Democratice Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Let us hope that the old adage about a green Christmas making a fat graveyard fails of verification this

-It may be all right to keep up prices but when wages go down below the line that makes purchases at high prices possible there will be serious trouble.

-Either the New Year brought in too much booze or the Old Year didn't take enough out according to the police records of the leading cities

-The New Year has started off very nicely, so far as weather is concerned, and if it has nothing worse in store for us all the cheery greetings we received on its first day will surely come true.

—It is reported that there are five thousand unemployed actors roaming about the streets of New York. Goodness only knows how many more thousands there are doing one night stands who ought to be on the unemployed lists also.

-From the "cut and dried" manner in which the Pennsylvania Legislature started off it begins to look like all the distinguished gentlemen whom the country counties certified to Harrisburg last fall are to appear in roles very much like that of "dummy" directors on a corporation board.

-One hundred and sixty-five gallons of whiskey were taken in a raid on two places in Altoona on Tuesday. How happy the director of the overtaxed water department of the Mountain city should be. Think of the savquired for that amount of hard likker.

-The revelations that are now being made as to the way the public got it in the neck from the collar manuwar are startling, to say the least. cy, not manipulated to foster the abfacturers of the country during the After boosting the price of a shilling collar so that the retailers had to sell it at thirty-five cents they took the last bit of linen from it reducing the cost of its material content to three cents. The pirates.

sensible thing by jailing the crooks chosen as a Democrat had the Repubthat are rounded up in that city. The lican nomination as well and until repolice of all the large cities in the country have been trying to check the and may return to his first faith becrime waves but have been doing it fore the new administration has dividmerely by chasing crooks out of the ed the spoils of the late victory. limits in which they have authority. These facts may serve a good purpose, In other words they have been shifting the trouble to other cities, where Democratic people of the State to the same costly and dangerous process drive the selfish and sordid bosses who has to be gone through with. If all are responsible for the present condiwould do what Pittsburgh has resolv- tion of the party out of power and ed to do the bandits would soon be in control. places of safety and order would be restored everywhere.

so few are there that there is talk likely for some other purpose. that the party's Members will not propose a candidate for speaker. While Mr. Spangler will be chosen as the unopposed candidate of the House Remore than a formality we are of the opinion that the formality should be

delphia Public Ledger astounded its "protective tariff" readers by editorfor high tariffs are no longer needed. pathetic enlargement. It is not to be Congress. The wise Republicans ligent people.

-The decisive defeat of the Ohio of better. State football team by California, on New Year's day, has set eastern grid sharps to wondering just how strong the "mystery team," that big Andy cipal cause of the Irish troubles is Smith has built up on the Coast, is. While we never relied much on com-State is a much superior team Russia, he hopes to deceive the whole to California. She was the only east- world. ern team to play a team that had met California last season. State defeat-



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The Pennsylvania Legislature organized at noon on Tuesday with a total of seventeen Democrats out of two hundred and fifty-seven Senators and the State. No Democratic caucus was held, so it may be said that the party under the selfish management of the is no longer strong enough to cast a with the disposition of public patronage of great value. It is a sad result of either imebcile or corrupt control. It is the logical result of a management by and for selfish interests.

During all the period of Republican control of the government, from the close of the Civil war until the inauguration of President Wilson, with the exception of the two administrations of Grover Cleveland, the Democrats of Pennsylvania maintained a militant and hopeful organization. There were no spoils to distribute or rewards to offer. But year after year the chasers that would have been re- Republican machine and now and then a State victory was achieved, while the morale of the county organizations was kept at a high point. But the organization of those days was managed by Democrats for Democrasurd ambitions of selfish politicians.

We enter upon the political calendar of 1921 with one Representative in Congress out of thirty-six, three Senators in the General Assembly out of fifty and fourteen Representatives in the Legislature out of two hundred -Pittsburgh seems to be doing the and seven. The single Congressman cently had been an active Republican however, if they will admonish the

-It is not probable that William -The Legislature of Pennsylvania Jennings Bryan wants to be postmashas caucused and soon will be in reg- ter of his home town under the Hardular session. Democrats in it are alling administration. Mr. Bryan's vismost as rare as hen's teeth. In fact it to the Marion front porch was more

Principal Cause of Irish Troubles.

The workingmen's committee which publicans and the naming of a Demo- has been investigating the Irish crat in opposition would be nothing question for the information of the people of Eengland makes report that the principal cause of trouble in Iregone through with. The Democratic land is Premier Lloyd George. This party in Pennsylvania is about as near conclusion arrived at after a patient dead as it can be, but it is not so ut- and painstaking inquiry confirms an terly gone that it can't be resuscitated impression which has been in our and it is with a hopeful look to that mind for some time. If the accident day that the "Watchman" suggests or calamity of war had not brought that the party's Members in the pres- Mr. George into control of the Britent session of the Legislature do noth- ish government it may be safely said ing that might savor of complete dis- a satisfactory solution of the Irish problem would have been reached long -Long ago the high brows of the ago. But from the start he set him-Republican party got out from under self against any settlement of the difthe tottering tariff panacea. It has ferences that would be even fair to been a year or more since the Phila- Ireland and in the end has converted the country into a shambles.

Lloyd George is a Scotchman and ially commenting on an interview with not only retains but cherishes all the no less a personage than the presi- traditional bigotry of his countrymen dent of the Baldwin locomotive works, in past years against Ireland and the in which he had said that the tariff Roman Catholic church. Just before could never be a political issue again, the outbreak of the great war the matter was apparently settled by an The Ledger gave the interview sym- act of parliament which was to some extent satisfactory to both sides. But wondered at, therefor, that Congress- the beginning of the war postponed man Fordney is meeting many stum- the execution of the act. Soon afterbling blocks in his efforts to get an ward Lloyd George succeeded to the emergency tariff bill started in this Premiership. He insulted every redblooded Irishman by calling the perknow that what Mr. Vauclain said fidious Sir Edward Carson into the was true and they will be very wary | Cabinet and put the settlement of the about having their party flaunt the question on a just basis back a quartariff fetish any longer before intel- ter of a century. Every step taken since has made matters worse instead

It may safely be assumed, therefore, as the London Workingmen's cipal cause of the Irish troubles is Lloyd George. He has kept his place in power since the close of the war by parative scores as a measure of a false pretense and hopes even if he team's strength, nearly all the east- doesn't believe that the cruelties of ern critics use them when they hap- the Spanish inquisition may work repen to help prove the right of a favor- sults now that they failed to achieve ite to the claim of championship hon- when the world was in a state of ors. Since others whose dope carries semi-civilization. With the wiles of greater conviction in the football an opportunist he has worked evil not world than any we might advance only upon Ireland but upon England do not hesitate to use compar- and with the doubtful morals which ative scores when convenient why would compromise the butcheries of may we not figure out that Penn the Turks and the iniquities of Soviet

-The closing of Henry Ford's ed Nebraska much more decisively plant at Detroit is the surprising rethan did California, therefor, if com- cent event. One would think that a parative scores do count for anything billionaire philanthropist would pro-State is about one touchdown strong- vide work for his employees even at a er than the conquerers of Ohio State. sacrifice of profits.

Legislative Innovations.

The session of the Pennsylvania Legislature which opened at noon gress to revive the war finance cor-Tuesday has set new precedents and poration President Wilson places himestablished innovations which make self on sound economic ground. That Representatives, the smallest number the old members "sit up and take no- corporation was created by Congress in the minority party in the history of tice." For a time so long that "the as an emergency measure for use in memory of man runneth not to the promoting export trade. Its method contrary," the Governor's message has been submitted as soon as the foreign importers with which to pur-Palmer-Donnelly-McCormick machine bodies were organized. This year the chase products in this country. Sevmessage is withheld until after the eral months ago on the recommendashadow. And this at the close of a two weeks' recess to complete the or- tion of the Secretary of the Treasury period of eight years of Democratic ganization. There may be really the President suspended the organizacontrol of the National government good reasons for this change in process but it is not perceptible to the have never been able to justify the failure of the United States to join hear all sides of a question and then two weeks' recess to complete the or- the League of Nations continued the to ask those holding diametrically optrading proposition.

But admitting the expediency of the long recess, for it enables the party son expresses warm sympathy for any bossess to reconcile disappointments, proper effort to stimulate export it might have been used to some pur- trade. But he feels that it would be pose by Senators and Representatives unjust to the people of the United in studying the recommendations made | States to tax them in order to loan by the Governor in his message and appraising the value of his suggestions upon which they are expected to find its way back into the hands of ing in water by the elimination of all earnest battles were waged against the act. But no such opportunity is given them this year. They may spend he objects to levying tribute upon the the time log-rolling with the party public in order to bestow bounties on signments, but what the Governor has expiration of the recess just as wise as when they went away.

So far as we have been able to discover the Governor has given no reason for his innovation on the practices of his predecessors. Gossip is more free with its tongue, however, and the reason it assigns is that the purpose is to delay as long as possible a break in the harmony that attended the organization. In other words it is intimated that the Goverthat will be obnoxious to so many of the bosses that it was feared it might wreck the party at the start. Just what sort of legislation he will recommend, that could work such disastrous discouragement of further emergency

-Former President Taft is surprisingly quiet these days but possibly he got a tip while in Marion that silence is golden when it is desirable to forget past records.

Hard Work for a Sick Man.

Resuming his duties as head of the Senatorial oligarchy at Washington and directing the operations of the Pennsylvania Legislature at Harrisburg, Senator Penrose on Monday entered upon a busy life. It may be hoped that the burden of his labor will not be beyond the strength of a convalescent for his Washington work will be mainly to prevent legislation and his legislative machinery in Harrisburg has been so perfected as to require little personal supervision. Just who will be his spokesman at the State capital has not been revealed but it is a safe guess that Mr. Joseph Grundy will be on hand and that he will speak through Mr. W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State committee.

But conditions are neither so placid nor as promising in Washington. Representative Fordney, of Michigan, who has long been afflicted with acute tariffphobia, is chairman of the House committee on Ways and Means, and determined to enact some sort of tariff legislation. With no understanding of the subject and little brain power, such a figure in such a position, like "a bull in a china shop," is likely to make trouble and we predict that the hardest job for Penrose will be that of repressing this wild woodsman. Senator Penrose declares that "his views on high tariff have changed somewhat with the times and he is not prepared to endorse any particular program at this time."

From an interview given out by the Senator from his palatial apartment in Washington, the other day, it may be inferred that other important duties will devolve upon him when the new administration begins to function. "I do not think it makes any difference who is Secretary of State," he said, "Congress will blaze the way and will not merely sit up and take a program from the Secretary of State." This means of course a rever- minds" at Marion may be diverting and mutually advantageous undersal of the policies and the destruction and useful but when the rush of anxof the traditions of the government ious office seekers sets in at Washingfrom the beginning, and will involve ton it will be different. a vast amount of labor. But the Senator may be right in his purposes. The incoming President may need a guide if not "a philosopher and friend."

If current reports are accurate Senator Harding is perfectly willing to let all other countries in civilization disarm.

straight and entirely comfortable?

Sound Economic Ground.

In vetoing the resolution of Conof procedure was to loan money to tion. Actually it had expired by limitation as it was to end within a year formless state that it was on Novemnaked eye. As a matter of fact we after the restoration of peace. The ber 2. His idea of leadership is to ganization. It seems to be only a state of war and kept the organization in life.

In his veto message President Wilmoney to foreign bankrupts even though the money should ultimately American exporters. In other words managers for coveted committee as- a few individuals in this country engaged in export trade and some specup his sleeve with respect to legisla- ulators in Europe operating with othtion is left to conjecture. The states- er people's money. That is entirely men will return to their service at the too much like the methods employed by Mr. Ponzi, lately of Boston and now in the Massachusetts penitenti-

In his veto message President Wilson said "there is no question that the borrowing of the government should be limited to the minimum requirements and that the government should not be called upon further to finance private business at public expense." That is the truth. It is neither wise nor beneficial to advance money to nor intends to recommend legislation profligate use and Europe has already and it is only by arguments and apresources of the United States. The can impress their views on the next financial authorities of Europe fully realize this fact and have expressed results, has not been revealed. But loans. Therefore there is little to

> -Just before Christmas a large tries around Bellefonte closed down ly oppose those who are fanatical in "for lack of orders." In fact only a their opinions and determined to push few plants were kept in operation. them, no matter what the cost. though the industries are still far from capacity output. A reduction in wages has also been made and what the future has in store in a business way, experienced financiers all over the country are not at all apprehensive. It is a well known fact that both wages and prices have been abnormal for several years and a readjustment was as certain as fate. That the readjustment period is now here seems assured and the best way to meet it and have it over with as quickly as possible is for both capital and labor to have forebearance for each other. No business can be run at a loss and continue indefinitely. On the other hand labor is entitled to just remuneration, and the only question will be the proper adjustment. Lower wages will naturally mean the reduction of prices all along the line, and in the end the laborer's dollar ought to have the same purchasing power. In any event there is no present cause for great alarm, and it is quite probable that it will only be a question of a short time until the lime industries hereabouts will again be in full operation.

-Jury commissioners John D. Decker and Joseph Emerick have almost completed their work of filling the jury wheel for 1921. Contrary to the original decision of the board not to put the names of women in the wheel, as announced in this paper, they finally decided to include the women, and in the neighborhood of fifty names of well known women throughout the county will be put in and now we'll wager every woman in its trainmen, and thus set a precedent the town will be wondering if she is for imitation elsewhere, that is propthe wheel. Bellefonte's quota is eight, one of the eight.

-D'Annunzio's New Years was not a happy one but if full and exact justice were meted out to him it might have been worse, but he never would have known about it.

-The inaugural ball is to be restored upon the advent of the new administration, but that is a matter of minor importance to the average cit--Is your New Year resolution on minor importance to the average cit-

Without Fixed Ideas.

From the Philadelphia Record. Senator Knox's remark, after his conference with Mr. Harding at Marion, in regard to the latter's position Nations, that he was "assured that he eling at a fair rate of speed. (Harding) has no set idea in mind," in all probability represents the facts of the case. The President-elect seems to have no fixed convictions on this subject or any other, unless it be that the Republican party is a divinely ordained institution which is always right, and it is altogether likely that today, two months after his election, his mind is in the same fluid and posed views to get together and agree upon a compromise which will be acceptable to all concerned. His own views, if he really has any, are entirely subordinated. His chief thought is to secure harmony and avoid party

dissension. There is nothing particularly novel about this revelation of Senator Hard- dead. The man was Emanuel Garney by ing's mind, which during his six years in the Senate never evolved a single idea of any importance, but it is interesting to conjecture how his theories will work out when he plans to by Knox and Johnson and including Borah, McCormick, Brandegee, etc., who are all men of greater force and intellectual vigor than the Ohio Senator and who have irretrievably committed themselves against the peace treaty. Through Knox they have just served what is practically an ultima-tum on the President-elect, that they will oppose any effort made to recognize the peace treaty in any way. On the other side are such well-meaning men as Elihu Root, ex-President Taft, ex-Attorney General Wickersham, etc., who want the League of Nations preserved in all its essentials with the addition of some reservations. None of these men hold official positions, drawn too liberally upon the financial peals to reason and justice that they

President. Placed between such contending forces and unable to effect a workable compromise between them, it is ly shot in the left leg while handling a renot difficult to see where Mr. Harding volver at Mt. Union at 1 o'clock on Sunday the fact shows how feeble are the bonds that bind the party leaders to- ly financial legislation in peace times. side that is most insistent and unyielding in its views, that is, the Sen- ball from the weapon which was of mediators, and particularly those of the ir- um calibre, had penetrated his left than reconcilable type. Having no fixed lodging in the muscles of the leg. The percentage of the various lime indus- idea of his own, he cannot successful-This week, however, some of the clos- look for stormy days ahead for Wooded plants have been put in operation though the industries are still far.

row Wilson's successor. Senator Knox's frank statements leave little room for doubt that the Senatorial oligarchy, having nominated their man, will not be at all backward in demandthe men have accepted it. While it is ing that, in default of any conviction impossible to tell at this time just of his own, he shall follow their lead-

A Great Forward Step.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The agreement that has just been entered into between the management | Asked if he would like a "liquer" or some and men of the Pennsylvania Railroad company marks a great forward step in the cause of a closer understanding and co-operation in industrial relations. This new arrangement is the few high shells of real beer. If I had that result of a full and free conference, in which the subject was approached in fect one." a spirit of friendliness and in which the employees were made to feel that they had an equal voice with the officers representing the employers. The latter principle has been incorporated into the new agency that has been created for the maintenance of amicable relations; and if it is operated as intended, the expectation of the management of the Pennsylvania, namely, that it should "not only make future strikes wholly unnecessary but should obviate even the necessity for ever taking a strike vote among the engine and train service employees" of he railroad, will be realized.

The Pennsylvania is one of the greatest industrial corporations in the United States, but it is also a public utility, performing a service that is vital to the well-being and very existence, in some emergencies, of the communities which it serves. It is of supreme importance, therefore, that the public should not always be made to suffer when men and management disagree on the conditions of employment. And it is because this mutual working agreement should operate to safeguard the public interest, as well as the interests of the company and in a field where there was vast room -The conferences of "great for better methods, a more humane standing.

Let Us Hope, 'Tis True. From the DuBois Express.

timistic glasses. From their vantage spent at the trade of country blacksmith, point of observation, they plainly discern a rift in the clouds of readjustment and deflation and confidently affirm that the most dangerous period of business depression has been safe- reported for duty every day except three

try back to normal conditions.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The school house at Tamarack, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire recently, the cause of the fire not being known. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, with only \$400 insurance

-John Geoelosky, who was deposed as a member of the state police for asking for the \$1500 reward offered by the Montgomery county commissioners for the capture of the kidnapper of Blakely Coughlin, has been made a member of the Pottstown

-Frank Pelone, a stable boss at Uniontown, found a stick of dynamite on Saturday and put it in his hip pocket. Later, while working in the stable he was kicked by a mule. The dynamite exploded, blowing Pelone to pieces and destroying the stable.

-A balloon carrying a powerful searchlight passed over Punxsutawney early one morning last week. The huge gas bag was plainily discernible and caused considerable excitement among the early risers. on the peace treaty and the League of | The balloon was headed east and was trav-

-Twenty-five head of cattle, four horses, farming implements and all the season's crops were destroyed in a fire that burned he barn on the farm owned by Clarence Balliet, four miles west of Allenwood, Union county. The loss will reach \$10,000, with half insurance, it is said.

-State Game Protector W. C. Kelly, of DuBois, has just completed his report of the hunting season for Clearfield county and it is as follows: 388 deer slain legally, six bucks killed illegally, twenty-two does and one elk killed illegally, while eight bears were also slain in accordance with the law.

-Two doctors driving through Manito, Westmoreland county, recently noticed a man who was walking in the road some distance ahead of them stagger and fall. The physicians stopped their car to render him some assistance, but found him name but seemed to have no relatives liv-

-George C. Tompkins, convicted in the Cambria county court of the murder of Edmund I. Humphries and wife, but grantput them in operation as President. ed a new trial by the Supreme court, and later a change of venue, will be tried in powerful group of Republicans headed Blair county next week, the case being scheduled for January 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Humphries were killed in the summer of

-While driving toward home along the state highway early last Thursday morning, Elmer Barr, of Kulpmont, was confronted by two armed bandits. He slowed the car until he came to the masked men and then put on a sudden supply of power and shot past, knocking down one highwayman. He had a large sum of money with him.

-Mr. Henry Ernest, chief inspector of the Westmoreland Coal company at Manor, Westmoreland county, left his home at Irwin to go to one of the mines and while walking to catch the train on the Manor Valley branch he came across a wire blown down by the wind and, thinking it was insulated, he picked it up, but it was charged and he was killed instantly.

-George Garlock, aged 21, of Neff's Mills, Huntingdon county, was accidentalmorning. He was taken to the Altoona hospital, where it was discovered that the missile was extracted.

-"Jimmy Valentine," in the flesh appeared in McKeesport early last Thursday morning and after opening the safe of the Hayduk hotel, left the building with \$2600. He left behind in the safe \$200 worth of United States Steel Corporation stock, \$1350 in Liberty bonds, \$700 in paper bills, wrapped up, and \$137.50 in gold coin. Not a mark of any kind appeared on the safe. Experts who examined the safe declared the combination had been worked.

-Peter McGirvey upheld his reputation as the chief oyster gormandizer in the Guyasuta club at Sharpsville one night last week, when he devoured six dozen. He finished his "meal" by eating ice cream. cordial to round out his meal, McGirvey said: "No, thanks, those foreign 'aperitifs' are all right in their way, but I don't need any. But I certainly would like a I could honestly say my meal was a per-

-It will be a long time before anyone else in Uniontown reports the progress of a poker game, since Mayor Smart imposed a fine of \$20 upon a certain informant and discharged the participants of the game. It was 3:15 a. m. January 1st when Thomas Antoon reported to the police station that gambling was in progress on a fruitstand in the centre of the business district. Police responded, and arrested five men. They were arraigned before the Mayor, who discharged the five and fined Antoon \$20.

-Clarence Shawley, an 18-year-old youth residing at Spruce Creek, who was arrested in connection with the alleged tampering with a freight train on the night of December 20th, was accorded a hearing before justice of the peace D. C. Black, of Huntingdon, and held for court. The lad had practically confessed to the Pennsy police that he had tampered with the train in so far as lifting the coupling lever and parting the train, five cars of No. 1529, eastbound, having been left behind when the train moved out of Spruce Creek after a short layover there.

-Ragged, dirty and apparently homeless, but with \$2058 in bills of large denominations sewed inside the lining of erly to be regarded as a great forward step in stabilizing industrial relations Pittsburgh while wandering aimlessly years of age, was arrested last week in about the streets. Questioned at a police station, Koren, apparently in a daze, was unable to tell anything about himself or how he obtained the money. Besides the cash, a bank book showing deposits of \$1000 and a single withdrawal of \$500, was found in Koren's clothing.

-Samuel Irvin, of Lewistown, has a Captains of industry and financial leaders are of one mind in viewing the outlook for 1921 through the opwith horse shoeing as the chief factor, but during the past few years he has been in charge of some of the machinery at the Logan Iron and Steel works where he has erated by Lyon, Shorb & Co.