Democratic Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

-That Sing Sing inmate who says he would rather die in the electric chair than serve his twenty year sentence knows now, if he didn't before he committed his crime, what retribu-

-Talking about drives, we feel just like you do-that we are about driven to death. But don't let us die until the hospital has pulled off the one it has scheduled for next February. There is a worth while cause and Monday a man over ninety braved the storm of snow and slush and treacherous sidewalks to come down to this office to do his bit. It wasn't a great sum, as money is counted today, but it was a great spirit that prompted the venerable John P. Harris to do what he

comprehended and not merely utterbeen then and there reading himself he did adrance a lot of ideas so funthat Senator Reed will have the courchallenge to public authority. age to espouse such principles on the floor of the Senate and if he does he the masses he was chosen to repre-

In 1913 and again in 1915 our State fully or adequately expressed until it courts declared such an act as uncon- touches the consciences of the voters paid how much of it will the schools practiced it must be punished. get? Talking about middlemen in commercial enterprise. They are not of Pennsylvania, violated the integriin it with the middlemen in govern- ty of the ballot as certainly as Newment—the inspectors, collectors, ac- berry did. He bought the nomination countants and auditors. Why wouldn't of his party by the expenditure of it be better to lay a direct tax for the nearly as great a sum as was spent to schools and everything else than to nominate Newberry. Until he is recontinue this subterfuge of collecting pudiated by the people of Pennsylvaeverything indirectly? What's the nia the voters of this State can claim use of going 'way around the bush about these things? Why should anything be taxed but the individual? Newberry has set in motion. As it paid by Pennsylvania and encourage tor Reed is not striving to give the Why would it not be better to pay for government just like we pay for butter and eggs and meat and bread?

The very unusual demonstration of their loyalty and desire to have Hugo Bezdek with them that was given by the students of The Pennsylvania have had a terrible heart-pull on the National league baseball team five years ago. He was a successful man- can't resist quackin' a bit about it. ager, of course, but he left there to come to State because, as we thought at the time and think now, he is a man who measures a life-work in something more than mere dollars, a force the subsidy bill through before in commercialized baseball, and beanswer in Pitsburgh last night was that he will stay with "the boys."

Indiana, to the effect that duck hunt- products. ers are having wonderful success out there by soaking corn in "moonshine," then scattering it along the lake shores for the ducks to get. When they get it, of course, they promptly get to that "I don't care what becomes get to that "I don't care what becomes of me now" state and then the hunters gather them up by the hundreds sidiaries to collect a large proportion justified an interpretation which rewithout having to fire a shot. To of the fifty millions of dollars or more flected upon the intelligence and pawithout having to fire a shot. To of the nity millions of dollars or more many this tale will listen like a lie. to be paid annually to ship-owners. In triotism of those Senators in Conbootleggers, if current reports are diced against the United States. We believe it. There comes a time in fact there is a rather widespread begress who defeated the ratification of true. the life of nearly every regular boy in lief that the major purpose of the leg- the covenant of the Leage of Nations. the country—at least there used to— islation was to put money in the Senator Hitchcock was not a member when he just had to go into the pig- treasury of the Standard Oil compa- of that mischievous group. On the eon business. We passed through that ny. The amendment nullifying this contrary he led the force favorable to period of watching our big blue "coax- provision will prevent that result. The ratification with great skill and diser" strutting over the barn roof, lur- Rockerfellers, father and son, will tinguished ability. But he was the ing all our playmates' pigeons to his have to recoup themselves in some first Senator to rise and voice a procote. Sometimes we'd have a great other way. flock and then, again, we'd have none. When our "coaxer" failed to keep the who was defeated at the recent elec- den of excusing Lodge. lady birds true to him and the barn | tion warned his colleagues against the | As a matter of fact what Georges roof was deserted we'd fly to Phil Et- passage of the measure in a speech Clemenceau said concerning the actle. The Ettle boys lived on Bishop the other day. It was just such selfish tion of the government of the United street and had something to do with and vicious legislation as that, he de- States with respect to the Versailles the conduct of a feed store that Brock- clared, that caused his defeat and if treaty is substantially true. Presierhoff's ran in the place that Hockman now occupies. Phil never raised of other Republican representatives for the League of Nations as well as pigeons but he always had a pen full will be retired to private life at the the treaty which guaranteed protecof them. The birds knew the alley next election. It requires no gift of tion to France against possible attacks where wheat and oats and corn filter- prophecy to discern this fact. The from Germany in the future. If the ed through the cracks in the farm wagons that were unloading at that of the contributors was responsible for of defense had been ratified by the feed store and Phil, thirty-five years the slump in Republican strength in United States there would be no neago, knew that pigeons would get Congress at the recent election, and cessity now for Clemenceau or any drunk on the same stuff that knocked the passage of the subsidy bill will one else worrying about the future remen's legs out from under them. He have a precisely similar effect at the lations between Germany and France. soaked corn in whiskey and scattered next election. it about the alley. Our pigeons ate it and got so soused that they couldn't fly home. Then he gathered them up puffed up over the treatment of her and sold them back to us at a nickel distinguished ex-Premier in this couna piece. Personal experience tells us try. The Mayor of Chicago didn't kick that the Milford story is probably Clemenceau out when he called at city cabinet place promised to a woman prevent Bill Vare from heading the



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Pennsylvania "Corrupt and Contented."

The official life and political career of Truman H. Newberry ended with his resignation but it did not end the evil of Newberryism. That has become an ulcer on the body politic which will require time and heroic -If Senator David A. Reed was treatment to cure. It didn't begin saying what he really thought and with Newberry four years ago. It has been a menace to the political morals ing words at Harrisburg last week he of the country for more than a quarmight turn out to be a real Senator ter of a century. But the Newberry for Pennsylvania. From a partisan episode presented it to public view in Republican viewpoint he might have a peculiarly flagrant form. There was no concealment of the corrupt out of his party, but, be that as it may, practices in his case. His friends bought votes as openly as a housedamentally sound that we were star- wife buys vegetables in a public martled when we read them. We hope ket. It was so glaring as to become a

The retirement of Newberry shows some deference to decent public opinmay lose caste with his party leaders ion as expressed in Michigan, Indiana but certainly he will win favor with and other States in which supporters had asked for a vote of confidence. Every Sanator in that group except -The United States Supreme court Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Pepper, has decided that Pennsylvania has a of Pennsylvania, was defeated. The right to lay a tax on anthracite coal. reprobation of the crime will not be stitutional, but now that the court of in those States. It is not enough that last appeal has legalized it the ques- six Senators were condemned by their tion is settled. The consumer will pay constituents for condoning the crime the tax, which was designed, primar- of Newberry. All those guilty of that ily, to finance the educational system offense against popular government of the State, but by the time the var- must be made to feel the lash of pubious collectors and accountants are lic indignation as well as those who

Gifford Pinchot, the Governor-elect delphia "is corrupt and contented."

-We're ready to admit that there's

Subsidy Bill May Pass.

President Harding may be able to

The Standard Oil company is easily have been elected. the most extensive ship master in this country. Its vast fleet of tankers cartor Hitchcock again "butted in" on a whoch silence would who can tell us how to get the coal.

The other day, in the senate, senative use and be equally liberal to any gentleman give Lenine some information, and who can tell us how to get the coal.

Curtis R. S. the most extensive ship master in this The other day, in the Senate, Sena-

Anthracite Coal Tax is Valid.

The decision of the Supreme court of the United States affirming the va- burgh, speaks surprisingly like a lidity of the anthracite coal tax, hand- Democrat. Even before the election doctrine of State sovereignty. The men and since, in an address at Trenbut the language of the justice leaves | believes in and urges the old fashiondecided the question adversely, as it in other business. If the railroads did on two previous occasions, the ac- were permitted to fix rates he thinks, or distinction between anthracite and produce and maintain strikes. In othbituminous coal is largely a matter of er words he would give the carrying imagination.

Another important influence on the rates. court was an obvious purpose to steer away from the trend to public owner- phia last Saturday night, at a compliship. "If the possibility or certainty mentary dinner in his honor, he soundwas destined for market in another ring to the enforcement of the prohi- growth of these basic causes. determined it to be in interstate commerce before the beginning of its deplorably bad because you and I do movement from the State," the court not back up the law. As a matter of declared, "it would seem to follow fact it is not enforced against you and that it is in such commerce from the me. It is only enforced against a few instant of its growth or production, and in the case of coals, as they lie in the ground, such a ruling would nationalize all industries." That doctory stage. We must back up this law to trine so affirmed set up a guarantee the limit or wipe off the books the against the seizure and operation of hypocritical sham we are too cowardby Roosevelt and discussed extensive- be interpreted in no other way than a ly recently.

In any event the decision is both important and opportune for the products of their flocks.

-Senator Caraway thinks that likely to object.

Senator Hitchcock a Butter In.

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, is man with a love for character build- the expiration of the present Con- building up for himself a somewhat ing, a man desirous to give to human- gress. It is likely to be voted on in unenviable reputation as a "butter in." ity the God-given inspiration that all the House before the end of the ex- Some time before the recent election, too few possess. The impress he has tra session and that will give the Sen- when he was a candidate with a bright made on thousands of the youth of ate three months to consider it. But promise of success, he butted into a Pennsylvania is impossible of estima- even at that it will be a disappointment controversy on a labor question. He tion. Cleaner, stronger, fairer future to some of those who expected to de- had no direct interest in the question citizens of this great country of ours rive the greatest advantages from it. and might as well have left it to the is what this man is making in college John D. Rockerfeller and his son each consideration of those who were inwork today. He could do little of that contributed liberally to the campaign terested. But he "butted in" with the fund in 1920 and expected to be reim- result that the labor organizations of cause we feel that Hugo Bezdek knows bursed through the operations of this the State turned solidly against him where his great field is we believe his measure. But an amendment already and though he had a splendid reputaadopted defeats their hopes. It pro- tion as a Senator he was snowed unvides that no bonus shall be paid to der while the candidate of his party -Report has come from Milford, ships of owners carrying their own for Governor had a substantial ma-

> markets of Europe and other foreign have been golden. Some of the reports. This subsidy bill would have marks made by M. Clemenceau, in test against the language of Clemen-One of the present Congressmen ceau. He took upon himself the bur-

> the subsidy is forced through dozens dent Wilson was largely responsible tariff bill designed to reimburse part covenant of the League and the treaty But both conventions failed of ratification through the malice and stupid--France has some reason to feel ity of Republican Senators who deserve no defense.

> > for his wife.

Senator Reed's Heretical Language. Root of the Mexican Evil.

Senator David A. Reed, of Pittscorporations power to go the limit in

In a speech delivered in Philadelbition laws he said: "Enforcement is unfortunates who cannot escape it. We are all hypocrites on this question rebuke of the administration.

But Senator Reed's speeches are not always to be taken at their face val-State of Pennsylvania for we certain- ue, and while fair competition has ally "need the money" it will bring to ways been the Democratic idea of busthe treasury. It will help the move- iness policy, the unrestrained right to ment to further increase the cost of regulate rates and wages is not a cerliving but that appears to be the prin- tain guarantee of fair competition. cipal purpose of the Republican ma- The Standard Oil company, for exchine. It will guarantee the validity ample, coined millions of dollars out of the tax on iron ores levied by the of an unrestrained right to crush com-Legislature of Minnesota which will be petition and it is not sure that Sena- al morality, capable of judicial untanmethods of campaigning which Newberry adopted and Pinchot followed.

ous burdens now being borne. The senator is giving some, but not all, of his atten-Pinchot and Pepper are twin evidenc- and the wool growers of the west add tion to politics and government. He es that Pennsylvania as well as Phila- a domestic tax to the tariff levy on the is still on the legal staff of the Steel true and has an eye to its interests.

sha Kent Kane, of Kushequa, who was bickering, with the ever-present poseducation at that institution. Bezdek key on an occasion like yesterday, but ought not to claim the right to vote an also ran in the recent Congressionwas the manager of the Pittsburgh we're so mighty thankful that we during the remainder of their term. all race in this district, has sent us the could even have duck that we just That would be a happy solution of a official vote of the counties with the vexed problem but the lame ducks are suggestion that possibly our "readers regarded in some quarters as a dead to it until it settled almost upon him and thoroughly he was licked." Mr. Kane It will revive itself-it must revive ists have the habit of being Prohibs try. every day in the year except the one on which they have the chance to vote their convictions. We published the figures necessary to the political From the Milwaukee Sentinel. obsequies over Mr. Kane several says, his "campaign was a flat fail-

generously donated a column space sured that he has a secret admiration to two scientific gentlemen for the for us, and he would like to know more jority. If he had kept quiet he might purpose of telling all of us how to properly burn coal so as to economize our methods and ways of doing things. the side. The new plant will be located on in the use of fuel. Next week we will this country, might be in a position to the Pennsylvania railroad, two miles east

> -The army football team did victory of the occasion went to the

-Why do the Philadelphia politicians imagine that parading in soft self on that auspicious occasion.

-President Harding never had a good opinion of the Federal Reserve intends to wreck it if possible.

-Governor Sproul "is solid" for Commissioner Baldy, but the indications are that the Governor's influence with the next administration will be limited if not negligible.

-If Attorney General Daugherty would follow the example of Senator Newberry the Harding administration would have easier sledding for a time.

-Whether Major Warburton wants Dr. Baldy's job or not his criticism of the department has created a good deal of lively comment.

-Pinchot's first set back will -Possibly Giff is holding that come on inauguration day. He can't

From the Philadelphia Record.

For more than ten years our relations with the Republic of Mexico ed down by Justice McKenna on Monday, is mainly a reassertion of the dip of government in the affairs of the first of State assertion of the men and size in an address at Trop capitalistic interests in Mexican natlaw is declared valid because the Su- ton the other day, he ascribed most of ural resources. This underlying diffipreme court of Pennsylvania had af- the railroad troubles to the restraints culty has been augmented by the inafirmed its validity. Other questions put upon the managements by the In- bility of the Mexicans during a large entered into the equation, of course, terstate Commerce Commission. He part of the time to maintain stable and orderly government. America is no doubt that if the State court had ed competitive system in railroads as great and rich and powerful; Mexico weak, but proud and arrogant. Our capitalistic influences sustain a constant urge toward forcible measures tion would have been affirmed by the they could meet the demands for wag- for the protection of their rightstribunal of last resort. The difference es and thus eliminate the causes that property rights—in a foreign land, and the Mexicans foment dissension in Pennsylvania met at Lancaster last Satby their insistent effort to enrich their urday and organized the Pennsylvania country and themselves by measures State Farm Bureau federation, and elected of taxation and restriction amounting John C. Brubaker, of Lititz, president. The to confiscation of the property of their representatives were guests of the Lancaswealthy exploiters. The bloodshed ter county farm bureau, which has taken that has occurred on both sides of the the lead in fostering the federation. Mr. border from time to time during re- Brubaker was also elected to represent the that an article produced in one State ed another discordant note. Refer- cent years is but an incident and out- State body at the national meeting in Chi-

Now there are two points of view regarding the fundamental questions Mohnton, near Reading, was robbed of at issue, and there are plenty of people who would like to have our own point of view enforced and established by war and conquest. These people are principally the ones who would not have to do the fighting. But pinpricks from Mexico, such as the high language she holds concerning our interference in her internal affairs, are likely to augment the numbers of the coal mines as was once contemplated ly to enforce." That declaration can American fire-eaters. It may be observed in passing that the other point of view-the one held by Mexico-is Rose Buehler, of Tamaqua, was awarded the one which we ourselves maintain- \$8000 damages from the Philadelphia and ed a very short time ago when California contemplated anti-Japanese legislation to which Japan objected.

We want to call the attention of the misguided voters who helped to kill the League of Nations project as a world-wide instrument for the per-petuation of peace to these salient facts: That the questions at issue between the United States and Mexico are at bottom questions of internationglement and settlement; that such a and that by such means permanently friendly relations might have been established with our next-door neigh-Our very honorable friend, Eli- ble to the United States than constant really determines matters of right and the tail of the flying machine. Telling of wrong?

might be interested in knowing how issue. We are not trying to revive it. came to a stop in a field nearby. Neither got four thousand out of a total of itself eventually, when the world has approximately thirty-four thousand grown old enough to discriminate be- the ledge of a three-story house in Shavotes. He didn't do as bad as we ex- tween wisdom and folly, and to detect mokin, last Tuesday, George Long, of Bear pected, because he ran on the Prohibition ticket and so many Prohibitionbition ticket and so many Prohibitionlars, from the genuine, inspired by love of humanity as well as of counlove of humanity as well as of coun-

Let Lenine Come.

Lenine and his wife, according to an weeks ago, but we're glad that he American interviewer, have a consum- fall fainted. doesn't feel all cut up because, as he | ing secret ambition to visit the United States and study America at first hand.

Of course, Lenine is bitterly oppos--This week the "Watchman" has est "capitalist" nation. But we are asabout the sources of our strength and

also be available, in addition to those of a few other Americans now in Rusnine probably has a suspicion that all

an opportunity to visit our shores in have, stranger," one remarked. Then after the near future, but if he is so extremely eager to study America, perhaps our State Department could be hats is a concession to Pinchot? He induced to waive immigration restricwill probably wear a "topper" him- tions. His desire to see the United States must be largely prompted by curiosity to find out how this country contrived to grow and flourish and attain its present position in the world under what looks to Lenine as a most Gilbert, of Sharon, asking aid in his quest. system and his effort to inject politics obsolete and archaic form of governinto its organization indicates that he ment. He admits America's strength, but is at a loss to account for it.

In that perplexed frame of mind, a visit to this country might be profitable to Lenine. He might find out how a self-governing and free nation manages its affairs, how public opinion controls our governent, as has just been demonstrated, and how individ-ual enterprise in little more than a century has conquered a continent, while Russia, under Czarist and then under Bolshevist despotism, has never been able to develop its great resourc-

Confronted with American conditions, Lenine's Communist theories might get a severe shock. If he could stay long enough, he might conclude that America is a better country to live in than Russia and might refuse to return to the Communist paradise.

-The "Watchman" gives all the news while it is news.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Police officials at Harrisburg are investigating the charge made by Cornella Green that her armless husband, John Green, had beaten her. She is in the hospital with a possible fracture of the skull and lacerations. Green says she fell downstairs, but Mrs. Green claims her husband kicked her down.

-Director Horner, of the Workmen's Compensation Bureau, announced on Saturday that 27 widows and 80 dependent children of the victims of the Spangler disaster would receive approximately \$100,-000 compensation. Claims have been settled by the bureau, compensation for dependent children depending largely upon their ages.

-Several hundred property owners in Hazleton are well stocked with anthracite coal for the winter, but can't start to burn it because heating plants ordered during the summer and early fall have not yet been received, owing to the embargoes in effect on some of the railroads against all shipments except fuel, foodstuffs and perishable goods.

-When John Robbins, a state policeman, fell through a hole in the hay mow he broke a leg, but he fell in the midst of a gallon still, fifty gallons of mash and a large quantity of automobile accessories, supposed to have been stolen. The accident occurred in the barn of Edward Hayes, of near Pottstown, Montgomery county, who is in jail charged with the theft of chickens.

-Representatives from twenty counties cago.

-The Standard American hosiery mill at \$15,000 worth of silk hosiery early Friday morning. The booty was taken away in a truck which was seen making for Reading and then speeding down the Philadelphia turnpike, but the officers have no clue. During the last few months Berks hosiery mills have been robbed of \$35,000 worth of finished goods-all taken away in trucks to an unknown destination.

-In a verdict rendered under the federal law in the Schuylkill county court, Mrs. Reading Railway for the killing of her husband while engaged in his duties as a freight conductor two years ago. The woman was refused State compensation because the railroad company alleged the husband was handling cars which contained goods of interstate commerce.

-John Magner, possessor of \$80,000 to \$100,000, died last Friday in the McKean county home in Smethport. He was nearly 70 years of age, and a fall several weeks ago disabled him. Last Sunday he applied for care at the home, saying he "would pay his way until his health improved." Magner had lived alone for years on a farm, denying himself the simplest comforts. The authorities are making inquiries in central Pennsylvania for kin.

-Graydon Platt, of Ridgway, had a thrilling encounter with an airplane while motoring toward Punxsutawney when the settled in a field so close by that part of the top of his automobile was ripped off by his experience, he declared he saw the air-We are aware that the League is ship flying low, but paid little attention aviator nor chauffeur was injured.

> -Losing his balance while painting on ment when he fell into a network of telephone and light wires. He was able to hold the wires a sufficient period of time to right himself and jump feet first to the ground, where he landed without an injury of any kind. Women who were watching the man at work and saw him

-The American Refractories company, of Pittsburgh, closed a deal on Saturday for the J. F. Stover farm of fifty-three acres, and the John Bower tracts adjoined to America as the world's strong- ing, comprising fifteen acres, located along the Pennsylvania railroad east of Lewistown. It is generally said to be for the erection of a large ganister brick factory, with the possibility of red shale brick on Trotzky, who spent some time in the south side of the main line track of

-Curtis R. Smock, of Meadville, went to Erie on Saturday and purchased an overcoat, and went home without it. After he bought the coat, he entered a refreshment stand at Twentieth and Peach streets, where a number of men expressed admiration for the garment and engaged him in It is not likely that Lenine will get conversation. "That's some overcoat you a pause, he said: "I'd like to try it on." Smock consenting, the man tried it on. He walked to the back of the place, paused for a moment, then disappeared through a doorway-and didn't come back.

-Frank Hooper, of Charleroi, wants a wife-one of those long, slender sylphs. Frank doesn't care for them built along liberal lines. He wrote to Mayor Frank Women, he says, are the only things he's afraid of. "I am 25 years old, he writes, "and would like very much to get married, but I never had the nerve to ask any girl. Was with the army in France and am afraid of nothing except women. I can make a good home for a good girl, but she must be a slender, tall girl. I am 25 years old, good looking and don't drink.'

-Resignation of Dr. W. A. Granville. president of Gettysburg College, to take effect March 1, next, was announced Sunday night. He has been president of the institution known formerly as Pennsylvania College, since 1910. He went there from Yale University, where he was professor of mathematics. Doctor Granville will become president of the Insurance Economics Society of America, and on March first he plans to take up the work of organizing a bureau of insurance education in Chicago. He is known as the author of a number of college mathematical textbooks and more recently of a book on the fourth dimension of the Bible.