Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-And this is the first day of spring.

-Easter has been too late for the girls this year. They just couldn't save their new straw hats until April 20th.

-We are not so much interested in Senator Lenroots' statement to the effect that Germany is whipped, but we are earnestly interested in a plan to keep her whipped.

-Enrico Caruso, the great tenor, will have to pay \$153,933.70 income tax for 1918. It is a fortune in itself, the thought that it came easy.

-Exert your influence with your sold him at a rate so cheap that he can never hope to duplicate it in any regular company.

-The bugologists tell us that we are to have a plague of seventeen year locusts during the coming summer. The winter has been so soft that we must surely expect a few flies in the weather dumpling.

On and after July 1st letter postage will be at the pre war rate. Letters will go for two cents and postal cards for a penny postage. It might be well to keep this fact in mind so that that date doesn't find you overstocked with two cent post cards.

-The United Mine Workers of America have adopted as a fundamen- Presidency in the event of death or as head of the organization and his tal principle; a six-hour work day, five days a week, and a substantial increase for all work. They don't want much, do they? And yet they cry, "No beer, no work." If they don't intend to work any more than thirty hours a week they don't deserve any term. There is no possible way of arose in favor of the coal owners.

calls of the short session of Congress, from December 2nd to March 4th last intelligent grammar school boy our Member, the Hon. Charles Rowland, answered present twelve times. play upon their fancies. At that he wasn't absent as much as session

Creel when he organized the government's work of publicity for the war. aftermath is the gratifying news that partment. The profitable publicity was the movie films sent out.

-We have had only four snowfalls of any consequence during the entire in Paris and Washington. winter and none of them were to be compared with the least of the snows of the winter of 1917. The season has tionary which will point out the dif-part of the administration plan for



Senator Penrose a Humorist.

Senator Penrose is becoming a real but the singer can be consoled with humorist and gives promise of contributing liberally to "the gayety of nations" during the declining years of his eventful life. Some time ago ry on the insurance the government the New York World suggested that augurate. Ever since the beginning if Penrose and other Senators who of the world war coal prices have been are opposing the League of Nations increasing. First the demand of the would resign, as Conkling and Platt navies of the allies offered a plausidid when President Garfield refused ble reason for some enhancement in to yield to the Senatorial mandate, values and the weather conditions of and submit themselves for re-election upon the issue which would thus be raised, they would find out exactly what the people think upon the question. In reply to the suggestion Sen- in all directions. Neither the weathator Penrose proposes that the President resign and thus "test the senti-

ment of the American people." To any mind less susceptible to humor it will not appear how the resig- undertook to check their rapacity by nation of the President would put the appointing fuel controllers. But in question to a test. The constitution his anxiety to keep politics out of the provides for the succession to the consideration he named a Republican resignation and so far as we have been first act was to increase the price of in undisturbed and undisturbable pos-

knows. But humorists have license to

On the other hand the resignation Congressman John R. K. Scott, of of Penrose any time between now and Philadelphia, who has only one "here" the first of September would afford to his credit throughout the entire an excellent opportunity to measure public sentiment on the question. He

He has just resigned his post and the platform of endorsement of the Pres-

proval of the President's work both Governor's elbow."

of the winter of 1917. The season has gone all awry and few of us would ferences between the Bolshevicks, the nust be conducting the war and every part to be thankful to the United States Department of Agriculture. The easily develop into a serious financial twins. At two weeks of age the calves

The public generally and particularly the people of Pennsylvania will from Washington that "Senator Penwatch with sympathetic interest the rose may be saved from humiliation inquiry into the cost of coal which through the handy process of 'Demo-Governor Sproul has promised to in- cratic acquaintances." That is to last winter made it impossible to com- otherwise some Republican more acplain at any price. But the recent ceptible to the Progressive wing of threat to increase the price in the near the Republican party will be chosen future has aroused indignant protest in all directions. Neither the weath-leader of the opposition to Penrose in fresh advance of ten cents a ton er nor the exigencies of war can serve as excuse for the proposed robbery. When the coal barons began their

"More Power to His Elbow."

extortion operations President Wilson Follette. able to ascertain there is no alterna- the coal required by the poor people him have been equally active and antive. The Vice President automatic- of the country. The next step was to noying in proportion to their intellectally succeeds to the office and remains appoint a fuel controller for Pennsyl- ual power. They are opposing Penvania and another Republican was rose not because the Pennsylvania session until the expiration of the named who decided every dispute that Senator is morally delinquent or detesting public opinion on the question of the League of Nations through the what all the Republican leaders complaint is that he has not consented bounds and check this tendency to ex--At the one hundred and three roll of the League of Nations through the then what all the Republican leaders resignation of the President as every are doing now, namely trying to to turn the control of the party over "queer" the administration at Washington.

Sproul has been moved to activity in | run it. the matter for the same purpose. It is known that an investigation has ah and his associates in the fight been in process for some time and against Penrose is that the election of there are reasons to believe that an Penrose to the office he covets would would have considerable advantage in exposure was imminent. Therefore, "wreck the Republican party." If some abuse was heaped on George the vast party majority in this State our very capable and political Gover- that be true no greater service can be but there are plenty of Democrats nor may have made up his mind "to given to the country than by electing willing to make the contest upon a beat the Democrats to it" by getting Penrose. The Republican party has a report in advance of that of the become the refuge of the enemies of ident's attitude on the peace plans. If slow-moving Senate. But even the the country and the opponents of Mr. Penrose should be elected in the Democrats who have been victims of and one that was greatly appreciated circumstances it would be freely ad- the extortion will not complain if good ing peace and continued prosperity. too-pay all of the expenses of his de- mitted that public opinion here is results are achieved. They want a It is a patriotic duty to destroy that against the League of Nations. But square deal on this coal question at conspiracy against the tranquility of if his antagonist is elected it cannot the earliest moment possible and are the world. Of course if this result be denied that it would express ap- all ready to shout "More power to the can be achieved by electing Senator

From the Philadelphia Press. The interesting information comes The coal operators are, it is said, not a little disturbed by Governor Sproul's instructions to his Attorney say it is alleged that if a certain number of Democratic Senators absent times past in the matter of fixing thmeselves or decline to vote on the prices. by little for some years, dropping a half dollar a ton in April in order to question, Senator Penrose will be elected to the chairmanship of the

Penrose and His Ambitions.

was a few years ago, they seek to induce early orders for stocking cellars monthly after April 30. this supreme fight of his life is Sena-Patience with this coal extortion has ceased to be a virtue and Govertor Borah, who is supported by Senators Grona, Kenyon, Johnson and La-

nor Sproul speaks for the people and represents their real feeling by put-ting the coal companies on the defen-sive and instructing the Attorney General to investigate this conspira-ture of price and price and coal if the The Democratic party owes nothing. to Senator Penrose but it owes less to those who are fighting him in his own party. Borah has been the most percy to raise coal prices and see if there is not law enough somewhere to stop it. The coal operators have been al-lowed to go their own way so long that possibly no statutory power can sistent and pestiferous opponent of President Wilson and those behind at once be found to bring them to terms. But the Legislature is in session and can create that power if necessary. There certainly should be authority placed somewhere that is ficient in patriotism, though some tort from coal consumers excessive to those who entertain different views prices for often inferior coal. as to policies and who are willing to It is quite possible that Governor wreck the party temple if they can't

The ostensible reason given by Borevery purpose which makes for endur-Simmons to the office, well and good.

From the DuBois Express. But that is not likely and the alterna--Of course there will be criti- tive is to confuse Borah at any cost.

Centre countians have reason

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-The highest average yield in the past five years for buckwheat was made in Northampton county with 26 bushels in 1915.

-For the second time within a month the retail price of milk has dropped one cent in Gettysburg. A month ago milk was selling at thirteen cents a quart. It is now eleven cents.

-Irwin C. Keller, of Cleona, Lebanon county, sold three of his monster rabbits of the Flemish Giant breed, all does, and of his own raising, for \$175. They weighed 14 pounds, 12 pounds and 8 ounces, and 16 pounds and 8 ounces, respectively.

-While there has been very little snow protection this winter, neither has there been much alternate freezing and thawing to cause heaving, consequently the grain is in good condition. Present indications point to large wheat and rye crops in Pennsylvania this year.

-George E. Smith and Charles W. Swank, two Pittsburgh division brakemen of the Baltimore and Ohio, were arrested General to investigate their proposed increase in coal prices. The coal men have done about as they pleased in the charge of stealing whiskey. The officers say the two men had in their possession thirty half-pints of whiskey. They have raised them little

-Alleging her husband starved her, so that she was compelled to leave him in county, on the grounds of desertion. The couple lived together only six months.

-While walking along State street, Doylestown, Mrs. Wynne James was attacked by a muskrat or sewer rat, and severey bitten on the ankle. The rat then attacked Peter Siegler and two daughters, who warded it off with an umbrella, knocking it over three times before it gave

-A freak of nature in the vegetable kingdom that is attracting much attention at Castanea, Clinton county, is a grape arbor on the premises of O'Neil Marticello some of the vines of which are in full bloom, even when the temperature is at and below the freezing point. If the cold does not kill the blossoms Marticello will have ripe grapes muce earlier than his neighbors

-200 Mexican quail will be distributed pair of Gamble quail will also be distributed in this country. Last year, 15 pair

While the Attorney General is usof the same were distributed with good reing what weapons he can find to presults. 15 rabbits were also distributed vent this threatened coal advance and perhaps even reduce the present high rate, the Legislature should, on its through the country. Samuel S. Keene, of Christiana, Pa., State Game Warden, is in charge of this work.

own account, investigate the anthra-cite coal. High wages and high transportation charges which wipe out profits are pleaded as an excuse for -Oscar H. Zinneman, who enlisted when ony fourteen years old and is said to have been the youngest soldier in the United States army, has just arrived at his home pronts are pleaded as an excuse for the advance in the price of coal. Let us find out the truth of the matter. It is highly probable that the railroad charges for carrying coal are much higher than they should be. Let us know the truth of these things. Covernor Sproul has started some at Hanover, after eighteen months' service overseas without a scratch. He enlisted immediately after the United States entered the war. His father is a German and at one time was an engineer on the former Kaiser's yacht, Hohenzollern.

Governor Sproul has started some-thing that holds out the hope of cheap--A canvass made among the potato growers in Lancaster county shows that er anthracite coal. It was clearly the not a single one will plant more than usuright thing to do and some real good al and only a few who would plant as much as last season. Most of the men said they would reduce their acreage. One who has been planting largely for years will plant only one-half what he did last sea-In their desperate purpose to emson. Many farmers will plant only what barrass the administration at any and all costs, the Republicans in the Senthey consider necessary for their own use. -Henry W. Bucher, a farmer living

snow" or the "poor man's manure," all of which we have been wont to consider as preliminary to real spring weather.

-On its editorial page the Altoona Tribune declares that "Great Britain worth, of Ohio, in his fight to seize is fraudulent and false. There can be will never do other than good to the United States." And on the first page of the same edition it throws a seven the leadership of Mr. Mann, of Chi- covenant provides. Senator Lodge column scare head over Lenroot's declaration that Britain has drafted the peace treaty so as to revolutionize the foreign and domestic policy of our House for the meat packers for a long under far less favorable conditions government. Evidently the left telegraph editor on the Tribune never lets the right paragrapher know what he is doing.

reason for the wonderful prices horses are bringing at farm sales this spring. With tractors, trucks and pleasure motors displacing them, with grain and hay higher in price almost than they have ever been and with the government releasing to industry thousands upon thousands of its overstock of horses it would seem that of all ofhundred dollars.

-The stuff the average American fused to accept a pension of \$5,000 be- and asserts some decent thing, as he creditable to him. cause he had apparently lost the sight | did in reference to the League of Naof an eye while in the service. The tions, and the narrow minded hitherhave stopped him from taking the breaks. government's bounty for his injury but his own honesty. His eye was of the next House Mr. Mann was degone when he enlisted, but he tricked feated by Mr. Gillett, of Massachuthe enrolling officer into accepting him setts, largely for the reason that duror service to his country by commit- ing the canvass Mr. Mann's relations ting to memory all the letters and with the Beef trust were exposed and Any one would know that a boy with to turn it to a handsome profit.

-The Altoona Tribune is trying to shift the odium for the outrageous filibuster at the close of the last Congress from the shoulders of the Republican party. It states that "it was not the Republican party but a group of foolish Senators, led by Sherman, of Illinois." Inasmuch as Sherman, of Illinois, and all the other foolish Senators in the group are Republicans and the Republican party is responsible for them it looks very much as if the Tribune is trying to ladle out flapdoodle. Certainly a Senator of that party is a unit of the Republican party, for if such were not the case why would Gif Pinchot and all of his followers be declaring that the party will be wrecked if Penrose is given a

start anything.

next Senate.

come through with the "onion snow," the "saplin' bender," the "daffodil on the subject is confusing.

Troubles of Nick Longworth.

work up a little genuine sympathy the League of Nations that they are for Congressman Nicholas Long- in favor of the purpose of the League control of the machinery of the next no other plan and there can be no Congress from the stalwarts under peace without such a guarantee as the cago. In the first place there is little knows this as well as any other living or nothing to admire in Mann. He man. If the plan is not adopted the has been attorney on the floor of the armistice will end and war resumed time and tried to ride into the Speak- than when hostilities ended. Why ership of the House on the back of a should any American citizen desire "bucking broncho" presented to him that result? Haven't we lost enough by the Beef trust. Even at that he men and spent enough money al-

only claim to consideration is that he yes, but the leaders of the Republican is the son-in-law of the late Colonel party act no, whatever they say. Roosevelt.

records were clear and nothing could to Progressives won't stand for such

In the recent contest for Speaker to put him in the chair would impair defeat in no respect detracted from his personal and political influence

among the Republican members. They election to the Speakership but had no real complaint concerning the moral aspect of his position with the trust and though the gavel was ostentatiously handed to his rival the power of the place was given to him.

-The esteemed Philadelphia Record is afraid somebody will accuse that city of starting the sleeping sickness. There is no occasion to worry. Philadelphia hasn't energy enough to ers would rather see war resumed and

-----The next Congress will be real interesting if the several Republican leaders tell what they think of each certain committee chairmanship in the other as frankly as Longworth and Mann have set out to do.

False and Fraudulent Pretense.

The pretense of Senator Lodge and We would like above all things to others who are opposing the plan of -It is beyond us to figure out a has something on Longworth, whose ready? Most thoughtful men will say

There is one element in the citizen-The burden of Longworth's com- ship which might like to see a renewplaint against Mann is that he said al of the conflict and a continuance of recently that the Republican party the carnage, but there are not many ought to support President Wilson in of them. The munition makers and his efforts to secure enduring peace some of the producers of war implethroughout the world by the process ments may be willing to see the blood ferings at farm sales horses would be of the League of Nations. Mann has of their brothers flowing in order that in least demand. Quite the reverse is been the floor leader of the Republi- the flow of gold into their coffers may the fact and it is a very poor speci- can minority ever since old Joe Can- be resumed. But the vast body of men of equine that isn't being knock- non relinquished that job to become American citizens are not of that ed off anywhere from two to three Speaker fifteen or eighteen years ago mind. They want peace because it and it must be admitted that he is a brings tranquility and prosperity and shrewd politician and cunning parlia- leads to the highest civilization. Prob- treaty that this country contemsoldier boy is made out of was shown mentary boss. But every now and ably Senator Lodge represents this the other day when one of them re- then he kicks over the party traces element in the population but it is not by the Senate before it becomes bind-

> The President has gone to great ators throw in the way of its complepains to formulate this covenant of tion the sooner it will be presented to peace. The finest minds in the world them for acceptance or rejection. It worked together to produce it. If is surprising that a lot of supposed adopted it will achieve the purpose of statesmen would resort to such moon

preventing war for all time. But it barking as they are doing over the will exalt President Wilson. It is peace treaty. largely the work of his intellect and energy and if it becomes the fundamental law of the world it will re- dently wants to make the Mountain their position on the vision test card. even his closest friends realized that dound to his credit. But that ought city circus proof, as he is trying to not to influence Senator Lodge to op- get through council an ordinance insuch patriotism would be too honest the party in public esteem. But his pose it in the circumstances. He creasing the license for a three ring ought to be broad enough to give circus from \$100 to \$300 for each day's credit where credit is due and patri- performance. If the ordinance is otic enough to favor the welfare of passed and becomes a city law it will couldn't take chances involved in his the public without regard to where be interesting to note whether circus the credit falls. Unfortunately, how- managers will readily pay that ever, he is not built that way.

> -The State Highway Department has plenty of money, according to reports from Harrisburg and it may be added that there is a good deal of promise coming from that source. But results are what are wanted.

-Some of the Republican leadcontinued indefinitely than a peace planned by Woodrow Wilson.

-Naturally the Germans are disappointed in Wilson and so are the German sympathizers in the United States Senate.

sages of wisdom who guide that ship and dangerous shoals of public opinion have given out a list of counties in Pennsylvania which will this year be visited by myriads of cicada (the seventeen year locusts) but Centre county is not on the list. In fact the Department even goes further and specifies seven counties in which they will not appear and our county is one of them. Hence we say, Glory be! to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

-Farmers and hucksters in upper Bald Eagle and Halfmoon valleys are very much perturbed over the movement precipitated in Philipsburg to establish a curb market by ordinance of council, providing a fee for all hucksters and regulating the hours in which they will be permitted to peddle produce from door to door. The kick comes especially from hucksters who have a regular clientelle of patrons in the town over the mountain, and it is quite evident that back of it all is the fear that a well established curb market might also prove a price regulator.

-We can't understand why there is so much public interest in what a lot of reactionary Senators are saying about President Wilson's peace treaty. Their time is coming. Any peace plates entering into must be ratified ing and the fewer obstacles these Senideas.

-Mayor Rhodes, of Altoona, eviamount in order to exhibit their attractions in Altoona.

-A story was circulated around town on Monday that the Lewistown bus had been held up on Saturday night on the Seven mountains in the regular old Lewis and Connelley style, Bellefonte. It was a good story while

it lasted but the bus driver knocked it into a cocked hat on Tuesday morning when he declared that there wasn't a word of truth in it.

-If the Legislature is wise it will adjourn early and avoid anything like a collision with Senator Vare.

and industrial crisis. To say the of state through the troublous waters blame for such a crisis would lie with the President for refusing to call an extra session at once to remedy the damage done is absurd. On that basis any murderer could expect acquit-tal if it could be shown that a third party might have saved the life of his victim, but failed. The country is not going to forget that the Republican party in the Senate, totally indifferent to the country's welfare, deliber-ately drove the knife into legislation that was urgently needed to insure

should come of it.

The Country Will Not Forget.

Keep Coal Prices Down.

employment for returning soldiers on public works and to steady the finances of the railroads. For the country to expect relief even from an extra session is a dubi-

ous project. The Republicans in that extra session would be in control of both the House and Senate. They have no constructive program to of-fer. Their program in the Congress just past, and their program in the coming Congress ,as far as any one can judge, is a program of obstruction, a program to embarrass the administration, to undermine the prestige of the President abroad, if that is possible, and to cripple the admin-istration's conduct of domestic affairs. Boies Penrose being at the

head of Republican affairs in Con-gress, the country easily can judge what to expect when the new session does convene. The kind of politics which the Republicans played in the last session is the only kind of politics that Penrose knows. His slogan is reactionism, and if he cannot bring back the good old days of corporate control of the government, he can at least furnish a drag on progressive

Pepper Logic.

From the Philadelphia Record. In stating his objections to the League of Nations as proposed in the published covenant George Wharton Pepper, who is mentioned as the executive official of a new organization formed to combat it, says that "we believe that the thing offered is so dangerous that under no circumstances should we accept it."

A little later he concludes, after referring to two types of league, that "in the attempt to compromise between two vital but inconsistent principles its framers have produced a thing without life."

Thus we see that in one breath the proposed League of Nations is "so dangerous" that its acceptance would imperil the very existence of the United States, and in the next that it is thing without life," a dead one. We leave it to Mr. Pepper to explain how such a lifeless organization could be a menace to a great nation of over while returning to Lewistown from Bellefonte. It was a good story while this inanimate condition with the possession of such dangerous possibilities that he and such patriots as Senators Reed, Borah, Sherman, Lodge, et al., are absolutely aghast at it. It is a task worthy of the legal subtleties of Senator Knox himself.

> -----The recent frost probably nipped Senator Lodge's round robin.

weighed 230 pounds, and since they have been taken away the cow is averaging 13 pounds and 6 ounces of butter a week. Mr. Bucher's five cows yield 53 pounds of butter a week. A cow which came from his stable and is now owned by Harry B. Snavely, at Rome, is with calf and besides nourishing the offspring gives over six pounds of butter a week.

-Charged with having rifled the United States mails of \$8,000 worth of war savings stamps, Robert Bradley, of Chambersburg, was taken into custody late Saturday by Deputy United States Marshal Harvey T. Smith, of Harrisburg. Bradley is railway mail clerk and is also accused of taking about \$15 in cash and a

gold clock valued at \$100. The clock he pawned, and it, with the rest of the stolen articles, has been recovered. As the theft is alleged to have taken place near Pittsburgh, Bradley was turned over to the federal authorities there.

-A bunch of foreigners entered the office of John H. Moore, prothonotary of Clearfield county, Monday for the purpose of securing their first citizenship papers. They were much pleased over the prospect of becoming American citizens, one of them being so delighted that in his joy he went away leaving a hat that cost him all of \$2.50. But this prospective son of America has no reason to regret his oversight, because he took with him the \$6 fedora of Prothonotary Moore. It is remarkable how quicky the foreign population catch on to the ways of Americans.

-Isaac Warmkessel, of Henningsville, Bucks county, went to town on the anniversary of a very unlucky day, and related some of his experiences that took place since he was stricken blind thirty-nine years ago, by a premature dynamite ex-

plosion. One eye was shot out of his head and the retina in the other was injured so badly that five operations performed in a noted eye hospital failed to bring back the sight. During all these thirty-nine years he has done his own farming and assisted his son, on the latter's farm. He husks corn in season, spreads manure and miraculously does almost any kind of farm work. A few years ago, he constructed a stone wall around his farm house that is considered a model for neatness. Then in winter time, when the groundhog hibernates, he is ever so lively in his workshop and makes from 2000 to 2500 brooms every winter.

-A short time after making a public confession in the East Main street Methodist Episcopal church, Lock Haven, on Sunday night, of his desire to lead a better life, William J. Merritt, aged 55 years, a woodsman, went to the Susquehanna river and committed suicide. His body was found floating in the river about nine o'clock on Monday morning, by Harry Bowers, in shallow water about two hundred feet below the dam, and was pulled into shore with a pike pole. A crowd gathered and the body was soon identified. Investigation showed that Merritt had removed his hat, coat and vest at a point some distance above the dam and placed them on a rock. A gold watch and a bank book, showing deposits of over \$400 in a local bank, were found in his clothing. Merritt's home was at Lowville, N. Y., but he had been employed in lumbering throughout the North Tier counties and in New York State.