Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Four dollar wheat is a probability that makes the fall horizon rather a rosy prospect for the farmer.

-Wednesday afternoon's storm laid the wheat, corn and oats, in some parts of the county, as flat as if a road-roller had been run over it.

-Cox and Roosevelt will call on President Wilson on Sunday morning and in all probability there will be more than Presbyterian dictrines discussed.

-Why shouldn't the Watchman be for Cox? Wasn't it one of the very first newspapers in which you saw his desirability as a candidate referred to?

-It is just as easy to do most things right as it is to do them wrong but it is not so easy to correct the effect of the things that have been done wrong.

-Much of the grain in Center county is in shock and the farmers have been having considerable trouble in picking up the stalks that have been cut down by the fly.

-A month of good weather will see the Bishop street paving job completed and hear an anthem of thanksgiving from merchants and residents along that thorofare.

-Large committees never were able to accomplish much so we look for very poor results from the efforts of the Committee of Forty-eight to form a new political party.

-Another very foolish man has undertaken to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. As a sequence C. G. Stephens is probably having an argument with St. Peter at this very moment over the question of having a look in on Heaven.

-Just now the fishermen are taking more trout out of the lower end of Spring Creek and Logan's Branch than are being caught in any other part of the county. And one of those fish, usually exceeds the weight of a limit catch of five and six inch specimens on most of the smaller trout streams.

-It seems to us that no stronger campaign argument could be advanced than a ricital of what a Democratic administration actually accomplished in the way of beneficent legislation, while it was supported by a Democratic Congress in comparison with what it was able to do while hampered with a Republican Congress.

-The business of making Democrats in Georgia is a good bit like hauling coals to New Castle therefore we are amazed at the faux pas of Mitch. Palmer in putting those Republican girls down there in a position to tell the embarrassing tales they are now unfolding as to the prostitution of his department to personal work for him

at San Francisco. -The "Farmer Labor Party" is the name of the new organization effected at Chicago on Wednesday. haven't been able to go far enough they reckoned falsely because the rotinto details of its inception to learn ten system which had been fostered just who is at the bottom of it, but by the Republican party for the benewe are reasonably certain, that there are no "dirt" farmers or pick and shovel laborers on speaking acquaintance with the new party.

-The Altoona Times-Tribune re- strengthening the arm of the nation marks that "Governor Clement, of to strike the final and fatal blow Vermont, seems to be a survival of against autocracy in the war. It was the sixteenth century." Then a few a great achievement and Chairman paragraphs further down its "Edi- Cummings, of the Democratic Nationtorial Notes" wonders "what is the sin- al committee, is justly proud of it, ister influence that is exerting every effort to postpone or prevent universal suffrage?" Why doesn't the Times-Tribune ask Governor Clement.

-Cox and Roosevelt have determined to carry their fight into every State in the Union. And well they should, for all ground is debatable ground these days. The voters are looking for the right men as they have never done before and in the Democratic standard bearers they are likely to find just the types of virile, sensible Americans they are looking for.

-It has now come to the point where if the women get a chance to vote next Fall they will have to thank the Democratic party for that opportunity. Republican Governors of States that might have completed the ratification of the amendment have refused to convene their Legislatures in extra session for that purpose. North Carolina and Tennessee are going to do it.

-We rise to remark that at the orbria county last Monday there were some thoughts written into the resolutions adopted there that smack so much of Democratic fundamentals that we have hope that the principles of Jefferson and Jackson are to live and not be smothered under the avalanche of untenable doctrines that latter-day dreamers have been trying to colleague, his brother Gifford, whose means nothing and they have discovmake the party father. It is a Democracy we are trying to maintain. We are not aiming at Utopia. If that were to be attained here there could be no hope of a hereafter.

-How soon things are forgotten? Already cargo after cargo of German earnest gentlemen will succeed in or- But it will fail of its purpose. In the commodities are arriving in our ports being snapped avidity. Many of the toys nuence the vote in the country of the dential election. But there is no make a parallel. the toys next Christmas may not bear harm in their trying. In fact, they the "made in Germany" stamp, but are entirely justified in trying. Most that is where they will come from all of them appear to have been associatthe same. Schools and colleges are ed with the Republican party in the Cox at San Francisco, and a lot of teaching German as they always have past and the record of that organizadone and nearly everyone has forgot- tion is so atrociously bad that every Penrose nominated Harding at Chicten that only a little over two years | right-thinking man who has been conago a portion of excited Bellefonte nected with it ought to join in an thought that the German text books effort to put it out of commission forused in our public schools should be ever. It is not likely that much will ratify the Suffrage amendment but fuel for a bon-fire in the Diamond. be done this year, but "there is hope." Tennessee can turn the trick.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Greatest Achievement of All.

Chairman Cummings, in his keynote

speech at the San Francisco conven-

Democratic record which should make

an indelible impression on the pub-

people. Panics, the recurring phenom-

a most hideous and distressing mem-

For more than fifty years, under

Republican administration of the gov-

ernment, panics came at almost reg-

ular intervals and worked disaster and

distress throughout the country. A

disappointment in the harvest, a fail-

Wall Street to spring a panic in

which suffering and destitution were

sent broadcast. But the Republican statesmen who controlled the legisla-

tion could devise no remedy or even

suggest a plausible reason for the in-

dustrial calamity. All the country

could do was bear up against the ad-

versity and recuperate through a long

President Wilson was inaugurated

in 1913 and set himself at once to

curing this national malady and the

of his labors. The result is that we

have since passed through the great-

est war in history, drawn upon our

resources a heavier draft than was ev-

er dreamed of before, and emerged

from the crucial experience without

even the symptom of a panic. There

was neither a pinch nor plethora of

currency at any time but every re-

quirement of the government, of in-

dustry and commerce was met and

It has been said that pending the

fit of Wall Street had been supplanted

by a system devised for the use and

benefit of the people, and it served

the purpose of abolishing panics and

as all other Democrats may well be.

Mr. Pinchot's Reformers.

Those discontented if not altogether

bled in Chicago last Saturday to

vania, and most of those participating

in the proceedings are what are com-

monly called "high brows" or "advanc-

of the body consisted of speech mak-

favorably of the plan of one you en-

precious time get nowhere, just the

It can hardly be hoped that these

red in any opinion.

of practical politics.

'17 three and in 1918 none.

period of lean business afterward.

ory at that.

Our Candidate for President.

Governor James M. Cox, the Demotion, emphasized one feature of the idly growing in popular favor. His frankly express the sentiments of the nomination was not altogether a surprise for he was the first or second been fulfilled. There is neither ambichoice of a vast majority of the Demo- guity nor evasion anywhere. Its treatlic mind. "If the Democratic party had accomplished nothing more than crats of the country from the begin- ment of the question of the League the pasage of the Federal Reserve ning. But attachments had been of Nations is admirable. The in- nor of Ohio three times is a man of J. Plink, of Los Angeles, who went to Act," he said, "it would be entitled formed for other candidates here and sistence of the President and his supthere and while it was universally porters in the Senate that no deto the enduring graditude of the naagreed that the choice was a wise structive or annulling reservations be tion. This act," he continued, "supplied the people with an elastic cur- one it required time to heal the disrency, controlled by the American ena of disaster which the Republican party could neither control nor exnow that no other candidate named in the convention possessed so many themselves as satisfied. It is quite point of highest efficiency. The Govplain-are now but a memory." And elements of popularity.

Governor Cox is not a new entry or a strange figure in Democratic councils. He served with marked distinction for a period of two terms in The party is not only committed to luck. He has built up two depleted Congress and is now in his third term as Governor of Ohio. These services tion to the end that the women of erties, he has been successful in othdisappointment in the harvest, a failure of some large enterprise or an unpropitious season of weather conditions, were sufficient excuses for portant as ability in administration suffrage as exclusively within the poand Governor Cox has proved his pro- lice power of the State. But Congress accomplishing desirable results.

We frankly own to a pre-convention preference for that distinguished were four bank failures, in 1916 and didate considered by the convention. His election is practically certain.

-Mr. Harding, having decided preparations for our participation in the war German statesmen looked on upon a front porch campaign, and the war German statesmen looked on upon a front porch campaign, and complacently because they believed Mr. Debs believed Mr. Debs larger the important the important porch campaign the import that actual war would instantly pre- a front cell campaign, the important cipitate a panic that would paralyze question of superiority between these American industry and effort. But methods will be decided this fall.

Harding Below the Standard.

Senator Harding is not measuring up to Presidential stature in reitering the absurd charge that President Wilson dominated the San Francisco convention and forced his views into the platform. He is appealing to the credulity rather than the reason of the voters. It is true that President Wilson, far in advance of the convention, expressed the hope that the League of Nations would be made an important issue in the campaign. The refusal of the Republican Senate to ratify the treaty made that inevitable. The people want permanent peace and the Republican machine wants recurdistinguished gentlemen who assem- | ring wars. The action of the Senate drew the line and the convention ac-"launch a new party," are having all sorts of troubles. The principal

cepted the issue. But President Wilson did not force figure in the movement is Mr. Amos his views on that or any other sub-Pinchot, of New York and Pennsyl- ject on the convention. There was no administration lobby in San Francisco during the sessions of the convention. The President asked no deleed thinkers." The preliminary work gate to vote one way or another on any question of principle or upon any ing, and according to the press re- candidate. Democratic conventions ports was exceedingly lively. Each are not thus controlled. The Demomember of the convention had a well- crats of the country have the highest defined plan of his own but no two of esteem for President Wilson, and them agreed on any point or concur- cheerfully follow his leadership along lines that are in accord with Demo-These well-meaning gentlemen cratic principles and traditions. But ought to be encouraged in their pur- no self-respecting statesman of any pose to reform the universe and re- party will say that the President forcconstruct the government on a purely ed his opinions on the San Francisganization of the Democracy of Cam- utopian basis. But it is a difficult co convention. Only demagogues talk

matter to undertake. If you speak thus loosely. The leaders of the Republican party counter the opposition of all the oth- have freely acknowledged that the Naers and after a waste of considerable tional convention of that party was coerced by Senator Penrose and othdestination that the convention had ers of the Senatorial cabal into nomreached when last heard from. Mr. inating Senator Harding and adopt-Pinchot has lost his most valuable ing an equivocal platform which recent appointment to an important ered that the fact has made a bad office by Governor Sproul, of Pennsyl- impression on the public mind. The vania removed his further ener- attempt to put the odium of bossism gies from reform lines to those upon the Democratic party is for the purpose of counteracting the effect of their own action on the popular mind. ganizing a force for righteousness of first place there is a vast difference up with sufficient strength to materially in- between Woodrow Wilson and Bois fluence the vote in the coming Presi- Penrose and it will be impossible to

> -Senator Penrose is greatly distressed because Tammany supported other Republicans are worried because

-Vermont and Florida refuse to

The Democratic Platform.

The promise of Democratic leaders cratic nominee for President, is rap- that the platform of the party would party upon all salient subjects has made has been fully sustained and appointment of those who had fixed cordially endorsed. Upon the labor their preferences on others. Time question the same candor is revealed soon worked complete reconciliation, and both President Gompers and Sec- is at the point where the vigor of however, and it may safely be said retary Morrison, of the American Fed-learly life and the experience and maeration of Labor, have expressed turity that come later meet at their in contrast with the Republican plater ernorship of a great State for three terms is the best possible training for

There is no side-stepping on the the Presidency. He has been successible of woman suffrage either ful with everything he has under-Under our system of government of achieving this result. That is to common amount of valuable construc-tive legislation. He has served two efficiency in legislation is quite as im- say, many construe the regulation of terms in Congress, enough to give him a good understanding of national legislation, but most of his work has having passed the amendment in the trator he excels. No Governor of any State in any period of the country's history has achieved greater success and few have equaled his record in accomplishing desirable results.

legal manner and a majority of the been done in the Ohio Legislature. The Ohio school code is generally recognized as the best in the country, and it is mostly his work. The bud-"If it were done when 'tis done, then get system, a workmen's compulsory 'twere well it were done quickly."

All in all the San Francisco platform administrator and accomplished states- is a splendid speciman of political lit-Federal Reserve bank was the result man, William G. McAdoo, which erature. It appraises the intelligence was ascribable more to environment of the average American at full meathan to anything else. This is es- sure and addresses him as a reasonsentially an industrial State and Mr. ing and rational being, capable of un-McAdoo's service as railroad adminis- understanding and competent of selftrator had made him a popular fav- determination. In this it is in sharp orite. In the light of since developed contrast with the Republican platform, facts, however, we are persuaded that the purpose of which appears to be the choice of the convention was the to "fool all the people all the time." wisest that could have been made. It might have been shortened a trifle, It is policy to move along lines of for long documents are not always least resistance and Governor Cox read with the care that they deserve. every obligation, moral and material, has more elements of strength and But Chairman Glass, of the Platform was fully discharged. In 1915 there fewer weaknesses than any other can-committee, has wrought with such charm and constructed with such skill that this only fault of his work may

> It it be true that Mr. Bryan's many Democrats ready to pray for a he will advise the enactment of, is to combat the weed evil, the menace from peaceful and long continued tenantry. As an Executive the which he declares is the worst in the his-

His first appointment was under L. A. Schaeffer, who went into office the first Monday in January, 1887. Mr. Foreman went to work as his deputy about the first of March the same year and was with him during his two terms, or six years in all. William F. Smith was elected prothonotary in 1892 and Mr. Foreman was deputy under him for two years and a half. He also served two years under M. I. Gardner, who succeeded Smith, and when Arthur B. Kimport was elected to succeed Gardner he retained Mr. Foreman as his deputy. For seven years he served under Mr. Kimport then in 1911 came out as a candidate for the office, was elected and re-elected in 1914; serving two terms or eight years. When Mr. Wilkinson took hold last January he naturally retained Mr. Foreman until he got acquainted with the run of the office, and now at the expiration of six months, Mr. Foreman has finally retired.

the office and his varied experience the court he had acquired such an in- were unchallenged in the courts. timate knowledge of all records in the prothonotary's office that he had ev- Favors a "Dirt" Farmer for the Job. erything right at the "tips of his fingers" but his greatest qualification for respond to a request for information, the slightest reference to the incumpurchased a good farm at Potter's and other commercial interests. Still

devote his time to looking after his personal interests. As to whether he has anything else in view for the

Germany now.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Michael Durkevich, 11 years old, of Tyront Forge, was killed by electricity in one of the towers of the Pennsylvania Central Light and Power company near his home on Sunday. He climbed up the tower and came in contact with a charged

-The Rev. John H. Daugherty, who moved last spring from Sunbury to Williamsport to become pastor of the Pine Street Methodist church is rapidly winning the title of the "marrying parson of Williamsport." One day last week he officiated at four weddings before 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

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James M. Cox.

After an extraordinary long strug-

gle, but one that was a perfectly clean

test of strength between the admir-

ers of many eminent men, the San Francisco convention nominated the

strongest man who was before it. A

Democrat who can be elected Gover-

force of character and popularity and

is more likely to carry that State in

the Presidential campaign than any

other Democrat is to carry a large State which is usually heavily Repub-

The Governor is 50 years old. He

compensation system, the rural school code, the initiative and refer-

endum in State legislation, home rule

he was Governor and in great meas-

the Governor's attitude toward pro-

As a good deal has been said about

Cox will enforce any law on the stat-

lican.

From the Philadelphia Record.

-C. V. Pelton, road foreman of engines, Williamsport division of the Pennsylvania railroad, last week retired on pension after forty-six years' service with the railroad. He was a native of Middleburg, and began work on the railroad as a brakeman. For many years he was located at Sunbury as road foreman of engines.

-Gertrude Kistler, 12-year-old daughter of Sedgwick Kistler, of Lock Haven, Pa., a delegate to the Democratic national convention was drowned in the Mercedes river at Yosemite, Cal., last Wednesday, and ed his skull, death resulting instantly.

-Twenty-nine years of service in the distribution of mail was completed by Fred Larsen, of the McKeesport postoffice the other day. He has worked 9,570 days and has never changed his route. It is estimated Larson has walked 191,400 miles and has distributed at least 10,000,000 pieces of mail, collecting probably half as many.

-Walter Scranton, of Scranton, has lost \$750,000 through a decision by Judge Freas, of the orphans' court of Luzerne county. The contest over the will of Mrs. Cornelia Shoemaker was settled by the judge. Mrs. Shoemaker left the bulk of her \$750,000 estate to Miss Isabelle C. Chalfonte, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Scranton, a brother of Mrs. Shoemaker, claimed that her mind was weak, and that the will was not

valid. -A "cat nap" of ten minutes cost Ralph Armstrong, of Chester, a pair of trousers, with the contents of the trousers' pockets, amounting to \$40 in cash, a gold watch, and several articles taken from the room in which Armstrong snored lightly. A purse and a watch belonging to Armstrong's daughter were also stolen. Armstrong told the police he arose at 5:40 o'clock one morning last week and decided to take a "cat nap." Exactly at 6 o'clock, Armstrong says, he got up, yawned, reached for his trousers, but they were

-Mrs. Elizabeth Hummel, of Shamokin, was arrested by state police at Pine Top, Burnham, last Friday, charged with having kidnapped Irene Hoover, an 8-year-old child, from Frank Hoover, in Pottsville, on June 3. Mrs. Hummel insists that the child is one of triplets born to her and that Hoover has no claim on it whatever. State policemen A. J. Burke, who made the arrest, says Mrs. Hummel was sentenced to six months in jail recently for being implicated in a cutting affair. She was sent to the county jail pending a more complete investigation.

-Get rid of the weeds now and save money on next year's crop, is the advice of Fred Rasmussen, secretary of the ute book. If a State Legislature or state department of agriculture, to the farmers of the state. Owners of gardens ed it can take the responsibility of repealing it; Governor Cox will not included with the farmers. Introduction Governor will do his duty and enforce tory of the state. The secretary just returned from a trip through the farming section of central Pennsylvania.

For several years he has been the leader of the Democratic party in Ohio, which has been a very good thing for the party and for the State. -The home of D. Y. Confer, Bald Eagle, was robbed one night recently, while the family was attending a festival, the value He is splendidly equipped and trained to be the leader of the Democratic party in the nation and to be the Chief of the loot taken being more than \$100. including small change in the banks of two of the Confer children. The thief walked off with a pair of new trousers and a vest, as well as a 30.30 rifle and a .32 calibre revolver. A rain coat and many small articles of wearing apparel are also missing and it is believed that the burglar was pretty well loaded up when he left the place. Confer strongly suspects a certain individual of that neighborhood and an arrest is likely at any time.

> -Ex-Judge C. R. Savidge, of Sunbury, has disposed of his holdings of coal land in Centre and Huntingdon counties, at a price of from \$200,000 to \$300,000, representing a very handsome profit. The land which was purchased at comparatively low figures, was found to be rich in coal veins. Having retired from the coal business, Judge Savidge will raise pure-bred cattle on the fertile West Branch farms which he has purchased, one of them from James C. Packer estate, and another from Rine the florist. son, Preston M. Savidge, has been successfully engaged in hot house flower cultivation on the Rine farm for the past few years.

-A change of venue has finally been granted by the Supreme Court of Pennsyl-As Governor of Ohio, Mr. Cox has vania to George C. Tompkins, convicted murderer of the Edmund I. Humphries be given a new trial in Blair county. This decision was handed down by the Supreme or sixty statutes needed to modernize Court two weeks ago. The order was made by Chief Justice J. Hay Brown, of the State Supreme Court. The Hon. John W. Kephart, Justice of the State Supreme. Court, of Ebensburg, did not take part in the decision, granting a change of venue. Tompkins will be given a trial in strange Judge. The change of venue was granted upon petition of Tompkins' counsel, Attorneys John H. McCann and John E. Evans. both of Ebensburg.

-A remarkable reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Ray, aged 85 years, the office was the good humored willingness with which he would always to be Secretary of Agriculture has not among her guests, two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Mumau, aged 79, of Dixonville, and Miss be it in person, by mail or telephone. bent of that office. Mr. Meredith is Milton Streams, aged 81, of Kellysburg. Mr. Foreman has a nice home in a practical farmer, though he has also It was the first time in 25 years the three Bellefonte and several years ago he an agricultural publishing business sisters had been together. The three women are daughters of the late George less does it imply any departure from Ray, of Rayne township, who lived to be Democratic precedents. Mr. Cleve- 96 years of age. They have two brothers, land appointed J. Sterling Morton, of John K. Myers, of Homer City, who is Nebraska, than whom no man has done more, in private life and as Sec-Niagara Falls, who is 77.

future is not known at this writing. done more, in private its promote the retary of Agriculture, to promote the farming interests. Mr. Morton was silk dress and other valuables was stolen -A suit case containing a gold watch, -General Wood has assured Sen- the father of Arbor Day, was known from the automobile of a Sclinsgrove man ator Harling of his cordial support, a generation ago as the foremost prac- at Rolling Green Park, Sunbury, on Monday night. The case was found in a clump of bushes a quarter of a mile from the pavilion Tuesday by special officer G. H. Herman. The contents with the exception Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and of a large bottle of toilet water were Taft, did not make the Department; intact. Quite likely the thieves were thirshe just continued the work of Mr. ty and were only in search of liquid refreshments.

hibition it is interesting to recall that he was beaten by the saloon interests in 1914 because he enforced the Sunday closing law. There never had been one. He procured the law and enforced it and lost the election, but

for cities, a country road system, the non-partisan judiciary, widow's pensions and prison reform are all credited to him; he procured them while ure shaped them his party nominated him again, and he was elected, and two years ago he was elected a third time. Governor

be overlooked.

After helping out prothonotary Roy Wilkinson since the first of the year David R. Foreman severed his official connection with that important office for good on Saturday, July 3rd. Mr. Foreman enjoys the distinction of having served for a greater number of years in the court house than any other man in Centre county, and all of them in the prothonotary's office. In fact his record shows that he served fact his record shows that he served en its party a leader well versed in the principles of democracy, a candithe and eight years as prothonotary.

Mills and for a time, at least, he will

ish when his slush fund disappeared.

—If the treaty had been promptly

Ty, and pretty much made the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Wilson, who held the office in the Cabinet of but the value of Wood's support van-

ratified by the United States Senate there would be no dilly-dallying by

Retires After Twenty-six Years in Office.

> Executive of the United States. A Winning Candidate. From the New York World (Dem.). By the nomination of James M. Cox the San Francisco Convention has giv-

the laws.

date who has the pleasing habit of carrying his own State and a man who in high office has demonstrated his capacity to legislate and to govern.
Three times elected Governor of Ohio, being the only successful representative of his party on the State ticket in 1918, his record in that respect is unique. It was largely through his successful administration that Ohio in 1916 gave its electoral votes to Woodrow Wilson and this insured his re-election. With Governor Cox at re-election. With Governor Cox at the head of the Democratic ticket this year, a Commonwealth which never before failed the Republicans in a national election, except as a result of the Taft-Roosevelt split in 1912,

will again become debatable ground. to his credit public service of the highest order. It was largely due to family near Carrolltown in 1917, who will his influence that the archaic State Constitution was reformed and fifty the laws and practice of the Commonwealth, especially as regards educa-tion, taxation and the rights of workingmen, were enacted. When he took Naturally with his long service in office all of the old hard-and-fast injustices that in certain cases practiin all matters relating to the work of cally denied to labor even a hearing Blair county before strange jurors and a

tical exponent of farming in the coun-

Morton.

From the Philadelphia Record. Governor Cox's announcement that