# Democratice Hatchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Financially, Calvin Coolidge is the poorest President the country has ever had. Let's hope that every other way he'll be the best.

-And now it appears that about all State Treasurer Charley Snyder is to get out of that hoped for mandamus proceeding is the dam.

-With Harding gone the Republicans, nationally, find themselves in very much the same confused bewilderment as was the party in Pennsylvania when Penrose was stricken.

-Our pride, "the Afaletics," as Pat Rine calls them, are so near the cellar again that almost we are persuaded to believe that they thought Connie really intended to train them in home brewing instead of base-balling.

geous with the Senate as he was when, tion by an overwhelming majority was dealing with the striking policemen of representation and unfounded preju- sor had acquired great personal popu-Boston he might find himself the nominee of his own party two years hence respect responsible. His campaign widespread and sincere regret. In defense. The administration almost and a formidable opponent for any Democrat we might name.

-This is the day set apart for a good man. History will record Warren Gamaliel Harding as that. Whether he was a great statesman or made and which he had acquiesced in. clearly outlined before him. a great President matters little, for after all that is ever a question of parare the only attributes that count.

-It would take three million German marks to pay for the "Watchman" for a year. Sounds big, doesn't it, yet if we should be forced to the old practice of taking hay for the cow, potatoes for the kids or cordwood for the stove on account of subscription we think we'd write to the gentleman out in Janesville, Wis., who offered us cord wood last week, that "he's on," rather than take the phony stuff that Havenstein is trying to make Germans believe is money.

-Our party now has aspirants for every office on the county ticket. All of them are good men and it remains only for the primaries to decide which ones are to be chosen as the standard bearers for the fall campaign. Fortunately all the aspirants are of such a clean type that it matters little will have a ticket it can be proud of and which will command the support of those hundreds of Republicans who are determined to help us clean out the court house.

-The Governor's recent surprise his resignation are afloat. We're with the Governor on that. He stated, long ago, what working hours at the capitol must be and if the men and women who hold their jobs under that condition can't live up to it they ought to be fired and if Dr. Miner wasn't carrying out his chief's orders he ought to resign.

-It is a matter of much local gratification that the Governor, after his recent visit of inspection to the Huntingdon reformatory, felt constrained to admit that he found the place in he espoused and spent the past ten ing result of the Senatorial election in ceived in Bellefonte over the radio good physical shape, "clean and apparently in excellent condition." Of course it wasn't intended as such, but the public must accept it as a great compliment to the recently retired president of the board of that institution, the gentleman who gave so much of his time and energy to constructive work in its upbuilding. The Governor may have gained a little satisfaction. but the State and its wayward boys lost a very useful man when he failed to re-appoint the Hon. A. G. Morris.

King! No sooner had the news of father, being a notary public, admina great office has never been recorded before and may never have a parallel in history. Such are the tragic possibilities of fate. The President of ing agent at the penitentiary, and now. The National convention of the the United States started at once to Paul Kovach, interpreter, were given Washington to meet the body of his predecessor and the "first lady of the land" accompanied him to offer condolence to Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

-The ladies should bear in mind two things that bear directly on their rights to vote at the coming primary and general elections. First, they must be registered and; second, they must be made on or before September taxes will be October 6th. Of course yer. the non-payment of taxes may not worry those of the gentler sex who do not care to vote, but as the last Legislature repealed the Act of 1834 exempting women from arrest and imprisonment for non-payment of taxes they will have to pay them whether they vote or not. The commissioners, the school boards, the supervisors, the poor overseers will scarcely exonerate a tax collector because he is too gallant to arrest a woman who refuses to pay her taxes. And certainly no woman wants to see the poor tax coltroubles enough gathering the money to keep a governmental machine going that he hasn't any control over. Don't ride him. Bump the fellow who spends the money he is trying to collect.



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Death of Mr. Harding.

The tendency in the obituary writ-But he was scarcely an eminent states--If President Coolidge is as coura- man or a great President. His elec- fore and is not likely to ever be done Nation to mourn the loss of a really auguration he failed largely in the than a pleasure. Let us hope his serv-

Experience is a great teacher and martyr to a principle.

out an enemy; and he acquired none. ty is divided into factions bitterly an-He had a gift for friendship. Men tagonistic to each other and his first disagreed with him but they loved efforts, if he pursues the policies of and it is quite possible that it may rehim." The taking away of such a man his predecessor, will be to reconcile sult in shoving Treasurer Snyder in-"which way the cat jumps" the party in any community or any walk of life these conflicting elements. If he must be regretted sincerely. He had chooses to pursue a different course, other attractive virtues which com- if he follows the lines laid by Woodgenerous impulses and a clean mind. greater. Wilson aimed at the good of Governor Pinchot has the Penrose visit to the Department of Health at It may be safely said that Warren G. the country and Harding worked for held in kindness

> -Farmers may be persuaded that hardly be convinced on the subject.

# The Resignation of John Francies.

John Francies, the man who dream-Rockview, effective August first.

ical arena of the Smoky city are reasons openly assigned as the cause of an avowed candidate for clerk of the them for past triumphs. The election courts of Allegheny county is evidence of Magnus Johnson to succeed Knute gardless of politics. He was the lead--The King is dead! Long live the light. Within the past year or so Mr. | funeral feast. Francies purchased a farm in Benner President Harding's death been flash- township, and has constructed there- in Minnesota has since been worse and not of heart, as few doubted his ed over the wires than Vice President on a nice, comfortable home. While confounded by the death of President sincerity of purpose. Under those cir-Coolidge took the oath of office. It we have no intimation at this writing Harding. All remaining party hopes was at 2:47 o'clock in the morning in of his intentions regarding the same were centered upon him. His renomthe little farm house of his father we opine he will keep the home as a ination was practically "a fixed fact," near Plymouth, Vermont, and his quiet retreat during the hot summer and his personal popularity and his months when he wishes to escape from persuasive eloquence was justly existered the oath. Such an accession to the turbulent turmoil of the city of pected to guarantee at least a respeciron and steel.

> Mr. Francies John F. Marks, purchas- the future. But there is no such hope fifteen days vacation beginning August 3rd. Both men are speculating Hiram Johnson will probably be the on this being equivalent to dispensing leading aspirant for nomination but with their services, although there is Henry Ford is easily their best bet. a slight possibility that they may be cation.

-Charley Snyder is a leading must have paid a tax. Registration member of the Schuylkill county bar and the public is likely to find out 4th or 5th and the last day for paying soon whether or not he is also a law-

> The death toll of the reckless and drunken automobile drivers continues to increase and nobody sees a way to stop the evil.

lapse or a reorganization of the finan- standard set was too high. cial system.

-The Steel trust has discovered that it may even survive an eight early call on President Coolidge and lector stuck for her taxes. He has hour day if it is economical in other it is a safe bet that it was not a conrespects.

> -It does look as if Great Britain is "renigging" on France.

> > -Subscribe for the "Watchman."

President Calvin Coolidge.

Calvin Coolidge's services in the ofing is to overpraise. The late Presi- fice of President had a unique bedent, Warren G. Harding, possessed ginning. He was sworn in between if he can help it. That fact has been virtues of a high order. He was amia- midnight and morning in a farm house ble, kindly disposed and democratic. by his own father, a notary public. Harrisburg. State Treasurer Snyder Such a thing had never been done beagain. He came to the office in an atdices. For this he was probably in no larity and his untimely death caused managers laid the lines and he simply these circumstances there could be lit- fell into the trap. The Attorney Genfollowed them. This is not a just the joy even to the recipient of the hondo it. But after the election and in- or, which was assumed more as a duty

Comparatively little is known of the der won. responsibility of office a wonderful new President but what is before the tisan analysis, whereas the manliness force. When Mr. Harding entered up- public is creditable. He comes from of a man, the morality of a man are on the duties of President of the Unit- good stock and was reared in a wholehis witnesses at a court where they ed States he had little conception of some environment. The only importthe burdens he assumed. As a Sena- ant office he had held before his elector in Congress he had participated in tion as Vice President was that of Auditor General Lewis," under an the plans of his party leaders to em- Governor of Massachusetts and his barrass his predecessor in office at only conspicuous service in that office every point and defeat him if possible. was the suppression of a "strike" un-In working out the malevolent der conditions which required good schemes of Lodge he created trouble judgment and courage. He fulfilled for himself as President. The ex- his obligations to the public in that inpressed intention to oppose his plan stance in a manner that challenged adas he and his party associates had op- miration and won the personal conposed those of Mr. Wilson influenced gratulations of Woodrow Wilson, then him to undertake the work which over- | President of the United States, and in taxed his strength and resulted in his political opposition to him. In other death. To that extent he became a respects he was simply a good Governor.

President Harding had a splendid He comes to his new office under faculty for making friendships. An conditions quite as perplexing as his esteemed contemporary states that he entrance into it was unique. With a came to his great official estate "with- meager majority in Congress his parmended him to popular admiration. row Wilson rather than those laid by ial companion and was influenced by ened but the reward may be vastly

-Governor Pinchot declares there they have produced too much wheat, will be no extra session of the Legisbut the hungry stomachs of the stary- lature. This is gratifying, if he will ing millions throughout the world can also give assurances that the State institutions will not be starved.

# Chaotic Campaign Predicted.

The political dopesters in Washinged of better penal institutions in the ton are predicting the "most chaotic Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, had Presidential campaign the country has the fortitude to fight for the principles ever known" next year. The surprisyears working to bring about a reali- Minnesota is the principal reason for phones. One of the first announcezation of his dream, has resigned his this opinion. It indicated a complete ments caught was from a newspaper position as superintendent of construc- elimination of old party lines, not on- in Memphis, Tenn. Then came the tion of the western penitentiary at ly in that agricultural State, but a practical destruction of the Republi- other places. Of course only a com-The lure of the city of Pittsburgh can machine in all or nearly all the and a longing to jump into the polit- mid-western States. Upon the safe majorities of those States the Repub- shock to those who did. lican managers depended for future his resignation, and the fact that he is victories as they were indebted to dent's death was received with feelthat he will continue to be in the lime- Nelson, therefore, was like a call to a er of every man, woman and child in

table pretense of maintaining an or-Coincident with the resignation of ganization and presenting a hope for party will be a mob of place hunters without understanding or expectation. all the churches on Sunday. On the Democratic side there is no

recalled at the expiration of their va- unusual excitement or anxiety. The names of several capable men are being considered among the party leaders. The party rules make emotional explosions impossible and it is certain that after mature deliberation a fit candidate will be chosen as the nominee and his election is certain to follow. The three years of inactivity since the inauguration of the Republican President has confirmed the popular belief that a grave mistake was made in the election of Harding and no chances of another costly blunder will be taken next year. It was un-The present value of German fortunate for the Republican party marks would indicate an early col- that Harding followed Wilson. The

> -Chairman Adams, of the Republican National committee, made an solation visit.

-The lamented death of Mr. Harding may create an opportunity for Henry Ford to get a Presidential police ought to ferret out the miscre- market and a disastrous slump is the nomination, but it's his only chance.

Pinchot Takes Another Way.

The Attorney General will not submit the Pinchot code to a judicial test made clear by the maneuvering at held up the wages of certain employees of the State in the hope that That would enable him to assert the unconstitutionality of the code as his eral promptly proclaimed the purpose of invoking the equity court. But abandoned. For the time being Sny-

It is stated in Harrisburg gossip that the Attorney General has demanded that Treasurer Snyder "forth- latter. with return requisitions for salary pay rolls, which he refused to approve, to act passed by the Legislature of 1911 by the accident of death? which provides that the "State Treasurer shall return the requisitions within a reasonable time to the Auditor General with his approval and in case of disapproval he shall state the reasons in writing at the time of their return," the Governor having power to decide the matter in dispute. Of course this would involve mandamus proceedings but might not raise the question of the validity of the justly celebrated Pinchot code.

During the week in which these ponderous questions have been under consideration at Harrisburg there was created and maintained a more or less "flirtatious" correspondence between the Governor and the Auditor General to the trap which he laid for the Governor. Pending the consideration of the code in the Legislature the Aumachine completely under his feet it

-Probably if the steel magnates will cut out contributions to the Republican slush fund they will save enough to make up the additional cost of the eight hour day.

#### How Bellefonte Received News of President Harding's Death.

Seven minutes after the death of President Harding was publicly annews from Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Thursday night, but it came with a

Naturally the news of the Presiings of deep regret by everybody, rethe country and any mistakes he may The confusion caused by the reverse have made were mistakes of judgment cumstances it is only natural that his death is just cause for a nation's mourning.

President Harding was a prominent member of the Elks and the Elks lodge in Bellefonte was appropriately draped in mourning while draped flags hung suspended in front of the court house, at the American Legion headquarters and the postoffice. Memorial services were also held in practically

-The numerous hard rains of late have completely relieved the water situation in every section of Centre county.

# Someone Must be Afraid of G. W.

The candidacy of G. W. Rees for the nomination for Register on the Republican ticket must be worrying

We know very little of the relative strength of the various Republican aspirants for that office and we can't invests in wheat when offerings are conceive of any of them resorting to too large to be absorbed otherwise conceive of any of them resorting to such despicable methods, but some one, probably a misguided friend of one of Mr. Ress' opponents has been tearing down his campaign cards. A few nights ago a large muslin banner he had hung on Water street was torn there is a profit to be made in buying. down and many of his window cards his action keeps the market from have been destroyed in some mysgoing extremely low at times of heavy terious way.

It is just possible that these malicious acts may be pure vandalism, as there has been quite a lot of that about here lately.

But even if it has no political sigant and bring him to justice.

#### President Coolidge.

From the Philadelphia Record.

But once before in all the history of the nation has a Vice President succeeding to the Presidency been called upon to face tasks so difficult and deal with problems so momentous as those which confront the successor to the lamented Warren G. Harding. When the administration would resort to Abraham Lincoln was summoned from as Governor of Massachusetts, he was in large measure the fruitage of false mosphere of mourning. His predeces- mandamus proceedings against him. his unfinished labors and the burdens of the reconstruction period fell upon the shoulders of Andrew Johnson, the political horizon was practically limited by the boundaries of our own country. Today internal issues of grave import must share a place in the Executive program with even somebody or some influence interven- more weighty questions concerning work of fulfilling the pledges they had ice will have a glorious ending. He ed. After a solemn conclave in the our relations with the rest of the cause of complaint for all candidates has the opportunities to make it so mansion at Milford the plan was world. The maintenance of international peace has become as essential to our national welfare as domestic tranquility. The world war has awakened us to the fact that without the former we cannot depend upon the

The question in every mind is: How will President Coolidge size up to the new responsibilities thrust upon him

We must find the answer to that in his public record, in his expressed views and in what is known of his

personality. Despite the fact that Calvin Coolidge served with efficiency and distinction as Governor of Massachusetts, and that he has been prominently in public life for six years, the man nearby shooting at various objects with a is more or less of an enigma. He is described as having few intimates; as that he had shot his father until some being exceptionally reserved and taciturn; as absorbing information and advice without gratuituosly expressing opinions; as having the qualities of a good listener and a rather poor speaker. These are not bad characteristics if they shall prove to be supplemented by that sound judgment and firm determination which usually go with deliberation and caution. They are often the attributes of men who

lead, and who cannot be driven. In at least one respect President Coolidge is peculiarly fitted for the assumption of the duties to which he ditor General protested that he would is called. He has made it his business He was an eloquent orator, a congen- Harding, the burden may not be light- not submit to any impairment of his to keep in touch with the program of constitutional power, but now that his chief to an extent unusual with Governor Pinchot has the Penrose Vice Presidents. As a regular attendant upon Cabinet meetings he has an early hour, found many of its em- Harding wanted to be just and do the good of his party. Both overtax- is not improbable that the Auditor the routine of the Presidency not only, been able to familiarize himself with ployees not yet on the job. Dr. right. His death came as a shock to ed their strength in the effort. It re- General has made up his mind to go but with the development and treat-Charles H. Miner, the Secretary, is the country and his memory will be mains to be seen what Coolidge will a lag with those who seem to have ment of the special problems mon late President sought the advice of his official family. The first public announcement of the new President was to the effect that he would steer by the Harding compass.

Mr. Coolidge's public utterances as Vice President have been comparatively few and not very original or striking, because, perhaps, there has been no occasion for him to put himself on record as to the solution of questions with which the President was dealing, except to express complete accordance with the attitude of President Harding was publicly an-his superior. Any other course would nounced in San Francisco it was re-have been in bad taste. He comes to the great office with a clean slate, and he has his own record to make.

We believe, and the people generally believe, that Calvin Coolidge will make a good President. If he shall bring to bear upon his onerous task numerous excellent qualities paratively few people got the news which he seems to possess, with an eye single to the national welfare and without regard to the machinations of professional politicians who will all be looking forward to 1924 and trying to influence him accordingly, he will doubtless be able to perform a notable service to his country.

# What is the Matter With Wheat?

From the Detroit Free Press. Following the enactment of a law

to regulate grain exchanges in the insuffered a disastrous decline. As the slump began immediately after the tion find it easy to decide where to place the blame. It is a reversal of old conditions, when government offi-cials and farmers blamed the grain exchanges and speculators for all bad declines; now the exchanges are blaming the farmers and government. The claim is that the new law frightened away the investor in grain, the speculating buyer, leaving the market without support at a time when the farmer was selling his winter wheat crop, and while this may be disputed, there is no question that the law failed to prevent the decline.

Speculation in the grain market is like the balance wheel of an engine, according to grain dealers, taking up the slack when selling is greater than consumption, and exerting a steadying influence that has recently been entirely absent. The capitalist who and holds it until it is needed believes himself to be as honest and useful a member of society as one who takes up real estate or purchases the shares of a commercial enterprise when he considers that prices are too low and marketing and also from going too high after the grain is in second hands. With the prospect of a big crop and little doing on foreign account, which is the present predicament, heavy speculative buying is nec-But even if it has no political sig-nificance and is only vandalism the doing nothing, wheat is flooding the been president of the Danville board of ed-

#### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Robert Harpster, of Burnham, a 12 year old boy, had his right ear almost severed when thrown against a windshield in an automobile collision near Thompson-

-Mrs. Ira Miller, of Blanchard, sustained a broken collar bone and severe cuts and bruises when struck by a bycicle ridden by Stanford Hoy, as she was crossing the street in front of her home.

-In a fit of despondency, John Barbera, an Austrian, 70 years old, of York, Pa., cut off his left hand with an axe, three inches above the wrist. He was taken to a hospital, but refused to talk, making the hospital staff believe he was a mute.

-The Cameron store, located in the heart of the business section of Williamsport, was burglarized last Thursday night and more than \$6000 worth of fur coats, furs and silk dresses were stolen. The thieves used an automobile to cart away the booty.

-After serving thirty years as a member of the Danville school board, Jacob Fischer announces he will retire at the end of his term. Mr. Fischer has been president of the board for many years. Ill health and the desire to retire from public life prompt his decision.

-Going to Sunbury a poor immigrant and making a fortune of \$40,000 by operating a bootblack stand, Cris Calimeres got passports last Thursday for himself, his wife, mother and brother to visit their native Sparta, in Greece. The latter two are homesick for their friends in Greece and will remain there, but Calimeres and his

wife will return to Sunbury. -Elmer Anspach, of Lebanon, aged 33 years, an electrician for the J. Umberger Electrical company in Lebanon, was electrocuted Saturday forenoon while at work at the Lebanon Steel Foundry company's plant in East Lebanon. He was assisting in the construction of a new line from the steel company's sub-station to its main foundry building when a wire he was holding came in contact with a high tension

wire. -Accidentally shot by his 14 year old son, John, as the two were on a fishing and hunting trip near Wilmore, Arthur Milwood, 44 years old, of Nanty Glo, died at the Johnstown hospital on Friday. The father was sitting along the Wilmore dam fishing, while his son was in the woods 22 caliber rifle. The boy did not know time later when he found the prostrate body in the clump of bushes.

-Enough coal to keep the mines working 200 years has been discovered on the Candlemas Coal company's tract at Silver Brook, south of McAdoo, in Schuylkill county, it is said, as the result of the operations of diamond drillers, who have been at work the last six months making tests of the layout of the anthracite veins. Six strata of hard coal extending from the bottom of McAdoo hill to Lofty, two miles farther south, have been located and surveys made for the sinking of slopes.

-Every precaution is being taken with the alleged will of the late Harry H. Hinman, Altoona produce agent, while it is in the hands of the court. The document was written with lead pencil on a blank check, undated, and signed with ink. In granting permission to a handwriting expert to examine it and make photostatic copies of it, Judge Baldrige stipulated thonotary Paul L. Hall or one of the deputies was to be present. The alleged will disposes of an estate appraised at \$104 .-000, which goes to the widow if it is proven genuine; otherwise she will receive only half.

-One man is dead and two women are in a serious condition in the Cottage State hospital at Philipsburg, as a result of an automobile accident on the state highway between Philipsburg and Allegheny Saturday evening. James Brown, who was driving the machine, was killed almost instantly when the car turned over on him, crushing his chest and puncturing his lungs. His wife suffered a number of bruises and cuts and it is thought she is internally injured. Mrs. Ethel Stephens, who had her skull fractured, is not expected to live. Benjamin Stephens, husband of Mrs. Ethel Stephens, was able to leave the hospital Sunday afternoon. Ethel Stephens, a daughter, escaped injury.

-John M. Wilson was gored by a vicious bull at his home, near Butler, Pa., on Friday, and killed. He left on horseback to drive some cattle from the pasture on another farm to the farm of G. W. Nixon. When he did not return next morning hissister started an investigation. It was learned that he had not been to the Nixon farm the previous evening with the cattle and a search was made of the pasture on the Scott farm. His body was found in the pasture, with indications that he had been knocked down and gored by a bull that terests of the farmer, wheat has just | belonged to the herd and afterward trampled. The horse that Wilson was riding was found in the field bridled and saddled. law was placed on the statute books and has been continued practically ever since, those against the legislawhen he was off his guard.

-The radical and frequent changes in the styles of women's shoes were the cause of the failure of the Harrisburg Shoe Manufacturing company, it was brought out in Federal court at Harrisburg on Saturday, while the affairs of the bankrupt concern were being probed. Shoe manufacturers who attended the meeting from many parts of the country seemed to concur in the intimation that the same cause had brought trouble to many shoe companies. One representative of a large company said: "The styles have been changing over night, and big orders are canceled and thrown back on the factories about as frequently as the styles change." W. Grant Rauch, who is secretary and treasurer of the Harrisburg Shoe Manufacturing company, declared the company had lost at least \$75,000 in the last six months.

-Charles B. Harter, 72 years of age, a life long resident of Danville, Pa., and the youngest Pennsylvania volunteer to serve during the Civil war, died suddenly in the rooms of the G. A. R. post Saturday morning. He had gone to the lodge rooms to drape a flag in tribute to President Harding when stricken with a heart attack. His body was found a half hour after death had occurred. Mr. Harter enlisted in Company A., 187th Pennsylvania Volunteers. June, 1863, at the age of 10 years, and served as drummer boy until the clo the war. To him belonged the honor of being drummer at the funeral of President Abraham Lincoln. He was postmaster at Danville from 1905 until 1906, served one ucation, and at the time of his death was county sealer of weights and measures.