Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Next week the Granger's picnic, then Thanksgiving and Christmas. My, how tempus fugits.

-Anyway all this talk about bringing the cost of living down has, at least, kept it from going higher.

—Fall seeding is under way in many parts of the county. The ground is in splendid condition, though very dry.

-The capture and punishment of the slacker Bergdolls would give almost as general satisfaction as the hanging of Villa.

-The "Watchman" always did hope that there would be enough sober sense in the United States to ratify the peace treaty and now it appears that the hope will be realized soon.

-Bellefonte needs more housing facilities. Small six to seven room houses that a woman can take care of without having to rely on an unreliable maid are much needed just now and would command high rents.

-If the Odd Fellows band keeps up the improvement we have noticed with each succeeding appearance it will not be long until the largest town in the county won't have to go begging the smaller ones to "send up your band" when it wants some real music.

-Farmers who bring two and three-quarter pounds of butter to town and sell it to their patrons as three pounds couldn't get to the 'Squire's office quick enough to swear attempt to short weight them in sugar the war, would have been consummator other commodities.

-President Wilson has started on his tour of the country during which he will explain right to the people newspaper correspondents who are trailing him will tell the truth or untruth about the way his statements are received according as they are paid by interests friendly or unfriendly to the League of Nations.

-The blitch is a new disease that plays havoc with apple orchards and the Department of Agriculture is sending out warnings to orchardists to take measures to stamp it out im-mediately it appears. Remember, when speaking of it, that there is an "I" in the name, even though you

-Our junior Senator is still Philanderin' around mussin' up things like a bull in a china shop. His latest speech, all studied up to knock the last spark of life out of the peace treaty, has proven the very elixir it needs, for practically all the Republican Senators who were for mild reservations before the Knox speech are for ratification now. Philander has turned them plumb against him by his sympathetic drivel designed to catch pro-German votes.

-Council has decided to buy the Phoenix pumping station property which is probably a wise thing to do, ning and they may have been kept in but when we read in every semimonthly report of the deliberation of perial government through all the tor Vare has been looting the city in to try the experiment of electing our borough solons that a dozen, more or less, notes are to be renewed, we and even cordially endorsed the cru- that he violated the draft laws in the wonder whether it is to be paid for reassure Col. Reynolds, like a well tory of the world. Because of this the politics of Philadelphia by such him that the "notes must be good because everybody has them."

-The New York federation of lavor of suspending all wage controver- Franco-Prussian war or on Russia durbor's committee has reported in fasies for six months and urges its members to get to work for a maximum production. It is a fine spirit may think differently but the Amerithese leaders show and we hope it can people agree upon this fact. It is reflects that of the workers they represent for we believe that labor's situation today, so far as any disadvantage is concerned, is exactly as these gentlemen have put it, in the closing words of their statement, "more apparent than real."

-Are you getting what you are paying for? A few days ago a huckster brought a head of cabbage to a woman in Bellefonte for which he asked 25 cents. He said it weighed five pounds and as cabbage was selling at the stores at 5 cents the pound the price was right. The lady demurred because she knew cabbage was selling at only 3 cents the pound. The huckster finally accepted 15 cents and after he had gone the cabbage was weighed and found to be only one and three-quarter pounds in weight. The woman will not expose the man for fear he won't huckster 'round her way any more, but she ought to do it. If every housewife were to weigh or measure what she buys there would be an end of this very prevalent dishonest practice and the high cost of living kould be considerably reduced as well.

-Those persons who are so concerned because Mr. McAdoo and his U.S. Treasury, and such like, always family had railroad passes while he was Director General of Railroads seem to have overlooked the fact that Mr. McAdoo received no compensation, whatever, for the tremendous work that that position piled onto him while Secretary of the Treasury. Every employee of the railroads and every member of his family rides on a fonte who would jump at the chance nity for laying this foundation of perpass and a lot of them do nearly as of sending what's left of their old much riding as working and they trousers to the tailor if he will turn ratified these precious lives will have draw ample pay for the service they render in addition, so it is not to the looks like new." discredit of the McAdoo family that they got some small favors as a re-

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VOL. 64. Senator Knox "Spilled the Beans."

In his speech in the Senate on Friday Senator Knox "spilled the beans." His associates in opposing the ratification of the peace treaty pretend to favor a league of nations to prevent

future wars but take exception to the pending league for one reason or another. Senator Knox is more candid for he acknowledges opposition to all or any agreements of the kind and declares that when the armistice was signed on November 11th, 1918, we camps in France had been burned or should have abandoned the field for the reason that we had then "achieved the full purpose for which we entered the war; our enemy was defeated, the woven out of the threads of such ru-Imperial German government destroyed and the German people were

liberated, free to choose their way of life and of obedience." Of course everybody except Senator Knox knows that if that course had been pursued Germany would have resumed hostilities the moment poses, to prevent which we entered

land but it would have required little added, "that the War Department has time for them to return and reassem- during the entire war shown its inwhat he did in Paris and the thirty ble an army ample in strength and difference and contempt for the wishskill to complete the plans of 1914. es of the people and their representa-Possibly that is what Senator Knox tives and this is only a clear-cut, conand those who are with him in the op- crete example of that sentiment." In it is not the principal influence which moves them to the opposition. Sena- ed, it is declared "regrettable that tor Knox reveals that in another part

of his speech.

"Think you Germany," the Senator for Pennsylvania continued, "smart- world should be normal and be goving and staggering under the terms of this, the hardest treaty of modern but by law." times, will, even if we were to set up the league and she should join it, su- not even a suspicion of "conflict bepinely rest content with the dole of tween the military and civil authorishould the blitch attack your orchard. grace and suffering we are vouchsafties." General Pershing, representing her, the crumbs from her victor's ing the civil and military authorities table?" That sentence expresses the of the United States was sent abroad crux of the Senatorial opposition to to aid in the world war against autocthe league of nations. These pro- racy and he performed his task with thought out a plan which will accom-German conspirators are dissatisfied singular ability and fidelity. But at plish the desired result and at the because the treaty imposes burdens the close of his operations he finds proposed conference he will try to inupon Germany which will forever es- that the corporations have bought up duce both sides to give it a test. In top the absurd ambition, instilled in- a majority of the Congress and are that the highest hope rests. With the to them by years of false teaching, to using the power thus acquired to de- cost of living reduced to a fair level dominate the world and because Presfeat the purposes for which he fought and labor troubles averted the future ident Wilson, a Democrat, was a fig- so valiantly and successfully. In is bright with promise. ure in the equation. Partisan preju- snubbing a "smelling" committee of a dice and sympathy for Germany is the

influence. The German people may not have been in favor of the war in the beginignorance of the purposes of the Impressed in the peace treaty and even and contented." greater exactions would not have imposed upon them the burdens which they imposed on France after the ing the war just closed. Senator Knox and his Republican colleagues plainly written upon every page of the history of the war.

When the United States entered the war it solemnly covenanted with its allies to make no separate peace with Germany. Senator Knox now United States repudiates that obligation. In this dishonorable proposition he probably expresses the morality of "dollar diplomacy" or the equally obnoxious lawlessness which a few years ago made Pittsburgh million- public prints. aires notorious. In any event he is not speaking the sentiments of American manhood either when revealing his sympathy for Germany or suggesting the betrayal of solemn obligations. It is the voice of Knox and though it may be endorsed by Lodge right minded Americans.

-Mark Sullivan, the former very nois; Senator Calder, of New York; Frank Vanderlip, ex-Secretary of the the beginning of the world war. take their suits when they get pretty mission, therefore, of placing before well worn to a certain tailor in New they have perfectly good clothes that to this point millions of precious huand address of that tailor because we know some newspaper men in Belle- cheerfully given to make the opportuthem into a "perfectly good suit that been given in vain. But if the people

-Senator Smoot, of Utah, desult of the splendid service their dis- clares that in opposing the peace tinguished head rendered his country. treaty he is serving the interests of It is a little thing viewed in its worst his church. As his church is the Morlight but not so despicably little as mon creation of Later Day Saints to the miserable creatures who are try- propagate polygamy, he will have liting to manufacture it into political the sympathy among real Christians easily the most expensive things in er French women are fickle or that in his purposes.

Contempt Not Even Implied.

Congressman Bland, of Indiana, is perious demands. They heard a rufashion not environed in red tape and imagine that a scandal might be mor. Accordingly they hastened to the time and courteously declined to

This incident threw Congressman Bland, of Indiana, into a paroxysm. He instantly "took his pen in hand" the American forces had turned their and wrote that General Pershing and ed in a short time. The Kaiser and can avoid giving us the information the Crown Prince had gone to Hol- we desire. I think it is apparent," he Bland's colleague, Mr. Johnson, jointhere should be even the appearance of conflict between the military and civil authorities at a time when the erned not by armies nor individuals,

In the incident in question there is Congress so constituted, therefore, General Pershing is not expressing devotes a half column editorial to "contempt for the wishes of the peo-

period of hostilities. But they fully, which he lives and they may prove elties which made the operations of interest of his servile friends. But with more notes. If it is Council can the war the most atrocious in the hisknown individual once did, by telling fact they deserve the severity ex- tactics. Philadelphia is still "corrupt

President Wilson at Work.

President Wilson left Washington on Wednesday evening on his long talked of western tour in advocacy of the ratification of the peace treaty and delivered his first speech at Indianapolis last evening. No advance information has been given as to the line of his argument but presumably he will amplify his statement to the Senate in presenting the treaty for consideration and that to the Senate proposes that the government of the committee afterward. On those occasions he covered the question completely and his present purpose is to give his reasons directly to such of the people of the country as have not had opportunity to read them in the

There ought to be no necessity for argument of the questions in issue. The problem of the future not only in the United States but throughout the world is peace or war. The peace treaty is the product of the best minds of the civilized world in a sincere and and Borah will not be approved by prolonged effort to prevent war for all time. It may not be perfect but it is certainly the basis of an agreement which may be altered and improved efficient editor of Collier's, has been from time to time until perfection is telling the men of New York and the attained. And it is the only medium country at large how to beat the high that is offered to achieve this result. cost of clothing. He says that he and If it is not ratified there can be no other big men in the country, such as hope of perfection and the world will Senator Medill McCormick, of Illi- relapse into that uncertain and unfortunate condition it was in previous to

The President has gone out on a the people of this country this impor-York and have them turned and then tant proposition. To bring the world manent peace and if the treaty is not know and understand it will be ratified and Woodrow Wilson is now giving his time, labor and talents that Even fish must have something to all may become informed. Meantime we predict that the treaty will be rat-

Future Bright in Promise.

From the New York Evening World. In a message to working men ishighly indignant because General sued by the President on the eve of consequences their act invites, the Re-Pershing refused to appear before a Labor day there is expressed a great publican members of the Senate For-"smelling" committee of the House of source of hope. "I am encouraged eign Relations committee, with one Representatives, now junketing in and gratified," he states, "by the exception, voted to adopt an amend-France. This is quite natural for Mr. progress which is being made in conment which would change the Shan-Bland and his colleagues imagined trolling the cost of living. The suptung provision of the peace treaty, thereby insulting Japan, endangering prompt ratification of the treaty and that everybody would be obliged to port of the movement is widespread kow tow to their impudent and im- and I confidently look for substantial results." There is reason for this ignominiously and indefinitely on the outskirts of the Great Peace.

That a few Republicans have lost mor that some rubbish of the army view of the situation. Whilst other investigations of the high cost of livgiven away or disposed of in some ing have failed the one now in progtheir political senses in too fervid concentration on the task of finding party capital for next year's Presiress seems to be achieving its purpose. Besides the promise of a conference "in which authoritative representatives of labor and those who France and subpoenaed General direct labor will discuss the funda-Pershing to testify. He was busy at mental means of bettering the whole relationship of capital and labor," is

inspiring. It must be obvious to every thinking mind that so long as an increase of prices follows an increase of wages the remedy for existing evils does not faces toward home and the very pur- his army "are bigger than our depu- lie in that policy. Wages are higher ty sergeant-at-arms of the House of than ever, measured by the pay envelpably, therefore, the essential thing is to reduce the cost of commodities so that the purchasing power of the dollar is raised up to the proper standard. To this purpose the administration at Washington has addressed itself with a vigor that promises sucposition to the treaty hoped for. But another statement in which Mr. cess. Reports from all sections of the country already indicate a downward trend of prices and the move-

ment is scarcely under way as yet. With this accomplished the proposed conference between representatives of labor and capital ought to easily achieve the rest. It is universally agreed among thoughtful men that the present system of adjusting differences between employers and employees is unsatisfactory and inefficient. Strikes are as impotent as lockouts and both levy burdens on labor that can never be recovered. Manifestly President Wilson has

-Last Friday's Altoona Tribune commenting upon the fact of the eligibility of women as school directors and gives Tyrone credit with being -They have proved that Sena- the first town in this part of the State ably hope for too much, Even if record quantities of foods have been women school directors, that town having had a woman school director the past four years. In Blair county women school directors may be an experiment, but they are not in Bellefonte, as this town has had two women on the school board the past eight years and both are out for re-election this year and unopposed. The women in question are Mrs. Mary E. Brouse and Mrs. Caroline H. Gilmour and from the time they were first elected eight years ago they never were an experiment but very efficient school directors. This is proven by the fact that Mrs. Brouse has been secretary of the board for a number of years past and the two women constitute the majority of the committee on buildings and grounds, looking after all the repairs and improvements made. In addition to their work in the Bellefonte schools they take an interest in schools generally and Mrs. Brouse now holds the position of president of the school directors' association of Centre county.

> -The merchants' half holiday on Tuesdays ended last week for this to proceed with the massacreing of summer, the kiddies are now going to Armenians; it need pay no attention school the Red Cross hase bell season to informal and unofficial communicaschool, the Red Cross base bell season has practically closed, the Grange picnic at Centre Hall next week will be the last big gathering of any consequence in Centre county this year and about the only things we are sure of before very long are Jack Frost and political candidates. And speaking of Jack Frost, have you gotten your coal bin filled for the winter? If not, better look after it right away.

-The Fair Price Commission, of New York, estimates that butchers ought to have at least twenty-four cents a pound profit on steaks. A few years ago that would have been regarded as an excessive price for the steak.

-Possibly the agents of munilook like new. The only think Mark man lives have been sacrificed. More tion makers in Congress hope to deomitted in his article was the name than 100,000 of America's finest velop a war with Japan out of the young men were freely and even Shantung muddle and a war with Japan would make a big market for war materials.

-A contemporary suggests that Senator Borah should eat plenty of deathless verse the league of nafish because it is said to be brain food. tions?" asks an exchange. Why not But what good could it do Borah? adopt Tennyson's "Half a league, half work on.

home in droves, according to the Speaking of costs, strikes are newspapers, which indicates that eith-

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No One to Stay the Suicide.

Deliberately, in the face of all the

keeping the United States hanging

But is it conceivable that the best

exposed to the appalling risks involv-

the prosperity of peace, turns an an-

gry eye on those who have put obstacles in its path?

Does the Republican party dare to carry on its shoulders the responsi-

bility for having even attempted to

hold back the Nation from taking its proper place in the front rank of that

progressive peace movement to which

have made up its mind to commit suicide by impaling itself upon na-

tional anger and resentment it has it-

self evoked and sharpened.
Will Republicans like Taft, Root,

Hughes and Wickersham stand by and permit the self-slaughter?

Prices' Downward Trend.

From the New York Evening Post.

dential election is conceivable.

-Four Rochester, Pa., men are held for murder following the death of C. R. Pritchard, whom they are alleged to have assaulted in a hold-up. Pritchard was 38 years old and unmarried. Up to the time of leaving home at the age of 21 he resided in his native village of Westfield.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-The Tioga county jail has one lone occupant, a boy of 14, who is accused of stealing a gun and a \$100 Liberty bond and \$10 cash from his employer at Westfield. The boy acknowledges stealing the gun and says he should be punished, but asserts he is too patriotic to have swiped the bond.

-Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bradgely, of Cammal, Lycoming county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday. The cake served at the anniversary dinner was baked by Mrs. George Veley, of Jersey Shore, who fifty years ago baked the wedding cake served at the breakfast following the wedding ceremony of the couple

-Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller, of Newberry, met with a peculiar accident. She put a pan of kerosene on the stove to heat, to clean some refractory clock works and the vapor caught fire. She picked up the pan and was running out the door with it and met her husband just coming in. They collided head on, the burning oil splashed over them both, and they were painfully burned about the face and arms.

-Michael Bodder, of Mt. Carmel, is tangled up in a double family upheaval and the law. He is the father of several children and last fall his wife died of influenza. He married a widow with severbrains of the Republican party will permit that party, as a whole, to be al children, whose husband had died with the same disease. The double family does not mix, and Bodder, his second wife charges beat her. He claims she doesn't feed his children when he is at work. Is a larger Republicanism ready to bear the blame when an outraged country, blocked in its progress to-ward peace and its rightful share in Michael is in jail.

-Wilbur S. Hemphill, of Lancaster, who fought through the war with the 304th Engineers, and who while in France sent all he could spare from his wages to Miss Esther Kendig, whom he was to have married last Thursday entered suit against her for \$5000 damages claiming to have been jilted. Hemphill charges he had given her several hundred dollars to save for a home, and a diamond ring, and had gone to Camden, N. J., to wed when Miss Kenhowever imperfect, the terrible ex- dig told him, "she loved another," giving him a check for part of the money.

periences of the past five years have persuaded the world?

If so, the Republican party must -Along with a consignment of cattle which arrived from Buffalo at the Union stock yards, Lancaster, came a curiosity which was viewed by all who were near the stock yards, a steer with two developed tails. The steer was of good size and was bought by Hoober and Potts. The animal was the first curiosity that has arrived at the stock yards for some time, but he was destined not to remain long. Along with twenty-three other steers, he was shipped to Swift & company, at Har-City butchers agree to a schedule of risburg.

margins which will reduce the price of meats. Federal Administrator Wil--Conductor S. W. Downs, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, last Thursday evening liams declares that publication of returned to Miss Ida McAdams, a clerk in "fair-price" lists and increased intel- the Pottsville postoffice, a package worth ligence of housewives in buying have nearly \$10,000 which Miss McAdams lost lowered groceries. Shoe and clothing from an automobile near her home Weddealers in this city are forming, with the Federal Administrator, a "fair-price committee." The Ccicago live stock market takes a decided slump, ascribed to the public's refusal to buy ascribed to the public's refusal to buy but no clue was discovered until Thursmeat at the old prices. All these en-couraging reports lend strength to that Downs found it and took it along to General Palmer's official his home at Sunbury. Among other valustatement that the government's campaign is meeting with success. Observers predicted, largely on the basis of the fact that warehouses and or female, step forward and please accent.

or female, step forward and please accept cold-storage plants held unprecedented quantities of food, that food prices job paid \$753 last year. Uncle Sam has would fall—this before the campaign was well under way. The legal steps taken have played their part, and will been calling for volunteers for the past two months to accept the position, but not one soul has shown enough interest even continue to do so. We cannot reasonto appear at either of the civil service examinations scheduled there. With the Beavertown office going a-begging, and stored away, the prices at which they the one at McKee's Half Falls just abandoned, because no one could be secured to governed by the prices at which they take it, proof is presented that postmastwere originally bought, and by de-mand, in which last the needs of Euering does not appeal to Snyder countians as it did in the days before they handled rope will figure in an important and parcel post, collected revenue, did a savunpredictable way. But unjustifia-ble profits can be attacked all along ings business and sallied forth into the retail grocery game.

-Idle gossip was given as the reason for the suicide of Olive Schoenberger, a fifteen-year-old girl of Freeland, in her bed-room, as her sweetheart, Grant W. Coleson, a returned soldier from Shamokin, waited for her down stairs Friday night to talk over some rumors he had heard on the streets. The girl failed to respond to repeated calls and shortly Turkey appeals to the peace afterwards a shot was heard. She had gone to another part of the house, secured her father's revolver and sent a bullet through her breast, dying within five minutes without regaining consciousness. menians, and Turkey is indignant at Miss Schoenberger was employed in a cihaving its favorite amusement inter- gar factory and was soon to have been married to Coleson, with whom she became acquainted two months ago.

-At Marsh Hill Junction, Lycoming county, is a field of oats standing which is ripe and should be cut, but the owner refuses to reap it because of rattlesnakes. When he began cutting the grain three weeks ago he put his grain cradle over the fence and heard the familiar rattle of snakes coming from six different directions. He did not attempt to remove the cradle. A neighbor equipped himself with snake-proof boots and gloves and tried his luck, but a rattler tried to climb the handle of his scythe and attack his face. He gave it up as a bad job. No one else has had the courage to make another attempt to cut the oats. It is said that snakes come down the mountain to Lycoming Creek to get water and make their home in the oats field.

-One of the most unique achievements ever accompished by two Lock Haven young people was the completion of a 600mile walking tour, when Mr. and Mrs. cupine Hill, a gold mining camp in the northern part of Ontario, Canada, last week. William Flack is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Flack, and Mrs. Flack is the daughter of Principal and Mrs. Charles Lose, of the Central State Normal school. The young couple, who walking trip June 30th, and have walked nearly 600 miles, riding on the train about 100 miles, at various stages of the journey. They have scarcely slept under a roof since leaving Lock Haven, sleeping in a tent, which was part of their equipment. They report having met with the utmost kindness en route, commenting particularly on the hospitality of the people of the "North County," or Northern Ontario. Young Flack is filling a position in the gold mines which will give him practical experience in his mining engineering course at State College, while Mrs. Flack will also do practical work. They will rein State College, September 23rd.

The Same Old Turkey.

are placed on the market must be

the line, and public economy can keep

demand as low as possible. Mean-

while the Senate committee has al-

ready reported out the House food

legislation without important change.

From the Philadelphia Record.

We have hurt the feelings of Turconference to protect it from our threats. Admiral Bristol, apparently under instructions from the President, has warned Turkey to stop killing Arfered with, and appeals to the peace conference to protect it in its rights. It is reported that the peace conference has done this by assuring Tur-key that the warning of Admiral Bristol was informal and unofficial. Therefore, we presume, Turkey is invited tions from the American Admiral. Clemenceau's stern words to the Turkish peace delegates three months ago apparently meant nothing whatever, and French newspapers are expressing resentment at America's meddling with the sanguinary recreations of the Turks.

One Purpose of Lodge's Bushwhackers. From the New York World.

Republicans of the Senate Foreign Relations committee who demand "an equal voice" with Great Britain in the league, of course know that we have William Flack Jr., arrived at South Poran equal voice with her in the inner council of nine members. What they are trying to do—if their bushwhacking conceals any purpose beyond mischief—is to drive splendid, free, self-governing lands like Canada and Aus-tralia, our friends and our kind of people, back into the status of crown were recently married, started on their

Laureate Selected.

From the Rochester Post-Express. "Who'll be the poet to celebrate in a league, half a league onward!"

High Cost of Alimony.

-The French brides are going From the Des Moines Register. Profiteering has broken out in a new spot. Oregon lawyers have raised the price of divorces from \$50 to turn by train to take up their senior year