republican majorities were friendship that is paraded as the price returned in both chambers, and the of favors desired and expected. Twentraitorous leaders of the Republican party imagined that it would serve as eral education in political intrigue. a whip to force the President to yield

will take up will be of very great in- to their sinister purposes. They want terest to all of us at this time, for the to defeat the League of Nations, not Westmoreland Congressional election because it is wrong but for the reason was a straw indicating the course of

The surprising deference which the Senators and Representatives in the the fear that the League of Nations curious comment. Nothing is done in vote against it. A considerable numeither branch of the General Assem- ber of Senators said most vehementbly, according to Harrisburg corres- ly that they wouldn't vote for the revpondents, until the Governor gives enue bill. Quite a number of them his approval. Every piece of legisla- made speeches against the bill to ap- enough anti-Americans among them

Everything Goes to the Governor.

to the Governor is flattering to his many was to the elimination of autocvanity and it is creditable to him that racy. Without such an agreement the The sole and whole purpose of the he has not lost his head over it. strong nations would be overrunning lieved that he was as great a man as and the only alternative is the League Bill Vare painted him and in that fact and the only feasible scheme for such vealed a symptom of the weakness ent flattery may overcome the stolidity of our Governor.

Governor Sproul is a man of wide experience and has long been familiar with the ins and outs of politics. He knows as well as any other man in Harrisburg the reasons for the adulation that is being heaped upon the spoils of office and are ready for of the United States without respect produce the result. It is possible that country wants no more wars and dety years in the State Senate is a lib-

-It can't be said that the Butlerly come in for an expression of opin- that President Wilson is largely re- the wind. It was a whole strawstack ion and we will not be surprised if sponsible for it and an extra session in a hurricane heading to the exterble increase in the price of anthracite coal. There can be no possible excuse

No Danger of Defeat.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. There is no occasion to worry over One of the chief opponents of the League of Nations is Senator Reed, of war began. There are a great many Germans in Missouri, but there are not for the relief of the sufferers in Bel- high official to be their spokesman in Europe. But when the vote was taken about the Reed opposition to everyit was supported unanimously or nearnerve enough to call for a record vote. that it is the baying of the Houn' Dog. Hearken back to the days—those hot summer days—in 1912 when the Houn' Dog was baying to the tune of The League of Nations is as necessary to the future peace and prosper-Of course this complete surrender ity of the world as the defeat of Ger-

The Baying of the Houn' Dog.

"You gotta quit kickin' my dog aroun'" in Baltimore. Reed was in the saddle and his Houn' Dog tune was catching. He had weathered storm of adversity and his candidate had secured a majority in a memora-ble convention. But rules and regu-lations provided that a majority was not enough and then Reed hitched up with Tammany and any interests which he thought would put Champ Clark over as the Democratic candibeen at least tentatively agreed upon date for President. When the Senaby the peace conference based upon tor from Missouri did this, he lost his the plans of President Wilson.

Of course the Republican Senators begrudge Woodrow Wilson the glory which will naturally and necessarily attach to him through the adoption of his covenant and its successful operation. And they will talk freely and furiously against it. But they won't vote to defeat it. Even the stupidest of them knows that the man who votes

against that beneficent measure will be everlastingly flayed by the people of the United States without respect the cudgels against the Administra-to creed or political alliance. This feating the League is inviting war and actually compelling bloodshed and misery.

-Senator Lodge has one advantage over most men. He can change League of Nations as he fought every his mind whenever party exigencies require it.

Fault in Fixing Prices.

held in check by government control.

-The Legislature is getting

We have the unwelcome informa-tion from reliable sources that the Fuel Administrator of the government has consented to another considera-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-The salary of Federal Judge C. B. Witmer has been increased from \$6000 to \$7500 a year.

-The first outbreaks of smallpox to be reported for some time have been announced by the State Department of Health. Four cases have been found at Carbondale, two being nurses in an emergency hospital. The disease has also appeared at St Marys.

-One of the largest awards yet made in the first district bureau of working men's compensation, has been given by Referee Jacob Snyder, in Jefferson county, In the case of Assunta Sarelli against the Corbet Coal company and the Ocean Accident and Guarantee company, the award to the widow was \$6100.31.

-John Kreider, of Kratzerville, regained his sight recently after being blind for seven years. He had been struck in one eye by a chip while cutting wood. The eye had to be removed and the sight of the Missouri, Democrat. Senator Reed is hard to understand because he has standing at a window, he suddenly realized been opposed to everything that was he could see. His vision has completely opposed to Germany since the great returned.

-Over four hundred camp sites have been granted by the State Forestry Commission for summer outing, fishing and hunting camps for clubs. associations, schools and individuals on state lands gium and other devastated sections of season and out. Hence the only con- The number has increased rapidly in the clusion to be reached in the premises last few years. The use of the sites is given for ten years subject to certain regthing the best thought of the nation and the Administration stands for, is

-P. M. Sharpless, the millionaire manufacturer of Chester county, slandered Dr. Bayard Kane, of West Chester, and twelve good men and true, sitting in judgment, said in their verdict the doctor shall receive \$8,000. Millionaires should be more careful in speaking of their fellow-citizens. The verdict in this case was the largest ever given for slander in the Chester counthe ty courts.

-Marvin Mayes, sheriff of Jefferson ounty, has been notified by the Pittsburgh police bureau that Paulino Policischio has been arrested there, charged with the murder of Tony Guilino, at Pardue, November 7, 1918. Policischio disappeared after the death of Guilino, which a coroner's jury decided was caused by accidental discharge of a gun held by Polcandidate's ablest champion, William J. Bryan, and out of the melee, came icischio and the latter, at the time of his arrest, did not know that he had been 'ex-

Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, champion of idealism and a world's peace. Reed was undone on the summit of victory and he cannot forget. Champ ter and recorder, Northumberland county, Clark, not always politic, seemingly forgot, and he played his part well and truly as Speaker of the House in the Odd Fellows' orphanage, east of Sunbury, will receive the sum of \$1000. The deceased also bequeathed \$6000 for a new momentous times. But Senator Reed, Methodist parsonage and \$5000 for a fund for the establishment of a suitable home for Mt. Carmel boys. He also willed large sums to other church and charitable institutions.

Republicans than any of their Sena-tors, for attacks by Republican Sena-tors are taken with a grain of salt by -J. A. Goon, proprietor of the Woodand hotel, in Clearfield county, has been placed under \$1,500 bail to answer a charge the least of us, while attacks by simof manslaughter at the next term of crimilar party men, are given attention in inal court in that county. He was arresta serious vein. Senator Reed today is fighting the district attorney, which alleges that Goon ejected Albert Reposi from his hotel other move to throttle the Kaiser and his militaristic crowd. The Demo-crats lost a U. S. Senator in the last on January 27th, and then struck Reposi, causing him to fall on the concrete sidewalk in such a way that his skull was election in Missouri and it is charged fractured and death ensued several days later.

> -The office of commissioner of Potter county does not seem to be a healthy job. August Noelk died in office. H. J. Theis,

of Prohibition, propose a resolution result. favoring an amendment ending the sale of tobacco and the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes. Ordinarily a Methodist conference is a reasonably sane body, but this one must tolerate absolutely no uncertainty as to the sanity and farsightedness of its deliberations. The world can never be won to Christ by the statutes of men. It can be won by the preaching of His simple gospel of brotherly love and that gospel and Corinthians 14th and 20th should be in the minds of both clergy and laity all the while this conference deliberates.

-A friend who is in a position to know informs us that in Norway, dry about four months now, all manner of substitutes have already been devised. After using up all the patent medicines and hair tonics in the country the thirsty Norwegians got after varnishes and shellac so that there is none of either of those commodities on the market there. But necessity still maintained her reputation as being the mother of invention for some one discovered that by shooting seltzer water into powdered furnace slag that there was a distillation containing as much if not more "pep" than the lightning that comes from the cactus plant under the name of pulque. They say one drink of the slag juice has the old regular stuff faded miles when it comes to results. It produces a twenty-four hour jag and if its victim tries to sleep it off when he wakes up all he needs to do is shake his head a couple of times and it is on again for another day or so.

-The Lamar report on Bolshevic activities in this country should command the very serious consideration of every one. We are too prone to pass this matter up as if there need be no alarm. Our institutions, our ion except upon plans made by himproperty is in danger, very grave danger and the sooner we waken to its presence the more certain we will there will be no charter revision for be of eliminating it. There are now Philadelphia during the present seseighty-eight recruiting stations in the United States and at least fifteen impair Senator Vare's drag on the newspapers advocating "revolution city treasury or the Mayor's monopoand sabotage." In nearly every in- ly of the bonding of municipal officials stance revealed by Solicitor Lamar's and contractors. It is fine to be Mayreport the writer of inflammatory or of a big city in any circumstances articles quoted is a person with a dis- but infinitely finer to be Mayor of a tinctly Russian, Polish, Italian or city which is governed by a system French name, yet they are here in that enables the Chief Magistrate to America trying to foment trouble by loot the public to his heart's content. heads of American workers. It is real charter revision for Philadelphia high time that they be summarily and we betray no secrets in stating suppressed, either by imprisonment that nothing will be done in that line or by deportation and with them those to which they are opposed. political partisans who are feeding the flame these foreigners have kindled by openly criticising the government

ty of the institutions we love.

some fanatics, flushed with the success of Congress now could accomplish that mination of the Republican machine.

-Mitchell Palmer may hold on

to the office he holds because he doesn't want Joe Guffey to succeed him. Palmer knows that making Guffey National committeeman will destroy the Palmer-Donnelly-McCormick faction but Guffey has a strangle hold on Palmer and the rest is plain.

Reason Against Charter Revision.

In a statement issued by the Philadelphia charter committee the other day the reason for opposition to the the supreme sacrifice freely made by proposed charter revision is clearly the flower of the manhood of the revealed. It is shown that within the State. No cheap edifice could serve twenty years from 1898 to 1918 the that purpose. Only the finest product city paid out of its treasury to the of the best talent of the country is Vare brothers the vast sum of \$14,- adequate and it is gratifying to learn 784,681. This is at the rate of nearly that such a plan will be employed. three-quarters of a million dollars a year and the chances are that in view of the public temper at present any in the capitol city surrounding the new charter for Philadelphia would cut off this generous flow of gold into oped out of scandal and graft into the Vare coffers. Senator Vare being the undisputed and not too easy boss of Philadelphia he is not likely to consent to such a surgical operation.

The Mayor of Philadelphia has also a considerable interest in the preservation of the present system of government for that community of politas the agent of a New York bonding company has increased within the three years he has been in office from about a million and a half of dollars to the enormcus total of nearly nine millions. Of course it would be impossible for the Mayor to bleed the charter than that now in operation

and Mayor Smith is working it to the limit. He is opposed to charter revisself. It may safely be predicted that

sion of the Legislature which might inculcating anarchistic ideas into the The Vares and the Mayor are against in 1920 than any man in sight.

.----Mr. Debs had his fling and en- the limit of money in sight. joyed it no doubt immensely and he and its administrative officers. It is will have plenty of time to think it time for every real American to can over now that the Supreme court has politics until we are sure of the safe- affirmed the sentence of the lower tri- live it down but they will have a long bunal giving him ten years.

Wise Exercise of Liberality.

Most Pennsylvanians will cordially endorse the plans of the State authorities to make a proposed memorial bridge at Harrisburg, the finest structure of its kind in the world. A less pretentious structure would fail of the purpose this bridge is intended to fulfill. It is to be an enduring memorial of the thousands of Pennsylvania's usual result.

sons who died in France and Flanders for the cause of liberty and humanity. It is to be a monument of

The proposed bridge is intended to round up and complete the State park magnificent building which has develone of the most magnificent public same as last thousands of people buildings in the country. The east would have suffered beyond descripfront of the park abuts on the right tion. of way of the Pennsylvania railroad

and the bridge will cover the tracks and open up a delightful section of the city to the free use of the public. It is not a local affair. It is a matter ical slaves. Through the medium of of state-wide importance and nationthe same statement the public is in- wide significance. The beginning of formed that Mayor Smith's business a movement to make beauty and utility work together happily and harmoniously in the service of the public. This magnificent memorial will cost a vast sum of money but Pennsylvania can well afford to spend all that is necessary in such a cause. It will be an ornament the beauty of which will city to that extent under any other radiate a wholesome influence to the it may have some other cause. But ends of the earth. Moreover it will in any event increase in the cost of work a memorial improvement which reason. is sadly needed. Such monuments as have been erected in the past in hon-

or of the merits and achievements of our citizens are frequently hideous before the Public Service Commission caricatures and rarely of any asthetregarding the dangerous condition of ic value. The structure contemplated the crossings on the Lewisburg and to honor the memory of our heroic Tyrone branch of the Pennsylvania dead of the late world war will be as useful as it will be ornamental and Both are grade crossings and so lowill set a type for all others to emulate.

-Of course the radicals will object but it may safely be said that the State are now predicting a mild William Howard Taft is nearer to the Republican nomination for President

-It may be all right to take all former enough to reform Philadelphia the traffic will bear as a rule but in and if his kind of reform is wanted he levying indemnity on Germany it is right. would be well to fix the sum within

ready for an early adjournment and -The Senators who are opposing nobody objects. the League of Nations may be able to -In one week the first day of period of uncertainty to go through. spring will be here.

Crystallizing. for this. Reports from all sections of From the Stars and Stripes. the anthracite coal region indicate The plan of the League of Nations, that mines are being shut down and laid this week at the door of hours of labor diminished in order to world is the greatest gift that has been offered to humanity since Cain spilled the first blood outside the fields prevent surplusage in stocks of coal. Surplus stocks would necessarily of Eden. bring reduction in prices or criminal They were high words which were collusion in price fixing. Abundance

written on the banners of America's citizen army that sent the khaki leof supply makes competition for market inevitable and declining prices the gion into battle. No boastful talk of For some time the coal supply and threat of far-flung frontiers, no promprice question has been under invesise of booty in new provinces or spoil tigation and the evidence shows that The men that jammed the over charges have been the rule. It Kings. has been clearly proved that freight transports' holds, that crowded the box cars, that marched up against rates on coal are much higher than machine gun and shrapnel, were told upon any other marketable commodithat they were making the worldty. This is another feature of the not America, nor East Orange, nor California, but the world—safe for democracy in a war against war. conspiracy to keep prices up for the high rates of freight are charged up to the consumer as part of the cost of

Through the dirt and sweat of the production. Fortunately the winter there was not much talk of policies. has been mild and the consumption of It was just, "We're here because we're fuel held to a minimum. But if the here. temperature this year had been the

Then one day in the morning it was no more top to go over-just waiting. And some of us sat in the billets and began to think. We saw the gaps in Government control of production the ranks, the battalion that could asand service is justified only when it results in keeping prices down. Dur- semble only a handful, the section that left the echelon full and came ing the war there is no telling to back half a dozen strong. And some of us began to wonder ifs and whys. what altitude food prices would have gone if the profiteers had not been

"I see everywhere men in the Amer-ican uniform," said President Wilson, Saturday, (January 25). "Those men came into this war after we had ut-But the government control of fuel and such utilities as telegraph and telephone service has failed to imtered our purposes. They came as prove the service or keep down prices. but to win a cause."

There is something wrong about this And now we know that it is true and grave faults somewhere. Possibly it is inefficient administration or coal and telephone service is without -The Centre county commissionmen who fought and fell and the women who sacrificed—the founders of ers last Thursday filed a complaint the League of Nations-have won.

An Expensive Habit.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. railroad at Lemont and Oak Hall. Habit is second nature. Why did short-sighted parents, when breakfast bacon was twenty cents a pound, let us get into the habit of eat-ing the stuff? our

Representatives of nine circuses are meeting in Chicago to plan next season's campaign. Any remaining doubt that peace is here may be dismissed.

Can Fill Some Orders, Anyhow.

From the Des Moines Register. If the League of Nations cannot prevent war, it can at least guaran-tee that those insisting on war will get all they want.

who was appointed to fill out the uner pired term of the deceased, who has filled three years of his elective term, has resigned because of ill-health, and Judge Hock has appointed Philip J. Meine, of Galeton, who is asking for the Democratthe ic nomination for the office in Potter county. It would have been fairer to all candidates to have appointed some one not an aspirant for the office.

-In an opinion that will be of interest in every county in the State, Judge Whitehead, of Lycoming county, decided against James A. Applegate, who sued to recover planting a flag on foreign soil, no \$545 for 109 days' work as clerk to the board of County Auditors. The County Commissioners opposed payment of the from the strong-boxes of defeated claim on the ground that a clerk was unnecessary and the court sustains this contention, admitting the plaintiff "was honestly employed" and "faithfully and well performed his labors; but it must not be forgotten that these labors were the labors or work for the doing of which the County Auditors were elected."

--While on his way to the electric railway station in Scranton to take a car for endless hikes, the mud, the shell-fire, Clark's Summit and the Hillside Home, on Monday morning, Harry Congdon, 32 years old, of that city, dropped into the postoffice and called for mail. He was giv-

en a letter from an aunt in Syracuse, N. over. No more big guns, no more gas, Y., which apprised him that he had come into about \$1000 willed by a relative who died recently. When Congdon received the unexpected fortune he had twelve cents in his pocket and a one-way ticket to the poor-house. The same letter which notified him of his good luck also contained an invitation to go to Syracuse and make his home with his aunt. He left for Syracuse on Tuesday instead of going to the poor-house.

-Misses Irene Bauman, Kathryn King and Ruth Packer, three Lockport girls. pupils of the Lock Haven High school, crusaders, not merely to win a war, fell into the river Saturday afternoon, near the Lockport shore, while crossing the stream in a row-boat, and at least two of that the high words written on our the girls would likely have been drowned banners have been copied into the but for the timely efforts of William Baubook of the world's conscience-"inter- man. The girls were being rowed to the national co-operation to insure the fulfillment of accepted obligations," man. The girls were being rowed to the north side by Lloyd Bauman. When near-ing the shore the girls stood up in the ing the shore the girls stood up in the to end forever the hazarding of right to the blind fortunes of might. The into the water, which is quite deep at that into the water, which is quite deep at that point. One of the number managed to reach shore, but the other two were going down for the third time when Bauman, hearing the cries of the girls, ran from his home, and, plunging into the river, saved them.

-Walter D. Hines, Director General of Railroads, is defendant in a unique lawsuit entered in the Blair county court, in which Mrs. Cora A. Kuhn, widow of Peter Kuhn, seeks to recover \$2400 awarded her after her husband had been killed, but which was not paid because the railroad authorities contended she had no claim. Kuhn was employed as a freight brakeman by the Pennsylvania Railroad and while on his first trip on a train between Altoona and Blairsville, became mentally deranged and was locked in a cabin car by the conductor. He escaped, wandered on the tracks and was killed. The railroad's claim adjustor allowed the widow \$2400 damages, but the Pennsy's legal department disapproved. It is held in the bill that Kuhn's mental trouble was due to the motion of the train and his death therefore was an accident due to the nature of his employment.

Peace Assured.

From the Springfield Republican.

cated that their approach is a menace to the traveling public. -Weather prophets throughout

month of March and an unusually early spring, with no killing frosts.

-Senator Vare thinks he is re-