Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Farmers who are willing to take a chance on the fly have been sowing wheat this week.

-It is either an unhealthy climate or a bad season for French champions in this country.

The League of Nations goes on with its work but the congressional peace resolution fails to function. -Russia was the first to adopt

prohibition as a war measure and it is now first to abandon prohibition as a peace problem.

It would probably be just as well for the University of Pennsylvania if General Wood's leave of absence were extended to the end of time.

-Soon the happy little kids will be back in school and healthy, sunburned faces will gradually lose their bloom as confinement and study progress.

-The miscreants who shot Lincoln and Garfield and McKinley also wanted to "put the President in a hole," but they had nothing on Ford-

-With Walker, Johnston and Zerby all in the fight for nomination for burgess of Bellefonte, there ought to be something doin' in the way of a hot campaign.

Congress is raising an awful holla about the exorbitant profits in the undertaking business. Well it might! Harding. He was chosen for the upon the prerogatives of the States by For Congress has more "stiffs" in it now than it ever had before.

-Congress has adjourned for thirty days without taking action on the anti-beer bill, all of which gives color that Senator Penrose and his piratical to the suspicion that Congress really doesn't want to pass an anti-beer bill at all.

party in organization is revealed in board he is both accurate and just. the United States by the constitution the fact that we have no candidate High as the cost of the ships was at nor prohibited by it to the States. It for Justice of the Supreme court. We the time and much as the expenses of is therefore a function of the State have been defeated frequently but the board have been increased since, and neither Congress nor the Execunever dismayed before.

have been pro-German during the for emergency war measures only to put President Wilson "in a hole" is jaundiced by partisan malice sub-productive industries. But there is a proof that they were inspired by no merged in a bottomless sea of bigotry. motives of patriotism or had no desire Like Fordney, chairman of the House to add to the efficiency or comfort of committee on Ways and Means, Senthe boys who were fighting to save the ator Lodge voted for the legislation

Mayor Hylan, of New York city, has operations. But like Fordney he did cost the Empire State \$400,000 and so, not to supply our troops in trenchnearly wiped out the prospect of a es with food and equipment, but to welcomed for the reason that it opens fusion candidates' being able to de- "put the President in a hole." That up a way to check some of the other feat the Mayor for re-election. The is all the Republican leaders in Con-

-Really we Democrats seem to be the only altruists. The burgess of Bellefonte gets nothing but cusses and kicks for his service so no one of our over three thousand dollars a year and four Republicans are out for it while only two Democrats have appeared in the field.

-The men who stand in best with the women are the ones who will be elected in Bellefonte in the fall. No possible make-up of the tickets will brand them as strictly partisan, so that those who boast of never leaving their party moorings will find themselves with strange bedfellows. Straight Democrats will be voting for some Republicans and straight Republicans will be voting for some Democrats, which is really as it should be, when the welfare of the municipality

is at stake. -Come on, fellows! Use the "Watchman" columns to tell the ladies and gentlemen what splendid officials you would make, if elected. This paper never has taken sides in local elections. It enjoys sitting tight most in such contests, though it occasionally tries to stir up the animals just for the fun of it. If you are too modest to sing your own praises publicly tell us some of the stories you are whispering about your opponents. We'll print them and give you the credit. We won't try to appropriate any of the

glory. -The Louisville Courier-Journal reopens a very sore spot with us when stating that "you will find out who your friends are when you hunt for somebody to take care of the cat for the summer." Having been the friend who essayed the role of care taker of are now wise to the wisdom of the tended. Courier-Journal. Never before had we know there is, because we tried it once, but, never again.

-Secretary Weeks is having himself front paged on a spurious claim of saving three hundred million dollars in the cost of maintaining the army. In the first place he hasn't saved anything yet. He just estimates that he will. In the second, Congress cut the army establishment nearly in two, all of the temporary war time cantonments, storage yards and supply depots are no longer a drain on the treasury and we are settling back to a peace time basis and lower costs of maintenance; all of which would have been the natural order of events if Secretary Weeks had never been heard of. This three hundred million saving to umpire a golf game. Our jolly ex- damage from frost the temperature Republican campaign book.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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"I voted to put the President in a

transportation had imperiled the issue

against German imperialism, but "to

Mr. Fordney has spoken with excep-

in Congress during the war ever had

done what they could during the war

to "put him in a hole," they pursued

the same policy with the treaty of peace and with all measures of recon-

In certain respects this policy was

eminently successful. The Republican leaders unquestionably "put the President in a hole," as Mr. Fordney boasts. They also put the country in

a hole, and finally they managed to put themselves in a hole. What is going on in Washington now is in the

nature of a desperate attempt on the part of the Republican leaders to pull

a Republican Administration out of

Tales of Famine.

great distress prevails, owing to the

tic stories of millions of starving

peasants in wild marches in search of

that the various organizations com-

bined for this work have adequate

It will be recalled that a few months

ago a very similar agitation arose

less than 15,000,000 persons were said

to be in imminent danger of starva-

tion unless speedily relieved. Americans responded liberally, and it was

soon discovered that the crisis had

passed without any of the doleful re-

sults predicted. For some time noth-

over famine conditions in China. No

From the Philadelphia Record.

the hole dug for Mr. Wilson.

put the President in a hole."

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Harding and Lodge Disagree.

In an esteemed Philadelphia conistration. We are trying to get rid of sustained by the Supreme court of the the high debt you Democrats have United States.

left behind you." fitness for the office but for the reason docile and responsive to their purpos--Fordney and Lodge must both worth the price. Civilization was pre- to tamper with it. served by the efficiency of the ships.

creating the shipping board and au--The Republican investigation of thorizing its expensive but necessary feat the Mayor for re-election. The Republicans hoped to capture the office by putting Hylan in a hole, but they bungled the job so terribly that they have made him stronger than ever.

Is all the Republican leaders in Considerable and labored for during seventeen years in putting seventeen peace treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations.

-News from Washington indi-Republican friends volunteers for the cates restlessness of Senators and thankless job while three Democrats Representatives under the rigid rule of Harding as Ambassador Harvey or office for the various borough and are willing to immolate themselves on and iron rod of the Anti-Saloon the altar of public ingratitude. The League. If those pikers aren't carejob of tax collector means something ful Wayne Wheeler will invoke the quite as nasty. whipping post as a punishment for their temerity.

Putting the President in a Hole.

The character of the patriotism of Republican Congressmen was correctly appraised by Representative Fordney, chairman of the House committee on Ways and Means, the other day, when he said, "I voted to put the President in a hole and we did it." The question under consideration was that of adjusting the accounts between the government and the railroads. Mr. Fordney, who is the leading member of his party in Congress, was bitterly denouncing the action of the government in taking control of the railthat he had voted for the legislation authorizing that step and his answer was as above quoted, "I voted to put the President in a hole and we did it." During the world war when the gov-

ernment was striving with all its an equally absurd and mendacious might to get troops into training misrepresentation of facts. In a letcamps and provide them with necessary equipment, the railroads of the country literally collapsed under the strain. Avenues of transportation were congested beyond the hope of relief through the ordinary channels. The railroad officials, admitting their aries who are doing their utmost to impotency, asked the government to prevent the electorate revising their constitution." Mrs. Miller doesn't inassume control. But the government was unable to do so in the absence of legislation. With the view of solving the great problem the administration proposed the necessary legislation and it was enacted. The people imagined the family cat for a part of this sum- that a great patriotic service had been resent the liquor interests and the mer let us tell you right here that we rendered. The legislation was so in-

conceived that there was anything we had no such ideas in their minds. Of not interfere with road construction couldn't do for a friend. Now we course they knew of the menace to and improvement in the least. There civilization in the collapse of the rail- will be ample funds available for the roads at the time, because they are not operations of the State Highway Deimbeciles. But they had no concern about that. Their only thought was to "put the President in a hole." The government was in a hole and the thousands of troops which had been assembling in training camps were on the verge of actual suffering for food. But these were trifling things to the Republican Congressmen of the Fordney type. They wanted to "put the write a fundamental law for the State President in a hole" and that has been at the dictation and under the control the only impulse that has influenced of the partisan machine which is bethem since the beginning of the war. hind the sinister enterprise. It is a dastardly attitude.

looks to us like "bull" for the 1924 President never hunts trouble and was down very close to the frost line rarely looks for work.

Usurpation Sharply Rebuked.

In the decision recently handed temporary on Tuesday there were two down by Judge Joseph E. Boyd, of interesting statements. One of these the United States district court of quotes President Harding as writing North Carolina, there is a basis for a to Senator Jones in reference to the hope of vast improvement in the polexpense of the shipping board: icies of the government. The decision "These losses must be charged to the was rendered in the case of the Vivgreat war emergency and the fever- ian Spinning company vs. the Collectishness of the country to build ships or of Internal Revenue. The quesin a period of great anxiety, and to tion at bar was an action to restrain then establish a merchant marine on the revenue collector from collecting the basis of the abnormal conditions a profit tax on products of child lawhich prevailed during the war emer- bor and the court held that the feder-The other quotes Senator al child labor law is unconstitutional Lodge as follows: "Who piled them in that it is an usurpation of the au-(claims against the board) up? The thority and a violation of the rights Wilson administration. Who heaped of the State. A similar decision by up these claims? The Wilson admin-

There is no tendency of the present We place no high estimate upon the day more menacing to the future of intelligence or patriotism of President the country than that of infringing Presidency by a partisan machine as the federal government. Article 10 corrupt as any that has ever been or- of the amendments to the federal conganized, not because of his ability or stitution delares that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to associates believed that he would be the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." As es to loot. But in his statement of Judge Boyd states, the regulation of The poverty of the Democratic facts with respect to the shipping labor conditions are not delegated to the result achieved by the operation is tive of the United States has a right

Of course we are all in favor of the The expression of Senator Lodge is most rigid and exacting laws for the productive industries. But there is a right as well as a wrong way of exercising the authority to regulate. The States have this power through their Legislatures and public opinion will soon, if it has not already, compel obedience to humanitarian impulses on this subject. But the decision of the South Carolina court should be

> -A contemporary nominates William Randolph Hearst as a delegate in the disarmament conference.

Mendacity Run Mad.

The supporters of the constitutional convention project seem to have or- and W. D. Zerby, each one having filed ganized a campaign of mendacity for use in the final period of the contest. In Sunday's newspapers State Highway Commissioner Sadler published a statement containing a veiled threat that unless the convention is held the entire road building program will be brought to an end in 1922. He real- Republican ticket. izes that not only all the farmers but all the forward looking citizens of the auditor is David A. Barlett, who filed State desire good roads and hopes to frighten them into support of the convention by juggling a lot of figures as to past and prospective exroads. He was reminded of the fact penses of road construction, and adding that unless a new constitution is written'the funds can't be obtained.

Mrs. John O. Miller, chairman of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters, has injected into the campaign ter to the chairman of the Prohibition party Mrs. Miller says: "It is altogether strange and it seems to us inexplicable to find you standing shoulder to shoulder, as it were, with the liquor interests and the reactiondicate which element in the opposition is rummy and which reactionary. tion in that ward is John G. Love Jr. Probably it is the vast body of clergymen who are opposing the convention for substantial reasons who rep-Grangers who are reactionary.

As a matter of fact the defeat of But the Republicans in Congress the proposed convention project will partment, even though the present practice of converting it into a political machine, is continued, whether the convention is held or not. And the proposed convention is not for the purpose of allowing the electorate to revise their constitution. It is for the purpose of permitting a hand-picked bunch of political dependants to

> -While Centre county gardens several nights the past week.

Making Mountains Out of Molehills.

State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder From the New York World. professes to be greatly surprised because an official of the State who em- hole, and we did." The speaker was Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the House commitbezzled some seven thousand dollars has been prosecuted. It is "making a mountain out of a mole hill," Mr. Snyder declares, and that is contrary to all the ideas of the Snyder school of politicians. The crime was committed in the Auditor General's office, while Mr. Snyder was Auditor Congress, had voted for this measure. General, by a man he subsequently took over with him into the State Treasury. But his offence was not unusual, according to Mr. Snyder. Several other officers had embezzled sums in various amounts up to hundreds of thousands of dollars without punishment. Mr. Snyder can't understand why this one should be the goat.

There is reason in State Treasurer Snyder's complaint. The culprit in the case was a pet of the politicians and in the enjoyment of confidential relations with his chief. He had probably known of the habit of treating embezzlers and felt entirely safe in taking such liberties with the public funds as suited his fancy and convenience. He needed more money than the generous salary of his office provided and felt that it was within his right to take what he needed. Others had done so with impunity and why shouldn't he? And if Snyder had remained in the office or if his successor had been less exacting in the matter of official morals, he could have done so. There would have been no

mole hill expansion. Moreover the morality expressed in State Treasurer Snyder's comment upon the embezzlement of clerk Brindle is the type of morality which prevails in the official life of Pennsylvania. There is no turpitude in crime if you can get away with it and no punishment if you have influence enough to escape arrest. Proceeding along these lines of thought Mr. Brindle imagined he had a perfect right to appropriate seven thousand dollars of the public money. Of course he was wrong. The moral ideas he had absorbed during seventeen years in pub-

Many Nomination Papers Filed.

Several hundred nomination papers Well, he did as much for the election have been filed in the commissioners Senator Lodge, both of whom have township offices to be voted for at the been rewarded, but probably he is not forthcoming primaries. In Bellefonte the principal contests will be on burgess and tax collector.

For burgess there are three candidates, W. Harrison Walker, the present incumbent; J. Kennedy Johnston papers as candidates on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

For tax collector Thaddeus Hamilton and John M. Keichline have filed papers on the Democratic ticket and John Curtin, Orian A. Kline, Maurice the capacity of the humanitarian J. Kelly and Herbert Auman on the

The only candidate for borough papers on both tickets.

S. Kline Woodring is the only can- means at their disposal. didate for justice of the peace in the North ward.

Charles F. Cook and A. C. Mingle are the only candidates for school director, hence will naturally succeed themselves.

Candidates for councilmen in the North ward are W. J. Emerick, Benjamin H. Shaffer and Benjamin Bradley, each one on both tickets, with two ing has been heard of this Chinese to be elected. Thomas S. Hazel is the famine. only candidate in the South ward while in the West ward William H. Brouse and J. M. Cunningham are candidates to succeed themselves and James H. Rine is also a candidate on the Republican ticket.

It might be of interest to the votthe only candidate for judge of elec-

was a "Watchman" office caller on Tuesday evening. In addition to being in charge of the church of the Brethren in Christ in Howard he owns and operates a job printing office in the town and a child of his handicraft is "The Mountain Herald," which he edits and prints himself. The second number of the publication which he was kind enough to leave on our desk is a thirty-two page magazine 6x9 inches in size and replete with reading matter of a high character. It is neatly put up and well printed, evidence that Rev. Sheetz intends putting out a publication that will be appreciated. Naturally, we wish him all kinds of success.

The rebuilt portions of High street from the crossing at the Potter-Hoy hardware store to the Diamond, and up jail hill to the south side of the -Chief Justice Taft has declined and farm crops have so far escaped court house were thoroughly oiled and top-dressed with screenings this week.

-Buy your own paper and read it.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-William Main, of Coudersport, was fined \$750 on three counts for violating the fishing laws. Unless he can pay the fine he must serve 757 days in jail.

-Six cents damages was awarded E. W. L. McElroy, of Marietta, in an action in Lancaster county court to recover damages from Mrs. Laura Filler because water from her house flooded his residence.

-Seeing the weeds along the Susquehanna river near Nisbet, Lycoming county, moving on Monday evening, George W. Sweeley fired at what he believed to be a groundhog. When he went to pick up the dead animal he found he had shot through the head and killed Charles W. Carroll, a neighbor, who was setting traps.

-Joseph Stone, aged 16, of Crafton, a suburb of Pittsburgh, was killed late on Monday when he suffered a broken neck while playing tennis. The ball had been knocked into the screening surrounding the court and Stone undertook to recover it when it caught in the meshes some distance above the ground. He missed his footing and the fall resulted fatally.

tee on Ways and Means, who had -Robert Smith and Roy Black, of Blair opened the debate on the Administracounty, and Newton Hampton, Amos Griftion's revenue bill by attacking Mr. fith and Herman Griffith, of Huntingdon Wilson for having taken over the railcounty, were each fined \$200 for killing roads during the war. Mr. Fordney, skinning and dividing among them two as a Republican Representative in does last December. K. B. Rodgers, state game warden, of Johnstown, prosecuted Asked to explain the seeming inconsistency, he replied: "I voted to put the President in a hole, and we did." the men and the hearings were held before justice David S. Black, of Hunting-The railroads were taken over by

the government in the critical period -Caught attempting to rob the Crevelof the war, when the breakdown of ing store at Almedia, Columbia county, early Saturday morning, John Shoemaker, of that great conflict. Mr. Fordney aged about 21 years, broke his left leg voted for it, not to help win the war, when he jumped from a second story winnot to aid the United States and the dow to escape. His campanion, Ray Ternations associated with it in the war williger, escaped, although several shots were fired at him by neighbors. State police are after Terwilliger, and Shoemaker is in the Bloomsburg hospital. tional frankness, but his confession will bring a shock only to credulous

-Alex McGarvey, aged 75 years, night watchman at the Montgomery county prispersons who deluded themselves into on, is in a hospital suffering from injuries believing that Republican leadership inflicted by two negro women prisoners who beat him with a stool. The two woma higher motive than malignant opposition to President Wilson. Having Mary Nelson, aged 20 years, were held pending the outcome of McGarvey's injuries. McGarvey's cries attracted another watchmen who prevented the prisoners es-

-The commissioners of Potter county offer \$500 reward for the arrest and detention of William Myers, wanted for the double murder of Arch Carling and Mark Brown, committed in Hector township, Potter county, on the night of August 10th. In an interview Myers' father said: "Will never was a bad boy. He was always timid; always afraid of the dark. We never could get him to kill a chicken or rabbit for dinner.'

-After smashing their way into the Lincoln pharmacy, at Lester, Chester coun-Nearly ten months have elapsed since the unprecedented Republican ty, last Wednesday morning, burglars victory of 1920, and the Republican backed an autotruck up to the front door and hauled away about \$3500 worth of leaders are still fumbling with peace, with taxation and with retrenchment. goods. Telephone boxes were wrecked and When the election was held there were the cash registers in the store, which conperhaps 1,000,000 men out of work. tained about \$50 in change, were broken There are now, according to the fig- open and rifled. This robbery makes the ures of the Secretary of Labor, nearly fourth time the store had been robbed dur-6,000,000 men out of work. Every ing the last three months, and the sev-month since Mr. Harding swept the enth robbery there in less than a year.

-Governor William C. Sproul has refused a charter for the Mifflinville State bank, of Mifflinville, following an investigation into the circumstances of the making of the application er of Banking John S. Fisher. This is the first bank to be refused a charter following the policy of inquiry into such applications arranged recently. It was found It is gratifying to learn that, just a large percentage of the subscribers deas Secretary Hoover is preparing to sired to withdraw from the enterprise, put in operation plans for the relief that there were doubts whether it would of famine-stricken Russia, conditions be successful and that there were banking in that much afflicted country are said facilities convenient. to have been much exaggerated. While

-Marriott Brosius Fasnacht, a lieutenpartial failure of the crops, there ant in the world war, formerly clerk of seems to be little basis for those hec- Mayor Kennedy, of Lancaster, was sent to the Lancaster county prison for three years at hard labor and solitary confinefood and dying by thousands along the ment. He forged the name of his mother, roadside from sheer inanition. The an aged widow of a Civil war officer, to state of affairs is serious, thanks to notes for \$1300 at two of the city banks. the complete breakdown of the whole After obtaining the money he left the city economic system under soviet misrule, and was arrested last week in New York while it is said, he was trying to swindle but it apparently is not one beyond a Lancaster man of \$200. He was given the minimum sentence because detainers agencies now co-operating to assist are on file for him to answer numerous the sufferers. The statement by Mr. Hoover that there will be no public charges of passing bogus checks and robappeal for funds seems to indicate bery.

-Would-be robbers made a desperate attempt to raid the bonded warehouse at the Johnston distillery, three miles south of Greencastle, on Saturday night, and only the vigilance of the owner, George M. Johnston, prevented the loss of a big part of the whiskey stored there. Johnston was awakened by the noise made by the raiders and they fled when he shot at them. The raiders had three automobiles and were evidently prepared to carry off a lot of booty. In their efforts to enter the warehouses the burglars broke the lock off the warehouse door and then used a ladder to attack the heavy shutters on a second-floor window of the building.

-Mr. and Mrs. George F. Campbell and their son Richard, aged 3 years, who died of burns received in an explosion of fumes from roofing paint at Milton, last Tuesgelical church, officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. P. E. Hower and the Rev. K. E. Irwin, of Milton. Mr. Campbell and his wife and baby went to the barn to pour some roof paint. While at work Campbell started to light his pipe. As the match flame flared, a terrific explosion occurred, presumably from the fumes of the paint. Neighbors rescued them and they were rushed to the Geisinger hospital, Danville, where all three died, the father passing away in ignorance of the deaths of the other two.

-Charges of cruelty to inmates of the State Industrial Home for Women, at Muncy, made by Mrs. Charles P. Lummer, a state prison inspector, in an address at Philadelphia last week, were denied by Miss Frances R. Wilson, superintendent of the home, but were substantiated by two girls, who had been removed to the Lycoming county jail following an outbreak at the home several weeks ago. These girls, Marion Ludwig and Dorothy Frazer, both declared that they had been beaten at the home by the superintendent herself. A probe of the charges resulted in bringing to light the resignation of Mrs. Howard Cheyney, of Williamsport, as executive manager of the home, who stated she had severed connections with the institution because of not being in sympathy with the manner of the conduct of the home as favored by others. Girls transferred to the Subscribe for the "Watchman." jail asked for the return of Mrs. Cheyney.

Cross-Country Air Mail.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. We are learning to economize in the air as well as on land and sea. The transcontinental air mail route be- day, were buried in a single grave in the tween New York and San Francisco Lewisburg cemetery last Friday. The ers of the North ward to know that is about to put into commission six Rev. J. D. Shortess, of the United Evanremodeled airplanes, able to carry twice the cargo of those now employ-

These machines will carry 32,000 Rev. L. F. Sheetz, of Howard, letters. The cost of adapting them to a "Watchman" office caller on the mail service was \$3000. The expense of new machines would have been \$15,000 apiece.

The view of the present postal administration is that the Air Mail Service is of immense and increasing importance; and despite set-backs and miscarriages inevitable to any pioneering and experimental era, constant improvement justifies sanguine predictions of the service. From May, 1918, to the end of 1920 this service had carried nearly 50,000,000 pieces of mail matter, and the planes had flown nearly a million and a quarter miles, or about five times the distance to the moon. A few weeks ago

the planes were carrying nearly 200,-000 letters daily. None who watches the consecutive strides that are made can doubt that the early future holds remarkable changes in the way of accelerated mail communication across America and all over the planet. Some day we shall smile when we reflect that in 1921 any place on earth was a month by mail from Philadelphia.