Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-If the ground hog did it, it's some comfort to realize that his job is half done.

-Another thing to consider is the danger that Germans may fall into the habit of loafing.

-It must have been a dentist instead of a doctor who said that Bolshevism is the result of bad teeth.

-Anyway Mr. Volstead's little act has served a fine purpose for a lot of daily newspapers. Always there are stories of dry raids and boot-legging breaking to fill up columns.

-We are sending grain to Russia to succor the starving population while Russia is sending grain to Ruhr to feed the Germans who won't work for our friend and ally, France. A fine state of affairs, isn't it?

-It is making a lot of difference in jamming the Senate. Talking Harding's ship subsidy to death in 1923 is the analogy of talking Wilson's merchant marine bill to death in 1915.

brating George's natal day were in evdidn't do much toward leaving pleas- track mind of our Governor. ant memories of it in this neck o' the woods.

England's machinery long enough to practically began with the inauguragather up an armful of monkey tion of John K. Tener and the late Edwrenches Mr. Lloyd George has returned and is throwing them into the State Senate that he was elected by wheels of the machinery Bonar Law is the 40,000 fraudulent votes counted trying to keep moving.

-The Governor is growing more interesting every week. He has emerged from the stage of telling us what he intends doing. Now he is beginning to let the people in on how he is going to do it. The real thrill will come, of course, when we discover that he's done it.

find getting out of bed in the morning county contributed many more than ing mind that that wasn't right. the hardest thing we have to do in the day's grind. And we want to tell the world that the mess of snow that greets our eyes nearly every morning, that big county would not sit in the after the fight with the hay is won, Pinchot corner.' is making it harder and harder.

-One proposition of the Governor that we'll all support is the proposal "clean up" now. It would have been that there shall be no new taxation by this Legislature. We're all poor the inauguration of William H. Berry now and if Gif. can get through with- as the capitol graft mess was cleaned it, if his administration ends in less of State Treasurer, and the monu-"magnificent achievement" than did mental blunders of Brumbaugh and that of his predecessor.



Importance of Honest Elections.

The esteemed Clearfield Republican joins in the regret expressed in this adelphia, president of the Women's column last week that Governor Pin- Republican club of Pennsylvania, is chot is inclined to invest all his official energy in the enforcement of laws to cent developments in the political life suppress one vice to the neglect of of the State. Mrs. Harman, who imother equally if not greater evils. agines that she carries the bulk of the "How about the ballot box stuffers, female vote of Philadelphia in whatthe fellows who override the will of ever receptacle in her costume women Washington these days whose wind is the people year after year in Pennsyl- are in the habit of placing such vania and elect whomever they please things, has stultified herself more or in defiance of law, in opposition to the less frequently since women have honest efforts of the best men and come into the right to vote. When women of Pennsylvania?" asks our Mrs. Barclay Warburton was made -Cherry trees, little hatchets and contemporary. But we see no signs vice chairman of the Republican State an impairment of the rights of womall the accessories for properly cele- of response to the inquiry. The right- committee Mrs. Harman felt with eous war against the saloons and boot- good reason that injustice had been idence yesterday, but the weather man leggers continues to absorb the single-

ly traceable to this paramount evil in -Having withdrawn from running the public life of Pennsylvania. It win H. Vare boasted in a speech in the esteemed Clearfield paper confidently declares that Martin G. Brumbaugh's election was accomplished by the same corrupt methods. "At the late chot himself was elected Governor," continues our Clearfield contemporary, "Philadelphia contributed little short of a hundred thousand crooked votes -Under ordinary circumstances we to the Pinchot aggregate. Allegheny ten thousand votes to the same column, and that against the often ex- of Philadelphia to Florida for the purpressed declaration that the gang in pose of picking a candidate for May-

If Tener had been defeated there would be no "mess at Harrisburg" to "cleaned up" immediately following out making us any poorer we'll forget up after his induction into the office abandoned or the female leaders inthe profligacies of Sproul would nev- as usual, with the understanding that -Now that the explorers have defaced the escutcheon of the usual result would follow, and time lobbying at Harrisburg were to sions and learn that in 1923 there the Egyptian atmosphere. It seems iod of their highest prosperity, never sult with interest. to us that a cadaver with a record of inflicted as much harm upon the peothree thousand years could stick it ple and good name of Pennsylvania as out long enough to see them that say these vile creatures, servants of the course in 1871 that Germany is pur- that Great Britain and the United it won't keep lying peacefully beside Republican machine and liberally rewarded by appointment to important have died of heart-failure instead of | That impression may have come from offices of honor and emolument, have disappointment at the ingratitude of the fact that this is the first time in compassed within a quarter of a cen- a thankless Kaiser. tury by stuffing ballot boxes with fraudulent votes and making false returns to place Republican politicians in positions of honor and power. No crime equals the pollution of the ballot in iniquity and evil. "Why then does Governor Pinchot treat the election reform efforts of his friends so indifferently?" continues our Clearfield contemporary. "It was to express a preference between them. the local editor of that day had a very on the liquor traffic and crooked election boards that the Republican State organization depended for years to or unfair tax has ever been imposed. sashes tied on him. What he is is in carry through any ticket named. It simply multiplies the miseries of tire front page was filled with adver-Why separate the longtime partners cold weather and increases the distoday? That is precisely the question every man and woman of Pennsylva-He's the boy who is taking the joy out nia should ask. Can it be possible that Governor Pinchot has entered into an agreement with perpetrators of ing popular opinion and it is working little in one hundred and four years. the vilest of all crimes to continue their license to debauch the ballot? His actions justify that grave suspicion. He is willing to punish one ele- imposing this tax on the poverty and Bellefonte. According to schedule the ment of his supporters but not the

Mrs. Archibald R. Harman, of Philjustly indignant because of some redone to her. But the late Senator Ed. Vare salved her wounds by making The "mess at Harrisburg" is easi- her vice chairman of something else.

Just Protest Against Injustice.

Mrs. Archibald Harman has recently been a "war horse" in the Republican organization of Philadelphia. By her own efforts, or under her direction, the rank and file of the female Republicans of the city have been organized, importuned, instructed and for him in South Philadelphia. The even dragooned into active party work. But whenever any special distinction was to be bestowed on a woman the scion of some more socially prominent or wealthier family was fa-November election, when Gifford Pin- vored. The best she could ever get was the vice presidency of the city committee or the presidency of the Women's Republican club of Pennsylvania. Even a casual consideration of the subject will convince any discern-

The recent trip of the male bosses or seems to be the "straw that broke the camel's back." Mrs. Harman had come to understand that the women vote-getters should have equal share with the men managers in the selection of candidates and the conduct of campaigns. In that event the customary southern trip would have to be vited to participate. Neither of these things happened. The trip was taken,

Woman's Views of Woman's Rights.

There is reason and logic in the argument of a woman writer in the Philadelphia Record who favors the bill introduced into the General Assembly by Senator Schantz, of Lehigh county, on the subject of jury service fortunes. for women. The bill in question provides that any woman drawn for jury service may be excused on application in writing to the sheriff of the county in which she lives. The club women of the State protested with considerable vehemence against such legislation on the ground that it would work

ject. It goes without saying that any legislation which impairs the rights of women in this day of grace is absurd. The rights of women to complete equality before the law is recognized by legislation, State and national, that could be used as security for note The anchor weighs 33,300 pounds and is and guaranteed before the possibility issues, and 3 per cent. bonds without wrought of cast steel. The giant anchor and guaranteed before the possibility of a backward step. But the right to that privilege. A rate of 3, rising to was shipped in a well car, which, with a exemption from jury upon request is 32 per cent. after 10 years, in a trans- lower bottom, accommodated one arm of no impairment of privilege, legal or moral. In fact it bestows upon the feminine citizen a power which would be eagerly seized and highly prized by their brothers, their uncles or their fathers. Under the Schantz bill a heart, that insists on regarding this Stronss for \$30,000 damages. According to woman drawn for jury service may act or not as she chooses, whereas a man finance. We entered the war in our land county court, his shoulders were similarly situated has no choice. He own interest, because our rights were crushed, his arms, wrists, hands, legs, must serve or pay a heavy fine.

But the point which the "Woman Juror" brought to notice is of a different nature. During the committee hearing on the bill one of the female opponents of the measure, assuming to speak for all the women of the State, asked Senator Schantz "where are the women who are in favor of the bill in question?" In answer to this "A Woman Juror" states that they are not organized in clubs for are at home cooking, sewing and caring for their children," and added, "if some of the women who spend all their the future to read the present discus-

The War Debts.

From the Philadelphia Record. All of the 10 billion dollars we advanced to our associates in the war was spent in this country, buying American materials, employing American labor and enhancing American fortunes. The European belligerents were good customers, and even in the cold world of business favors are shown to be good customers. Further-more, nearly half of the 10 billions was recovered by the government in excess profits taxes. We were not out quite so much as we may have supposed.

Those of our statesmen who regardrate of money, but for a great many of suicide or murder on the employer. years the British public debt was pop- Declared to be the largest ever f reduced to 21. Our government has of Chester, for the Leviathan, which is now erations, long before the expiration of ry between 600 and 10,000 pounds. which money will again be cheap, is _____Bernard Strouss, wealthy Mount Car-

But it is a mean soul, or a disloyal our war, and we advanced our nation-al credit in aid of the nations that were pouring out their blood in rivers in a struggle that was ours as well as theirs. They are not merely, or chiefly, our debtors; they are our comrades in arms. We fought by the side of the British in breaking the Hindenburg line. We fought by the side of the French in the Belleau Wood and at Chateau-Thierry and St. Mihiel and in the Argonne. They furnished men, and we furnished some of the money. It will be painful for Americans in

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Plans are now being made by the Gettysburg chamber of commerce to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd of this year.

-Mrs. Lena Margel, widow of Joe Mar-gel, was awarded \$10,000 damages at New Castle last Saturday, by the jury which heard her suit for \$25,000 damages against Louis Weinberg, a constable. Margel was killed in an encounter with Weinberg more than a year ago.

-Speechless for six months, Miss Laura Hartzell, of Bloomsburg, suddenly recovered her voice at the Bloomsburg hospital last week. For six weeks she made no effort to speak, resting her voice completely. She was confident that her prayers for recovery would be answered. Doctors said if she were careful not to strain her voice she would probably experience no further trouble.

-Grace Methodist church, Williamsport, has instructed the superintendent of the Williamsport district, Central Pennsylvania Methodist conference, to use his good offices to obtain reappointment of the Rev. Alexander Scott to the Grace pastorate. If he is sent back the congregation will add \$400 per year to his salary. Rev. Scott's pastorate at Grace has been successful and satisfactory to his parishioners.

-A murdered man's widow is entitled to compensation under certain circumstances. the State Compensation Board decided at en. The writer in the Record is not associates in the war as exclusively a to Mrs. Catharine Ford, of McAdoo. Her in accord with that view, and as she business matter are very much dissat- husband was found with his throat cut. signs herself "A Woman Juror," it isfied with the rate of interest. The near a coal stripping, and was so near may be assumed she knows her sub- rate is more likely to be too high than death he could not tell what happened to too low. It is lower than the present him. The decision put the burden of proof

Declared to be the largest ever fabriularly known as the 3 per cents, and cated in this country, an anchor has been before the Boer war the rate had been | shipped by the American Steel foundries, in recent years sold 2 per cent. bonds being reconditioned at Newport News, Va. action that will extend over two gen- the device. As a usual thing, anchors va-

more likely to be too high than too mel resident, invited Elmer E. Rowe, his barber, to ride with him in his automobile. The car upset, and Rowe has sued violated, and because a German tri- spine, spinal cord and column, face, nose, umph would threaten our safety and lips, eyes, ears, heart, lungs, liver, stomour freedom of action. The war was ach and nerves were so damaged that he

> -Running away from her home only partially clad, Mary Wasko, 17 years old, of Columbia county, was found dead last Friday afternoon from exposure, in a field a half mile from her home at Briar Creek. The girl had been ill for some time, and following a reprimand left the house. She tried to commit suicide by throwing herself in front of a train, but the engineer stopped in time to avoid striking her. Residents of that section took her home, but she escaped a few minutes later and disappeared to her death.

-A 50-gallon still, seized when George -Now that the explorers have of have defaced the escutcheon of the usual result would follow, and - found old King "Tut" none of the big Pennsylvania. The saloons at their Mrs. Harman is inferentially informed do the same, life in Pennsylvania found old King "Tut" none of the big museums want him. They say he won't keep in any other pickle than ouring out their blood for nearly Bowers is the operator. The county three years before we entered it in a bought the still when it was offered for war for civilization and democracy, in | sale and the sheriff put in a plea for it, which our interest was as deep as He said he needed a conce pot for the jail. theirs. It is perfectly right for us to His plea was granted, the jail has the pot expect them to repay the advances; and Bowers, a prisoner as a result of his we incurred very large expenses on illegal operation of the machine, is in the our own account. But we sent 2,000,- kitchen as coffee-maker. 000 soldiers to France-in order to Brdie offers a who --Radio offers a wholesale challenge to keep the war out of America-and churches because "we may perhaps be they crossed the ocean in safety becompelled to make good or to go out of cause the British navy was helping us business," the Rev. E. J. Van Etten told in keeping the sea clear of the comhis congregation at Calvary Protestant. Episcopal church, in Pittsburgh Sunday night. Among the dangers of the situation, he said, were that "broadcasting church services will prove something of a disintegrating force of the church organizations themselves, that only the fittest preachers will survive, and struggling churches will, more or less 'go to the wall.' " -Thomas Wilson, 6 foot basket ball star of the Camp Hill High school team, of Harrisburg, helped save Prof. C. G. Bowers, principal of the school, from getting a thrashing at the hands of another pupil, but it did not save him when it came his turn to get one from the principal. Four pupils were summoned before the principal for disorderly conduct. The first took his punishment and apologized before the school. Merle Balmer, another basket ball ewspapers with correspondents at player, was next. He started to mix it up with the principal, and the latter had to call for help. Wilson intervened for him, down there. All is not as rosy for but, being next on the list, he got his lacing just as if nothing had happened. As ly administered during the last quar- to Deerstown in time for breakfast. they wanted the public to believe two Balmer refused to take a thrashing and apologize he has been expelled. ---The home of C. W. Shannon, of Berwick, was wrecked by an explosion of the kitchen range just as Shannon arose from the breakfast table Saturday morning. Pieces of metal were driven through partitions, all the windows in the house were broken and several in adjoining homes, but Shannon and his wife, who were up stairs, escaped injury. One piece of iron weighing about 10 pounds tore the back off the chair on which Shannon had been sitting only a minute before and then went through a partion into another room. Imprints of the stove lids were made in the ceiling and the coals from the stove were scattered through three rooms, setting fire to the debris. Neighbors put out the blaze, however, before the firemen arrived. Frozen water pipes are believed to have caused the explosion.

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-That Harrisburg couple who are asking the neighbors to supply a name for their new baby are doing some clever advertising for its pop's florist shop. What Mr. Uttley is really after is to get a lot of people to "say it with flowers"-flowers from his shopthen he'll step in and name the baby himself. It's his prerogative. It's a boy.

-The Prince of Wales, the demoeratic young chap who some day might be King of England, is tired bein' fiddle-de deed and having pink rebellion. It is crying out to be let alone, to pursue life like regular folks pursue it. We're for the Prince. of life for the snobs.

-The proposal that a commission of the Legislature be appointed to study and report on a plan for a more equitable system of taxation for Pennsylvania sounds good to us, principally because the author of the resolution, Representative Alexander, of Media, thinks fifteen thousand dollars a sufficient appropriation to defray its expenses. A Pennsylvania commission on fifteen thousand dollars would be worth while even if it only scratched the skin of the tax problem.

-Just at the season when the regular duck is thinking of flying north one of the big lame ducks in Washington is getting ready to fly south. Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, whose constituents invited him to stay at home last fall, has been appointed Ambassador to Peru. He much preferred being in the Cabinet, but the Ambassadress was evidently regarded as being too frank with her gossipy letters to newspapers to be an entirely safe person to have around Washington these days.

-We note that a movement is afoot among the world's best writers to at the time this item was written project real literature on the silver screen. In other words the highbrows are going to uplift the movies. Our first impulse was to view this undertaking with alarm, but now that we recall the result of that conference of the best writers-no, it was the best Reily, Harding's alleged Governor of minds-that was held at Marion, Porto Rico. Persistent effort may get Ohio, a bit over two years ago, we're not so much perturbed. Anyway, we can't stick a movie out. We get a dizzik in the head-as old August Newman, of Milesburg, used to sayafter ten minutes and all our real joy Bunny.

have had the past three weeks the groundhog must have seen two shadows on Candlemas day. And the man who last fall predicted a mild and open opportunities for graft availed itself

other.

er prophet. The fact is the winter has been most everything else but mild and open. While we have not had any extremely cold weather, where the thermometer dropped to 15 to 20 million dollar pool was the enticement degrees below zero and hung around in that neighborhood for a week at a for this unjust exaction. stretch, yet there have been few days when the mercury topped the freez- day people are suffering because of ing point. And as to being open, it this tax. The price of coal, previously has been everything but that. The excessive, was increased because of first snow of any consequence fell on December 14th and some of that is etfull at a time get less for their monstill on the ground. In fact the total ey in the ratio of the increase in price. snowfall this winter has undoubtedly

been the greatest in some years, and thank goodness, the first of March the others it ought to be supported in substantial shape just as soon as than the jawbone of an ass. more of it was coming down. But will soon be here and the cold weather and passed, and in any event the in- the weather in the spring will permit can't last much longer.

-They have finally got "Mont" Attorney General Daugherty and Ambassader Harvey.

-----The moment that any one announces that King Tutankhamun's private stock has been found we will of the film went to heaven with John begin to feel an interest in the search step" too long the "tango" may be of his tomb,

-If France had adopted the suing now Prince Bismarck would States are closer together than ever.

Repeal of the Coal Tax.

There are now pending in the General Assembly, at Harrisburg, three bills providing for the repeal of the Vol. I No. 11, under date of Monday law levying a tax on anthracite coal. We have not had opportunity to analyze these measures and are unable But it is certain that the purpose is commendable. No more objectionable comforts of an unpropitious climate. were the announcements of five men It was conceived in an iniquitous purpose to promote profligacy. It was enacted in contempt of an overwhelmharm and injustice every day it remains on the statute books.

There never was a valid reason for line between Northumberland and industry of Pennsylvania. If the government of the State had been proper- day morning at five o'clock and drove -Judging from the weather we ter of a century there would have been Dinner was eaten at Mifflinburg and abundance of revenue to meet the ob- the night spent at Aaronsburg. Leavligations of administration. But the ing Aaronsburg at seven o'clock the hungry political machine in search of winter made a poor guess as a weath- of an over-ambitious executive to put this evil over and a packed court af- Bellefonte at four o'clock in the afterfirmed its validity in spite of the protests of the ablest lawyers of the State. The expectant grab at the ten that influenced the machine to strive

In every part of Pennsylvania toed Northumberland at four o'clock on the tax and the poor who buy a buck-But it enabled the Republican machine | tre and Clinton county commissioners, to indulge in an orgie of profligacy for held in Lock Haven last Thursday, it a time and that is what it was for. If was decided to repair the inter-counone of the pending bills is better than ty bridge at Beech Creek and put it famous tax should be repealed at the of work being started. A number of earliest moment possible. There are designs and plans were considered but plenty of methods of taxation and no definite selection made at that abundance of objects for revenue meeting. without this monstrous measure.

weren't as good to Pinchot at the cru- sidy forever, and of Senator Borah for claimed as well by the populace. cial moment as the ballot box stuffers.

-If Germany insists on the "sideker have about given up in dispair. substituted.

Ambassador Harvey believes our history that we have been represented in London by a joke.

In the Days of Stage Coaching.

Tuesday afternoon.

a while.

mon enemy. We should be disgraced if we sought to make money out of A copy of the Bellefonte Patriot, our financial backing of our comrades morning, July 27th, 1818, was placed in arms. Senator Glass told the truth when upon our desk this week, and after looking it over we have decided that he said, "The indebtedness of the United States to Great Britain is quite as great as Great Britain's indebtedeasy time of it, as not one item of loness to the United States." It was a cal news could be found in the four noble speech that Mr. Glass made, a pages of four columns each. The enspeech that honors his country as well as himself, and it will be remembered tising matter and among the number when the peanut politicians who fear that we will not make enough out of eager to be elected to the office of our loans have been long forgotten. sheriff, evidence that in this respect times and customs have changed very All is Not Rosy for Pinchot.

rom the Clearfield Republican. But most remarkable of all the ad-Pittsburgh and other large daily vertisements was that of the stage Harrisburg are beginning to tell the truth about the conditions in evidence stage left Northumberland every Fri-Governor Pinchot and his program as weeks ago. It seems now a lot of Senators and Members who were appearing to rush to his side at the outset seeing things and wondering are next morning the stage made Earlyswhether or not they were too prematown (evidently the Old Fort hotel) ture. They cannot worm themselves in time for dinner and arrived in into his confidence and he will not trust any one outside the select few of noon, thus taking two days to make his personal appointments. Looks as if there will be some hot doings within the trip that is now made by autothe very near future. Many of the would-be independents feel they have mobile in from three to four hours. The fare was \$4.50, and passengers been slighted and are talking much were entitled to carry baggage to the like the followers of the organization extent of fourteen pounds. Returntalk, when they are in earnest. ing the stage left Bellefonte at five o'clock on Monday morning and reach-

They Were Pikers.

From the Harrisburg Telegram. It is writ that Daniel went down into a den of lions and escaped un--At a joint meeting of the Censcathed. that little David went out against the mighty Goliath and slew him, and it is of written record what Sampson did to a multitude of Philistines with no more formidable weapon

But even so they were pikers, all of them. Mere pikers. For lo, and behold, and there com-

eth in these latter days one Gifford Pinchot, who, having formulated a budget some twenty-eight million less than hath been customary, he layeth it before the Legislature, and not only Possibly the saloon keepers gress we will get rid of the ship sub- doth he get away alive, but is ac-

> -If Lloyd George will "search -The ship subsidy bill is breath- his heart" thoroughly he may discover ing hard and Drs. Harding and Las- that he is himself somewhat to blame for present conditions.

-George Bryant, known throughout the northern part of the State as the "David Harum" of Pennsylvania, is dead at his home in Carbondale, which is known as the "house of a thousand fiddles." Bry-

ant, who was a great character and who would rather make a dicker for an article than purchase it, had a penchant for fiddles, and the rooms of his home are lined with cases containing all manner of violins, from the cheap variety sold in pawnshops to the really good instruments. Persons who have visited the house say that there are easily 1000 violins there, but his brother Joseph maintains that there are nearer 2000 of them. In addition to this wonderful collection of violins there are numerous other musical instruments, enough guns to equip an infantry company and two or three trunkfuls of watches that the deceased had acquired in trades.

----With the adjournment of Con-