## Democratic Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

-The first half of 1923 is gone. -Yes, thank you, the finger is well enough to push a pencil again.

- - A New York jury has convicted a woman of first degree murder, but that doesn't mean that she will finaliy pay the penalty in the death chamber.

-Vegetation is practically dried up. The recent rains might help some but for the most part early garden produce and fruit will be small and of inferior quality.

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President Harding's Queer Ideas.

paign trip through the West, but he

peal of the prohibition enforcement

enforcement of the federal laws.

In the same connection he declared

is any element of surrender of scv-

of Congress with the State it would

have committed an act of nullifica-

tion. But it didn't do anything of the

surrender of sovereignty by the States in this matter, says: "It will

be necessary, at large expense, to cre-

ate a federal police authority, which

oth courts and police and at an ex-

-There is some comfort in the

pense in one year greater than all the

who are trying to make Governor

Smith, of New York, and Henry Ford

candidates for President will get tired

Only Promises for Soldiers.

coming to them sometime. But the

When the resolution providing for

this amendment was pending in the

Legislature, attention was called to

the fact that a vote on it by the peo-

source of graft. But the funds for

convention promised them a bonus in

come and gone and the pledge is un-

would require quite as much money

various extravagances have been in-

-It is safe to say that the histo-

others from the beginning.

sooner or later.

possible.

-The million dollar joy-ride on the Leviathan ended last Sunday and all of Lasker's guests are enthusiastic over the pleasure they had riding on the sea while the rest of us were digging for the million to pay for their

-Geraldine Farrar has been granted her divorce from Lou Tellegen and with it given the right to resume her maiden name and take a fresh gander, should one turn up. But pity poor Lou! The law denies him the right to grab a fresh goose.

Taft's administration, in 1912. Republican policies are surely calculated to make the farmer's life a happy one -we don't think.

-An now we're going to seize the foreign ships that bring liquor under their own governmental seals into our territorial waters. It is the only thing to do by which we can hope to command respect for our laws, but the consequences of it may be more farreaching than some of us are able to foresee today.

resee today.

-Next week we take off. Nothing Legislature of New York had forbid doing but fishing and loafing about a the federal authorities to enforce acts camp in the mountains. If you feel like it we would be glad to have you come to visit us during the week. All you'll have to do is catch what trout kind, and in approving the legislation by an equally odious pretense and poses and utterly ignoring changing you hope to eat, take your turn at washing dishes and carrying wood federal authorities to "help themeda". and sleep out in the open if you snore | selves." loud enough to disturb the slumbers of those who don't.

-It would be interesting to know just how much the tenants in Mr. Heverly's new flats, on Allegheny street, would give to have those grand old elm trees casting their cooling shade over them these days. The lesson of this section and the Bishop and Allegheny street corner is one that owners of property in those sections have paid dearly for and while it is too late for them to correct their mistakes we feel certain that their advice to others will be to preserve the trees, wherever possible.

-Mr. Bryan was in Altoona Tuessembled for their annual get-to-gether meeting at Lakemont. He closed his speech with these words: "The church cannot lower its standards to get in smart young men, educated fellows thought that those foolish persons with big heads, who would not come in as little children." Some time ago we announced that we were with Mr. Bryan in his fight for preservation of the fundamentals of faith. It has not been often that we have been with him, but it has not been often that he has championed an issue so vital to the future welfare and happiness of humanity.

-The locusts sure got on our nerves. From morning 'til night we heard nothing but their monotonous drone, wherever we went. It was such a mournful, depressing sound, too, to be always in one's ears. And it made us think so much of the last day of dear old "Daddy" Steele. He was on his death bed. The end was not far off and a few good Methodist sisters had gathered in his humble little home over on north Thomas street to "ease" him "over the falls." "Daddy" roused from the coma that he had fallen into the day before, and asked some one to sing. Immediately a quavering little soprano began: "Hark! from the Tomb, a Mournful Sound!" She got just far enough for the passing old saint to recognize what she was starting, when he opened his eyes, smiled, said: "Stop that. Sing something cheerful," and then closed them again for the last time. And, always, after the locusts came, we had what must have been the same reaction to their doleful song that "Daddy" had to the good sister's "Hark! from the Tomb, a Mournful Sound."

-This Mrs. McCauley lady, of Beaver, who has followed Marcus Aaron, terested in the funds which go to the benefit the government is able to beof Pittsburgh, in resigning from the Highway Department. In the dis- stow." Why should working folk State council of education, threatens bursement of that fund there is a want Harding re-elected? to be Pinchot's Mrs. Bellamy Storer. Either he's got to call the lady a liar the bonus holds out no such allure- should the average business man feel or let a lot of people think that that's ment. what he is, one himself. She tells him, Pinchot sought her out, because she postponement of provision for them uncertainty as to the future and he is was president of the State school di- will not worry them much. Three utterly unable to plan ahead on acrector's association, and secured her promise to support him in the primary on his verbal promise that he would re-appoint Mr. Finegan Superintend- two sessions of Congress have since such a condition in this country of ent of Public Instruction. And, to add insult to injury, she reveals Gif. in fulfilled. The President gave as an manager (Mrs Pinchot)" gave her the same verbal promise. Cordelia is would require quite as much money for the nomination is now in progress day. She can speak for herself, but what's Gif. going to do about it. If dulged in by the administration he rises up and says Mrs. McCauley which in the aggregate would have is fabricating every body will jump on cancelled the claims of the soldiers. him for calling names at a lady. If But they get nothing but promises. Indiana wisely defeated him. he don't; every body will say what is the truth: You told us last fall that there wasn't a string to you and that ry of Henry Ford's campaign for you hadn't made a promise to any one. President is "bunk."



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., JUNE 29, 1923.

School System the Victim.

President Harding has made some In resigning her seat in the State very absurd statements and advanced Council of Education Mrs. E. Grace Harding has practically surrendered some strangely preposterous ideas McCauley, of Beaver, Pa., not only to Senator Lodge on the question of since he left Washington on his cam- administers a sharp rebuke to Gov- the world court. In submitting the ernor Pinchot but makes a charge of proposition at the close of the last touched the climax in his speech in grave moral and official delinquency Congress the President indicated cer-Denver, Colorado. He must have against him. She declares that during tain reservations which, though of litimagined that the people he was ad- the campaign for the nomination last tle value, might have been accepted dressing are as dense as the moun- spring, Mr. Pinchot promised, as a by a majority of the Senators and the tains about the city in which he was consideration for her support, that court itself. But Senator Lodge proan honored guest. For example, he in the event of his nomination and tested that more drastic reservations repeated the foolish statement pre- election he would reappoint Dr. Fine- must be made and now the President viously made in a letter, that the re- gan as Superintendent of Public comes forward with a proposition so Instruction. The constitution of the absolutely absurd that no self-respect--Hogs are bringing only six and act by the New York Legislature was State requires all elective officers to ing nation already associated with the three-quarter cents a pound in the a form of nullification. Nullification swear that they have not paid or court would think of adopting it. He Chicago market. The price is the low- is defined as "rendering void and of contributed, or promised to pay or proposes to make the tribunal perest recorded since the last year of no effect." The legislation in question contribute, any money or other valu- manent by investing it with authority simply left to federal authority the able thing to procure their nomina- to fill any vacancies that may occur tion or election.

Upon assuming the duties of the most emphatically expressed its sov- one will deny that an office with a questions of domestic policy. If there promised Mrs. McCauley that in consideration of her support and in-

Thus far there has been no denial President Harding, in lamenting the of the charge made by Mrs. McCauley. Possibly Governor Pinchot imagines that the constitution of Pennsylvania is "a scrap of paper" and may be set aside as it was evaded objection to the principles but because politics in consequence.

> -It isn't necessary to leave our finger prints "in the sands of time." over the belief that Bellefonte's big The police bureaus will preserve them if they are worth while.

## Chairman Hull's Hopeful View.

Mr. Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic National committee, takes a hopeful view of the future of the The veterans of the World War will Democratic party. He is a member have to wait another year for the of Congress with long experience in bonus which the Republican machine public life and wide acquaintance has been promising to their ears for among public men. Besides that he some years. The Supreme court has has an active and analytical mind and declared that constitutional amend- has given much and careful study to ments may be voted on this year but conditions as they exist. "The rank the Attorney General's office decides and file of the American voters," he differently. Other amendments may writes, "have been accustomed to be voted on this year, but the amend- judge national administrations by rement which provides for the veterans' sults as they come to the voter. The bonus must go over until 1924 for first inquiry that will arise in the for the reason that the text of the mind of the voter next year will be resolution fixes that year as the time 'why should we desire another four for the vote. The veterans may be years of Harding and Harding norcomforted, meantime, by the practical malcy in the light of recent expericertainty that they will get what is ences?

Having thus set his premise Mr. clusion. The farmers of the country are \$30,000,000,000 worse off today than when Harding was elected and their future is practically hopeless. "Why should they want to continue ple might be hastened by an amend- his administration and policies four ment changing the date from 1924 to years more?" The American laborer 1923. The resolution fixing the date has no greater reason for a desire to for a vote on the amendment to pro- re-elect Harding. Tariff taxation has vide \$50,000,000 for the use of the increased the cost of living so that Highway Department permitted the working men are unable to lay up any vote at the next general election and savings and special privilges have so the Supreme court declares the next dominated the administration, an elegeneral election to be the election next ment most unfriendly to the cause of had no heavy rains in that period. November. But the politicians are in- labor, that "it has gobbled up every

In conclusion, Mr. Hull asks, "Why any friendship or gratitude toward The war veterans are getting used the Harding administration? His right to his teeth, that he and Mrs. to disappointments, however, and this business is confronted with hopeless years ago the Republican National count of the operation of wholly unsound domestic and foreign economic the event of Harding's election, but policies." There is no reason for wealth and abundance and no likelihood that an intelligent electorate the new role of Mr. Henry Peck by excuse for this delinquency that funds will vote to continue it. Mr. Harding writing him that "your campaign were low and a day or two later he is certain to be the candidate of his for the nomination is now in progress home. She arrived from Europe Fri- as the soldiers asked. Since that and the nominating convention will be packed in his interest.

> -Senator Beveridge is still doing his best to prove that the people of

> -That scientist who says the sun has lost its heat isn't a scientist at all. He's simply a fool.

Harding's Absurd Proposition.

in the future. The court is already in operation that in repealing the enforcement act office of Governor Mr. Pinchot sol- with a membership of upward of fifty the New York Legislature had relinquished its southern of New York the Legislature of New York the Legislature of New York the law the Legislature of New York has certainly committed perjury. No united States. It provides for the has certainly committed perjury. No filling of your neighbor the council of filling of vacancies by the council of ereign right to control its own police salary of ten thousand dollars a year the League of Nations and affords oppower and legislate as it pleased on is a valuable thing. If the Governor portunity to keep abreast of the progress of the world. Several vacancies have already been filled in that way to ereignty in that it is not perceptible fluence at the primary election he the entire satisfaction of those preswould appoint Dr. Finegan to the ent. The proposition of the President office in question, he violated the con- would achieve permanency, no doubt, stitution of the State, and the sub- but it would be the type found in the sequent betrayal of the promise in no grave yard. The surviving members respect mitigates his offense. On the would fill vacancies by choosing men contrary it supplements an odious act committed to their own ideas and purconditions and progress.

President Harding seems to be one of those curious creatures who imagine they "can fool all the people all the time." He opposed the ratifica-tion of the League of Nations as a Senator in Congress, not because of

-A certain gentleman was conlower than usual. Had such actually been the case it would have been a story of vital interest and importance to every resident of Bellefonte, but borough manager J. D. Seibert avers that the man's eyes deceived him. He admits that when all pumps are running full force the water goes down about eight inches, to the level of the top board in the spillway, but that there has been no decrease in the capacity of the spring and no cause for alarm on the part of anybody.

-Last winter, and even up to a month ago, most everybody was complaining about the cold weather; now there is just as much complaint because it is too hot to be comfortable. What a queer world this would be if time is fixed as far in the future as Hull proceeds to reason out his con- the seasons of hot and cold, sunshine and shower, could be given to suit the whims and fancies of every individual. A large pan of scrambled eggs would look like angel cake alongside of the weather we would then have.

-As a result of Tuesday's rain, the water in Spring Creek is muddy. Ordinarily this is not an unusual condition, but thus far this season it is; for only twice since April 15th have the waters been discolored at all, which indicates the fact that we have

-Senator Pepper rather vehemently declares that he is in accord with the President's desire to enter the world court and that will create sentiment against it.

-It may interest the public to know that Mr. Lasker is fairly well pleased with the trial trip of the Leviathan and entirely satisfied with

-In the course of time Mr. Hard-

ing will come to understand that Herbert Hoover is a false prophet. The rest of the people already know it.

Without official authority to speak on the subject it is reasonably safe to say that if the Germans will pay the French will go.

-One of Mr. Bryan's friends says "he's a good loser." But that is only conjecture. Mr. Bryan has never lost any money.

-For all the news you should read the "Watchman."

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Three Words. By Douglas Malloch. There are three words, the sweetest words

In all of human speech More sweet than are all songs of birds, On pages poets preach.

This life may be a vale of tears, A sad and dreary thing-Three words, and trouble disappears And birds begin to sing.

Three words and all the roses bloom The sun begins to shine. Three words will dissipate the gloom-And water turn to wine.

Three words will cheer the saddest days "I love you?" Wrong, by heck! It is another, sweeter phrase "Enclosed find check."

The American Model in China.

From the Kansas City Star. In their poor, weak strivings to master the mystery of government as they have observed its workings in more enlightened countries, the Chinese, we fear, have not always been given credit for what they have accomplished. They have worked under great difficulties, the chief of which is that they know nothing about the science of taxation.

But they have somehow acquired a dim perception that the first duty of government is to tax business, and before we condemn them for their failure to make a complete job of it tooth cutting gum. and lay business out cold, we ought to consider the progress they have made keep a man's heart from jumping out of

without the instincts of government. its correct position. The organ in some We read that they have worked out a system, crude indeed and inefficient compared with our own, by which business is regularly made to turn over a share of its profits. The system is admirable in some ways, being authority to manage local concerns."
From the beginning of the government, federal, judicial and police systems have been maintained to treat violators of Acts of Congress, and all violators of postal laws or other Acts of Congress have been tried in such of the stead act requires the co-operation of both courts and under such auspices.

Only the enforcement of the Volstead act requires the co-operation of both courts and police and of the State strains of the school system of the state strains of the such open paper work. Our own inmove reasonable conjecture is, however, that the charge is true and cannot cannot be denied. Mrs. McCauley is a fight he now offers a condition which he knows is impossible of acceptance but hopes will afford him shelter in a controversy with the Governor, who appears to be habitually careless of his reputation for "truth and veractive." In any event the school system of the State strains of returns, reports, vouchers, the knows is impossible of acceptance but hopes will afford him shelter in both camps. He wants to "run with the Chinese bandits have instituted a great economy in this respect. They shall be a single piece of paper work. Our own involving very little—though some—paper work. Our own involves a great deal, requiring mountains of returns, reports, vouchers, the knows is impossible of acceptance but hopes will afford him shelter in both camps. He wants to "trun with the Chinese bandits have instituted a great economy in this respect. They shall be a single piece of paper and the charge in some ways, being very letter though some paper work. Our own involving trains of returns, reports, vouchers, the knows is impossible of acceptance but hopes will afford him shelter in the chinese bandits and burn it under the nose of the business man selected for taxation, and it is said he rarely fails to pay. This simple system is in effect throughout great areas of China, and shows but its said to be supported by the same selected for paper and the same selected for paper and same selected for paper and same selected for paper and same selected for the same selected for paper and same selected for the same selected for taxation, and it is said he rarely fails to pay.

shows by its progress that the science siderably exercised a few days ago Business men are kidnapped whenever of government is spreading rapidly. they can be caught with money on spring was dwindling in capacity. He them and taxed. They are not harhappened to pass the spring just at a assed by treasury inquisitors or time when all the pumps were running bothered with returns which require at full capacity and came to this of- the aid of a lawyer to make them out. fice with a story in effect that the They are merely requested to hand spring was at least eighteen inches over what they have, and if they don't seem to remember what they have-for taxed persons everywhere never seem to have any notion of their own affairs—the paper-burning be gins. As the flame begins to tickle the nose of the business man he realizes the obligation business owes to government. He recognizes that government must live even if business dies. He pays and the whole trans-action is recorded on that little piece of burned paper, which, for all we know, is not even filed as a government document.

In view of this showing we ought perhaps to take back much of what we have said about the Chinese incapacity for government. They are really learning. Their system may be wasteful, for it is probable the taxing power sometimes fails to get all that business has. The merchants frequently get away with their shirts. This is a defect in the system to be sure, but the Chinese do not claim to have perfected it yet. Government is of slow growth. Even in Kansas City we went years without a gasoline tax.

## A Mild Warning.

From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Sometimes political knavery disguises itself in the garb of righteousness and camouflages its real purpose to such an extent that honest men are deceived. In the political raid upon the Municipal Court for the purpose of establishing the right of the organization to dictate Republican nominations in Philadelphia and to compel obedience to its mandates, there has not been the slightest attempt at disguise or camouflage of

any kind.

The purpose lying back of the bill taking away from the president judge the power of patronage has been openly avowed. The character of the political sowies a which the present in the political sowies are presented in the political sowies are pres litical service to which the measure is expected to give aid is subject to no doubt. The bill will confirm the strength of those elements in the local pital campaign for \$250,000 which closed Republican party, against whom the successful effort for the nomination of Governor Pinchot was a protest.

The Governor must be acquainted with these facts. They are patent to him who runs, and reads or listens but casually. To ignore them would be unfortunate under any circumstances and doubly so when such action would have every appearance of being the settlement of an acknowledged debt.

-The Governor still declares he made no bargains for legislation and Senator Vare is still confident that all agreements will be kept.

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-After an absence of 30 years, Fred W Meuroth, Connellsville firebrick expert, will return to Germany to make an exhaustive study of brickmaking.

-Lewistown council increased the salary of Chief of Police Yeaman from \$100 to \$125 a month, with instructions to get after violators of traffic laws.

-While swimming in a dam at Ore Hill. Blair county, Saturday evening, David R. Boyer, 13 years old, of Queen, was drowned. He tried to reach a stump in the center of the dam and exhausted his strength. Three boys, swimming at the time, made an unsuccessful attempt to save him.

-Using the contents of a fire extinguisher in an effort to induce sleep, Garfield U. Lintner, a contracting painter, of Lancaster, went to a field near his home and was suffocated by the fumes, the police say. He was accustomed to using chloroform to induce sleep, but substituted the other liquid instead.

-Clarence E. Mentzer, yardmaster at Harrisburg of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, was electrocuted on Saturday when he grasped a sagging telephone wire as he was riding on the top of a train in Steelton. The wire came in contact with a high-tension line and Mentzer was killed instantly.

-Schuylkill county commissioners last Friday gave orders for legal proceedings to be entered against two-score tax collectors who have not collected the increased taxes on the coal lands. The bondsmen of the collectors will be compelled to make good the shortage. The amount of the deficit is about \$400,000

-The Rev. Judson Barnes, pastor of the Baptist churches at Ashland and Girardville, has resigned, stating that he is unable to live on his salary of \$60 a month. He was selling automobiles as a side line when the congregation objected. He presented his resignation. The Rev. Mr. Barnes went to Ashland from Shamokin two years ago.

-Although 78 years old, A. J. Frederick, a Civil war veteran, of York county, is cutting a tooth. Some of his friends thought it a joke on hearing of it, but Mr. Frederick displayed a tooth cutting through the upper gum. As a matter of fact, he said, he has suffered considerable pain the past few days as a result of the

-Palmerton physicians are trying to in that direction, even though their methods and the results they have achieved are halting and feeble.

These Chinese bandits now are not the palmerton hospital, where surgeons are trying to check his heart from moving further from check his heart from moving further from mysterious manner has moved two inches toward the center of the body and thence downward two more inches.

-An unusual spirit of co-operation is being shown by property owners along the state highway between Bloomsburg and Berwick, where a permanent road is being constructed. In places the road is narrow and lawns, shade trees, a house and several barns encroached. One man will lose ten feet off the end of his barn, but agreed to accept the actual cost of cutting off the end of the building, the county paying the contractor. Other property owners have settled for small sums.

-The hot weather last Friday was responsible for a brutal fight near Berwick, as a result of which Chauncey Everhart, of Wapwallopen, is under bail on a charge of assault with intent to kill. H. W. Schweppenheiser, of Berwick, went fishing. Everhart went swimming. Both picked the same hole in Wapwallopen creek, but Everhart was there first and refused to leave the pool. He says Schweppenheiser hit him with a stone, whereupon he left the creek and is alleged to have administered a severe beating to the fisherman.

-Falling through a window in a passenger coach of a Pennsylvania railroad excursion train, Sunday, William D. Mullett, Altoona, is suffering from lacerations of the scalp and a fracture of the wrist. Mullett was on an excursion train being operated from Altoona to Atlantic City. He fell or leaped through the window as the train was passing the RJ tower near Rockville. Just prior to the accident Mullet had gotten out a flask which was taken from him and the contents poured in the drain by the officer accompanying the train.

-Picking up a live wire carrying several thousand volts. George L. Tirsh, a company lineman was instantly killed at Shamokin Sunday evening. He was 25 years old and resided at Osceola Mills. A severe electrical storm had done much damage to the wires and Tirsh, with a gang of repairmen, had been ordered out. While the foreman of the gang was telephoning the power station to have the current turned off, Tirsh picked up the wire. He was instanly killed, the charge having passed through a small hole in a defective glove, to his hand.

-Former members of Altoona Castle No. 145, Knights of the Golden Eagle, will be required to pay back to the grand castle of the order the sum of \$5,000 which they divided among themselves after dissolution of the local unit, and also turn over to the grand castle \$5,000 which yet remains in the treasury. The Supreme court, in a decision rendered Saturday, sustained the appeal of the grand castle and reversed the decision of the Blair county court, which upheld the Altoona castle in its action. The appeal was a test case and the outcome is of interest to all lodge

-Stricken while attending services on Sunday evening in St. John's Catholic church, Johnstown, John C. Ryan, head of the wholesale merchandise house of Ryan-Correll company, of that city, died in his pew. The services were dismissed and Mr. Ryan was removed to the rectory where four physicians worked for two hours with a pulmotor and also made injections of adrenalin in the hope of reviving him. Mr. pital campaign for \$250,000 which closed Saturday afternoon with a total amount raised of \$283,000.

-The Easton police department's new tear gas weapon was put into use for the first time last Thursday when it was used on Walter Molin, convicted slayer of police officer Rush Stehlin, of Easton, whose death sentence was recently commuted to life imprisonment. Molin had been changed from one part of the prison to another when he began to tear the furnishings of his cell apart. Procuring an iron bar, he hammered on his cell door and threatened to kill any one who came near him. Efforts of the prison officials to quiet him were fruitless and the police department "gun" was sent for. But one "shot" was necessary and Molin begged for mercy and became as docile as a kitten.