# Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-And this is the month of brides and roses.

-An esteemed contemporary says that beer "has made many an old man feel young." And by the same token it has made many a young man feel old "the morning after."

-In Sumatra there is said to be a race of people who will neither lie nor steal. The best we can wish for them is that they will be preserved from contact with a lot of American politicians.

-Anyway the Academy fire has demonstrated the lack of wisdom in toward keeping what we do have in working condition.

-Our prediction that the faculty of Yale would have to be reduced in order to find a successor for the lamented Justice White has been fulfilled. Mr. Harding has offered Prof. Taft a seat on the Supreme court bench.

-For an obsolete piece of fire fighting apparatus that little Logan steamer threw two streams of water over the Academy building that would have gone far toward saving the entire northern end of the roof had the firemen been able to see where to play

-Governor Sproul signed bills to increase salaries of state officials hundreds of thousands of dollars and then saved the munificent sum of two thousand by reducing the appropriation to the Bellefonte hospital that much. Of course it is far more necessary to keep his party workers in good spirits than to furnish comfort to the stricken in our hospitals.

-What is the Altoona Tribune coming to? On Wednesday it ran amuck entirely and handed its readers this body. Thus entrenched in control of 000 out of it and the dye stuff trust bit of vicious advice: "Whenever you the proceedings he will have power to may secure half that amount. But blow embrace it." Have Henry V. Shoemaker, A. D. Houck, John D. Meyer and W. H. Schwartz all gone to ture shows what is to be expected the bad? Surely Henry ought to drag from him, under such circumstances. his associates to some new mountain top where they may get another vision of what their calling demands.

-Between George Harvey and Admiral Sims the American people will begin to wonder what this country was doing all the time from April 1917 until November 1918. Harvey says we went over as laggards after Britain had won the war and now Sims says our navy did nothing; that it was England's fleet that made victory possible. The sycophants! Per-

-The first group of financiers whom President Harding called into conference last Thursday wasted no words in expressing the opinion that Grover Bergdoll is writing a book nothing can be done to help business suggests that the "worst is yet to in this country that does not have for | come." its first objective some constructive help for Europe. Every body who knows anything has long realized that the world has grown so small that one part of it can't suffer without last week in which Governor William some of the distress being felt in oth- C. Sproul posed ponderously as the ers. If other countries can't trade great economizer afforded considerawhat they make and grow for what ble amusement to the people of Pennwe make and grow then stagnation sylvania. The stage was admirably

must continue. Eddie DuBois, another cute little pick- appropriated millions of dollars in exaninny, did great team work with Jim cess of the revenues and beyond the Harris and the writer, when we were younger and aspirants for approbation the Governor cut and slashed like a as black-face comedians, is dead. Georgie went to France to serve his tion of experts, the receipts and excountry. His body was one of the penditures could be brought within a thousands among which President few millions of a balance, and defi-Harding stood when he delivered his ciency bills at the next session of memorable Hoboken address last the Legislature could easily do the week. It is in his old home town now rest. and will be laid to rest in the Union took it.

on the matter of permission to reduce wages, effective July 1st, and as is proved. The vetoed salary raisers usually the case the men whose pay is least are cut the most. In no cases are the higher service men, such as engineers. firemen. conductors or mechanics cut as much as they were increased as recently as July, 1920, and increases prior to that time the new wage award is far in excess of prewar levels. The greatest injustice, as we see it, lies in the maximum wage of the track laborer who will get \$77.11 on which to support a family for a month, whereas the eighteen year old boy, usually with no one to support but himself, goes into an office and at the end of the first year is receiving \$77.50. In all classes the men who do the bone-labor are held under \$100.00 a month while most of the skilled labor awards run from \$140.00 to \$270.00 a month. Always the cry goes up that labor must have a wage to insure decent living, but when it comes to taking care of the real labor the skilled men never go backward while the unskilled never get any is far enough advanced for the first further along.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Sproul and the Constitution.

In his several veto messages Governor Sproul frequently forecasts the law, the President having formally devoting all of our thoughts toward action of the proposed constitutional approved it last Friday. It places a procuring new fire apparatus and none convention. Admitting faults in the tax of thirty-five cents a bushel on statutes which the legislation he ve- wheat and consumers of flour may etary interest in the enterprise. The the old crop is in the hands of specu-

> But the Governor is not far afield his manipulation of the late Legisla-

The people of Pennsylvania have never bestowed upon the Governor may amount to a billion dollars or power to thus dictate their fundamen- more, or it may fail of its purpose ental law. The people of no other State tirely. It all depends upon the conin this Republic have at any time giv- sumers. Eggs and butter and potaen their Governor such power and no toes and corn and barley may be in- veals an amazing measure of hypoc-Governor of this or any other State creased to the full amount of the tax risy which is surprising because so obhas ever before asked such power. levy or they may not be increased at vious. What he says is of little con-Why, then, should it be bestowed upon all. Like wheat these products of the sequence so long as he does things Governor Sproul? What has he done soil go up or down according to the that express the opposite. If he beto merit a distinction that is as dan- law of supply and demand and with gerous as it is exceptional? He forc- increasingly abundant harvests in fored a servile Legislature during the eign countries the domestic demand day he will promptly recall George recent session to absolutely trample may diminish instead of increase. In Harvey and consign him to obscurity sonal, petty, jealous minds loaded with neither the will nor the courage to pick up the hundred thousand torches that withering hands are flinging at them from Flander's fields.

The constitution under foot, though he will fail of its purpose, which was to keep prices of necessaries at a high level.

The vortes and consign min to obscurtly and consign min to obscurtly and popular contempt. No man can munity to have the employers ranged on on one side and the employers ranged on on the other side, and no direct means of communication between them, their people. Harding is trying to accomplish this impossibility and will fail the present, but for all time?

——The published statement that

# Sproul's Big Comedy Act.

The comedy enacted at Harrisburg set and the star actor splendily equip--Little Georgie Mayhew who, with ped. The Legislature had purposely requirements of the public service and Roman gladiator until, in the estima-

The program was carried out to the cemetery on Sunday. We think of him letter. The Governor didn't appear as the little black boy who could sing in the arena in spiked sandals carryand dance and while there was little ing a meat ax in his hand and with a in his own surroundings to make for cutlas at his side, as was the custom joy he was eager always to give his of the Collosseum, but he had fountain childish talent for the joy of others. pens, quill pens, steel pens and gold It matters not whether he fell facing pens in abundance and every bill a Big Bertha or by the unexpected ex- which provided increased compensaplosion of an African golf stick—he tion for poorly paid clerks and laborwent when his country called and we ers in the employ of the State was know he would have given his humble slashed and slaughtered mercilessly. life more cheerfully to the Hun than But the high-salaried fellows who to the member of his organization who were favored with increased pay by a servile Legislature were taken care of -The United States railroad labor with fatherly tenderness and measures board has finally rendered its decision of that kind to an average of \$178,-220 were promptly and cheerfully apamounted to \$81,060 and the rest of

ed by recalcitrant Legislators. Of course there were some cuts made in appropriations for instituas they had all been given substantial tions in districts that would have been favored if necessary to preserve the political equilibrium. But such cuts were features in the program. On the last day of the session Senators Vare, Eyre and Leslie obligingly added some ten millions to the appropriations in order to give the Governor a chance to perform his heroic economy act. These additions were sort of stage decorations for the big show of last week and the Governor savagely chopped them to the bone, or at least to the proportions agreed upon in advance. Notwithstanding the elaborate preparations, however, we fear the show was disappointing. The public saw through the farce.

> -Corn in some parts of the county working.

Emergency Tariff Law in Force.

The emergency tariff bill is now a toed aims to correct, he says the mat- have to pay that much more for the ter can be fixed up in the new consti- cereal. But the farmers will derive Legislature needn't bother its head lators and the measure will have exabout such things, as he will see to it pired by limitation before the new that the constitutional convention will crop is ready for market. The duty do it and do it better than anybody on cotton and wool will probably arelse can. The Governor has great con- rest the decrease on clothing which fidence in himself and seems to think seems to have set in but the producers adopt his view, not only of his phil- woolen and cotton mills have in stock anthropic purposes but of his poten- sufficient to serve them until after the law is dead and buried.

So far as it is possible to see at this in his estimate of the power he might time the only substantial advantage usurp over the constitutional conven- which will be derived from this abtion assembled under the provisions surd measure will accrue to the sugar of the act of the recent session of the trust, the beef trust, old offenders General Assembly. That act bestows against the law forbidding profiteerupon him authority to name nearly a ing, and dye stuff trust, a new enterthird of the members of the conven- prise of the DuPont interests. It is tion, and he feels, with reason, that estimated that the sugar trust will the political machine of which he is take \$350,000,000 in excess profits the head, will be able to secure at from the people during the brief life least another third, giving him an of the bill and the beef trust will pull overwhelming majority of servile and down about \$550,000,000. The wool not too conscientious followers in the trust expects to get about \$100,000,policy or proposition he pleases. And single family and that is a good deal of a donation.

Of course a good many other necessaries of life are taxed by this measure and the entire draft on the people

-Germany has made the first as he deserves to. payment and Mr. Briand is confident that the future payments will be promptly met. This gives ground for the hope that payments to the United time.

## Colonel Harvey's London Speech.

Lansdowne, Delaware county, on Sunday, the Rev. S. Arthur Devan said: the Ambassador. This I know from peace and happiness of the world." Mr. Devan is pastor of the First Baptist church of Lansdowne and during eighth Artillery. He was in contact and in the agonies of the death bed.

An Ohioan writing in the New York picion. World declares that he resents "Harvey's materialistic analysis of America's motives in the war. Colonel Harvey has tarried at the grocery on to the little church and seen the Sunday after Sunday, in the spot of hallowed associations, sit sorrowing parents, comforting themselves with the memories of the high resolve of 1917. I have seen it and I know. I have listened to their faltering, selffortifying words. And now, if this bombastic Ambassador at London speaks in fact for our government, they are perplexedly wondering wherefore they were tricked."

ing this bogus Ambassador too seriously. He may have been simply trying to ingratiate himself in the minds of the British aristocrats with whom he hopes to associate during the next er has control of the forces that make four years. In a speech in South Carolina a few years ago he boasted of the perfidy of his family during the war of the rebellion with the view of gaining the friendship of his audience and really imagined he had "got away with it." As a matter of fact he secured the contempt rather than the admiration of the South, and the chances are that his absurd appreciation of the part the United States troops had in the world war will have the same effect on the minds of Englishmen who are worth while.

Admiral Sims also assures equally sycophantic.

Harding Playing the Hypocrite.

President Harding pays scant tribute to the intelligence of the people in his platitudes of praise of the heroic dead. In his memorial address delivered at Arlington cemetery on Monday he said: "For more than a century our plighted word warned tyrantution. This implies a sort of propri- no advantage from the increase for ny from half the world; then, when the guage was taken up by mad ambition, men felt the blow that arm could strike when freedom answered in its utmost might. Across the seas we sent our hosts of liberty's sons commissioned to 'redress the eternal scales." Later in the same address that the people of the State should will not share in the benefit. The he said: "Mankind is fallen on times when there is no hope for it if some communities seek isolation while others indulge unrestrained ambition for

empire."

As we have said before President Harding is a prolific as well as a masterful phrase builder. But in praising the heroism of the soldiers and condoning the slurs of Harvey he relieves what he uttered in Brooklyn a week ago and in Arlington on Mon-

-A succession of unusually severe thunder storms passed over Centre county last Friday night and Sat-States will begin in the course of urday, being almost as terrific as the storms of the summer of 1918. Rain ests emphasized, their adverse interests reduced to their lowest terms, and fell in torrents and was accompanied constant communication between the by some hail, but not enough to do two. It does not displace the wage any particular damage to garden system; it does not displace capital-In a Memorial address delivered at truck or farm crops. So far as can be learned no damage was done by the lightning. A report was current that 'The hope as expressed in the hearts the barn on the C. S. Garbrick farm in of the men who died on Flanders fields | Marion township had been struck by was very far from that expressed by lightning and burned to the ground, but this fortunately proved incorrect. the lips of those who died and who ex- Cornfields, however, in some parts of pressed that what they fought for was the county, especially on hilly ground, a war against further war and for the were badly washed and will have to be replanted.

-Mr. Schwab's ten year old suit may have been lost in the vast variety of suits in his wardrobe or it may store," he added. "He has not gone have been an extra good suit when advantage that would come to Germa- attorney, Stephen Smith, appealed the case purchased. There are various possiservice flag with its gold stars. There, bilities with respect to Schwab's throughout these negotiations conclothes.

> don't know more about their country's flag and patriots than their daddies do Poland's gratitude to France, and a had it sung, marched and recited into two countries that means united de- farm, at Church Hill, near Reedsville, Mifthem.

-If the school children of today

es the sentiments expressed by Am-After all, however, we may be tak- bassador Harvey, but President Harding is less candid.

> has the political bug. But he no longthe bug buzz.

grateful.

-Harding may swear like Jack- that is absolute security for all time son but he can show no other resemblance to Old Hickory.

-The Seniors in the forestry department of The Pennsylvania State College will complete their spring training trip to the woods near Endeavor, Pa., this week and return to Great Britain that our part in the the college for the commencement exSPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—Nine residents of Armstrong township, Indiana county, have sold their coal land to the Schlocta Coal company for a total of \$104,084.69, being the biggest coal deal consummated in that part of Pennsylvania in a long time. About 1274 acres figured in the transaction.

-Fifty per cent. of the men remaining in the employ of the Standard Steel works at Lewistown, were furloughed Saturday. This includes the office force and watchmen who have been heretofore untouched. Men in supervising capacities who have been many years in the service could not be accommodated with a job as laborers.

-Thomas W. Rhoads, aged 28 years, son of Walton F. Rhoads, a Sunbury banker, was found dead in bed last Thursday, when his mother went to his room to call him to breakfast. Doctors said heart trouble was the cause. Mr. Rhoads was a world war veteran and treasurer of Milton Jarrett Norman Post, 201, American Legion, of Sunbury.

-The heavy downpour of rain early Saturday morning caused the postponement pany. But he goes to the polls and of the Alpine Club's proposed ascent of casts just as many votes as the presi-Centre county. The climb has been postponed until Sunday, June 26th. The next climb of the Alpine Club will be Wednesno influence whatever, unless he joins day, June 15th, when an ascent of North a lot of other wage earners and strikes. mountain, in Sullivan county, will be made.

Hence he is strongly disposed to strike in order to assert himself. As to the nurse for Moshannon Chapter of the Red conditions under which he works, he Cross, Philipsburg, has resigned her place can take his job or leave it; he has no to accept the position of field supervisor voice in the management of the comin the Atlantic division, Red Cross, conpany, though he has in the manage-ment of the United States. land. She has a me record for work done on the battlefields of France, and during irritating. He's a man and a brother in her work in Philipsburg has won the admiration of all.

politics, but in industry he is simply a pair of hands, sometimes with the addition of a head. But all the con--Sixty thousand barrels of oil and other property worth in all \$400,000, were burnditions under which he works are deed in a fire that started Saturday at the termined without consulting him, by a lot of officials who are hired by a board of directors, in the selection of which plant of the Valvoline Oil company, Butler, when lightning struck one of four tanks containing the oil, all of which were he has no vote; but he can decide who burned. The first tank, containing 15,000 shall be President of the United barrels of the oil, burned till after noon, when the second tank went up in flames. For several years past the demand that some measure of democracy shall The third and fourth tanks ignited during be introduced into the industrial world the night.

-Miss Isabella Kulp, who lost her life in an automobile accident near Huntingdon early Saturday morning while hurrying to that point to take the train for her home in Harrisburg, following the annual commencement exercises at Reedsville, had been supervisor of music in Reedsville and at Burnham schools during the past two years and was unanimously elected by the the premier railroad of the United States, announces that its employees directors of both schools for another term. She was held in high esteem by the pupils and parents of both communities.

-Mr. and Mrs. George R. Phillips, of Lewistown, are in receipt of a bronze plate from the government bearing the citation ployee. It will make him more content to feel that he has elected memof their son, Lieutenant George R. Phillips, who lost his life in Texas, January bers of an administrative body which will decide the conditions of his employment. The owners of the property are going to consult him, find out what he wants and takes his opinion.

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-Out of 200 dozen pairs of silk hosiery, worth \$1900, stolen from the Rosedale knitting plant of William C. Bitting, of Reading, several nights ago, 185 dozen pairs were recovered in a Philadelphia house by Reading police detectives. A woman in the place destroyed three dozen pairs before the officers arrived, having been "tipped off" in some way, but the police saved the rest. Some of the missing goods are believed to have been kept in organization, with their common inter-Reading. Albert Mittower, charged with complicity in the theft and taking them to Philadelphia by auto, was sent to jail in Reading in default of \$2000 bail.

-The Lewisburg detail of state police early Saturday morning picked up two ism; it simply introduces an element bootleggers who had in their possession 20 cases, or 240 quarts of Pikesville whiskey rights to the industrial world. The and confiscated the roadster which they general adoption of such system as were driving. The arrest was made in the the Pennsylvania Railroad discloses Seven Mile Narrows in the western end of would obviate far the greater part of Union county on the road leading from the friction between capital and labor. Lewisburg to Bellefonte. The prisoners, who gave their names as Fred Seigel and Edward Rexford, of Wilkes-Barre, were locked up in the Union county jail to await the action of federal authorities. The whiskey was being brought this way, but whether its destination was Bellefonte or fair is not difficult to understand. Clearfield county, is not known.

peace negotiations saw the necessity of creating and maintaining a strong -The Supreme court of Pennsylvania, sitting at Harrisburg last week, upheld buffer state between Germany and the verdict handed down at the September Russia, formed of territory surrenterm of Bradford county criminal court in dered by Germany and Austria in the the case of Commonwealth vs. Floyd Smith, peace treaty. France's eye was on charged with the murder of his wife's bathe future, and she fully realized that by at South Waverly, in April, 1920. German military rehabilitation would Smith was convicted of the murder of the become possible in the future through | child at the September term of Bradford county criminal court and in December was a working arrangement, so to speak, certain in the course of time to be entered into with Russia. To offset the Judge William Maxwell. In February, his sentenced to die in the electric chair, by ny by such an arrangement, France to the Supreme court. This week the case came before the higher court and the Bradtended for those things which would intrench Poland as such buffer state. date for his execution has not yet been set It saved Poland when it was subsequently invaded by the hordes of Bolshevist Russia. That strengthened

by Governor Sproul. -Sawmills of the Harrisburg Lumber company are located with a large crew of treaty was entered into between the lumbermen on the General John P. Taylor flin county, to cut the five tracts of virgin France fully appreciates Germany's timber, chiefly white oak and pine, aggrepotential strength for economic recu- gating more than 100 acres and expected peration and she also knows that with to market 1,000,000 feet of the best lumber economic recovery she will find a way to be found in the State. The old warto set about military rehabilitation. With a weak buffer state between was exceedingly proud of this timber during his life and never permitted a tree to herself and Russia, this latter objecbe touched. He even specified in his will tive would become easier, especially that it should never be devastated for commercial purposes, but an order from France knows that sooner or later Germany will repudiate her treaty engagements—if she dare do so. This opportunity France never intends she of the estate. shall have. Hence, French policy un-

-The Lutherans of Central Pennsylvania will meet in their annual reunion at Lakemont park, Altoona, July 21st. A strong program has already been prepared for the occasion. The committee on speakers has been most successful in securing men of national reputation to deliver the addresses of the day. They are the Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, D. D., Philadelphia, general superintendent of the eastern district of Church Extension and Home Missions, and the Rev. Henry C. Roehner, D. D., of Mansfield, Ohio. Dr. The Supreme court says that under Roehner is the pastor of one of the largest the Constitution there is no jurisdic-tion over a State primary on the part church. The already famous boys' band

### From the Philadelphia Record. A large part of the restlessness and discontent among wage earners is not over the contents of their pay envelopes. The brakeman does not expect the salary of the president of the com-

States.

ing conditions.

Railway Co-operation.

has been growing more insistent. In

various ways a number of industrial

concerns have recognized it and ad-

mitted its validity, and provided some means by which the worker can make

his interests and wishes known, and

can have some influence in determin-

And now the Pennsylvania Railroad,

will have an opportunity to elect members of a board which will meet the

officers of the company and jointly de-

cide working conditions. It will min-ister to the self-respect of the em-

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The present plan is to weld the com-

pany and its employees into a single

of democracy into industry and ex-tends the political equality of human

France Looks to the Future.

France's attitude in the Silesian af-

French diplomacy throughout the

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

fense against attacks.

with increasing economic recovery.

deviatingly concerns itself with strengthening French initiative so that if the time comes when France

must strike again to safeguard all that she won in the world war and

against her ancient enemy, she will be able to strike from two fronts—

the east as well as the west.

menace of force.

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dent of the company, and then he goes to work and finds that in regard to the conditions of his employment he has This seems to him anomalous and

Yet the slur upon the soldiers of the world war uttered by Ambassador George Harvey, in his Pilgrim society speech in London more than a week before, is unrebuked and inferentially approved. Harvey told British royalty assembled about him that there was no altruism in our intervention in the world war. He said that because we were afraid of losing our skins we reluctantly, at the tail end of the war, sent a force to help Great Britain to maintain independence and promote liberty. He added that the United States would have nothing to do with have an opportunity to deal any evil bind the people of Pennsylvania to any this trust is made up practically of a a league for peace; that it is set upon isolation "while others indulge in unrestraining ambition for empire." Can President Harding fool all the people all the time?

> The proposition to lodge the the war was chaplain of the Fifty- enforcement of prohibition in the Department of Justice instead of in the with the heroes of the war in the Internal Revenue bureau is looked uptrenches and on the line of battle. He on with suspicion by the Anti-saloon knew their thoughts while in health League. Senator Penrose is the author of the idea and hence the sus-

-Mrs. Bergdoll cordially endors-

-Mitchell Palmer says he still

——Possibly Taft may be too old but if he isn't appointed Chief Justice it will be because Harding is too un-

Political Primary Losing Caste. Frome the Los Angeles Times. world was trifling. Admiral Sims hates Woodrow Wilson as bad as Ambassador Harvey does and he is about for the opening of their summer camp at Lamar, on June 16th.

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