Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Congress will convene in special session next week and then we'll see what we'll see

-The New York bar associations favor party conventions for making party nominations and everybody except selfish politicians will concur.

-Laborers are being paid from \$3.00 to \$3.25 for a nine hour day in and about Bellefonte and while many men are without employment it is really right difficult to secure one for odd jobs of a day or so.

-With the city in the greatest industrial slough it has ever experienced and its immediate future impeneic because their school millage will but to their rights. been paying twenty-one so long that the correspondent of the esteemed it doesn't know any better.

There is a bill before the Legislanecessary for boys who sell newspapers on the streets to take out a lithis! Land of liberty and opportunity-if you pay a license first to support a lot of law-makers who have no license to be where they are.

-It does seem strange that there should be so much trouble in Harrisburg finding enough revenue to supply the needs of the schools and hospitals and so little in finding enough to raise the salaries of hundreds of state officials. And they slipped all the salary grabs through before they permitted any of the State's institutions to have a peep into the bag.

-Next week we will start our new ing start it and then lend your paper you will be sure of having a call from him every week it continues. "Bull Dog Drummond" hasn't been publishderfully popular.

-The Lewisburg Journal is happy because a squad of the state constab- account of the signs of an awakened doubt. The act of 1919 was not inulary has been detailed for duty in conscience, or shall we call it an tended to save the expense of publithat place. Lewisburg has been in- aroused fear, on the part of the law- cation of reports. The Sproul adminfested with notorious street charac- makers. From the source of this ters, African golfers and huggers and pleasing information and simultane- in economy. Enough money has been the one lone policeman of the town is ously, we get the news that Senator voted by the present session of the unable to halt the naughty things that Penrose has withdrawn his opposition Legislature for needless increases in are going on down there, hence the to the Governor's program of increascall for state aid. My, what a trans- ing taxes and during the closing days lication of all the reports that could formation. Years ago Lewisburg had of the session we may expect the pasa rep. for just two things: Sunday sage of legislation adding to the burdinners at the Baker house and bevies dens of the people thirty million dol- passed. Therefore some other reason

bricks to throw at the fellow who ti- tor Crow, on his return from Wash- Kephart has put it is the most plausdies up this office, sets some type, feeds a press now and then, hustles for ing that "Senator Penrose will not opthe mazuma with which to pay his felpose the tax bills or any part of the sembly. the mazuma with which to pay his fellow workers and then writes this stuff program of Governor Sproul." and some other on the side, don't come in next Friday. We don't expect to a country print shop and near to the terbury estimates as reasonable. joys of meetin' up with a friend who thinks Mr. Volstead didn't mean itso far as fishermen are concerned.

-It is worthy of note that those foreign princes, princesses, generals and admirals whose parasitic life has been ended by the overthrow of governments that supported them, have been forced to go to work. That they are actually working is remarkable in itself, but the significant feature of the incident is the occupations they have evidently found themselves best fitted for. Porters, peddlers, waiters, flower venders, newsies and bootblacks is what many of them are today. And it is probably because they are not fitted for more ambitious ocadmirals that their people raised up and threw them all out.

—Canada buys \$300,000,000 more in goods from us than we do from her been written into our immigration each year. Naturally she is getting laws within a few years the literary riled up at the prospect of our passing test is the most preposterous. The a tariff bill that will make the sale of some of her products in the States im- inals, anarchists and other undesiraall countries follow Canada's proposal criminal immigrants are college gradthere'll be a fine world's market for uates than illiterates. The anarchists our goods. As Col. House says: Our and agitators who come to destroy first constructive work should be to and sow the seeds of discontent are help the rest of the world back to nor- highly educated, while most of the ilmal, so that it can produce something literates come with the single purpose with which to barter for our products. of improving their social and finan-This country can't prosper if the rest cial conditions by honest industry. of the world is bankrupt any more than the stores of Bellefonte would if the asylum they desire by the law no one within trading radius of the while the scholarly criminals are weltown had money or credit with which to purchase their wares.

-Sure it was right that President Harding should not receive a pay check for all of the month of March. He didn't work the first three and a held and the example set by the highest hired man of the nation. Salaries and wages are paid for services renble that they didn't stop to think, either, that when our President accepts pay for work he doesn't do the slacker in more humble positions to the low price level now quoted in

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False Hope of Improvement.

Late information from Harrisburg tors and Representatives in the Gen-

serial "Bull Dog Drummond" and if last statement the Speaker is wrong. publicity is a formidable foe to deyou want some really thrilling read- There is an excuse, though it may be to your neighbor. If he starts it too the Governor to make his administra- mation as to the conditions of the ed in book form yet nor has it been a halt on the increases of salaries, the with. The act of 1919 is therefore a filmed, but when it is it will be won- creation of new offices and other ex- convenient fence.

traditional "last straw."

travagances. lars or so in order to make the "mag- must be found for the act of 1919 and -If you have any bouquets or nificent achievement" certain. Sena- the use to which State Treasurer ington, announced on Monday even- ible. It keeps the facts from the pub-

be here. We have expectations of shopmen will accept "a reasonable spending that day along some good cut" in wages and we are curious to Snyder has given the Legislature, the Phipps bill which repeals the trout stream, far from the worries of learn how much of a cut General At-

Sound Ideas on Immigration.

If the ideas expressed by Mr. Frederick Wallis, the recently appointed Commissioner of Immigration, in an interview published in the New York World last Sunday, reflect the opinions of the new administration on immigration problems, the country may hope to score vast improvements in the future. "Our present manner of handling the entire immigration question is simply barbarous," he said. "We have managed to pass laws bearing no relationship to our needs, such from the industry and commerce of as the literacy test, and then, to make matters still worse, their applicupations that they were such a bum cation is made as inhuman and cruel lot of princes, princesses, generals and as it is possible to imagine." Then he adds: "The trouble with our immigration policy is that it is unintelligent."

Of all the absurd things which have pretense is that it will keep out crimpossible and threatens retaliation. If bles. As a matter of fact more of the But these willing workers are refused comed with open arms to perpetuate

crime. "What we need in America," says Commissioner Wallis, "are men and women strong in body and sound in ident, are preparing to create an emmind." And he seems to have well- bargo which will not only scrap the half days of the month, so why should matured plans to get that sort of men merchant marine fleets but will make he have been paid for them. It isn't and women from the old world. The it impossible for Europe to pay the the matter of the few dollars involved. examinations would be made at the war debts to this country. The Ford-It is the principle that should be up- port of departure rather than at the new emergency tariff bill will not only point of arrival and those found fit rob the ships of opportunity but it would be directed to points in this will prevent our European debtors country where the work to which they from paying the billions of dollars dered and where there is no service are adapted is wanted. That policy they owe and are willing to pay. If there should be no expectation of would avoid the congestion in cities there were any chance that the measeither. President Harding made no and centres which is the cause of com- ure might relieve the existing distress comment on the shortage in his March | plaint and make the industrious and pay envelope, but a lot of thoughtless | honest immigrant as helpful as he or | be some excuse for it. But as a matnews writers did and very likely a lot she would be welcome in the commu- ter of fact it will add to rather than of readers of their items also thought | nity. "Assimilation would be a sim- relieve their burdens. it a pecksniffian practice. It is proba- ple matter," writes Mr. Wallis, "if immigration were distributed."

-Potatoes would not have fallen might justify the pointing to very ex- some sections if they had been sold at for the high cost crops now that the alted precedents for his dishonest the fair prices offered some months war is over. Viewed in this light they ago.

Act of 1919 a Fence for Profligacy.

Representative Alexander, of Delacense. Grand old Commonwealth, practical refusal of the fiscal agents dollar deficiency bills put through the tative Alexander appears to be the is being done with their money.

Thus far the present session of the ment. Strangely enough and somewhat om- General Assembly has done little exinously the spokesman for the protes- cept create new offices and increase tants is the Speaker of the House and the salary of others. At the opening protege of Penrose and Grundy. "It of the session the Governor announcis an outrage," declares the Speaker, ed his magnificent purposes but Pen- and his associate hyphenated voters "to have the House going into the rose vetoed his plans because they infinal weeks of the session without an volved a vast increase of taxation. publican party were not given withadequate and comprehensive knowl- Now the signs indicate a diminution out promise, expressed or implied, of edge of the State's financial condition. of the Penrose power and a resump-There is no excuse for it." In this tion of the Governor's program. But Hughes in reply to the memorandum vious enterprises and the demand of German expectations in that respect. a lame one. It lies in the ambition of Representative Alexander for infortion "illustrious for achievement." If finances might ruin the prospects of the Legislators knew the exact state concealing unwarranted expenditures of Dr. Simon's statement that "it is of the finances they would speedily call in future deficiency bills, if complied the earnest desire of the government

That there is something rotten at But we look for no improvement on the capitol in Harrisburg admits of no istration is not striving for a record salaries of officials to pay for the pubpossibly be made in fifty years, and the Governor has approved every bill

-Auditor General Snyder is more -The Pennsylvania railroad diplomatic as well as a better dresser than State Treasurer Kephart. Mr. though asked to give it.

Evil of the Emergency Tariff Bill.

The European governments allied States upward of fifteen billions of dollars. The only possible way to discharge this vast debt is to send the in coin or substitute currency of any description. To withdraw such a sum the debtor countries would cause industrial and commercial paralysis. To dump such a quantity of gold into this country within a limited period would demoralize the industrial and During the war and as a necessary

Thousands of ships were built in the expectation that after their use as transports and supply ships for the war was ended they could be used to advantage as carriers in the exportation of products to foreign markets and the importation of the merchandise consigned to this country in the discharge of the war loans and foreign debts. Unless they are so employed the great cost of their construction will be lost inevitably, and added to the loss of the war debt will sum up an aggregate of waste that will stagger the world.

In the face of these facts the Republican leaders in Congress, and apparently with the assent of the Presof the farming industry, there might

-Farmers who caught the high prices with low cost crops at the beginning of the war are making wry faces at having to take the low prices are having no actual loss.

Mr. Hughes Right but Not Frank.

indicates an awakening of the Sena- ware county, may have been mistaken Hughes was not more candid in his in his opinion that he has a legal right reply to the memorandum of Dr. Sitrable Altoona taxpayers are in a panic because their school millage will but to their rights. "Members of of the State Treasury. He unquesindemnities for damages incurred during the demand a report of the operations and indemnities for damages incurred during the demand a report of the operations and indemnities for damages incurred during the demand a report of the operations are in a panic because their school millage will but to their rights. have to be raised to seventeen mills. both the Senate and House are hear- tionably had that right until two years ing the war. It is true that he prac-They should worry. Bellefonte has ing from the folks at home," writes ago, when the General Assembly cut tically reiterated the statements made it off. Just why it was cut off is left on the same subject by his predeces-Philadelphia Record, "and not a few to conjecture. But there are clues, as sor in office, Mr. Colby. But he was lawmakers are beginning to realize the detectives say. The plan to make obviously insincere in his statement ture that, if passed, would make it that the time has arrived for showing the Sproul administration illustrious that the memorandum of Dr. Simons some signs of life." These signs are for achievement is probably at the is "an unequivocal expression on the expressed in protests agains the bottom of it. The eight or ten million part of the German government of its desire to afford reparation up to the of the State to reveal the actual finan- present session may be logical conse- limit of German ability to pay." As cial condition of the Commonwealth. quences. In any event Mr. Alexander a matter of fact the German govern-The flippant reply of State Treasurer is morally and everlastingly right. ment has shown no desire to pay at Gephart to the resolution of Represen- The people have a right to know what all. Its mental and diplomatic efforts have all been toward avoiding pay-

> Germany has been, and with good reason, expecting comfort if not material help from the Harding administration. The efforts of Dr. Vierick in behalf of the candidate of the Rerecompense. The brief note of Mr. of Dr. Simons' statement that "it is But it would have sounded better in the 100 per cent. American ear if he had frankly challenged the sincerity of Germany to reach an accord with the allied and associated powers, and it is sincere in its purpose to meet their requirements as far as possible."

> As Secretary Hughes states, "this government stands with the governments of the allies in holding Germany responsible for the war." It was ruthlessly undertaken with the view of coining money out of the blood and miseries of civilization. If German expectations had been fulfilled every community in Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States would have been crushed as the cities of Belgium were devastated. Mainly behostilities German energy has been diligently employed in efforts to evade just claims for reparation. Such purposes ought not to be abetted by this country.

-Governor Sproul has approved without being asked for it, the infor- county military enrollment bill passmation which Mr. Kephart refused, ed in 1899. The bill was passed at the close of the Spanish-American war of this country. Had the enrollment public jobs for which they are applibeen accurate and complete the act in the late world war owe the United might have served the purpose intended, but unfortunately the roll was chandise. Such debts are never paid men of military age to enroll the monwealth. "Watchman" published the list of eligibles as they appeared on the military enrollment of Centre county, and the result was that this office was be- From the Dearborn Independent. sieged by many inquiries as to why "so-and-so's" name was on the list, as he was years past the military age. Many others who were of military commercial life of the United States. age had not been enrolled, so that the list was woefully inaccurate. Assesincident to the conditions then exist- sors were allowed three cents each for the State.

> -Mayor Moore, of Philadelphia, announces that he will revoke the license of any theatre in that city that murder, on its stage. "Hampy" would make an admirable censor.

> -Grover Bergdoll, slacker and draft dodger, says he expects a good deal from the Harding administration. indulge in bright expectations from that source.

Of course Senator Penrose understands that a middle-aged Governor of "magnificent achievement" and a lot of ambition will be a formidable figure in future party rivalries.

-The April showers we will probably have, but the May flowers will depend more on what Jack Frost did to the buds last week than on the precipitation this month.

-Colonel Harvey is now assured of his reward, but Hearst and Veirick are still on the anxious bench.

-If Germany is as poor as her statesmen pretend it's hardly worth while to bother about her.

-It remains to be seen whether or not Joe Grundy will also capitulate to the Governor.

-Subscribe for the "Watchman."

It is a pity that Secetary of State Suppose the fish don't bite at fust, What be yew goin' tur dew? Chuck down yewr pole, throw out yewr

Suppose the Fish Don't Bite at Fust.

bait. An' say yewr fishin's threw? Uv course yew hain't; yew're goin' tur fish An' fish an' fish an' wait Until yew've ketched yewr basket full, An' used up all yewr bait.

Suppose success don't come at fust, What be yew goin' to dew? Throw up the sponge an' kick yewrself, An' go tur feelin' blew?

Uv course yew hain't, yew're goin' to fish An' bait an' bait again; Bimeby success will bite yewr hook An' you will pull him in.

Supporting Part of the Constitution.

From the Philadelphia Record. Governor Sproul has returned to the Pennsylvania Constitution, which, under his oath of office, he has sworn to enforce and defend. He has vetoed the bill passed by the Legislature seeking to amend the Philadelphia charter so as to make it mandatory upon the Civil Service Commissioners of the city to give preference to men and women who served in the world war who apply for public positions, whether or not their names rank first or second on the civil service examination lists. The Governor says the bill is class legislation, and obnoxious to the provisions of the Constitution.

In this the Governor is undoubtedly correct. The Constitution prohibits legislation of this character, and the Governor having taken an oath to defend and support the Constitution, did no more than his duty in the veto not-ed. It is most unfortunate, however, that only a few days ago the Governor signed a bill increasing the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme and Superior courts in face of the fact that the Constitution, now invoked to justify his veto of the measure designed to give world war veterans an advantage over other applicants for city jobs, also prohibits the increasing of the salaries of all State officers during the terms for which they may have been appointed or elected.

The justification of the latter action will, we do not doubt, be the decision cause of the intervention of the Unit- of the late Justice Thompson, the lone ed States, German expectations were Judge of the Supreme court who was disappointed and since the close of not affected by a similar violation of the Constitution some years ago. But the unfortunate fact remains that all ing their cows examined for tuberculosis. disinterested citizens, while recogniz- The State veterinarian has killed five Holing the obligation of the State Treas-istein cows for John Pounds, whose farm urer to pay increased salaries to adjoins the county home, and which were Judges under that opinion, have never | thought to be suffering from tuberculosis. believed it represented an unprejudiced interpretation of the Constitution. and had hoped that no Legislature and farmer, after having his cows examined, no Governor would ever again offer found that it was necessary to have one of as an excuse for a raid on the public treasury.

The apparently just veto of the bill and was designed to keep on hand cor- intended to give the veterans of the rect data as to the military strength world war first consideration in filling cants merits the commendation of all who believe in the enforcement of all of the provisions of the Constitution; but it is unfortunately true that there never kept up to date. This fact was will be many who will seize upon the demonstrated early in 1917, after the veto to contrast it with the action of products of the mills, factories, mines United States declared war on Germa- the Governor in his approval of the and soils of the debtor governments ny. When the selective draft law was bill raising the salaries of the Judges to this country in the form of mer-passed and a call was made for all of the two highest courts of the Com-

The Anomaly of Aristocracy.

Much wonder and surprise is excited by the spectacle of a scion of royalty in overalls doing a useful job of work. Even in this land of the free in which honest work is no disgrace to the papers of the fact that, in various capitals of Europe, former princes ing an immense commercial marine making the military enrollment and and princesses, generals and admirals was created by the government of the the repeal of the law will mean a re- are now earning their bread as por-United States at a vast expense duction in expense to every county in ters, peddlers, waiters, waitresses, flower sellers and newspaper venders and even as bootblacks and teachers of languages.

For the most part, we seem to look upon an aristocrat obliged to share the cense of any theatre in that city that lot of common humanity by earning puts a wanton, recently acquitted of his bread in the sweat of his own brow, rather than that of other men's brows, as an anomaly-stranger and more incredible than was the circus giraffe to the farmer in the old story. From an enlightened American

point of view, the aristocrat satisfied to live a life without useful work and German sympathizers have a right to to fritter away his God-given birthright of brain and brawn in wasteful, frivolous and inane loafing; spending his time and his energies on the fashionable routine of balls, dances, dinners and jazz generally, should be the anomaly—the freak. And the freak-ishness is increased when the pseudoaristocrat who so separates himself from share in the common human life, choosing to become a parasite instead of a producer, lays the flattering unction to his soul that, because of inherited title or wealth, he is somehow entitled to regard himself as superior to other people. He labors under the insane delusion that idleness, not industry, is honorable.

Of course, the only real aristocracy is the aristocracy of worth proven in service. If these "nobles" whose hard fate the world is asked to pity, have found out how little do blood and titles count when it comes down to the realities of life, their experience will be worth all it cost them. They may at last develop through useful work into "nature's noblemen."

And perhaps the lesson should not be lost on those foolish Americans the height of whose ambition is to lips gave his auditors the laugh and said marry off their daughters to European he intended to make an effort to locate the title-holders.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Wellsboro council has fixed 30 cents an hour as pay for municipal labor and 60 cents for man and team.

-Allegheny county detectives, looking for a set of stolen harness, discovered behind the organ of a Croatian Sunday school an illicit still and John Trubak, sexton, industriously engaged in drawing off several gallons of liquor. John lost his still and paid \$100 costs.

-Apples are said to be so plentiful in eastern counties that the farmers are crushing those for cooking purposes into cider, an unknown precedent being thereby established. Some sections of Lycoming county are following the same course and cider mills are working over time. The large crop of 1920, the warm winter and early spring are the cause for this unusu-

-"It pays to advertise" has been fully proven by Sheriff Martz, of Northumberland county. More than six months ago Mrs. Sophia Dark died at Montandon, leaving an \$8000 estate. She was believed to have died without any legal heirs, and it became the duty of the sheriff to advertise in the newspapers in an effort to locate some. Just 140 have turned up in the interim, according to the sheriff.

-Dr. W. W. Longacre, of Mount Pleasant Mills, was last week appointed Democratic member of the board of Snyder county commissioners, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, Isaac W. Longacre. Doctor Longacre sought the three-year post on the grounds that he would give to his brother's widow all his salary. Doctor Longacre resigned the postmastership at Mount Pleasant Mills to become eligible to the commissioner appointment.

-In marrying William E. Romig and Miss Elizabeth Kahler, of Bloomsburg, the Rev. F. K. Hunsinger, Lutheran pastor of that town, has made one of the most remarkable records of any minister in the State. He married the parents of the bridegroom, all of the brothers and sisters of the bridegroom's mother, and has officiated at the wedding of all of the nieces, nephews and children of Mrs. Romig, who have been married, a total of sixteen weddings in the one family.

-A jury in the Northumberland county court has awarded \$5000 damages to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Chamberlain, of Shamokin, for the loss of their son, Leon Chamberlain's life. Chamberlain was killed at a Philadelphia and Reading railway crossing last. December. The train on which he was a passenger was stopped at a crossing other than the regular passenger station, in order to save time for knitting mill employees. The morning was dark and Chamberlain stepped in front of a fast freight train and was killed

-The issue of the Carlisle Herald last Thursday announced the sale of its circulation of about 2500 to the Harrisburg Telegraph, effective immediately. No more Herald copies will be printed. The Herald only six months ago was purchased from several stockholders by Dr. G. C. Lee, head of the National Society for Broader Education, with residence at Carlisle. He remodeled an old hotel, installed new machinery costing \$50,000 and moved into new quarters recently, built up a large circulation and added many new features.

-Many Indiana county farmers are hav-One of the cows killed cost Pounds \$500, and another \$250. John Malcolm, another them killed because she was suffering from tuberculosis. His herd was almost clear of the disease, although some herds have many afflicted cows.

-Forty farmers in the vicinity of Garland, Warren county, have formed a co-operative purchasing association for supplying themselves with lime, feed, fertilizer and possibly other supplies. Under present plans the farmers are handicapped by heavy freight charges in shipments made from either Youngsville or Spring Creek or are obliged to haul their own supplies over bad roads. Under the new arrangement the farmers will erect a storage warehouse at Garland to care for all shipments of goods to the association. This will make for large economies in prices as well as give more efficient and satisfactory service.

-Adolph Schwartz, 45 years old, a prominent merchant of Frederickstown, Washington county, was shot fatally on a country road last Thursday. Just before he died he pointed to a woman and said she any man or woman, much is made in had shot him. She was arrested and gave the name of Mrs. Martin Meleno, residing about one mile north of Frederickstown. She denied shooting Schwartz, and the police are looking for another woman, said to have been a witness to the shooting. Schwartz, who conducted a grocery store and meat market, was driving a delivery wagon about a mile north of Frederickstown, when he met two men walking in the road. He told them he had been shot, but the men thought he was joking.

> -Because they were \$80 in arrears with their rent to Posa Fiencic, Ike Fongratz and Gus Maretic, of Steelton, were advised by Fiencic to go out and hold up somebody and rob him of money, Maretic told the police of Harrisburg. As a result of taking this advice, Maretic and officer James Trombino, of the Steelton police force, are in the Harrisburg hospital with bullet wounds and Fongratz is under arrest. The two men said they held up Fred Castiglias, a poolroom operator, for several hundred dollars, fleeing over nearby fields when help arrived. A running pistol fight followed, with Trombino and Maretic receiving wounds and the second highwayman being placed under arrest. Fiencic, the landlord, has declined to discuss the matter with the police

> -From early morning until noon on April first a rain-soaked wallet lay in the street at Chester, Pa., while scores of pedestrians passed it with a sneer. "That joke is played out; it's been wearing whiskers a foot long since the time when Columbus discovered America," declared a florid-faced man as he stepped into a jitney to go down town. "They can't April fool us so easy as that," remarked a smartly dressed woman when her attention was directed to the wallet. Finally, Albert Phillips, a jitney driver, espied the wallet and made a grab for it. "April fool!" shouted an urchin, but Phillips paid no attention to the chorus of gibes and remarks about Barnum being right. He opened the owner.