

INK SLINGS.

-Certainly you can conjure up no dream of greater happiness and contentment during the new year than we hope will really be yours.

-This is 1923 and we're a year or two ahead of a lot of subscribers to the "Watchman" but a thousand or two behind those who have extended us the credit to keep the old home paper going.

-The new Legislature has convened, but it will take a month or more to discover whether it is going to get up on its hind feet and walk alone or creep through the session after Poppa Pinchot.

-Every day we have written something about the foreign situation and every following day we have torn it every twenty-four hours.

-After ten days it will be Governor Pinchot. Of course he has been acting Governor since early last fall, but. be that as it may, let's all be for him up to the time we catch him fourflushing on the promises he made.

be exhausted within twenty-five years. dure long. With every other person making a still or a radio outfit we're surprised

-Nine times out of ten you'll find that the fellow who comes 'round and you've done" is the ubiquitous little mischief-maker who has given them the dope to talk about.

Saturday sent a night message to borough manager Seibert to conare wondering what the wise men at by the Republican machine. Harrisburg were expecting Mr. Seidry rivers of Arizona.

-A glance at the football schedule that State has engaged to play next fall convinces us that Mr. Hugo professed faith of the Alumni and the declared he would. There will be plied in the administration of the afunder-graduates in him to the acid speak-easies and "boot-leggers" in fairs of the great corporation of nursed. The idea of self-determinatest. While we don't estimate Bezdek's value to State in the scale of vicfearful of what others may think and of needless officials will continue to of conducting the business of the peo- machines are created and public offices say when the blue and white gets milk the treasury for "four years ple have not only caused confusion in multiplied. For that the school demore." through with such a row of games as Gettysburg, Navy, West Virginia, Syracuse, Georgia Tech, Penn and Pitt. No team in the country will in his effort to lead the "bitter endhave such a schedule. -Of course the beauty of the com- ism, but he did succeed in smoking health workers tell us that it is pollut- the Senate Speaker pro-tem, T. Larmunity Christmas tree service so some sort of a foreign policy out of ed with germs and bugs of every de- ry Eyre, addressed his colleagues on elaborately planned by the camp-fire the White House and the State De- scription and now Herbert Hoover the matter of enforcement of the Progirls had to be marred by noisy auto- partment. mobiles and a lot of frivolous individuals who thought it a frolic instead of a thoughtful, solemn service. The best voices of the town were massed there for carol singing but the reorganization committee will in all noise and congestion was so great that probability meet with the fate of its the effect was as nothing to that of several predecessors. That is to say, the carolers who sang on the quiet it will probably be read in both in a report of the activities of his de- ry's admonition to the Pennsylvania streets early on Christmas morn. Their's was the song in the air that referred to the appropriate committee tax on the \$5,500,000,000 of capital from the possibility of public opproroused from peaceful slumber those in each, discussed at intervals for a employed in manufacturing enterpriswho thought of the star in the sky few weeks and then dropped into a es in Pennsylvania. He doesn't actuand the mother's sweet prayer. -Looking over the personal mention in this edition of the "Watch- the Woodward committee richly de- and obligations which may be created man" we urge dwelling upon the par- serves its fate. The last reorganiza- by department heads under the presagraph that Mr. Gates has devoted to tion committee made some actually ent appropriations" such a levy might our old friend Walter Gherrity. For worthy recommendations. Possibly be resorted to. The existing levy may years we have sung about the accuracy and truthfulness of "Watchman" statements and, here, the very first time we've been off the job since the spring of 1890 either Gates or Walter are trying to make you believe that whom will be invested such vast pow- There is a good deal of reason in bucks are still so plentiful over in the ers as to make him responsible to no- the proposition to levy such a tax on fastnesses of the Seven mountains, body except himself. Several bor- manufactures if the money is needed where Walter has that alluring lodge, that they are rubbing all the paint off his buildings with their horns. We've that form of government with more nue from such a tax on the basis of visited Pat and we've visited Walter, since dear old Pat departed, and it's the manager was under restraints that banks and other enterprises would our impression that none of the buildour impression that none of the build-ings over there ever wore a coat of ligations to the public, not contemplat-ligations to the public, not contemplatpaint. -In 1902, had we cracked up like mission. The general manager of the \$55,000,000 a year. The addition of a that. Still it is to be hoped that 1923 we did on Thanksgiving day, 1922, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania cor- manufucturers' tax as estimated by will take advantage of every opportuwe presume some perfectly good doc- poration would be appointed by the Snyder would provide amply for the nity for improvement. tor would have told us to have our Governor but amenable to no one ex- needed increase without laying other appendix removed at once. Had the cept in so far as gratitude influenced burdens such as the coal tax and the physical cataclysm happened to us in him. 1912 in all probability we would have It is in line with the trend of cen- better system of balancing the books been urged to undergo a tonsil and tralization, however, and that appears would be to reduce the expenses of adenoid operation as the sure route to be the drift of the official mind at government. to wellville. As a result of the de- this time. To hold the people at a A manufacturers' tax, like all othlayed upset we are still proprietor of distance and limit the confidence to a er taxes, will be paid by the ultimate an appendix, two perfectly good ton- few seems to be the policy. A gen- consumer. If such a tax is levied the sils and enough adenoids to be heard | eral manager would promote this sys- | price of the products of the industries all over the house most any night tem and it is not unlikely that a ser- will be increased not only to cover the after the hour of retirement, but we lous attempt will be made to put it | tax but to yield a profit to the manuhave lost a noble wisdom tooth. It's into force. But we have faith in the facturers for the trouble it causes the rage now to blame every ill, from Democratic minority in the Legisla- them. At present the manufacturers ingrowing toenails to brain fag, on the ture to defeat any such scheme. It contribute a million dollars or so anteeth and the doctors are making all will not meet with unanimous approv- nually to the Republican campaign the business they can for the ex-Ray al among the Republicans and upon | fund in consideration of exemption operators and the dentists. We gave any measure of legislation on which from a tax that Mr. Snyder imagines up two smackers and that grand old the majority party is divided, the mi- will amount to \$25,000,000, so that wisdom-worker only to find out that nority will be able to exert an influ- they find their campaign contributions there wasn't a pus sac dangling at the ence for good. bottom that had been draining into and poisoning our system so that we couldn't be otherwise than ill. She's terpret Mr. Pinchot's shifty com- corresponding decrease on other taxes gone and the more we think of it the ment on the school department ex- would be an excellent thing. more we feel like paraphrasing Coue's travagance. He used the expensive cure-all dope, thusly: Every day in machinery in the interest of Pinchot

"easier!"



Little Prospect of Reforms.

The personnel of the Legislature, copper resources of the country will the beginning and is not likely to en- pointment of Senator McConnell was low the maximum, and for that reason

The considerable increase in the joke. Democratic membership will no doubt The Governor points with pride to

bert to do-stand at the spill-way of great achievement in the direction of value of the improvement are conjec- strued the matter. the beautiful spring and stop the reforms during the period of the pres- tural. twenty million gallons of water that ent Legislature. Upon the question of run away every day to keep the lower prohibition the Governor-elect will people when Governor Sproul entered Like the rest of the Republican lead-Bald Eagle from becoming like the probably have no difficulty in carry- upon his duties as Governor of Penn- ers the Governor-elect aims to take ing out his promise of legislation fa- sylvania, with wide experience in pub- from the people all rights of self-govvorable to the dry interest. It ap- lic affairs he had acquired an envia- ernment and centre authority in the pears to be the popular side of the ble reputation for business sagacity. capitals of the State and nation. It is question. Of course he cannot "drive It was expected that correct business the Roosevelt idea. Its inception is in every saloon out of the State," as he principles and methods would be ap- a belief that the people don't know spite of legislation and vigilance. But which he had become the head. But tion is obnoxious to imperialism and there is not likely to be any "mess- these expectations have been disap- the trend of the Republican managers cleaning" worthwhile. The vast army pointed. The most slovenly methods is in that direction. For that political

Governor Sproul's last message to | As was to be expected the Pinchot as organized by the Republican ma- the Legislature, delivered orally on educational commission has whitechine, affords little promise of the re- Tuesday, assumed the form of a re- washed Finegan and put "the odor of forms to which Governor-elect Gifford view, or rather a defense of his ad- sanctity" on Fineganism. The bur-Pinchot stands pledged. Larry Eyre, ministration. He deplored a few den of its report, handed to the Govwhom Mr. Pinchot publicly condemned things, naturally, and pointed with ernor-elect the other day, is that the up for the reason that there appears as an undesirable, is president pro- pride to many acts which the people expenses of the public schools in to be a new situation on the other side tem of the Senate with power to or- have deplored. The enforcement of Pennsylvania are less in the aggreganize the standing committees, and Prohibition has not been as vigorous gate, as well as in ratio, than those of C. J. Goodnough, always a servile or successful as he would have liked other States that might be named. follower of Penrose, Speaker of the but that is not chargeable to him. For that reason the report declares House. The widely known lust for There may have been a lack of co- the criticism of the Finegan adminisparty spoils may induce these gentle- operation between the federal and tration of the State Department of men to acquiesce in Pinchot's plans State agencies of enforcement but the Education are unjust. Finegan is doduring the first part of his term, federal end was largely to blame for ing his best to increase the cost of But just a man half-way correct. while the offices are being distributed, the reason that it began badly and our educational system to a proper -Experts tell us that the known but the support will be grudging from grew worse as it progressed. The ap- level, which is above rather than be-

public notice that the matter was a he is to be commended rather than censured.

As a matter of fact the cost of the that there is enough to last that long. exercise a wholesome influence on the the record of his administration in administration of the school departproceedings of the session. The the reorganization of the Department ment was not the main cause of com-Democratic members are in perfect of Education. What has been achiev- plaint against Fineganism. It is true tells you that "the people are talking harmony and fully determined to ed beyond the centralization of power that the vast number of high-salaried about this, that or the other thing strive for worthy legislation regard- in Harrisburg and the multiplication officials in the department at Harris- Christmas Season a Gay One. Belleless of the source of its origin. Gov- of expenses remains to be seen. Pos- burg seemed like needless extravaernor-elect Pinchot may safely rely sibly time will reveal some advantage gance. Four hundred thousand dolupon the forty-one Democrats in the in the methods adopted by the import- lars is a large sum to pay for swivel -The State water commission last House of Representatives and the six ed and expensive head of the depart- chair ornaments when a third of that Senators of that political faith to aid ment. Let us hope for the best. The amount would secure the service. But Minna Irving in the New York Herald. him in carrying out every proposition construction of 1800 miles of concrete that is not what the people protested serve our water supply for there was he may advance for the good of the and 1000 miles of other permanent against. Their protest was against no relief in sight. Waiving the grand Commonwealth and in the interest of roads is something to boast of, if the the centralization of all authority over rain that started falling less than the people. This fact may also serve result had been accomplished at rea- the schools in Harrisburg thus detwenty hours after we were advised as a restraining force against the sonable cost. But as a matter of fact priving the people of home rule in a that there was no relief in sight we wild partisan legislation contemplated the expenses incurred in the work matter of such vital interest as the were so excessive and the quality so education of their children. Pinchot But we are not over-confident of doubtful that present estimates of the and the commission alike miscon-

But the commission has done pre-High hopes were entertained by the cisely what it was expected to do. the accounts but have involved the partment has been converted into a Commonwealth in debts the extent of political bureau and will be maintain-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Suit for \$3000 damages for personal injuries has been entered in the Blair county court by Miss Gertrude Wilson against the city of Altoona. She alleges she stepped into a coal hole in a sidewalk May 31 last and permanently injured her spine.

-Reparation in the sum of \$8706.65 is asked in a case filed before the Public Service Commission against the York Haven Water and Power company and the York Haven Electric Transmission company by the borough of Middletown. The reparation is for the excess collected during the time a rate set aside was in force

-The Carbon county tax collectors' association has decided to give delinquent tax payers until February 1st to pay their taxes, after which time, if they are not paid, tax warrants will be issued and the personal property of the delinquents attached and sold. The association will support any of its members against whom a legal contest is instituted.

-To the accompaniment of music played by her daughter at the piano, Mrs. Maria Cortez, 36 years old, of Monnessen, sang a ballad and then turned a revolver upon herself and fell to the floor dead. Louis Cortez, the husband, left the home for his work in the mill, believing that all was well with the family. Ill health is thought to have been the cause of the suicide.

-Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kauffman, of Shamokin Dam, called their children together on Christmas and gave each a brand new \$1000 bill. Mr. Kauffman promises it will be an annual custom as long as he lives. The children are, Arthur Kauffman, of Hummell's Wharf; Riley H. Kauffman, of Chester; Mrs. George Rhoads and Mrs. L. C. Buffington, of Shamokin Dam, and Mrs. M. S. Leisenring, of Northumberland.

-Jean Hardin was shot and killed while walking in the main street of Tarentum on New Year's day, and a few minutes later George Williams walked into the borough police station, saying he had committed the crime. According to the police, Williams accussed Hardin of running away with his wife, and shot him four times. Two bystanders were held as witnesses. All of the interested parties are Negroes.

-The Pennsylvania Power and Light company, purchaser of the Williamsport electric light and power interests, soon will treble the capacity of the Lycoming Edison power plant in that city, spending approximately \$500,000 on this development. In addition, a new power line from Milton to Lock Haven is being constructed over a private right of way on steel towers, carrying a current of 66,000 volts, which will supply power and light for many towns in Central Pennsylvania.

-Joseph Fetterman, of Harrisburg, does not approve of shooting in the New Year with real bullets. Fetterman retired early Sunday night, preferring gentle slumbers to the noisy celebration acorded the New Year in cafes and clubs, but some of season were confined to the last two his neighbors decided to give the neighlines of the above "Aftermath" it borhood a real celebration. Fetterman would not be a cheerful thought, but was awakened by the discharge of a gun there was enough of happiness and and the crash of glass. A bullet grazed his nose, plowed its way through a bugood will associated with the Christreau and lodged in the wall of his room.

mas season to make up for most any -Daniel Foreman, 21 years old, of Edenville, Franklin county, Pa., died late In a business way practically all the Bellefonte merchants claim that their Christmas trade exceeded any pro-day night in the open hearth department Christmas trade exceeded any pre- of the Standard Steel works at Burnham, vious year. Notwithstanding the fact near Lewistown. Foreman lay down in the that they had stocked to the limit slag pit at the open hearth to enjoy a nap rush orders had to be sent off to meet between heats without the knowledge of the demand and when the rush was his fellow workmen, who drew the heat in over on Saturday night the stores his supposed absence. The slag that sloplooked as if they had been struck by a ped over the edge of the ladle ignited his cyclone. The big bulk of the buying clothing and he was terribly burned about the head, face and body before the flames could be smothered. He was hurried to the Lewistown hospital, where it was found more than two-thirds of the skin surface was burned and no hopes were entertained -The body of John Spickler, aged 75, night watchman for the Hackman & postoffice force worked on Sunday Harnely Furniture company, in Lititz, was with a big truck delivering parcel post found on Saturday morning burned to a crisp, lying on the floor adjoining the boiler-room. He had a long beard reaching to his waist and it is believed this ignited while he was fixing the fire Friday night and that he ran to another room for water, but collapsed on the floor. A pocketbook containing money was found across the room, where the old man may have thrown several thousand people gathered it in an effort to prevent its being destroyaround the community tree in the ed after his clothing caught fire. Neigh-Diamond for the evening services. bors did not hear any noise during the -The opening of State College The Odd Fellows band opened the ex- night, but noticed Spickler's dog barking ercises after which Rev. David R. early in the morning. They failed to in-Evans offered prayer and Rev. Wilson | vestigate, however, and the man's body was not found until several hours later. -Attorneys for Floyd Smith, of Bradchurch choirs under the leadership of ford county, who has been five times respited from the electric chair, after both The tree was brilliantly illuminated the State Supreme court and the board of pardons had turned a deaf ear to appeals in his behalf, have begun the preparation of a new appeal, to be taken before the ive and the Camp Fire girls deserve first meeting of the new board of pardons a lot of credit for originating the idea under Gifford Pinchot's administration. and carrying it to a successful con- Smith's respite expires January 23rd, and a request will be made of the new Gover-On Christmas morning groups of nor, shortly after he takes office, for a men traversed the main streets of the sixth stay of execution until the new board can act. Smith is the man who was responsible for the death of his wife's two weeks old infant. He has virtually lived in the shadow of the electric chair for a year, having been brought to the death house at cial Christmas services as well as en- Rockview in January, 1922. But he has -Seventeen year old Blair Drininger, arrested at Lansdale, Montgomery county, on a handsome Elgin watch, beautifully Monday, in a signed statement given out by the police, was alleged to have confessed to having robbed six postoffices and a number of stores and homes, among the latter that of Supreme court justice George B. Orlady, at Huntingdon. The lad re--One of the last official acts of cently escaped from the Glen Mills reform Auditor General Lewis during the old school, the fifth time he had gotten away year was the appointment of mercan- from that institution in the last two years. tile appraisers in the various counties He was originally sentenced for the robbery of a wholesale grocery at Huntingdon, where he was alleged to have been leader of a band whose rendezvous was a cave in the hills. His parents live in that city. The postoffices he was said in his to perform the work entailed by his alleged confession to have admitted robappointment in an efficient and satis- bing were at Fleetville, New Foundland, Panther, Gouldsboro, Newton Square and Gradyville. He was quoted as having said that he and another boy had broken into Justice Orlady's home while the family was in Florida. They obtained \$40 the confession stated. The robberies, all of which ed robbing when he was 11 years old.

Douglas Melloch in the Crescent. Perhaps he sometimes slipped a bit-Well, so have you. Perhaps some things he ought to quit-Well, so should you. Perhaps he may have faltered-why, Why, all men do, and so have I; You must admit, unless you lie, That so have you. Perhaps if we would stop and think, Both I and you, When painting some one black as ink,

As some folks do, Perhaps if we would recollect. Perfection we would not expect. Like me and you. I'm just a man who's fairly good. I'm just like you.

-Senator Borah may have failed

ers" out of the seclusion of provincial-

State Manager Proposed.

The report of Senator Woodward's merit but it conceals it.

fice of general manager be created in levy will make up the difference.

-Dr. Finegan knew how to in- er. A tax on manufactures with a er term.

which can only be guessed at.

-Pity the poor air! The public comes along to say that it is dyspep- hibition laws, urging them to co-optic with the thousands of messages | erate in an effort "to keep liquor out that radio fans are shooting into it of the capitol." Bottles have fallen

every day.

Proposed Tax on Manufactures.

State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder, erly scandalized, so we presume Larbranches of the General Assembly, partment to the Governor, suggests a Legisl ture is designed to save it convenient pigeon hole and die. Un- ally recommend such a tax. He merelike some of its predecessors, how- ly suggests that "if the Legislature didn't get the idea from them that he ever, the principal recommendation of wishes to take care of the unpaid bills this one contains some suggestions of be depended upon to produce \$45,000,-000, but that will not be enough. The main recommendation of the According to his figures \$70,000,000 a Woodward committee is that the of- year will be required and the proposed

oughs of the State and at least one of to "clean up the mess" at Harrisburg. the third class cities have resorted to Mr. Snyder estimates that the reveor less success. But in each instance present levies on service corporations, ed in the plan of the Woodward com- mates the revenues at a trifle under it wasn't an altogether bad course at

gasoline tax on the people. But a

an attractive investment. It is a question for the Legislature to consid-

-Senator Lodge has been feastto relish it.

ed as such until the party is voted out.

-We note that after the opening of

and broken on the floors of the restaurants of the capitol at Washington, right under the nose of Mr. Volstead, and the country has been propbrium more than to urge Prohibition on it elsewhere than in the capitol. If we read his remarks aright we

risburg or any other community in the State. on Wednesday and the Bellefonte Academy yesterday, with the conseon the streets for several days.

acknoweldged boss of the Republican party in Washington but he makes Harding and Hughes "toe the mark" whenever he feels they need that sort of exercise.

----Old 1922 has run its course and

-1922 wasn't such a bad old year notwithstanding the fact that some of us may not look back on it with the pleasantest of memories.

-If everybody accepts Pinchot's invitation to attend the inaugural there will be some crowd in Harrisburg on the 16th.

-It gives us pleasure to assure the public that Bill Vare's efficiency as Senator will not be impaired by modesty.

-When Borah and Hungry Hi came to the "parting of the ways" the world was presented with a sad picture.

----It will be worth the price of a trip to Harisburg to see Larry Eyre posing as a reformer.

messenger boy.

I've done some things I never should,

But, thank the Lord, I've sense to see

They're good enough if good as me-

fonte Merchants Did Big

Business.

AFTERMATH.

After the merry Christmas bells

After the glittering Christmas tree

fter the Christmas turkey plump

With frosting capped and cuffed.

After the Christmas mail that made

Comes New Year's with its "Please Remit,"

If retrospection to the Christmas

With twinkling lights a-glow.

That tinkled o'er the snow,

With oysters overstuffed,

After the spicy Christmas cake

The postman worn and gray,

With scarlet ribbons gay.

After the Christmas mistletoe

And sheaf of Christmas bills.

With osculatory thrills

kind of an aftermath.

After the Christmas holly wreaths

Perhaps like you.

The rest of men with charity;

Say, men like you.

was done in the last week with Saturday the banner day. Uncle Sam was also overworked and

the mail in and out of Bellefonte was exceptionally heavy, averaging from for his recovery. seven to eight hundred bags of mail and parcel post packages daily. The packages.

The community tree on Chirstmas eve, the first of the kind in Bellefonte, drew hundreds of children to the court house to hear the Christmas stories told by Mrs. Krader and get advocated keeping liquor out of Har- their treat of a box of candy, while quent inrush of students of these two P. Ard made a brief talk. Christmas institutions, made things quite lively carols were sung by the various Cecil Walker.

with colored lights and a big white star on the top. It was very attractclusion.

town singing Christmas carols, so that the day was ushered in in a true Christmas way.

Of course all the churches had spetertainments and all were well attend- never lost hope and always maintained that ed. Out at the United Evangelical he would never go to the chair. church the Brotherhood presented their pastor, Rev. Reed O. Steely, with inscribed while Mrs. Steely's Sunday school class gave her twenty-five dollars as a token of their esteem.

of the State, and in Centre county the plum fell to Abraham D. Gledhill, of Howard. Mr. Gledhill conducts a restaurant in Howard and has the ability factory manner.

-When Warren Gamaliel was Senator it was all right for the Senate to butt in on diplomatic ques------Ambassador Harvey appraises tions. But now that he is at the oth- had been unsolved, extended over a perever way, I'm getting "easier" and and has "cinched" his job for anoth- ing on crow for some time and seems himself properly. He says he is a er end of the avenue he looks through iod of four years. Drininger said he startdifferent lenses.

Senator Borah may not be the