Democratic Hatchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Already the fairs are being announced and all too soon we will not be in the good, old summer time.

-Tuesday's rain was the only gentle one this community has had since spring. All of the few others that have fallen were torrential downpours.

-The indictment of W. H. Anderson, of the New York Anti-Saloon League, for violation of the corrupt practices law may develop that political organizations are equally amenable to the law. And that will be worth while.

-Half a million dollars were given up by pugilistic fans to see Leonard and Tendler fight for the light weight championship in New York Monday night and for less than an hour's work each of the contenders took down far more than the President of the United States gets for being mauled around for an entire year.

-Statistics have just been compiled and analyzed showing that at present the farmer's dollar, measured in other than his own products is worth only 59.5 cents. Since 1893, thirty years ago, there have been only two years of Republican administration during livion for him. which it was worth one hundred cents on the dollar. They were 1909 and 1912. During the thirty year period the Republicans have been in power eighteen. In eighteen years they were able only twice to enact laws that gave the farmer one hundred cents for the dollar he produced. During the thirty year period Democratic policies prevailed in twelve and six years out of

-Evidences are multiplying to prove that the dear old departed gink who said "the best governed country is the least governed country," didn't have any idea at all of what he was talking about.

Tuesday evening some one rattled at the door of this office and as is often the case, we came in for the evening grind without slipping the "dead latch." When we went to let the hoped for customer-but proved to be nuisance— in we noticed the ugly slot ures created such a revulsion that millions and even billions of dollars cut in a perfectly good door panel some time last April or May. It was put there at a cost of two dollars and thirty-eight cents because a new order had just been promulgated by this fellow New, who happens to be Postmaster General, to the effect that to keep down the cost of Postmaster Generalin every body had to have a slot cut in the door of their business place or they'd get no mail. Knowing that there is enough trouble in the Republican family we didn't try to compound it by inquiring of Mr. New what he'd do with our mail if we didn't put a slot in the door. We knew his stuff was all bull. Because when the other fellow puts two cents Sam's work's cut out for him and all the News that Harding said "eine, mene, mine, mo" to get can't change our idea of it. Anyway, we put the slot in and Tuesday night the thought flashed through our mind that from the day the carpenter cut the hole and we paid the hardware man for the handsomely embellished plate that covers it to this, not a letter or paper in the country, has probably the same experience to report.

Now the big idea is this: We cents to help along. Possibly thous- a mandamus to compel him to comply ure in the Republican machine and a probability enough money was wasthave paid a goodly portion of our war debt, and why? Simply nor will accept the challenge. damnphoolishness! Some one, all ivory from the collar button up, thought he was doing something and put that order across with the result that millions of dollars were wasted, not a cent saved for the Postoffice Department or the delivery of mails facilitated a moment.

You wonder why this ramble about a trifle. We will tell you. fle and peck at our business and private affairs as if none of us were interested in the welfare of our fellows or trying to do anything constructive for society and government.

We're tired. Plumb tired of making reports, showing license cards and pay- burg the refusal to issue the pay waring taxes to support a horde of offidown to the point of telling us how we may build an out-house.

Is it any wonder the country is restless? Is it any wonder the individual, each day, looks less seriously at his duty as a citizen? Is it any wonthe spots where the soil is already fertile for the seed of Sovietism?

not been an upheaval already. The others. yoke of government is chafing the necks of the people until most of us are gradually becoming "hard boiled" even though such a condition is fur- larious time during the next session thest from our desires. It's true. "The best governed country is the least governed country" and because the most governed country.



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Since the overwhelming defeat of the sealed and signed guarantee of according to the press dispatches, tion has been tentatively withdrawn. President can be renominated if he office holders in hand much better leaving Washington. Since his departhan Taft held them in 1912, and the ture on his homeward journey, howwill want the nomination this year. net and converted the Republican par-It means defeat of his party and ob-

The trend of public sentiment has ever since the passage of the emergency tariff soon after the inauguration of branches of Congress was reduced by that vote to a meagre measure in each house. But the admonition implied cultural enterprise.

Every high tariff since the Civil reveal itself. war has cost the Republican party dearly. In some cases, as for example, the emergency bill only reduced Congressional majority but the Dingley bill and the Payne-Aldrich measlarge majorities were wiped out, and after the Payne-Aldrich bill the entire government was changed from Republican to Democratic. It is now bill will have the same effect. The "tub to the agricultural whale," expressed in the thirty cent duty on wheat, was so transparent a trick to deceive that it simply caused resentment, the first gesture of which was the complete destruction of the party in Minnesota.

-Auditor General Lewis admonishes his party friends in York against the people do the picking of candi- Treasurer Snyder and Governor Pinon a letter and directs it to us Uncle dates," he advises, and that is good chot is likely to afford plenty of that sent out last week relative to ciadvice in other sections as well as in amusement during the next few der is the limit. According to the rulall parties.

"Charlie" Snyder's Purpose.

The purpose which State Treasurer Snyder had in mind when he held up of Illinois, declares that the next Rethe pay warrants of employees in sev- publican National convention "will deeral departments of the State govern- clare against the League of Nations, erage. Under this ruling not a ment about the middle of the month which the American people don't has slid through it. Every other bus- has been revealed. He wanted to want. Americans are sympathetic to iness place in Bellefonte, and possibly force the administration into litiga- European woes and wish to promote tion to determine the constitutionality the well being of the human race," in the only way possible, making ciof the reorganization code. In other Mr. Madden continues, "but must der. And why should he bother makwords, he expected that the adminis- stand aloof from European quarrels." ing cider if he is not allowed to disspent two dollars and thirty-eight tration would appeal to the courts for As Mr. Madden is a considerable fig- pose of it? And the purchaser of ands and hundreds of thousands of oth- with the law as expressed in the code. close friend of President Harding his the world. Even if the cider is wanters did the same thing. In all His defense would be that the code is statements with respect to party poliunconstitutional and because of that cy is entitled to grave consideration. ed to comply with this order to fact he is not obliged to obey it. It He says we have already given \$21,-

The code is certainly a problem. It takes from the Department of Inter- equally false. nal Affairs important functions and vests them in other departments, the rope more than half was in the form heads of which are appointees of the of war loans, the greater part of Governor. It nullifies the law fixing which were to Great Britain, and salaries and vests the power in the Great Britain has already made terms hands of a commission appointed by the Governor. In various other ways it centres power in the hands of the dens we are bearing as a result of the der and Prothonotary have had no It is this damphoolishness in gov- Governor, giving him authority hithernment that is bringing the coun- erto undreamed of by any public offitry to the condition of unrest cial in this or any other State or any and rebellion that it's in. It's the in- foreign government. It may be that The purpose of the League of Nations spector of this, the investigators of a court will declare it valid but the that, the snipers and snoopers from State Treasurer proposes to put it to Washington and Harrisburg who pif- the test if the administration will open the way by proceeding against

him.

It is unfortunate that a better way could not have been discovered to settle the question in dispute. According to information received from Harrisrants due to the employees for their jority given to the Republican candicials who carry their inquisitions even mid-July pay worked hardships to date for President three years ago exmany of those who draw small sala- pressed the opposition of the Ameriries and run close to their resources can voters to the League of Nations. from pay day to pay day. But if there is no other way no fault can be found. The people of Pennsylvania have a right to know how powers are acquirder that the I. W. W's are marching ed and used and if they are usurped lity of millions of citizens who were in hordes all over the country to find and misused. The Governor is himself a professed stickler for law ob- liam H. Taft, Herbert Hoover and servance and should not complain if other conspicuous office seekers, who The great wonder is that there has he is held to the rules he imposes on declared that the election of Harding

> -If Magnus Johnson measures up to expectations Hi will have an hi- shown in every election since. of the Senate.

that is true ours is fast becoming the | who has suffered from the Pinchot or- of the board of inspectors of the west-Pittsburgh.

Harding Heading Homeward.

President Harding has finished his

1912. During the Taft administration, been against the Republican party with Mr. Ballinger as Secretary of the Interior, the then Morgan-Guggen-Harding. The result of the elections the resources of the region for their last fall indicated that plainly. An own benefit. Since that time Mr. secret way and is now beginning to

Harding's visit to Alaska was for the purpose of revitalizing the Morgan-Guggenheim schemes by authorizing what will be called "development" enterprises. It is believed that may be acquired by the exploitation of the mineral, timber and other resources of that great section or possession of the United States of Amer-

-Yes, we have no bananas today, "slating" candidates for office. "Let but the impending war between State weeks.

Madden an Unwise Guide.

Representative Martin M. Madden, 000,000,000 to Europe, which is not burdens growing out of the war,

Of the \$21,000,000,000 given to Eusatisfactory to the present adminiswar are for the expenses of our own hardly ask anybody else to pay them. a poverty of intellect and a carelessness of facts that are amazing.

No doubt it appears to such provincial minds as Warren G. Harding's and Martin B. Madden's that the ma-But as a matter of fact it only expressed the purchased vote of the venal, the prejudiced opinions of misguided foreign voters and the credudeceived by Charles E. Hughes, Wilwas the surest way of getting into the League of Nations. The resentment of those deceived voters has been

-Governor Pinchot on Monday appointed William E. Sankey, of -Thus far the only politician Pittsburgh, as an additional member Statesmen Traveling in Europe.

The Washington correspondent of the Republican candidate for Senator | visit in Alaska and is now well on his | an esteemed contemporary expresses in Congress, in Minnesota last week, | homeward way. He had a joyful time, | surprise at the great number of Senators and Representatives in Congress Mr. Harding's nomination for re-elec- while there, and added considerably to who have gone to Europe this year the gayety of the inhabitants of the for the ostensible purpose of investi-It is as certain as ever it was that the territory. But he preserved the same gating the causes of discontent and secrecy as to the purpose of his trip distress there. Of course they get insists upon it. He has the horde of while among them as he did before such information as the press reports supply, just as the rest of us do, and read the opinions of European statesoffice holders will easily control the ever, the facts are beginning to leak men, financiers and captains of indusnominating convention, for the oppo- out and unless the signs are mislead- try who have given much time and sition has no such forceful figure as ing will develop a National scandal earnest thought to the subject. But Roosevelt to inspire and guide it. But quite as nauseating as that which each of those who go to Europe imagit is now a question whether Harding drove Ballinger out of the Taft Cabi- ines that he can solve a problem in a week's observation which baffles other ty into a minority at the election of investigators for years, and they sail away and return persuaded that they have the right key.

Years ago, when the currency question was the absorbing topic of disheim syndicate undertook to exploit cussion among the statesmen and near statesmen of this country, the late Senator for Illinois, John A. Logan, overwhelming majority in both Pierpont Morgan has gone over to the informed his colleagues one day that majority but the Guggenheim end of he would look the matter up in the the syndicate is still in Alaska and evening and tell them all about it next quite as rapacious as ever. After the day. He felt that it was a simple the twelve the farmer's dollar was worth more than one hundred cents on the dollar.

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Presidency the attempt to gobble about everything that was valuable in hart spent several weeks on the other McCumber tariff bill, an exaggeration of the evils of the emergency measure time being. Like the ship subsidy envinced that he had mastered the subwas forced into the statute books to terprise it fell in a deep sleep and re- ject. Senator Hi. Johnson got back the prejudice of all business interests maind so until after the inauguration on Monday with a solution that satisand the practical destruction of agri- of Harding. Then it was revived in a fies him, and all the others who have gone and come or are to come are equally persuaded that they can point

the way to safety. Of course these men know very little about the subject now that they didn't know before they went abroad. But they have met a lot of people during their sojourns abroad who had tales of woe to spill and panaceas to offer, just as they might have met similar tales and heard exactly the same remedies if they had affiliated certain that the Fordney-McCumber ica, and it is Harding's purpose to with the dissatisfied and discontented give the official sanction to the opera- in the remote streets of any city in tions under the false pretense of ex- the United States. The trouble in Eutracting public benefits from private rope is the natural and logical conseoperations of that sort. Since leav- quence of the greatest war in history ing the territory the President has be- and the failure to readjust conditions gun talking of the immense public after its close as might have been

> -Of all the idiotic rulings promulgated from the national prohibition enforcement office in Washington ing farmers can make and sell sweet cider but if the purchaser perchance happens to permit his cider to ferment until it contains more than onehalf of one per cent. of alcohol the farmer is to be held liable for selling intoxicating bevfarmer or fruit grower in the country will be secure from arrest for using up his small and imperfect fruit same may have the best intentions in ed for vinegar it must go through a stage of fermentation before it becomes vinegar. It is such rulings as the above that injure the cause of protrue, and are paying the heavy tax hibition more than anything else; rulings so arbitrary and adverse to all good intentions that even ardent friends of prohibition are prone to denounce them.

-Gradually the prospects of having a full, clean and aggressive Democratic county ticket in the field this tration for repayment. The tax bur- fall brightens. The offices of Recoravowed aspirants until recently. There participation in the war and we could is a candidate in the field for the former now and we understand that before the last day for filing papers, is not to mix up in European quarrels July 31st, has waned a candidate for the freedom with which he distributed ed a common law marriage with Martin but to prevent quarrels in Europe and | Prothonotary will be in the field. This elsewhere that are likely to lead to is as it should be. Time has come for war. Taking Mr. Madden's statement a change. The voters want it and at its face value, therefore, it reveals 1923 is going to be a Democratic year in Centre county.

> -Owing to the death of the late George Waite the festival which the Albright Brotherhood of the Evangelical church had planned to hold this the people is to ignore the facts. evening has been postponed until a later date.

sota election.

-General Wood has simply been applying Roosevelt military methods in conducting civil affairs in the Philippines.

think that Minnesota has elected a price. Senator who will not join the golf cabinet.

One of the surprising things about the low price of wheat is that Farmers Cornering Wheat.

From the Philadelphia Record.

With the French wheat crop so large that it is believed no imports will be necessary, and the Canadian crop so large that harvest labor is to be imported from England, what is Senator Brookhart going to do about it? All he has proposed is that the government shall help the farmers market their wheat. But if the French crop shall realize expectations there will be no market for our grain in that country. We know very well what Senator-

elect Magnus Johnson would do about it. He would have Congress fix a price—probably \$2.50 a bushel—and take half a billion bushels off the market by locking it up until it could be sold for the statutory price. Something approaching this is promised by the Farm Bureau Federation. It is estimated by the bureau that \$660,-000,000 can be got through the intermediate credit system for the relief of the farmers, and less than a quarter of this would suffice to lock up 200,-000,000 bushels in the farmers' grain bins, which it is proposed shall be designated bonded warehouses. If the market value of wheat is \$1 a bushel, \$150,000,000 would be advanced on the quantity of wheat proposed to be taken off the market.

This would be cornering the market by the farmers themselves. It would be the most interesting experiment in economics ever tried. Its operation would be watched with the keenest and the most friendly interest. But unqualified confidence could not be felt in its ultimate success. And even its immediate success would be less asured than the Farm Bureau Federation assumes. The complaint now is that the market price is below the cost of production. Farmers would not get above 75 per cent. of the market price Millette Craig, 15 year old daughter of of their stored wheat. If they had Samuel Craig, of Pittsburgh, combed her plenty of money they might take the long, chestunt tresses just as she had done 75 per cent., and wait for the market many nights before. Hours later her to improve. But they are represent-ed to be short of money and in need of advances, apart from this project of storing surplus wheat. In that case 75 per cent. of the present low market price, with an indefinite delay strands of hair. A police investigation re-

could be paid for by some one-the government, for example-and destroyed, there is no doubt that the efwealth in prospect. But under the done if malice, envy and prejudice had Guggenheim plan the public share will be meager.

done if malice, envy and prejudice had could be decided. But if that great quantity of wheat is to be stored, and may be let be wheat is to be stored, and may be let boy's flesh. The dog attacked the boy iate resul will be much smaller than is assumed, and the ultimate effect may be very disappointing. That 200,000,000 bushels of wheat will hang over the market like a leaden cloud. The end of the war found the British government with a huge amount of wheat on hand, rushed over in 1917-1918 with the idea of stocking up the country so that the shipping could be used in 1919 for bringing over American troops. The American troops were rushed over faster than was supposed possible, the war ended a year earlier than was expected, and the British government was "long" on wheat. It required the utmost care on the part of the food authorities to get rid of that surplus without breaking the market.

If surplus crops could be carried over to make good the deficiencies of bad years the benefit would be enormous. But Canada and Argentine have huge areas of new, cheap land. Suppose crops should be large in 1924 what would be the influence of that 200,000,000 bushels of warehoused grain?

Passing of Pancho Villa.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. There will be many a dry eye in the United States because of the passing of Pancho Villa. The attempt of John Reed to make him out a cross between Napoleon and Robin Hood was foredoomed to failure. He cost the United States many millions of dollars for a long-drawn punitive expedition that was not allowed to get the man it went after because Mexico did not discriminate between the pursuit of her chief public nuisance and an act of unfriendly invasion.

Drunk with sight of power, Villa owed most of his hold on the peons to among his tatterdemalion following Burke, wealthy bootlegger, she is not enwhat was not his to give away. He titled to a widow's share in the \$500,000 eswent to lone regions where the con-stabulary powers of the Mexican government were weakest, looted and rav- with Burke she continued to use the name aged to his heart's content, made death the penalty of non-conformity, and terrorized rural communities into Mitchell said. Mrs. Munz was ordered to complete subjection. His will was the pay the costs of the case. Burke, who was only law wherever he rampaged, and to extol the ruffian as a real leader of

Robin Hood would turn in his sylvan grave if he knew that anybody in this century drew a parallel between —It has been noted by careful observers that Harding hasn't had much to say about the result of the Minnesota election.

His exploits and Villa's bull-necked, red-handed brutalities. The greatest public service Villa performed was when he died.

Not Like Old Times.

From the Minneapolis Journal. The Flathead Indians of Montana are raising such big crops this year they could find no time for the usual war-dance. In the Dakotas the white men Any way it is a comfort to are staging a war-dance over the

A Great Help to Europe.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph. Americans with their pockets full of worst governed country because it is ganization is Senator Max Leslie, of ern penitentiary, which completes the the most governed country.

Yet they say the United bread.

States is not helping Europe.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-D. Blaine Williams, postmaster at Ansonville, Clearfield county, was arrested last week upon a federal warrant charging embezzlement of \$670.44 of postoffice funds in September, 1920. He furnished bond for the next term of federal court.

-City Treasurer Henry Heckart, of Sunbury, on Monday began levying on the property of persons who have failed to pay their school taxes up to the present year. Before the end of the month it is expected that arrests will be made of men and women, not property holders, who have failed to pay their personal taxes. Heckart's attorney has advised him that women who refuse to pay taxes may be put in jail under the new law.

-Appointment of Guy C. Brosius, of Rauchtown, as county superintendent of public schools of Clinton county, succeeding Ira N. McCloskey, who retired, was announced last week by Dr. J. George Becht, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Brosius is a gradute of Bucknell University and has been connected with the faculties of the University of Pittsburgh and Dickinson College. He is a native of Clinton county.

-A shoe store in Allentown had been advertising a new \$1 bill in every box. On Sunday, in broad daylight, while a throng was passing, a man was in the show windows handling the boxes and the money and tapping on the window apparently to attract attention to the bargains. Among those attracted was the janitor, who realized something was wrong, but before he could act the thief had escaped, taking with him about 1500 new \$1 bills.

-James T. Krape Jr., was instantly killed last Friday afternoon at Water Street, Huntingdon county, while in performance of his duty as head driller of the Water Street Trap Rock company. With Michael Susig he was drilling a hole for a blast when another charge, supposed to have lost its power, exploded and buried the men under the rock. Susig is in the Blair Memorial hospital badly injured. Krape was 37 years old, and his skull was fractured in a similar explosion two years ago in the same quarry.

-The glitter of a diamond ring he saw in his sister's room inspired Earl Meehan, 7 years old, of Lilly, Pa., to include the trinket among the miscellany of "shiny" things in his pockets. He was showing off with the sparkler among a group of boys at the Pennsylvania railroad station when a well-dressed stranger asked the boy to let him see it. The stranger offered Earl a "whole dime" for the ring. Sold. The stranger took the next train. The ring was valued at \$400 and was the sister's engagement ring.

-Before retiring last Thursday night, per cent., and wait for the market | many nights before. Hours later her mother was awakened by frightened screams of Millette. Hurrying to her room she found her daughter firmly bound to in getting the rest, would not look so alluring as it is supposed.

If 200,000,000 bushels of wheat dow, the screen having been torn away. vealed that the "clipper" had gained entrance to the Craig home through a win-

-Failing in her efforts to beat off a collie that attacked her ten year old son, Mrs. Harry Snyder, of Hetlerville, Columanimal as its teeth were still sunk in the boy's flesh. The dog attacked the boy when he and Mrs. Snyder were working in the garden, ripping much of the flesh from the child's left leg and then biting him about the face and head. She drove off the dog with a garden hose, but as she carried the boy to the house the dog again attacked her and she could not drive the animal away. Then Mrs. Snyder rushed into the house and got the shotgun

-A telegram received last Friday by District Attorney Harold A. Scragg, of Lackawanna county, from Canada told of the arrest of Patsy Stallone, a merchant of Old Forge, who shot and killed three men in his store on November 6th last. As the result of the three killings thirty-two children were made orphans. Stallone was followed through Canada by Canadian police and was arrested at South Porcupine on the edge of the Hudson Bay company. Chief county detective Con Morisini, of Scranton, has identified the prisoner, who is said to have made a confession and waived extradition papers. He was taken back to Scranton this week by two state policemen

-Judge A. E. Reiber, of Butler county, has refused the petition of A. L. Hepler, alleged wrecker of the Ideal Squab company and the Citizens' Insurance Agency and Mortgage company for a writ of habeas corpus, and remanded him to jail to await trial at the September term of court on charges of conspiracy and embezzlement. Hepler has been in jail at Butler since May 14th, when he was brought back from Phoenix, Arizona, as a fugitive from justice. He was first arrested in July, 1922, and held in \$10,000 bail for trial. He forfeited his bail and disappeared mysteriously in November, 1922. Hepler is alleged to have swindled stockholders of the two companies out of \$500,000.

-Judge H. Walton Mitchell, of the Orphans' court of Allegheny county, has decided that although Mrs. May Munz contracttate. The court declared that after Mrs. Munz entered into the contract marriage of May Munz. "Her story was not frank and was full of prevarications," Judge pay the costs of the case. Burke, who was slain in a bootleggers' war on the eve of starting a penitentiary sentence for bootlegging took Mrs. Munz to live with him at his home in Pittsburgh, a few days after her husband, Carl Munz, was shot in a bootleggers' war in Cleveland.

-The Pennsylvania Wire Glass company, of Dunbar, which some time ago purchased a 30-acre factory site adjacent to the Pennsylvania railroad tracks in Lewistown, has completed plans for the erection of an immense new plant at that place, and will soon let the contract. This plant is to be the largest of all glass buildings ever erected in this country. It is to engage in the production of wire glass, corrugated wire glass and actinic glass, the latter products being new glasses never were manufactured. When in full operation the company will ship two or three carloads of these products per day. The plans call for a siding from the Pennsylvania railroad with three spurs; a main building, 150x550; a box shop, 50x cash are crowding the steamers bound 100; a glass crushing department house, 30x50 and a polishing shep, 400x150. The roofs will be of glass.