Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-How about buying Thanksgiving turkey early. -Let us have a new deal all the

way through the court house. -Getting it in the neck is all right if it is really the "bottled in bond" variety.

-Everybody will be at State College tomorrow and most of them will be hoping to see State's lion eat up the Navy's goat.

-Vote for Condo and Stover for Auditors and assure yourself of having a full statement of the county business transactions.

Pinchot Demands Loyalty.

If the Old Guard leaders succeed

in coraling the Pennsylvania delega-

open help of the State job holders.

order made public the other day he

ministration. Giving aid and comfort

emies of good government or of the

administration is disloyalty. Disloyal

Senators Pepper and Reed, Secre-

send an uninstructed delegation to the

tage. Incidentally they have in mind

some trading on their own account.

is of considerable value and control of

the delegation is a powerful force

when the dispensing agent is "gar-

nering" strength. The realization of

these facts has probably influenced Governor Pinchot to issue his admo-

nition to employees to be "loyal to the

The indications are, however, that

the job holders will make them cau-

tious, no doubt, but not friendly. In

Penrose and the methods of Sproul

pating in a pending conference of the

Passing the "Buck" to Coolidge.

Govenor Pinchot into a trap skilfully

coal strike settlement, is generally

now trying to force President Cool-

"The federal enforcement service in

Pennsylvania lost its soul through

politics and will never be worth its

salt until it is taken wholly out of pol-

This is literally placing the "buck"

in the hands of the President. In

some sections of the country that will

"drys" it might seriously impair his

In presenting the matter to the cit-

chances of nomination.

new issue of marks.

That President Coolidge inveigled

-The United States is partici-

administration."

ing in a dream.

tion in the coming Republican Nation--The Yanks have won the National convention against Governor Pinal baseball classic and while Babe Ruth was a party to the victory he chot they will achieve it without the wasn't the whole show. The Governor intends to secure the fidelity of his own employees. In an

-If Governor Pinchot imagines he can scare the coal operators into a decrease of prices he has a rude awakening coming to him.

says "no person will be retained in public office who is disloyal to the ad-Senator Vare is about to resign his seat in the State Senate in order of any sort, or in any form, to the ento resume his seat in the House of Representatives in Washington. -The Governor's round about way persons will be removed from office at once upon discovery." In the opin-

to have "capitol hill" declare for him for President will either make a lot ion of the Governor "good governor hypocrites or a lot of vacant places." ment" and "the administration" are -Secretary Mellon also got a jab synonomous terms. in Pinchot's Washington speech but it

was coming to him. It is understood tary of the Treasury Mellon and that he positively refused to be for State chairman Baker are striving to Gif. for President. -There is a counterfeit ten dollar convention. Their principal purpose note in circulation and we should wor- is to prevent Mr. Pinchot from using ry. Such large pieces of mazuma the eighty delegates of the State as

rarely get through the door of a coun- capital in trading for personal advantry printing office. -When Governor Pinchot goads President Coolidge just a little more The federal patronage for the period he will discover that there is just as between this time and the convention positive a man in Washington as

there is in Harrisburg. ---What the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina is vastly different from what the Governor of Kansas said to the

Governor of Pennsylvania. -Pinchot may get a seat in the next National convention to preserve the Governor will fail in his efforts to a long established precedent. But he control the delegation. His orders to is going to have a "heck" of a time to

get credentials for the Mrs. —All the way from top to bottom fact there are signs of clandestine of the ticket, any one can vote for support of the Old Guard program in the Democratic nominees with the various sections of the State by State feeling that he or she is helping to officials whose work counts in their put only clean, capable men in office. | communities. The Governor seems to

-Claude Herr is making an im- have adopted a misttken policy in his pressive campaign for Prothonotary. treatment of the subject. Pennsylva-Wherever he goes voters are rally- nia Republicans have been used to an ing to his candidacy. They see for "easy" boss, while he is exacting and themselves that he would prove a ca- his open slurs upon the memory of pable, courteous official.

—Vote for Lyman L. Smith for But this is his own affair. If he imtype of man for that office of peculiar agines he is a Roosevelt he is indulg-Treasurer. He is just trust. Nowhere could a better one be found and the county funds in his custody will be properly taken care of.

-His settlement of the coal strike having proved a boomerang as a pop- League of Nations at Geneva, through ularity maker Governor Pinchot is "official observers." In other words out with another attempt to keep in we are still sneaking under the canthe Presidential spotlight. He has vass to see the show. been telling President Coolidge what to do. If Cal. gets as mad as he was at the time of that Boston police strike he'll likely tell Gif. where to go.

-Anyway the cat jumps we are bound to have a Republican in the of- laid for suckers, in the matter of the fice of District Attorney and a Democrat in the office of Recorder. Both believed. That Governor Pinchot is Arthur Dale and John Love are Republicans and both Forest Ocker and idge into a trap is equally certain. In Harry Rossman are Democrats at least an address delivered at Washington, the latter, who is now the Republican on Sunday, Governor Pinchot said: candidate, was a Democrat only a few years ago.

-Thomas A. Edison doesn't believe his friend Henry Ford ought to be start until it is taken that step in my President. He thinks Henry can do more good for the country outside than in the White House. As to that we have nothing to say. But we do make the head of it, until the present we have nothing to say. But we do want to relieve Mr. Edison of any fear he may have in the matter. Henry he may have in the president of the United States." will never park a flivver in the presidential garage.

-The last three years Noll and Grove were Commissioners they had work to his advantage but there is an \$225,613.63 on which to run the busi- increasing impression that in other ness of the county and they did it sections, and at vital points, it will without issuing a note. During the have the contrary effect. In New three years the present board has York, for example, which has the been in they have had \$410,593.65 to largest number of votes of any State use and have \$63,600.00 in notes out- in the convention, the strict enforcestanding. Think of it! They have ment of the Volstead law will alienhad \$184,981.02 more to run the coun- ate the majority of the Republican ty with, for three years, than their voters. New Jersey has also shown predecessors had and still they have a tendency to the wet side and Massato issue county notes to keep going. chusetts and Maryland are in doubt ers. The late Senator Quay leaned And the tax payers pay the interest on the notes.

ty Commissioners, publish a signed statement in the Gazette of this morning in which they very naturally try to gloss over the vast increase in ex- izenship conference the Governor of Philadelphia, he was able to col- the public good. penditures during the three years availed himself of an opportunity to they have been in office. We have no make insinuations against the Cool- tisan enterprise. objection, whatever. In fact it was idge supporters in this State, moreexpected that they would try to ex- over. "The thing that has protected plain away the startling revelations the liquor criminal from the law," he the "Watchman" made last week as to declared, "is politics. Politics first, the way the money of the tax payers law enforcement a poor second has He delivered the message which made tofore. The Tribune has always been is going. We do object, however, to been the order. Bad whiskey, with their conclusion to the effect that the beer to help, has supplied the sinews "Watchman" did or ever has charged of war," he added. That is the whole them with dishonesty. It never has truth and to make it impressive he entertained such a thought nor has it fastened the responsibility upon the given expression to anything that Old Guard party leaders. He denouncmight be distorted into belief that we ed McConnell's appointment as a scan- him. He organized and directed the have. As to whether they have been dal, and censured former Governor forces which made Hampton Moore incompetent is a matter for the voters Sproul for his failure to promote law mayor of Philadelphia and Moore to decide. We have been publishing enforcement. What he said is probfacts, not personalities, and propose ably true but not diplomatic. to continue doing so. Comparative statements from which the voters.

in the offices they hold.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Bellefonte and Philipsburg---a Comparison.

Bellefonte is supposed to be just one mile square. The last census gave it a population of 3996.

We are not advised as to the area of the corporate limits of Philipsburg, but we are familiar enough with the town to know that it is not much, if any, smaller than Bellefonte. The last census gave it a population of 3900, just 96 persons less than Bellefonte.

In facilities for getting around, character of buildings, vacant lots, etc., the towns are not greatly dissimilar.

In 1922 it cost \$1677.00 to assess Bellefonte.

In the same year the Philipsburg assessment cost \$762.09.

In 1923 the assessment in Bellefonte cost \$1816.59.

In 1923 the assessment in Philipsburg cost \$607.78. In two years it has cost tax payers \$2123.72 more to assess Bellefonte than it has to assess Philipsburg. Yet the two towns are almost

identical in area and population. The Commissioners explain it by saying that the Assessors swear to the time they put in and there is nothing left for them to do but

pay the bills-with your money. What would you do? The price paid for Bellefonte this year is higher than it would have been if one man had been employed at \$150.00 per month and taken every day in the year to do the work

What it Means.

Several persons have asked us to explain a statement made in the "Watchman" last week to the effect that the county was in debt \$41,283.65 on January 1st, 1922.

They couldn't quite understand how that statement could be correct if there were, as we also stated, \$63,600.00 of current notes out-

Both statements were correct, if the statement of the County Auditors published in April was correct.

The county could be in debt only \$41,283.65 and still owe notes of \$63,600,00. And such is the case because revenues owing the county that have not been collected are counted as assets. In other words, tax duplicates have been permitted to remain unsettled and in order to get money to run the county the Commissioners have borrowed on current notes \$63,600.00, paying interest for it of course. The presumption and hope is that when these old duplicates are settled the money received from them will pay the notes. But will they?

In 1919, when the present board took control of the Commissioner's office there wasn't a single note outstanding against the county. Their predecessors had been operating for five years on a four mill tax and a total assessed valuation in the county of \$14,597,990.00.

We want to be entirely fair in discussing these questions with you. We have no desire to do anybody an injustice and for that reason we here reiterate a statement this paper made in the campaign four years ago. We then said that no matter who might be chosen Commissioner, whether the Democratic or Republican nominees, the probability was that the county millage would have to be raised, if the county hoped to finally wipe out its debt.

As we all know the present Board was chosen and almost the first thing it did was to clap two mills extra on the taxes. To us this was not unexpected then, but in addition to adding the extra millage valuations were increased from \$14,597,990.00 to \$16,373,740.00 and as a result of both increasing the taxes and increasing the valuation the present board had \$139,156.03 with which to carry on the county government in 1922 whereas their predecessors had only \$80,825.28 to operate on in 1919, which they did without issuing any notes, left all bills that were due paid and a nice cash balance in the treasury.

From this we think you can see what the \$63,600.00 of outstand-

It means delinquency in collections and extravagance in expenditures. Paying interest on notes to take the place of money that should be gathered into the county treasury. Poor management is the most charitable comment any one can make on such a condition of

Retirement of Joseph R. Grundy.

Bristol, Pennsylvania, and Philadelsents that veteran "bearer of burure. For many years he has been the fiscal agent of the Pennsylvania Republican machine and the "guide, philosopher and friend" of the party leadon the question. If Mr. Pinchot on him whenever financial stress should succeed in forcing Coolidge to threatened and the late Senator Pen-As president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' association and a leading figure in the Manufacturers' Club lect funds in vast sums for any par-

Like the late Cardinal Wolsey, the fruits of Mr. Grundy's labor are disappointments. Ingratitude came as the reward of all his recent efforts. Harding rewarded him by slights. He made William C. Sproul Governor of ing matter. Pennsylvania and Sproul spurned turned a deaf ear to all his importunities for recognition. Finally he turned the tide which was about to -It is said that Germany con- immerse Gifford Pinchot last year and themselves, can decide as to the com- templates a new currency issue. Let contributed \$80,000.00 to his campetency of the gentlemen to continue us hope it will not take the form of a paign fund, and Pinchot gave him the cold shoulder.

In view of these recurring disappointments it is small wonder that The declared and voluntary retire- Mr. Grundy has announced his retirement of Mr. Joseph R. Grundy, of ment from politics. Probably it is not to be regretted that he has adoptphia, from the political arena, pre- ed that course, for his methods were not to be commended. So far as apdens" in the light of a pathetic fig- pearances indicate he had no ambitions to hold office himself. But he had friends who wanted office and who contributed money in the hope of such newards, and his disappointments came from his failure to meet such sinister obligations because of the ingratitude of those who had profited ing the ballot is diminished by his abactivities his retirement will be for on deposit in the bank.

-Col. Henry W. Shoemaker's Al-Monday morning enlarged to an eight farmer who has gone on prospering column, sixteen page paper, instead under conditions that smashed the of seven columns to the page as here- first man. Warren G. Harding the Republican a clean, newsy paper and the extra nominee for President, at Chicago in column not only gives it a more met-1920, as the emissary of Penrose, and ropolitan appearance but affords more space for advertising as well as read-

> -Governor Pinchot has appointed Howard J. Thompson, of Curwensville, but for a number of years a resident of Bellefonte, a member of the board of trustees of the Huntingdon value in most newspaper offices.

was so popular in this country and he ways they will achieve something probably never will know why.

Grand-Stand Plays.

From the Philadelphia Record. We entertain the highest regard for the attainments of the Governor of Pennsylvania. He is a man of great ability, decent instincts and boundless energy; and there can be no doubt that he desires to serve the people faithfully and with a distinction that shall heighten the contrast between his administration and those of some of his boss-ridden predecessors. And yetand yet, we could wish that he were a little less given to grand-stand plays. * * * * * * *

Governor Pinchot made a grand-stand play in the settlement of the coal strike. There was a deal of fuss and notoriety about his selection as mediator, about his handling of the affair at Harrisburg, and about the telegrams of felicitation that passed between him and the President after an adjustment which the lapse of but a few days showed to be not as represented. The Governor held out false hopes to the consumers as to the results of his strike settlement, and they were especially dashed. He did not costs, as usual—and they exceed those he fixed as a maximum—were saddled on the consumer. The strike settle-ment, and the official statement that accompanied it, constituted "an act done to draw applause," i. e., a grand-

done to draw applause," i. e., a grand-stand play.

Next the Governor descends upon the coal regions and the city of Philadelphia with a formidable body of state troopers and announces that he is going to close all the saloons by the simple process of serving notices upon their proprietors to dismantle their establishments and quit. He serves the notices. The saloon-keepers laugh. In 48 hours, he tells us, the saloon-keepers will learn that he means business.

Dert Arner, were also stolen.

—Mervin C. Henry, aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40, of Pleasureville, York county, committed suicide by hanging, Saturday night. The wives of both men found their bodies suspended from ropes. Each suicide chose the barn at his home to kill himself. Henry aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40, of Pleasureville, York county, committed suicide by hanging, Saturday night. The wives of both men found their bodies suspended from ropes. Each suicide chose the barn at his home to kill himself. Henry aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40, of Pleasureville, York county, committed suicide by hanging, Saturday night. The wives of both men found their bodies suspended from ropes. Each suicide chose the barn at his home to kill himself. Henry aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40, of Pleasureville, York county, committed suicide by hanging, Saturday night. The wives of both men found their bodies suspended from ropes. Each suicide chose the barn at his home to kill himself. Henry aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40 years, of Hanover, and Herman E. Keasey, aged 40, of Pleasureville, York county, committed suicide by hanging, Saturday night. The wives of both men found their bodies suspended from ropes. Each suicide chose the barn at his home to kill himself. Henry aged 40, of Pleasureville, York county, committed suicide by hanging, Saturday night.

Several times 48 hours have elapsed and the saloons are still open, and the United States District Attorney, whose business it would be to prosecute them, announces that they cannot be closed. Another grand-stand

We have no doubt that the liquor situation in Philadelphia is just as was struck and instantly killed. bad as the Governor represented it to be, and we are in hearty sympathy with his desire to apply a remedy. We wish that his plan might have succeeded. But we knew from the first, and the Governor himself must have known, that it was another grand-grand play stand play.

There is much that the Governor can accomplish toward the enforcement of the Volstead act, and possibly a little—though this we doubt—toward ameliorating the effects of his strike settlement; but in either case, and in all governmental affairs, he had better dispense with the brass band and trust to the public to discover and appreciate his achieve-

but only when the goods are as meritorious as the advertiser represents them to be.

When a Man Fails. From the Kansas City Star.

incompetent man may make a success. It is in time of stress that the sheep are separated from the goats. blame general conditions for a man's failure when the real blame should fall on his extravagance and poor management.

A Kansas banker recently cited these two instances which he knew personally. Years ago in organizing a bank he picked a promising young German as a comer who would have influence with the German farmers, helped him get a few shares of stock in the bank and made him a director. The honor went to the young man's head. He overreached himself in buying land, he was not a careful manager and now is in danger of losing

everything.

About the same time another young strong county, sold more than 2000 cans fellow from Germany got a job as a farm hand in the neighborhood. He was earnest and industrious. The fore he was discovered by State pure food banker hired him at \$18 a month. In agents and arrested. Gracello was tracked two or three years he had saved some to his cache in the wilds of the county, money and asked his employer for help in buying a farm. The banker had enough confidence in him to lend caught in the act of filling his cans. A him the necessary money, up to 75 per cent. of the value of the land. This man is now a successful farmer, with Messrs, Austin and Yarnell, Coun- identify himself with the radical rose was equally dependent upon him. by his work. If the evil of corrupt- a large farm worth \$200 an acre, free of incumbrance. At one time this year sence from the scenes of his former the banker learned he had had \$6,000 The neighbors all point to the case

of the first farmer as showing that conditions are runinous, that they have forced the man to toona Tribune came to our desk on They say nothing about the second

> Occasionally a competent man is overwhelmed by adverse conditions. But ordinarily success or failure is a personal matter. The intelligent, energetic, thrifty man usually prospers. He makes circumstances instead of allowing circumstances to make-or

> -It may be gratifying to delinquent subscribers to learn that two dollar bills are gladly accepted at face

-If the highway cops will drive -Lloyd George didn't know he the reckless motorists off the high- was rushed to the hospital in an ambuworth while.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-While exploding dynamite caps, Theodore Mowery, aged 11 years, of Kittanning Point, lost three fingers and a thumb of his right hand. A finger nail was imbedded in his cheek.

-Joseph Harris, of Sayre, won \$1,000 on the Giants in the first game of the world's series. He hid \$200 of it in the oil stove at home. His wife was cold on Monday. Joe is now only \$800 winner.

-Plasterers have been offered \$17.50 for an eight hour shift by an agent representing Philadelphia builders. Bricklayers working on several large jobs have been given a voluntary advance, and their wages now amount to \$97.50 a week.

-As the result of a pea lodged in the windpipe on Sunday evening, Charles D. Evans Sr., a prominent Johnstown man, died on Monday in a taxicab while being taken to the Lee Homeopathic hospital, where a throat specialist intended removing the obstruction.

-It was determined on Saturday that the loss of forty or more geese belonging to foreign residents of Freemansburg, Lehigh county, first thought to have been due to cholera, was caused by imbibing too much moonshine, which found its way into a nearby creek.

-Mrs. Clara Leonard, of Lancaster, was refused compensation last Saturday, although her husband fell dead while in the employ of the John Farnum company, of that place. It was shown that Leonard entered the plant, said "good morning," and almost intsantly fell dead. Physicians said he died from heart failure.

-The six-wire power transmission line from McCall's Ferry to York is finished and ready to operate as soon as the substation, near Violet Hill, is completed. A. steel tower was erected near the breast of the dam, on the York county side, 152 feet high. The men who built this tower received \$1 an hour, against 65 cents an hour, the usual rate.

-Thieves forced a rear door entrance to achieve a settlement on a new basis; the W. F. Hufford silk mill at Weissport, he used the same old formula; all the and carried off silk stockings to the value the W. F. Hufford silk mill at Weissport. of \$22,000 last Wednesday night. Most of the stockings were in boxes ready to ship. Two motor trucks which were housed near the mill, one of which belonged to contractor U. Lesher, and the other to Herbert Arner, were also stolen.

Fairpoint, near Lock Haven, was cut in two by a New York Central eastbound freight at the Bridgens farm, two miles west of Lock Haven on Monday morning. Young Kennelley had been staying with his cousin, William Kennelley, who resides on the Bridgens farm and had crossed the track to take a cow to pasture. Failing to see the train as it rounded the curve, he

-Big Run, a Clearfield county borough either keeps the prisoner in his home or takes him to a near by village, all of which are smaller, but have lock-ups. A town of 1,200 people without a jail is considered a novelty in that region.

-Jiggs, a puppy, was the indirect cause of the death of his little master, Louis Rex Brown, aged 5 years, son of Clifford Brown, of Roselawn, near Altoona. When Rex and his younger brother returned from their great-grandmother's Friday, they found their home was locked. Jiggs Advertising is a wonderful force, led the way to an open cellar window. through which the boys entered and built a fire. Rex's clothing ignited and he was so terribly burned he died on Sunday.

-Plans to reopen the city bank at York, Pa., which institution was closed last April after shortages of more than \$1,-000,000 were uncovered, have been approv-When business is booming even the ed by the depositors' protective committee. Under the plan all persons having deposits totalling less than \$200 are to be paid in full and the others are to receive Often we overlook this fact and 75 per cent in cash and the remainder in stock at double par. The authorized capital stock, under the reopening plan, will be \$750,000.

> -Charles L. Cully, 29 years old, former ticket agent for the Chesepeake and Ohio railroad at Huntingdon, W. Va., was arrested at Reading on Sunday on information furnished by railway police. An automobile was one of the clues to his arrest. He is charged with embezzling \$900 from the railway company two years ago. He lived at Reading with his family and was in the roofing business. He is said to have traveled from coast to coast while officers hunted two years for him.

> caught in the act of filling his cans. A sample was purchased by the agent and Gracello was arrested and fined the maximum of \$460 and costs.

> -A supposed telephone lineman, armed with a screw driver, called one day last week at the home of J. Horace McFarland, of Harrisburg, president of the American Civics association, and went over the telephone lines to make repairs. He spent several hours in the house. The next day the police announced they were searching for the man in an effort to find \$2000 worth of old jewelry and valuables reported stolen from the McFarland home. The loss was discovered after the "lineman" had left. Telephone company officials said no repairmen had been sent there.

> -Bertha Pinkerton, 16 years old, of Lancaster, is in a serious condition in the General hospital from poison she took on Monday night while seated in Reservoir park with Francis Foster, aged 21, and Carl Herr, 23 years old. She spent the afternoon at home with her sister and the two young men, and about 5 o'clock went out with her beaux. No one saw her taking the tablet. When Herr asked her if she wanted a doctor, she said, "You will soon see I don't need a doctor. I'll need an ambulance." Five minutes later she lance. Later she declared she swallowed the poison because her father beat her.