Aemocratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Chicken influenza hasn't brok en out in Bellefonte, as yet. We notice them all running the streets as

-Remember that if you are at your wits end, at the last moment, over what to send that friend who has an interest in Centre county, the "Watchman" might be the very thing they'd appreciate most.

-Talking of the possible passage of the child labor amendment we are of the opinion that it'll never get through. There are some good points in the proposal, but they will weigh lightly in the mind of a public that is convinced that government has already gone too far in its regulation of the lives of the individual.

-We fear that we are going to be disappointed. We had hoped that ere the New Year every reader of the "Watchman" would have the label on his paper reading into '25 at least. We can't say that everybody's doing it and because of that we are planning for nothing more luxurious than sausage for the Chirstmas dinner.

-The Philipsburg Ledger last week published a long dissertation, by Edward Nelson Dingley, on "What constitutes a Republican." To make Mr. Dingley's long story short his idea of a Republican is one who would vote for the devil if he were running on the Republican ticket. This suggests a query as to how many Republicans or how many Democrats know just or the other. We venture the assertion that not one per cent. of the voters of this country can give a fundamental reason for his political belief.

word with you until January 2nd. newspapers of the country. Christmas will come in the meanwhile. And when you wake that morning, if there be nothing in your stocking, no for a "Main street" town and when he elfin voice calling "Merry Christmas" in your chamber, nothing to indicate by a sycophantic mass of constituthat it is a day apart from all the oth- ents ready to go on his note at the bank er three hundred and sixty-four in a or erect a monument in the public drab year of discouragement, remember that every one who has had to do statesman of all time. The local wake with the hope in their hearts and Mr. Fox is made. and the prayer on their lips that the day will be one of great joy to you fulfillment of all the dreams you may pointees for place are confirmed and

have had. -Samuel Gompers, for forty-three years president of the American Fed- fogged that it can't differentiate beeration of Labor, is dead. Though little understood and often condemned tive statesmanship. With columns to he must have been a very strong char- fill and no bigger news breaking Sencan labor for four decades and more. great statesman. labor might well adopt the dying plea of the man who conceived it and use it as its motto. If it were to sincerely help to make American institutions "grow better day by day" there would be an end of discord between capital and labor.

-The Presbyterian, the Protestant Episcopal and the Baptist churches are torn with the theological controversy between the fundamentalists and modernists. Bishop Berry, of the Methodist church, is alarmed for fear that his church is sliding into modernism without having a fight. Accordingly he has sounded the alarm, called the defenders of orthodoxy to arms and is preparing to show these preliminary entertainers what a real fight is. When the Methodists get at it they don't waste time on academic discussions of what constitutes heresy and then hail the heretics into conference for a solemn trial. The side with the best wallop just knocks the other down and drags it out.

statesmen are trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill. They are us- the position must be exalted, profits "the Hill" who will have more to do ing columns in the press of their respective countries over a simple lit- for it. President Fox becomes a great Pennsylvania will enact in 1925 than tle business arrangement that France man in the public eye and a second is trying to make with us in the payment of the war debt. Because England butted in a bit our jingoes started an awful howl. They want to know why John Bull is nosing into something that is none of his business. They lose sight entirely of the fact that England isn't "nebbin'" in to any settlement we may make with France. She is only reminding France that she owes England more than she does us and when she starts to paying off her to subscribe for bonds or help facilidebts there must be no preferred cred- tate the mails by better directions on

-There isn't much pay, but there's an awful lot of satisfaction in newspaper work. Two years ago the mewat of current we used in lighting our and becomes the burden of the pubter relentlessly recorded every kilonightly way while inditing pleas to lisher. the people to vote for John A. Mc-Sparran for Governor. We knew Pinchot. We could have said a lot of mean things about him. But if we had said one-half as many as those who disregarded our pleas have poured into our ears since last Thursday Gif. would have been so busy preparing libel suits that he wouldn't have had time to think of skinning hospitals to bolster up his claim of saving forty thousand a day. Why, one gentleman, who didn't know that we knew he had said in a political speech, two years ago: "Don't believe a word of politics you see in the "Watchman," whispered in our ear, on Saturday, "I wouldn't vote for Pinchot for hog constable of Bellefonte."



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Why is the Publisher-Printer the Goat?

If there is anything else than newspaper publicity that the United States government gets free we invite some one to call the matter to our atten-

From the President down to the window cleaner in a rural postoffice a salary or wage commensurate with the service rendered is provided. Besides this there is the honor conferred, the "pickings" possible and the opportunity of personal exploitation. Never, since the foundation of the government, has there been a dearth of those desirous to fill any vacant governmental job and the probabilities are that there never will be. In some instances a government job gratifies vanity, in others it means a sinecure and in others assures a pay envelope about the regularity of which there can be no doubt.

Few turn down an opportunity to get on Uncle Sam's payroll. Some why they are members of one party sacrifice better present return for their service, but they do it only with the thought of personal exploitation. And how is this to be secured?

There is but one medium through —This is the last time we'll have a which it can be accomplished: The

Congressman Fox works a bill through that gets a public building returns home he is met at the station with making the "Watchman" will newspapers play the demonstration up

Senator Fox sits tight, looks wise, assures the organization that put him and that the New Year will bring the in his seat that he'll see that its apjumps in with a speech at the moment that the constituent's mind is so between "wind jamming" and construc-

> Secretary Fox has to do with lastarts the multigraphs in his Departderful suggestions he has to offer on everything from making the laborer and the farmer happy to assuring the peepul that he has turned T. N. T. into doves of peace and persuaded every other government that it is to their best interest to take everything we have to sell and not ask us to buy anything from them. It's a big idea. The Fox is among those considered as available Presidential timber for the

next campaign. President Fox is an accidental occupant of the White House. He knows it's a big job and there is a danger of big. He calls the Washington corresing which he plays the "still water runs deep" part, perfunctorily ansnewspaper men go out to write col--American, English and French strong, silent man has in mind for the by the respect every newspaper holds

term is his reward. As it is in government so is it in arts, science and business. Exploitation by newspapers makes most of the leaders, gets them the best positions and often keeps them in them after their mediocrity has been discovered.

There isn't an order from any Department, whether it be promulgated specifically for those in the service or take the form of a plea to the people letters, that isn't paid for every step of the way from the brain of its originator to the door of the newspaper office which is expected to publish it. There the cost to the government ends

What does he get in return for givsell?

Only a few weeks ago the governstamped envelopes. It will print these goes. up and retail them at a trifle more than the cost of the stamps. It isn't retailing soap, or shoes, or drugs or structural steel. It is underselling of greatness about them don't see the

only the printers of the country. The manufacturer of any other commodity than printing can wrap a few ounces of his product in a package and mail it anywhere at the parcel post rate. The printer must pay half a cent an ounce on most of his manu-

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Another Hat in the Ring.

In our discussion of the possible entries in the coming judicial race, in these columns last week, we thought we had covered the entire field of those who have their ear to the ground.

Of course we did not then consider the new status of Judge Dale. He was then district attorney of the county with no thought of becoming a candidate for Judge, either voluntarily or involuntarily. Governor Pinchot has put him in a position where the entire prospect is changed. He has relinquished a position that has three lican? years to run and faces the fact that on December 31, next, he must go back to gather up the practice that has been scattered during his year on the bench and make a new start in his profession. At present Judge Dale is so overwhelmed with the suddenness of it all that the reactions have trols the vote through life. not set in. As the court moves on, if he should make no serious blunders and conclude that he could successfully defend a desire to succeed himself, we feel that he will be in the race. Some might say he would have nothing to lose and everything to gain. brought up in or if the community in dignified position were he to make no attempt for election than to do so and take the chance of defeat. A repulse conferred on him.

As we have said above the exigencies of the situation might make an the port they hope to reach. involuntary candidate of him. If that lican primaries with Mr. Keller, cerwhat are known as ultra-drys, but as Mr. Keller is known to be dry as the Sahara might he not seriously cut into Judge Dale's support.

ston. The possibilities of such a split borad explaining what either is. our American institutions. May they bor, agriculture, postal regulations, up of the dry forces in the Demoour American institutions. May they grow better day by day." Organized finance, diplomacy, what-not. He has cratic primaries would give Mr. great political parties in the country able circumstances. Development of Spangler Mr. Cottic Mr. Burkle or the country about the country able circumstances. his eye on the White House, so he Spangler, Mr. Gettig, Mr. Runkle or today, fighting bitterly every fall, osment working to broadcast the won- victory. We add Mr. Walker's name principles, and yet not knowing what dividual indement on the supremary of their possible for a citizen to show his into the list of possible candidates authoritatively. He has not announced, they have any. but we know that he is seriously conthe ring before long.

In the light of these later developcontest in the offing than we thought newspapers take it up and Secretary could be possible last week. But, as we said then, it will be a fair field dignified effort to get.

-The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times becomes facetious when it expresses the public discovering that it is too the thought that the fourteen Democratic Members who will sit in the pondents into stated conferences dur- next session of the Legislature, ought to label themselves in order to be conspicuous among their one hundred and wers a few questions and the army of ninety-four Republican colleagues. The Times was only dishing out flapumns on the constructive plans this doodle when it said that. It knows better than its gullible readers that country. He is the President, and as there will be one Democrat sitting on with shaping the legislation that all of the hundred and ninety-four Republicans it boasts of put together.

> -Congress paid solemn tribute to the memory of Woodrow Wilson on Monday. As a ceremonial it was impressive, no doubt. But if the Congress had paid heed to President Wilson's advice its tribute to his memory would not have appeared so tainted; with hypocrisy.

> -The plot thickens. There are two others whom we had not thought of who are thinking they would look good with the judicial ermine draped about their shoulders.

tage of parcel post rates until his parcel reaches at least four pounds and unless he is smart enough to load it ing space, the only thing he has to with a stone very few of his shipments of printed matter weigh enough to get them through the mails as cheap ment contracted for twelve billion as soap, shoes and everything else

Isn't it strange that the very men who are where they are because the newspapers have thrown a glamour injustice of the situation that puts a government in competition with one class of its people and not with any other? Isn't it strange that a merchant in Centre Hall can mail us two pounds of blank paper for five cents and if we convert it into a herald factures. He isn't given the advan- "mostly printed matter" we will have ginning of winter, according to the to pay sixteen to mail it back to him? calendar, at 9:46 o'clock p. m.

Do You Know Why You Are What You Are?

In a paragraph sandwiched somewhere in this issue we expressed the belief that not one per cent. of the a fundamental reason for his political affiliation.

Since writing it we have pondered over the thought until convinced that the subject was too vital to be dismissed lightly with a few lines. Do you know why you are a Demo-

crat? Do you know why you are a Repub-

Heredity plays the largest part in determining the political affiliations of the voter. The young man or young woman casting the first ballot is guided more by what would please father or mother most than anything has no thought of what he will do. He else. The first ballot is the declaration of faith and nearly always con-

Environment is the second agency

in potentially fixing the new voter's party allignment. If a boy or girl find themselves surrounded with friends who are largely of opposite political faith than that of the home they were We don't view it that way, however. which they live is dominated by the Judge Dale would be in a much more opposite party they often ignore the parental wish and go with the crowd. A third element in the making of a Democrat or Republican is ambition. by the electorate would be disastrous The man or woman who aspires to ofto the honor that the Governor has fice, either elective or appointive, trims his sails so as to catch the wind

The courts, through the issuance of should eventuate he would have to naturalization papers, make Democontest the nomination in the Repub- crats or Republicans out of the alien, according as they are able to convince tainly, and possibly Mr. Furst. Judge him that he wouldn't have secured his Dale's following is largely among papers if it had not been for the beneficence of this party or that.

that's most likely to blow them into

In addition to these, the principal ones, there are numerous channels through which voters drift to a defi-Should Judge Dale decide to enter nite party haven. In none of them do the Democratic primaries he would we find a fundamental reason for their ne must nave been a very strong char-acter else he could never have remain-acter else he could never have remain-ator Fox gets scare heads on front acter else ne could never nave remainted the guiding spirit of fitful Americal pages and, over night, becomes a whom the drys have been grooming of scourses to Democracy or Republicant the guiding spirit of fitful American pages and, over night, becomes a for the could never for the position for years, Mr. John- canism there is not a single finger er the League of Nations free of any

> Mr. W. Harrison Walker a run-a-way tensibly for the supremacy of their their principles are or even sure that

Do they have any? Is there any sidering the matter and it will be no real, fundamental difference between surprise if he should toss his hat into a Democrat and a Republican today? Permanent court of International Juswinning or the hope of office than a ments we see an even more involved deep seated conviction that the principles they think they espouse are in danger of violation.

Since the birth of the Republican with a plum quite worth an earnest, party there have been only two traditionl differences between it and the Democratic party. They were the tariff and States' rights. While Republican spellbinders have tried frantically to keep the tariff alive as a bogy to frighten voters into their camp it has long since been placed where it belongs, among the local economic issues that are not political. States' rights, through the modern trend toward centralization, has come to have almost as many strong defenders in the Republican camp as it does in the one in which the issue was born.

Is there then anything in the politics of the country upon which the people really divide other than expediency? There are great issues that might kindle historic differences, but because there are so few who actually know why they are what they are, politically, there is no demand, no concert of effort to revive parties of principle.

-And now the federal prison at Atlanta is feeding the governmental point where a good many of us go at scandal mill at Washington. That is it blindly, without due consideration Atlanta is feeding the governmental another of the places in which Harry of the consequences of giving. Daugherty found a fat berth for a friend.

He Likes Classical Reading.

"Yes," said a very interesting callgoin' to subscribe for this paper next itarian remembrances. year. I'm goin' to send it to my son because he likes classical reading."

We've been wondering ever since whether the gentleman intended it for fair to expect a man who hauls ashes a compliment or a crack at our aim to keep scandal and gossip out of the 'Watchman" and good English and truth in it.

-Let us hope that those who gather about the community Christmas tree next Sunday night will try to understand that it is designed to be a service, not an orgie.

-Sunday will be the shortest day in the year and will usher in the beSound Advice from Mr. Young.

From the Pittsburgh Post. When General Dawes as head of the commission of economic experts that devised the German reparations plan that has won approval in every test voters of the United States can give was asked for information on many of the important phases of the scheme. he was wont to say: "See Young." When Owen D. Young, one of the outstanding members of the commission from the outset and the first agent general of reparations payments, speaks on the subject he delegates chief credit for the transformation that is taking place in Europe to liamsport. He purchased seventy acres in Dawes. It is fine to see such brother- Kathaus township, Clearfield county, unly feeling existing between the gentlemen as an example of co-operation to all. Mr. Young, a Democrat, would put the idea into practice by establishing a non-partisan foreign policy for the United States; one based upon the proposition that whether we desire it or not we will have to co-operate with

> boundaries and in its dictionary there | body. is no such word as isolation." That being beyond dispute, it would seem to be only common sense that the time has about arrived for the members of the different political par-ties to leave their shooting irons on the outside when they assemble for the discussion of matters connected with a foreign policy. With General Dawes, the other member of this Da-mon and Pythias team, about to be come the presiding officer of the Senate, and, in his characteristic manner denouncing as "pee wees" those who would obtrude politics where the demand is simply for horse-sense co-op-

eration, some progress may be made toward getting the discussion of for-

New York business men, "but we must

ness, like science, knows no political

eign affairs upon a broader basis.

Mr. Young, in his way, also is a
plain speaker. What some would represent as the quintessence of patriotism in the discussion of matters of foreign policy, he considers merely the horse play of domestic politics. Therefore the domestic politics of the character that is purely partisan must be divorced from foreign policy. There must be an attitude toward foreign affairs that will, for instance, considsmall partisan prejudice, ready to join and he died. Physicians said the case is As a matter of fact we have two in making use of it under any reasonsion of foreign affairs would make it dividual judgment on the subject without running a risk of incurring the charge of being a traitor to his party. Such a spirit would speedily put the United States into membership in the Do they not fight more for the zest of tice and hasten arms reduction, promote trade and humanitarian activ-

ities. Advocated by a man of world re-nown for his business judgment, the proposition cannot be dismissed as a mere dream. Application of it should be possible right now. Democrats of best known surgeons in that section of the the Senate have shown their readiness | State. A nerve snapped in his right leg as to support the recommendations of he was leaving his machine, which stoptwo Republican Presidents of mem- ped the blood circulation in the lower part bership for the United States in the of the limb, and despite efforts of special-World court. Lately the Republican ists the blood poison spread through his administration has been showing a system. Dr. Haines was attached to the broader attitude toward the League of Packer hospital staff at Sayre, and also Nations. Encourage this spirit and it should not be long until the foreign road in that place.

—Finding 700 to mestic politics.

Since it has been demonstrated repeatedly that we cannot stay out of in other markets, Dr. Emery Lutes, meat world affairs—the spirit of humanity and business alike knowing no boundary lines-we should lose no time in adjusting ourselves to them in the most practical manner.

Giving and Misgiving. From the Philadelphia North American.

Of the 53,867,923 Christmas gifts now in process of thought, selection, or packaging it is safe to say at least the 23 will be misfits, and reasonable Barre. to assume a still larger percentage of undesirables. For this matter of Yuletide bestowals has reached a

starts in at the wrong end by listing "useful" things they need for persons whose very lack of needfuls stirs in them a longing for just one little lapse into luxury. We fancy this is one reason why certain types used to get drunk on Christmas day—they could er at this office, a few days ago, "I'm not stand the pressure of strictly util-

> A woman who scrubs floors cannot be expected to rejoice and give thanks for a new pair of knee pads, nor is it to glow with joy at sight of a shovel. For the one we would suggest some airy trifle for personal adornmentsmile if you choose, but there's horsesense in this-and for the other perhaps a necktie for too choice to worn save on festive occasions which are as rare as hen's teeth.

Christmas is a fine time to distribute food for dreams, even though they be of a kind unapt to come true, and to gratify desires which are as dim and distant as a star of the second magnitude on a misty night.

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

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Fourteen hours after overpowering a guard in the Lebanon county jail and escaping, William J. Bishop, convicted slayer of Enos Robb, of Palmyra, was captured on Sunday evening by state police at the home of his wife at Hershey.

-A legal fight over a fortune of more than \$35,000 said to have been amassed by the late Ellen Clark, of Philadelphia, during a lifetime over wash tubs, and in which Cardinal Daugherty is named as a defendant, is pending in the orphan's court of that city before Judge Thompson.

-LeRoy Berger, of Pocono Lake, was shot and killed on Monday at the close of the deer hunting season by the accidental discharge of his own gun when he stooped over to tie his shoe lace. H was twenty years old. It was the third fatality of the Monroe-Pike district during the hunting

-It cost Altoona \$60,000 to eliminate the mine drainage from the municipal water supply at the Horseshoe Curve and now the councilmen plan to bring suit against the mine owners to recover that amount. Recently the Pennsylvania Supreme court decided a coal company has no right to drain its waters into a creek used by the public.

-The closing of a deal on Monday transferred the ownership of a valuable piece of coal land to Dr. John P. Haag, of Williamsport. He purchased seventy acres in derlaid with three veins of coal, varying in size from three to six feet. The land is covered with timber. The property adjoins that of the Snow Shoe Coal company, of which Mr. Haag is president.

-Mrs. J. B. Kendig, 69 years old, of Lancaster, was burned to death in front of the furnace in the cellar of her home on other nations. "We may debate political participation in the affairs of the world as we will," Mr. Young declared, in an address to a group of was not absent long. Her body was found participate in its business, and busi- lying in front of the furnace door all seared and all the clothes burned from her

-Pellagra, a disease rarely encountered in this climate, caused the death of George Setree, 64 years old, one of the leading citizens of Rossiter, after a six weeks' illness. It is not known where Mr. Setree contracted the disease. It is common in warmer climates, but it is not regarded as serious, according to physicians, but the attack sustained by Mr. Setree was of such a nature that best efforts to treat it were of no avail.

-Suit against Mr. and Mrs. Constantine H. Contos, of Reading, Pa., was filed in Philadelphia, last Thursday, for \$10,000 dowery or \$3,000 in wages by Mrs. Ellen Backas Christopoulos, their niece, of Athens, Greece, who claims she was brought to this country by the couple who promised to "treat her as a daughter," but instead used her as a domestic servant and failed to find her a husband as they had agreed to do.

-Joseph Winterer, 35 years of age, of Mechanicsville, a suburb of Pottsville, is dead from the effect of a spider's bite. One day last week Winterer brushed aside a spider web and spied a small spider, which darted out and bit him. It was a black spider and Winterer felt no alarm over the tiny wound, but blood poisoning developed spider need not be feared.

-Jonathan Hooley, an Amish farmer, residing near Cold Water in the Kishacoquillas valley, played safe on Saturday afternoon when he found a spike buck entangled and helpless in a barbed wire fence. Mr. Hooley said the horns looked a little short and leaving the buck imprisoned he walked across the field to the house where he procured a ruler and measuring the spikes found them just a quarter of an inch short above the hair and released it.

-A minor injury suffered two months ago in alighting from his automobile caused the death on Friday of Dr. Charles A. Haines, burgess of Sayre and one of the was physician for the Lehigh Valley rail-

-Finding 700 turkeys and chickens that had died over night in one wholesale poultry house in Wilkes-Barre, and hundreds inspector, of that city, has placed an embargo on shipments of live fowl. All healthy poultry on hand was ordered killed at once and all sick and dead chickens and crates and coops were burned. The action was taken on the advice of Dr. E. T. Munce, of the State Health Department, who pronounced the disease the European plague, for which no cure is known. All local railroads and express companies were notified not to accept or handle any shipments of live poultry destined for Wilkes-

-One family will receive compensation from the same employer for twenty-four years by a unique compensation agreement which the Workmen's Compensation Bureau disclosed on Saturday. Ordinary compensation payments in fatal cases do not cover more than sixteen years, but in the case just decided a woman was twice married and both husbands died from injuries. The first husband was Paul Legant, of Ernest, and the second Joe Bacco. Both men were killed while working for the Jeffersan & Clearfield Coal and Iron company. Total compensation payable to the widow and her four children is \$8407, not including the \$100 allowed in each case for funeral expenses.

-More than \$500 worth of Federal property was stolen from the armory of Troop D, 103rd Cavalry, at Lewisburg, by thieves who forced an entrance to the building. The loot included twelve 48 caliber automatic pistols, six prismatic field glasses, and thirty leather belts of the type more commonly used by regular army soldiers. The automatic pistols comprise the most valuable part of the loss. Since the theft was first discovered a thorough investigation has been made. It was found that entrance had been forced by removing a panel in a rear door, enabling the intruders to lift a heavy wooden bar from the stays. Inside the arm chests were pried open and the pistols removed. Other property compartments were forced open and ransacked.