Democratic Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

-Lots of people would go further if they were charged with more TNT and less FFV.

—If you are a poor manager stick to small business undertakings. Poor management can't lose as much money in little business as it would in big.

-These are the days when those scientists who intermittently try to make us believe that the Earth is cooling off are hunting the shady side of the streets.

-The species "road-hog" is gradually becoming extinct, but we fear it will be a long time before the type that steps on the gas the instant you blow your desire to go round him disappears.

-We went to press too early yesturned out, but since our colored popsafe in saying: It rained. It always day off.

-They were only trifles in an ex- matter. penditure of fifty million, but Auditor General Sam Lewis did exactly in the case was Boles I chicago, or General Sam Lewis did exactly Pennsylvania. He was not striving to on bills for a vanity case and an An- retain the chairmanship of a promibeen attorney for J. P. Morgan & Co., partment automobile and office. If the chairmanship of the Finance com- P. Morgan & Co." In view of the Sam were to let the little things get mittee, which had become vacant by by it wouldn't be long until bigger ones would be put over.

-Advance notices are to the effect that the Prince of Wales is going to attend the speed classic at Altoona on Labor day. As you know the Prince has only recently assured his future subjects that he has at last set himself to the task of hunting a wife, and, who can tell: Some Cinderella of the Alleghenies might be the future Queen of England. Of course the girls with bobbed hair might as well save car fare to Tipton, for England would never stand for a bobbedhead queen.

American Federation of Labor has endorsed the La Follette ticket his from that organization. Eight years ago the engine cab or caboose that didn't display a picture of Wilson and the railroader who didn't wear a Wilson button, big as a sun-flower, was the exception. The railroaders were going to vote for him en masse, and we're right here to bet that not two them voted anything but their regu-

-Every once in a while some one person who does this or believes that. son of it is that he "saved himself." Occasionally the antique is presented to view. But it is only occasionally. Old fashioned persons of the type that the League of Nations the reparations tramped down onions, shingled rooves and had their hair cut only in the right | agreement would have been settled at sign of the moon are few and far between. Why? Simply because science is taking all that quaint joy out of life. They tell us now that there are no "dog days," so the hives and boils we kids all got out of the "ole swimmin' hole" in the August of yesyou tell the youth of today about powwowing, hexing and smearing wagon premises of rats he looks at you out "Where do you get that stuff." That's the reason the "old fashion" person is so rare. They are extinct, almost, as the Dodo.

-Years and years ago, it seems like fifty of them, but of course it wasn't, I frequently visited the horse market in Pittsburgh. To watch the "swipes" just prior to a special sale was an education in trickery. In five minutes they could make a low headed, lead-footed, close tailed horse look like he had just been made for the leader of a circus band wagon team. They would tie a piece of thread around the pasterns, and put a little lump of chewed ginger root under the tails of such slouchy animals and almost instantly they were transformed. Naturally the first thing the horse did when the ginger was put under his tail was to hold it tighter than ever. This resulted in heating the ginger and as it began to burn up went the tail in a beautiful arch and the thread put action into the legs, so that a horse that wouldn't have drawn a bid of fifty in the ring would start at double that figure. Many of them were good horses, sound as to eyes, wind and bone, but they didn't have any style-action. The oftener we hear country bands play the more we think of that horse-market revelation. There are many good bands in small communities. Honest, earnest musicians who can read and execute music, but they haven't any style. On parade they march like the awkward squad in a rookie camp, blowing into the ground, and when playing seated invariably put more vim into beating time with their feet than they put into the mouth pieces of their instruments. Like the horses in the Pittsburgh market they are sound and good, but like the horses they need some ginger and other tricks to give them some style.



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Reformer La Follette a Trader.

Former Governor Stokes, of New Jersey, who is at present chairman of a recent issue, took the trouble to corthe Republican State committee of rect a false impression concerning the county court, declaring the Old Age that State, has made the statement professional activities of John W. Dathat "Senator La Follette would have been expelled from the Senate for dis- the Democratic party. In the conventerday afternoon to know how the day loyalty but for the fact that a prominent Senator, now dead, was anxious ulation held its annual picnic we feel to remain chairman of one of the prominent Senatorial committees, and banking firm of J. Pierpont Morgan does when the colored folks take their as the complexion of the Senate was and the statement has been taken up, close, he made a deal with La Follette -The "Boston," one of the three and thus saved La Follette from exremaining planes in the round the pulsion from the United States Senworld flight, is down in the waters off ate." An esteemed contemporary re-Iceland. Let us hope she is not out. ferring to the matter, says the New To fail on the home-stretch of a flight Jersey Governor "is telling tales out accepting the nomination for Vice that will make history is too heart- of school." On the contrary there is President on the La Follette ticket. breaking for a pilot like Lieut. Wade. and never has been any secret in the

> The "prominent Senator, now dead" in the case was Boies Penrose, of death. Senator La Follette had announced his opposition to the elevation of Penrose and as the margin between the parties was narrow it was thought he might succeed in defeating the ambition of the Pennsylvania Senator. Meantime there was pending against Senator LaFollette a charge of disloyalty to the government and a motion for his expulsion. An agreement between them was arrived at under which Penrose was elected chairman by La Follette's support and the motion to expell La-Follette was dropped from the calendar.

The charges of disloyalty grew out -It is to laugh. Because the world war. He not only opposed ents some big corporations, for clients every provision for supplies for of that type strive to get the best the troops in foreign camps but ad- service attainable. And the chances rooters are claiming a million votes vised the people of Wisconsin to re- are equal that he appears in court for sist the operation of the law for the less conspicuous firms than Morgan selection of men for the army and & Co., as he did in West Virginia navy. If his policies had been followed the results of the war would have been vastly different and Germany would have succeeded in her ambitions to dominate the world, and the burden of the cost of the war in per cent. of the Republicans among all probability would have been placed upon the United States. But the armistice had been signed before the agreement between Penrose ond Laasks to be shown the old fashioned Follette was reached and the only les-

> -If this country had gone into question and all other subjects in disleast five years ago.

Calling Officials to Account.

Auditor General Lewis has very properly called a halt on indiscriminate drafts upon the motor fund for ter-years didn't come from that at all. | the purchase of supplies for the De-No more dogs go mad in August than partment of Highways. Some time in December and the reason their ago the Auditor General protested tongues loll out now and they look against what seemed to him a dangersick is because they are thirsty and ous exercise of this power and invithot and want water. All the mystery ed an amicable court suit to test the of "signs" has cleared up and when question. The Highway Department for deficits in revenue and the same authorities paid no attention to the suggestion but proceeded under an in- tion of his predecessor in office who tongues with goose grease to rid the terpretation issued by Deputy Attorney General Schnader to issue requiof pitying eyes and laconically asks: sitions for all sorts of things. The other day a requisition was issued for "a vanity case containing a diary and feminine face powder papers," and another for a Persian rug.

The Auditor General is unable to of Highways declares that the requisition for the vanity case and feminine face powder was subsequently stricken off and the subordinate who made it rebuked. But if the Auditor General had passed it the amount would have been paid to somebody and it isn't an easy matter to get money back that has been paid out by the State. Commissioner Wright also states that the Persian rug was not Persian but a product of a domestic no means of knowing the history of

the rug For the sake of politeness it was all right for the Auditor General to exculpate the present highway officials from intent to loot. "For me to permit the purchase of supplies in the manner indicated would establish a practice which in the hands of unscrupulous officials could be taken advantage of and result in scandalous misuse of public funds." And there are unscrupulous officials in the public service as the people of Pennsylvania have reason to know. In the furnishing of the capitol, some years ago, millions of dollars were stolen and the items against which the Auditor General has complained shows that official

-President Coolidge has had one year in office and the best he can claim is that he has been solemn and silent.

morals have not entirely changed.

-What good is expected from

Professional Activities of Mr. Davis.

The esteemed New York World, in tion which nominated Mr. Davis, William Jennings Bryan made the assertion that Mr. Davis is attorney for the broadcasted and amplified by many of inferentially adopted it in his letter

The New York World, which is admired for its accuracy in statement and energy in research, has investigated the subject and ascertained that "Mr. Davis has never at any time nent committee. He was aspiring to nor has his firm any retainer from J. statement of Mr. Bryan and the declaration of Mr. Wheeler, the opposition press had not only fastened the should be paid. It created a bureau Morgan brand on Mr. Davis but fixed his recompense at \$250,000 a year, which would be a generous income for even a New York lawyer if he had no geously and pay salaries of the offiother clients. But the investigation of the New York World, which got its information neither from Mr. Davis nor his friends, knocks this toy "boogie man" out in one round.

John W. Davis is a great lawyer, and employs his talents wisely, so that he has acquired a fine and lucrative practice at a bar at which the most gifted lawyers are in competiof Senator La Follette's attitude on the tion. He probably has among his cliwhen he defended "Mother Jones" and Eugene Debs against accusations that seemed to him unjust. If there are any voters who oppose learning, fitness, integrity and fidelity, they

> -The Republican factions in Pittsburgh are engaged in a war of

Coolidge Coddling Postal Employees.

President Coolidge assured a group of postoffice clerks who visited him at the White House, the other day, that "he would sign a bill making decided increases in their compensation if scientifically drawn and containing provisions for raising the necessary revenue." He has made similar efforts to enlist the support of the soldiers who were disappointed by his veto of the bonus bill. Both measures had large majorities in both branches of Congress where responsibility rests reason was given. It was an invenvetoed the bonus bill and urged the payment of as great a sum for ship subsidies.

There may be some trick in the suggestion that a bill increasing the wages of employees of the postal service must be "scientifically drawn." Mr. Coolidge endorsed the Melon tax see how such supplies are related to bill on the ground that it was "scienthe construction and maintenance of tific," though the only real difference highways, and refused to approve the between it and the Garner bill was in charges. In reply the Commissioner the fact that it favored the big income tax payers as against the less fortunate contributors to the revenues of the government. He vetoed the bonus bill and the measure increasing the wages of postal employees because the pay rolls would be increased and to his mind that was extravagance. But now that an election in which he has deep interest is coming on he sees things differently.

During the Wilson administration the policy of the government was to factory. But the Auditor General had pay employees in every part of the public service a living wage. The wages of some employees are fixed by legislation and can neither be lowered nor raised except by the same process. But the government has always been able to dig up enough currency to meet the pay roll, and no administration before the Harding regime has objected to the payment on the ground that it was extravagant. So far as general information goes no government official draws extravagant pay for his services, and it is certainly not extravagant to pay fair recompense for good service in such hazardous employment as the postal service.

> -According to the alienists testifying in Chicago nobody ought to be punished for crime. No human being is responsible for anything.

-Mr. Coolidge has given a certificate of character to Boss Greist, of Lancaster, which proves that Mr. the proposed mobilization, anyway? Coolidge is obliging, anyway.

Public Credulity a Party Asset.

The opinion handed down by President Judge Hargest, of the Dauphin pension invalid, was not unexpected vis that might have been harmful to but it is unimportant. The Legislators who enacted it, and the Governor who approved it, must have known that it was in conflict with the provision of the State constitution which declares that "no appropriations, except for pensions or gratuities for military services, shall be made for the political enemies of Mr. Davis. charitable, educational, or benevolent Senator Wheeler, whose greatest fault purposes to any person or community, is carelessness in speech and thought, nor to any denominational or sectarian institution, corporation or association." The Judge could have done nothing other than that which he did. No other interpretation could have been put upon the language.

For that reason the decision is not surprising. It is unimportant for the reason that the act was never intended to provide a pension for aged and infirm citizens. It provided no fund out of which to pay pensions and those who voted for its passage probably never intended that pensions which provided for several well paid officials and appropriated sufficient funds to rent an office, furnish it gorcials for a year. That is about all that could be expected of a small enterprise like that except that it fooled several old people into the hope that something was about to be done for

The one certain valuable asset of the Republican machine is the credulity of the people. One after another promise is made by the machine leaders and broken. As chairman Butler, of the Republican National committee, said the other day, "the oil scandals will be forgotten before election day and we have nothing to fear from that source." The pirates got into power under promise of economy in administration and reform methods. Yet before they were in a year looting operations were in progress in every department of the government and the managers see nothing to fear because should vote against Mr. Davis. He the public will have forgotten before would "rather be right than be Pres- election day. Is the public memory so feeble?

dorse La Follette but refuses to enextermination, and it makes little or no difference which faction is externed by the State for good roads. The lette is probably satisfied with the letter assured that Mr. Coolidge has seen a county would have to raise a similar personal approval.

> Grant Hoover's Methods of Conservation.

> Most Centre county people when they think of Grant Hoover consider him in the light of fire insurance, a business he was in during all the years of his residence in Bellefonte and at State College, but the people of the State at large talk of him as an active conservationist. Born and raised in Bald Eagle valley Mr. Hoover saw many an acre of ground denuded of its virgin timber without any conserve the second growth. This is to join in the movement for conservation and is now heralded far and wide as an active propagandist.

But his activities are not confined to propaganda. A few years ago he acquired the old Hoover farm at the Huston and Union townships, and is now planning to plant thereon 100,000 farmers had paid off mortgages and forest trees. The work will be done next spring and his order, already placed with the Department of Forests and Waters, calls for 20,000 white pine, 20,000 pitch pine, 15,000 Scotch wheat which yields 25 bushels to the who later sought a refund of \$9064 on the pine, 10,000 Norway spruce, 30,000 European larch and 5,000 tulip pop- The average wheat plot farmed by a tax was paid was located outside Pennsyllars. Mr Hoover owns about 800 acres of land in Bald Eagle valley and has ceed 100 acres. Indeed, the average lars. Mr Hoover owns about 800 acres already planted over 150,000 trees, and plans to continue until the number shall exceed half a million.

-At the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening, the Sanitary committee was empowered to clean out Spring creek from the bridge to the falls so as to make the stream a little more sightly when strangers stop to view the big trout. Of course there is always a certain amount of rubbish flowing down stream during periods of high water and some of it lodges in the portion of the stream referred to, but a good portion of the refuse has been thrown into the creek by thoughtless persons who do not stop to think how unsightly such a nondescript accumulation becomes. If more care were exercised in this direction the stream would not need cleaning so frequently.

-There were 1615 business failures in the United States during July, but Judge Gary assures us that business is improving.

-That the Republicans are afraid of La Follette is proved by the way they are attacking him.

-When you see it in the "Watchman" you know it's true.

Mr. Coolidge Sees a Light.

From the Philadelphia Record. operating costs of the government gency hospital, without making any provision for raising revenue to that amount. Another was that it was a form of Charles Snyder, aged 28 years, of Normust stop, while severe disapproval of the course of those agitating for greater compensation was contained in the statement that "an organized effort by a great body of public employees to secure an indiscriminate increase in compensation should have the most searching scrutiny."
We have no means of knowing

whether or not Mr. Coolidge has been making such a scrutiny, but that his attitude of stern disapprobation has been greatly changed was indicated on Thursday, when the national offi-cers of the Association of Postoffice Clerks had an interview with him at the White House. At its close official announcement was made that he would sign a bill making the decided increases if scientifically drawn and containing provisions for raising the necessary revenue. From this it may be inferred that Mr. Coolidge has a very lively appreciation of the fact that an important election is to be held in Noember, and that postal employees have votes which it is desirable to secure for the head of the Republican ticket. So the stern guardian of the public revenues and the relentless foe of "Government extravagance" sees clearly now that the postal employees are underpaid, and will do all in his power to give them a

boost in salary.

According to the Railway Postoffice, the origin of the Railway Mails Association, the contention that Congress order that additional revenue may be raised for the higher pay schedules, is invalid, as it holds that the Postoffice Department already possesses that power. In this connection it cel post rates, but that nothing was

If this statement is correct, it would acting with the Interstate Commerce Commission, can provide the needed can, better revenue whenever it wishes to, and it Snyder. would be interesting to know what influences have prevented it from taking such action. Whatever may be great light, and that he no longer conextravagance." The laborer is worthy of his hire, and he is now with themheart and soul— until after the election at least. After that we shall see what we shall see.

Not as Rosy as Pictured.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The eastern editors are doing their best to plaster the middle west with money. To read the Wall Street Journal or the New York edition of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, it is easy to see that the corn and wheat belts are lands flowing with milk, effort being made to replace it or even honey, peace and prosperity. That agricultural conditions have improved is probably one reason why he was quick | undoubtedly true. But they have not editors seem to imagine. And the young woman, who farmerly was a buyer money and cheering for Coolidge.

> result of recent increases in prices. tenant farmers had become wealthy. of Greensburg, under the act of 1919 should That is going some on one wheat crop. It would be going some even if wheat were selling for twice what it is. The farmer who has a stand of acre counts himself a world-beater. ground that real estate upon which the wheat plot taken the country over, is less than 40 acres. But suppose a tenant had 100 acres which yielded him 2500 bushels of wheat. At \$2 a bushel that would only be \$5,000. Seed, labor and rent would take more than 50 per cent. of that. If the farmer had \$2,000 net from his hundred acres of wheat, he would be lucky. And yet the Wall Street Journal calls that wealth. Its editor must imagine that tenant farmers are peasants to whom a piece of silver-any piece-

is a small fortune in itself. Recent increases in the price of farm products have helped a lot. No gainsaying that. In many instances they have undoubtedly enabled the farmer to break even this year instead of going still further in debt. The limitless wealth stuff regarding agriculture may make for the right sort of sentiment in the east, but it certainly makes for a laugh in the west.

La Follette Don't Appeal.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. It is safe to say that the candidates of the two great parties may be placed in the class of good sportsmen.

The La Follette candidacy, unfortunately, represents disappointed ambition, malice and destruction, and for knives. He also suffered cuts about his that reason cannot be given even respectful attention by the majority of the American people.

-Subscribe for the "Watchman." | his parents two days later.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Miss Gertrude Roberts, teacher of English in the Altoona High school, has been appointed dean of women and social director at the Lock Haven State Normal.

-George Lyon, of Pittsburgh, met death by electrocution last Friday while assisting in unloading some road machinery near Williamsport. A heavily charged wire had been raised to permit the handing of the apparatus off a flat car, but the wire snapped, falling on Lyon.

-A combination harvester and thresher manufactured by the American Pattern and Manufacturing company under the supervision of N. H. Ford has been given a successful test at York, Pa. It is designed to cut and thresh the grain in one operation. It weighs little more than the selfbinder.

-With assets of \$290,000 and plans under way for the new dormitories, the an-When President Coolidge vetoed in | nual meeting of the Evangelical Home for June the bill increasing the pay of postal employees he gave several reasons for his action. One was that it was broken for a new dormitory the same would add \$68,000,000 annually to the day. This will be used also as an emer-

"government extravagance" which thumberland, made a tourniquet out of his shirt and staunched the flow of blood. Then he drove to the Mary M. Packer hospital, Sunbury, where the leg may have to be amputated.

-Following a hearing before a justice of the peace, Charles A. Nowheld, of Greensburg, was held for court trial charged with attempting to extort \$6000 from A. Huff, president of the Safe Deposit and Trust company, of that place. Nowheld, according to Mr. Huff, threatened to kill him and his entire family unless he paid the money.

-Faith in his native country's ability to come back financially is said to have brought the Rev. John Orlowski, Polish Catholic priest at Blossburg, Pa., a fortune. It is understood a year ago he bought Poland's bonds to the tune of \$190,000,000 for \$5.50 per million, and that they are worth today \$400 a million. The profit is said to equal \$75,000.

-Louis William Raugh, aged 13 years, was smothered to death in the wheat bin of a grain warehouse at Waynesboro early last Friday morning. Discovery of the boy's death was made when wheat stopped flowing from a chute into a freight car which was being loaded. Workmen, going to the wheat bin on the third floor of the warehouse, found the boy's body clogging the entrance to the chute.

-Police throughout the State are pursuing an intensive search for two girls, who escaped from the State Industrial Home for Women, at Muncy, Lycoming county. The girls, Grace McCloskey, aged. must act to increase postal rates, in 19 years, of Plymouth, and Ada Render, aged 20 years, of Pittsburgh, were confined at the home on charges of larceny. A reward of \$10 each has been offered for information leading to their capture.

-Feeling that a slight ailment needed states that hearings were held by a treatment, Charles E. Sterner, of Potts-Congressional committee to decide ville, for many years an official of the what increases should be made in par- State Highway Department, went to his family physician to be treated. While he was waiting his turn he sustained a stroke and died on Sunday night. For many appear that the Postoffice Department, years Sterner was a leading business man of Pottsville, and was an active Republican, being a lieutenant of State Treasurer

-The board of Wayne county commisitself of the opportunity of the \$160,000 alamount before the money would be obtainsiders their requests as "Government able. The commissioners state that Wayne cannot afford to contribute \$160,000 to the State at the present time. They aver that they can build good roads on the county system for \$5000 or \$6000 per mile.

Charles Patton, his wife, baby and brother, Earl Patton, all of Dupo, Ill., were drowned in Big Saline creek, near Harrisburg. on Sunday. The entire family had gone bathing, when Mrs. Patton, who had the baby with her was seen to go under water, into a whirlpool with the child. The husband rushed to her rescue and dived, but he never came to the top. His brother, Earl, then rushed into the whirlpool, and he was never seen again.

-Isaac Silverman, said to be an Altoona business man, is defendant in a \$500,-000 breach of promise suit filed by Miss improved to the extent the eastern Elizabeth Sponsler, of Pittsburgh. The corn belt farmers are not dividing in an Altoona department store, says she their time between counting their suffered mental anguish and humiliation as a result of Silverman's refusal to marry In one of its recent critical sum- her. She also claims that Silverman got maries of agricultural conditions, the from her a diamond ring through an unfoot of the Allegheny mountains, in Wall Street Journal said that, as a filled promise to get her a better one later. -No repayment or refund of the trans-

fer tax paid in the estate of John B. Steel, be made, Attorney General Woodruff held in an opinion to State Treasurer Snyder. made public on Saturday. A tax of \$23 .vania, and that it had not been converted into personal property.

-Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin on Friday destroyed the plant of the Watsontown Wood Products company, the Jones Foundry company and the M. R. Bryson barn, all in Watsontown. The loss was estimated at \$150,000. Milton firemen, responding to appeals for aid. helped fight the blaze. While this blaze was being fought, a fire was discovered in the barn of the Rev. S. D. Bidlack, a Methodist minister, in the heart of a nest of frame buildings, but it was overcome before much damage was done.

-Looking into the revolving blades of a mower is no pleasant sight, and usually results differently than did the incident in which LaRue Moore, of Newberry, figured. Moore was assisting with the harvest at Lost Brook farm, near Montgomery, where his parents are passing the summer. His desire to be kind-hearted to the horses he was driving nearly cost him his life. As he was driving the animals he noticed a hy bothering one of the equines. Taking his hat he tried to chase it away. He succeeded, but in doing so he frightened the horses, they bolted, throwing him against the cutter bar. Two deep gashes were cut in his thigh and a finger on his right hand was severed back of the first joint when he tried to prevent himself from being dragged under the hand and on one heel. Moore was able to walk to a physician's office and was later taken to a private hospital in Muncy valley. He returned to the summer home of