Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Is man mortal when he makes an ass of himself?

-And that separate peace with Germany has gone Philanderin' back to committee.

-The Athletics are playing ball like they actually meant to stage a come-back for Connie.

-Pin yourself to no man's coattail, for the tailor never made one so strong that it wouldn't pull off.

-The only farmer who hasn't been on his corn ground this week is the one who already had his crop in.

-A grief stricken family never really knows how many have sympathized until it comes to eating the funeral dinner.

-Evidently President Harding believes hindsight from the spring of in the State and the purpose of this pay roll ranged from \$12,000.00 a 1921 to be better dope than was foresight from the fall of 1920.

-At last we have all found out what getting back to "normalcy" means. It is taking Doctor Wilson's nostrums in homeopathic instead of allopathic doses. -The crowd at the circus Monday

was so large that it almost pushed the big top off the lot and yet we have heard people say that times are hard in this vicinity and that money is scarce. -We haven't much faith in that

conscience tax plan of raising money for new fire apparatus for Bellefonte. Too many people have their wires from the conscience to the pocket shorted. -Common-sense heels are coming

into vogue for milady's shoes. Oh you are installed in your proper place again at the other pole of the female in an orgie of extravagance in order anatomy.

of Russia who are starving. If, indeed, Russia's intelligencia need suc- may be guaranteed and its ambitions cor it must be because places into which fool Bolsheviki rush and wise men fear to tread are the food stores.

-Notwithstanding the fulminations gressional investigation committee we are of the opinion that bettering business would have more to do with lowbusiness.

raided a private wine cellar down near words the profligacy was not for the Philadelphia, on Tuesday, and got public good but in the selfish interests away with seven barrels and one hun- of a political conspiracy. But the tax the last four years? The indications ing the story of how easy it was almost we are persuaded to become a payers must pay the piper. Each persuaded to become a payers must pay the piper. Each persuaded to become a payers must pay the piper. Each persuaded to become a payers must pay the piper. Each persuaded to become a that selfish politicians may wax fat. fake dry agent.

-In the "Watchman" issue of March 25th there appeared in this col- progress throughout the world. On men employed for partisan reasons umn the following paragraph: "If Monday while London was lionizing whose duties were performed by extra President Harding leans a little more the yellow prince of Japan Philadel- employees appointed without authorito the League of Nations he'll lose his phia was royally entertaining the ty of law. balance and fall into it." We repeat black President of Liberia. the paragraph now merely because the President lent and fell.

-Of thirty measures in which the various groups of working men of the State were personally interested not one got through the last Legislature. We refer to this matter not admitting the merit of any of the bills in question, but merely to show how conveniently the Republican organization can forget promises after the polls have closed.

-From the White House things look very different to President Harding than they did from the Senate chamber or the Marion "front porch." It is to his credit that he has finally turned his back on the policy of partisan advantage and taken a step toward really constructive statesmanship. It is a bitter dose for the Senate and Harding will have a hard time making it swallow it.

-While there is little to prove that Monday's fatality at the show grounds was due to careless driving on the part of the man at the wheel in the car that killed thirteen year old Helen Shuey, it certainly admonishes us all to exercise every care and precaution when driving, especially in crowds. The accident might easily of having caused the death of another to drive in crowds with their car in complete control.

a plug on jail hill was broken when the firemen ran to it in a recent emergency our friend Harry Rumberger, of Scranton, suggests what might be on the business of calico making, howcalled the Dunmore idea for consideration by the Bellefonte council. The firemen of Dunmore, Pa., having met in those factories, whereas it has been with about the same conditions that shown that the calico mills are stockthose of Bellefonte report one of the ed up with raw materials for a per-Solomons of the council of that burg presented a resolution to the effect that "hereafter the plugs be tested three days before each fire." Really, and the wheat producers are being dewe are not sure that we couldn't match the Dunmore nut here in Bellefonte, but discussions of that possibility aside, there was a time when such a fool proposal would have been very much to the point right here. Years ers at the enhanced values provided ago, when the local firemen first procured a hose carriage they couldn't wait for natural exigencies to produce an opportunity to run out with it, so they actually set a few fires themselves and no one would have been the wiser had not the signals been mixed on one occasion and the gallant boys had the handsome new carriage at the scene of the conflagration before the foreign commerce can be expanded by son, but any other Republican Presiadvance agents had coaxed the shop to A 7-.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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BELLEFONTE, PA., MAY 13, 1921. Profligacy for Evil Purposes.

It is estimated that the revenue legislation enacted during the recent ses- dropped twenty-four from the list of sion of the Legislature will increase employees in the department in which the income of the State by upward of he assumed control last week and anthirty million dollars. This is equiv- nounces that there will be others to alent to the levy of nearly four dol- follow. This is practical economy. lars on every man, woman and child The salaries of those stricken from the burden upon thrift and industry is to year down to \$1800.00 and the saving create a vast and invincible political will amount to something like \$75,-

and an unlimited number of new offices created, that this sinister purpose may be secured.

condition. Wages are being forced down in every line of endeavor. Vast necessary to get work done. numbers of willing workers are idle because of the industrial depression in his office by claiming that collecincident to the shifting from war to tions made during his term exceeded peace levels. All these things admonish us against waste and profligacy. amounts. Probably that is true, for They clearly point to the necessity for during his term war prices prevailed public and personal economy. But and war prosperity existed everythe Republican machine in Pennsylva- where. Carrying companies, banks and joy! Climb up "common sense" until nia pursues the opposite course. For industrial corporations which contribsordid and selfish reasons it indulges ute largely to the revenues were conthat its tenure of power and opportu--Maxim Gorky has sent out a call nity to plunder may be prolonged into the world for food for the savants definitely. It ruthlessly impoverishes the people in order that its prosperity

fulfilled. There was some reason for improv-State but no excuse for increasing the appropriations for that useful service pleted force. of some of the gentlemen on the conto an extent that invites waste. There may have been faults in the manage- Mr. Snyder's induction into the ment of the charities of the State but office of State Treasurer the apthey did not justify the creation of an ering railroad rates than low railroad expensive machine with a vast army rates would have to do with bettering of officials given unlimited power to harrass the people and sap the treas--Fake dry agents successfully ury without restriction. In other

Senator Moses Reveals Facts.

The public is more or less under obligation to Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, for revealing the secrets of tariff legislation. The New England protectionist is not in favor of the pending emergency tariff bill for the reason, probably, that it affords no pickings to what Senator Knox calls into the supreme council of the the "Dolly Varden calico mills." But League of Nations, President Harding it provides picking for some special is not only within his rights but has interest, or else the Republican ma- the approval of an overwhelming machine leaders would not be so anxious jority of the people of the country. to secure its passage at this time. The Most Americans would have preferred plan is to enact a permanent measure to go into the council chamber by the as soon as possible which will give front door, which was open with a cormost of the contributors to the cam- dial welcome sign on the mat. But farmers and others ought to wait for the American habit, moreover, to pay

tariff legislation on Monday when he ticipate. But Mr. Harding prefers declared that the lobby supporting the another way, a more economical if less emergency bill "is the largest, most honorable method of getting in. And highly organized, best paid and most the choice is his. arrogant this capitol has ever seen." Of course that was an exaggeration, the proceedings of the supreme counfor all tariff lobbies are alike, and the cil is gratifying to Democrats, morequarter of a million dollars or so that over, because it clearly implies an achas been spent to put this emergency have been averted, but it wasn't and bill over is only "a drop in the buckfor that reason it warns all who would et," so to speak. But it brings the re- mental in devising and framing the be free from the terrible consciousness sults, and if ten times the amount were required it would be provided. The funds are invested with expecta-

campaign funds are investments. Senator Moses seems to lie under a misconception of the effects of the bill ever. He imagines that it will increase the cost of raw materials used a vindication of the Wilson policy. iod considerably beyond the life of the intended solely for the benefit of the for in the preposterous bill.

-Mr. Edison's statement doesn't proves that questionnaires are ab- wiser for the President.

keeping foreign goods out and our dent with a reasoning mind would do own products in.

Practical Economy in Office.

Auditor General Lewis has already machine to perpetuate in power the 000.00 a year. A proportionate depoliticians now in control of the Re- crease in the expenses of the other publican party. The salaries of a departments would greatly increase great many public officials, already the saving but it is not likely to occur generously compensated for the serv- unless public sentiment is aroused ice they render, have been increased sufficiently to compel it. During the term of Auditor General Snyder all the employees allowed by law were kept on the pay roll and several not Commerce and industry are in bad thus provided for. Mr. Snyder explained that supernumeraries were

Mr. Snyder justifies the profligacy those of his predecessors by large ducting business at high tide and everybody having plenty paid promptly and generously. But the collections might have been made at much less expense, as is shown by the reduction in force and the saving in salaries by Mr. Lewis. The laws enacted by the last Legislature will vastly increase ing the educational facilities of the the collections but Mr. Lewis promises to administer the office with the de-

It is worthy of note that with propriations for that office have been nearly if not altogether doubled. Is it possible that he intends to make the Treasury Department the asylum for political lame ducks in the future as he made the the other office over with him, and an eliminated. And as a matter of fact investigation will probably show that the world would not have been much -The color scheme is making those carried over are the inefficient

> -Senator Johnson, of California, is trying to figure out what he got out of the Republican victory last fall. Probably Herbert Hoover, who is a mathematician, might help him to solve the problem.

President Wilson Vindicated.

In deciding to send a representative paign slush fund a grab into the entrance by the back door is preferatreasury, and Senator Moses thinks ble to remaining on the outside. It is a full share of the expenses of any In any event he told the truth about entertainment in which the people par-

The determination to participate in knowledgment of the wisdom of President Wilson, who was largely instruplans of the League of which the supreme council is an important part. President Wilson urged participation tions of generous profits when the in the council from the beginning and measure goes into operation and the actually designated a representative shall John J. Bower to the effect that ultimate consumer is reached, just as to sit for the United States. But the Republicans threw up their hands in horror, declared it was an "entangling alliance," and at the first opportunity revoked the action of President Wilson. The present action is, therefore,

> But for that matter about everything the Republicans have done since the inauguration of President Harding is an expressed or implied vindiproposed bill. The cotton growers are cation of the policies of President Wilbeing fooled just as the wool growers son and a stultification of the campaign statements of the "front porch" ceived. The emergency tariff bill is and other political "stump speech' stations. Of course the "bitter-endspeculators who have bought up the ers" will gnash their teeth and Borah, cotton, wool and wheat at low prices Johnson and Lodge will throw fits as and will unload them on the consum- soon as they get the opportunity to be heard. But nobody minds them now. The better reason of the party is asserting itself in the course which Harding, with the help of Hughes and prove that college graduates are in- Hoover, has chosen to adopt. It is the efficient or ignorant. All it really better course for the country and the

-President Harding continues to -Congress seams to imagine that | follow the lines laid by President Wilthe same thing.

Germany Accepts the Conditions.

As was to have been expected Germany has finally accepted the terms fixed by the Allies as to indemnities and reparations of the great world war. It was a painful process, no doubt, for Germany expected to receive rather than pay indemnities. But it is a just result. Germany not only made the war but caused as much destruction and distress as was possible. In view of these facts a heavier burden might have been imposed. After the Franco-Prussian war the levy of damages was much greater in proportion. France was compelled to ated by anything like principles. It pay for all property destroyed and all the expenses Germany incurred in prosecuting the war. A similar penalty in this instance might have been

demanded and enforced. Those charged with the administration of the German government protested strenuously against the conditions imposed and pleaded eloquently for a remission or reduction of the demands. But the Allies held firmly to the opinion that the claims were not excessive and adhered as consistently. They were fully justified in this attitude. The destruction of life and property had been both great and wanton. It was a colossal crime against civilization and deserved seagainst civilization and deserved severe punishment. As a matter of fact, however, the punishment imposed was not severe. The vast sum which will be exacted will not nearly cover the losses in property incurred. It provides no indemnity for the sacrifice of human life.

There is no reason, therefore, for sympathy for those who have to pay.

sympathy for those who have to pay. It does not express, as the LaFollette resolution declares, "a crime born of blind revenge and insatiable greed." On the contrary the demand is the started. product of merciful consideration and an obvious purpose to help the German people to a restoration of the industrial and commercial life of their Fatherland. If the Allies had pursued the policies which the German autoc-Auditor General's Department during racy would have adopted, if they had been successful, Germany would have point that way. He has already taken been wiped off the map of the world the worse for the operation.

> -Still we are curious to learn what is the matter with Senator Pen- From the Philadelphia Public Ledger, rose. He is letting Sproul and Crow push him off the stage.

Eastern Prisoners Brought to Rockview.

A car load of twenty-five pris- capacity. His case, nevertheless, caroners from the eastern penitentiary ries with it a lesson that should be were brought to the Rockview institution on Tuesday, the first consignment from the eastern section of the State. The bill providing for the transfer was passed by the last Legislature and became effective at once. Owing to the crowded condition of the eastern penitentiary the prisoners will be transferred as fast as they can be absorbed of the moneys, provided he made a by the Rockview institution, but only the trustworthy ones will be brought here for the time being.

Notwithstanding the fact that the prisoners brought to Centre county on Tuesday were all trusties seven guards were in charge of them on the trip up from Philadelphia and in addition the men were handcuffed together, which was quite a contrast to the way the prisoners have been brought here from the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh. In not a single instance have prisoners been handcuffed in bringing them in from Pittsburgh and ordinarily but three or four guards accompa-

a car load. The new inmates, however, were quickly given an illustration of the onor system in vogue at the Rockview institution. As soon as they were turned over to the officials the handcuffs were removed and accompanied by two guards they were taken to the baseball field to see the very exciting finish of a ball game between two of the prison nines.

Another squad of twenty-six inmates will be brought up from Philadelphia today.

demands and Dr. Wirth heads the new

Berlin government that has announc-

ed its intention of shutin' up and put-

in' up. Let us hope that the world

will be spelling his name Worth before many years. -The Germans evidently know they have the resources with which to pay. Their hasty decision to accept the Allied terms when danger of losing the Ruhr impended looks very much as if

—Thus far we have failed to hear of any other department heads at Harrisburg following the example of Auditor General Lewis.

it, alone, was worth the price.

---Germany hated to do it but it pretenses of suffering.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Said by the police to have been positively identified by David Lebovitz as the man who held him up, robbed him of \$800 and shot him three times John Speshock has been committed to the Fayette county jail on charges made before Alderman John Darby.

-When Julius Levenstein a Chester merchant, turned from a shel from which he had taken some canned goods ordered by two negroes, he looked into the barrel of a revolver. Instead of holding his hands up, Levenstein bounced a can of salmon off the head of the man with the revolver and hit the other fellow with a can of sauerkraut. The bandits fled.

-Bids for the construction of about eighty miles of state highway will be opened by the State Highway Department this week, including some projects on which bids were asked last year, but considered The liberal Republicans of Penn-sylvania will never be able to make their force count until they join in such numbers with the Democrats as too high. This will be the third large letting this year, and it is hoped at the department that the decline in prices will be reflected in advantageous bids for the to crush the machine Republican sys-State.

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The Situation at Harrisburg.

with little protection against such things as stock swindlers and rent gougers. It lingers that Mr. Hard-

ing's newspaper in 1912 found it ut-

terly impossible to take Pennsylva-nia Progressives seriously. It scout-ed the idea that they could be actu-

could see them animated only by thoughts of "pap and plunder." This

is one of the commentaries on the

fact that no matter what show of

progressiveness they make in the pri-maries, no matter how bitterly they

"boss" nominess with as much docil-

ity as other members of the flocks.

Their so-called fight for principles against the machine ended in surren-

der to the boss of the dominant fac-

The only way to break machine domination of Pennsylvania is to join with the "unterrified Democrats,"

who know not what it is to surrender

in a fight for principle. Now is the time for the Democrats and other

ing up the Democratic party?

Do not make the mistake again of waiting until just a few weeks before the election to get such a campaign

Start organizing for it now and with

the recognition that those first in the field, if they show the ability, will have the advantage in becoming known throughout the State. The call

is for big-minded, courageous lead-ership for forces that will enter the campaign not for any trifling partisan

object, but with no other purpose than

to make a clean sweep from public

control of those responsible for the

reactionaryism in Pennsylvania.

Never was there greater oper tuni-

Acquittal of Ambler.

A jury of his peers, after weighing

decided that ex-Insurance Commissioner Charles A. Ambler is not guilty

of the embezzlement and conversion

of funds intrusted to him in his official

again be possible for an Attorney General of the Commonwealth to ad-

vise an Insurance Commissioner, nor any other public official intrusted with

the custody of trust funds, that it was nobody's business what use he made

proper accounting at the conclusion of

while Insurance Commissioner and

while the public custodian of the funds

of a corporation under his jurisdiction

as Commissioner, used those funds in

his own personal business ventures.

Had those business ventures failed or

had Ambler at the expiration of his

term of office been unable to replace the funds so converted to his own use,

it is obvious that his position before the criminal law would have been very

same way, always hoping that he will

It will strike most high-minded and

Insurance Commissioner, for example, can, under the counsel of the law offi-

It was not denied that Mr. Ambler,

ty for real statesmanship.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

tem that allowed the public school
work of the Keystone State to fall to
twenty-first place and left the people
found dead on Saturday along a creek where he had gone fishing. His fishing rod was found lying near the body when discovered by a brother after relatives and friends had searched for two days for the old man. Following a coroner's inquest it was decided that death was due to a, stroke.

-Mrs. Bridget Rupple, of Wilkinsburg, who was convicted in February of being a common scold and at that time ordered to pay the costs and move from the community within three months, on Saturday told the court, "I'll hang before I pay those costs!" Mrs. Rupple had been brought indenounce the machine leaders, most of them are found later behind the to criminal court at Pittsburgh on a warrant when she failed to carry out the terms of her parole.

-Mrs. Anna Guelich Heisey celebrated the 105th anniversary of her birth at her home in Lawrence township, Clearfield county last week. She received a number of persons at her home, but on account of the recent death of her daughter there was no attempt at an elaborate celebration. Mrs. Heisey is in good health and takes entire care of herself. While the weather conditions last fall were such that she was prevented from voting, she hopes to be able to visit the polls at the coming primaries.

-Curtis Sipple, alias Curtis Lucas, who was arrested in Kentucky Saturday, after being tracked through six States, has confessed to the murder of Gabrial Perrachia and James Critchlow, at Cly, York county, on the morning of May 13, 1919. Sipple was arrested by Trooper Leo Gratcofsky, of the state police force, who posed as a fisherman and placed the fugitive under arrest at a little mountain town in Halan county, Kentucky. The fugitive is being taken to York by members of the state police force.

-With faces and hands blackened, five men, armed with revolvers, burst into a boarding house in the mining town of Allison, near Brownsville, early Saturday morning and shot up the place, killing one man and seriously wounding another. Then they fled into the darkness, leaving no clue to their identity. The motive for the attack is a complete mystery, for apparently no attempt at robbery was made. A peculiarly brutal feature of the tragedy lies in the fact that both victims of the thugs had their hands raised when they

were shot down. -Five alleged bootleggers are in the Union county jail at Lewisburg, arrested at two o'clock Sunday morning by members of the state constabulary while unthe evidence and the arguments, and loading six gallons of whiskey in front the court which tried him both have of the home of a well-known Lewisburg resident. The men in jail, held for a hearing, gave their names as William Gallagher, John McNellis, Daniel Moore, Chas. Gallagher and Ray Berbeck, all giving their residence as Freeland. The booze pondered deeply by the people. It is one that should call for legislative acwas carried in copper-lined suitcases, which, together with a big touring car, tion, to the end that it should never have been confiscated.

-Grant Hoover, of Williamsport, president of the Lycoming Forest, Fish and Game Protective Association, has been making an investigation of chestnut tree blight in this section of the State. He owns a large forestry tract in Bald Eagle valley on which there are a number of chestunt trees. He had intended cutting some of these this spring, but has decided to delay operations on the discovery that the trees are in more healthy condition now than in some seasons past. Hoover believes that the chestnut trees are gradually being equipped by nature to overcome the blight.

-Inasmuch as trout fishermen have not heeded the warning of Lock Haven officials not to wade in McElhattan or Harvey's runs, and even tore down caution notices posted on trees by J. M. Shearer, superintendent of parks and public property, and In the great majority of instances as the State and local officials are deter-the incipient embezzler begins in the mined to protect the streams and safeguard the water supply, both runs have be able to make restitution. It is be- been closed to fishermen. Beginning Satcause he fails in this expectation that urday two members of Troop K, first he becomes guilty of embezzlement. Pennsylvania cavalry, began patroling the dams of McElhattan run and its tributahonorable business men that it is an intolerable and indefensible situation some of the best trout streams in Clinton

where a public official, placed as is the -Suit was brought in the Lawrence county court last Wednesday by Walter cer of the Commonwealth, use for his Allen, an aged Hickory township farmer, own personal profit the funds of deagainst a number of New Castle men for \$25,000 damages, as a result of an applicafunct corporations over which he has assumed control in his official capaci- tion of tar and grease which was applied ty. Neither the Attorney General nor to his body in April, 1918. Allen, it is alany other public officer ought to be leged, refused to buy Liberty bonds and given such a privilege; and it is only when a vigilance committee of local citiby the strictest technicality of law and zens learned of the fact, they went to his home in automobiles, beat him and then Germany has accepted the Allied of language that such conduct can be stripped his clothes from his body, applying hot tar and grease. He was later taken to New Castle and paraded through the streets. Allen claims his farm was heavily encumbered and that he was unable to buy bonds. He had two sons in the service. -Recently Mr. and Mrs. Aarcom Mora-

ri, of New Castle, arranged to make a visit to the old country. They withdrew their savings from the foreign department of a local bank, totaling about \$700, and took the roll home. They were not to start for a few days and put the money in an old ice chest for safe keeping, until wanted. Then they started to dispose of their household goods. Forgetting that the ice chest was the hiding place of their roll of \$700 they sold it to Arthur Johnston, a negro. He paid \$5 for the chest and carted it off. Later, they remembered that the roll had been in the chest. But it took several days' search to find Arthur, and they have Paris saluted Napoleon's birth not as yet recovered the money. They had their intended trip.

Paying for "Pin-Pricks."

From the New York World.

When Lord Northcliffe told the dry goods delegates from the United States and Canada that misunderstandings between Great Britain and the United States are due to "pin-pricks" in the press he told the truth in the main. England has its Bottomleys; we have our Hearsts. They aid each other in promoting a suspicion of aims and motives. Frankness and co-operation would do much to heal the hurts but could never quite cure them. Bismarck's saying that every nation must pay in the end for the windows broken by its press remains unfortunately sound.

was a safe bet that she would sign. an hour too soon and as things look the negro arrested on a charge of larceny The contortions were simply false in that section now Napoleon was born before an alderman, and have postponed about one hundred years too soon.