# Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-What good is the Governor's budget going to be if the Legislature won't budge.

-The full measure of futility is expressed in an attempt to repeal a tax law.

-As usual Senator Borah got on the band wagon in the vote for the confirmation of Justice Stone.

-The Legislature is said to have more grist in its mill already than ever before at such an early date. Will it grind it?

The only encouraging promise that can be made concerning the present session of the Legislature is that it will be short.

The girl who offers to "marry high. A nickel would be a fair valuation.

-The child lab r constitutional amendment is as dead as a lame-duck politician and by the same token the time for freak amendments to the organic law has "gone where the woodbine twineth."

-Judge Gary, of the Steel trust, is enamored of Pittsburgh "as a manufacturing base, as a business location, as an educational centre and as a desirable place in which to live." Pittsburgh hands him a million or so in unearned profits every year.

by taking on either Gibbons or Wills, sylvania, an admirable institution or both, for a little bout, ere he weds Estelle Taylor, the screen star. Jack no control. He would give \$4,401,950 may think it's his last one, but we're to the University of Pittsburgh, and from Missouri. Some moons after the half a million to Temple University, wedding will be time enough to tell of Philadelphia, also institutions of just when the champ had his last great merit and entirely free from

—Gaston B. Means, once trusted employee of the U. S. secret service and either a liar extraordinary or a man so truthful that none believe him, has been sentenced to two years in the federal prison at Leavenworth and to pay a fine of ten thousand dollars. There Gaston will have time to reflect on the advantage of moderation.

-The slender, shapely feminine ankle is said to be passing because of the continuous wearing of low shoes. We hadn't noticed it, but since Mr. Malloy, of Boston, has called attention to the matter the need of being well informed on all subjects reminds us that it is our duty to get first-hand information by beginning personal ob-

servations at once. -A bill to be introduced in the Legislature is designed to upset our calendar again. As a boy we came to regard April first as our real New Year's day. Then came a Legislator who moved it up to April fifteenth. Now comes another who wants to push it on to May first. Possibly, if we can stick around long enough, we'll be legislated out of an opening day for trout

fishing entirely. -The entire country is thrilled with the daring and endurance of Leonard those other Alaskan mushers who hundred and fifty miles of arctic wastes to get diphtheria serum into scourged Nome. In a temperature averaging sixty degrees below zero they made the run at the rate of five miles an hour, going night and day. Such things men do, one for another, builds strong bodies, warm hearts and

great souls.

-The speedy verdict that an Adams county jury arrived at in the conviction of Hartman, the young bank robber who shot and killed a state policeman who stood between him and liberty; the salty sentences that Judge Dale gave three Clarence moonshiners. on last Thursday, are the law's best defense against lawlessness. The country doesn't need more laws. It doesn't need more police officers. There are more than enough of both. What it does need is jurymen who will convict and judges who will sentence drastically enough to make the criminally inclined really fearful of consequences.

-Disappointment is a state of mind in consequence of failure to realize things hoped for. Nearly always it is transient, swept away by something compensatory that follows. Last week we announced that we wouldn't win the cross-word puzzle prize. We felt the truth of the statement, but hope held on until Sunday when we discovered that we hadn't come within fifty miles was Williamsport, where some one was mentioned as an also ran, and We had intended spending that five down there that the recent migration stain of iodine. It didn't look well on ernor, with equal emphasis, proclaims the table so the refiners made it white heavy for the boys to handle, proved ever since. the straw that almost broke the old man's back. The itch for Florida was tramp down their onions or won't lay tive League is making preparations exceedingly aggravated by scratching chestnut shingles in the "up sign of in the snow most of Thursday night. the moon" may stick to their super- the Governor and the Auditor Gen-When we found all hope gone, we stitutions. We're pinning our faith eral to supply such information—if sloshed around in the slough of "it to the men of hundreds of years ago they can. It is to be hoped they will sloshed around in the slough of "it to the men of hundreds of years ago might have been" until Monday. Then and their torch bearers of today who came the compensation. It was told us within four seconds the time ground-hog day and he didn't see his the sun would go into eclipse. shadow. Spring is here. There'll be no more snows to shovel and even if we had won the thousand we would hard on all kinds of wild life, and es- is little left to worry about except ion for departments under his control not know how to spend it, since there pecially pheasants and wild turkeys, when, is no use in going to Florida when but a little feed put out for them at there ain't goin' to be any more win- this time will tide them over until



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Pinchot Presented Tough Problem.

Those who expected Governor Pinchot's "budget" to reveal a policy of cheese-paring economies were not only surprised but actually dumbfounded by the text of that insthument submitted to the Legislature any man who will give her \$5000 as a last week. The correspondent of an wedding present" sets her price too esteemed Philadelphia comtemporary declares it "the most comprehensive programme of land acquisition and permanent construction ever outlined for the Commonwealth." In providing for the expenditure of \$136,-122,950 within a period of ten years on "health, education and land acquestion" alone, with \$50,000,000 for road construction and maintenance within two years and one million for prohibition enforcement in a year, it is no piker's proposition.

The Governor proposes to be especially generous in educational subsidies, according to the budget. He asks the Legislature to appropriate -Dempsey is to stage his last fight \$6,544,000 to the University of Pennover which the State has absolutely State control. The \$15,000,000 he asks for the Normal schools is not too much if they were really State institutions, and no one will complain of the \$42,041,469 for the public schools. Education is the solution of most of the vexed problems of life, and educa-

tion costs money. In the matter of public health and welfare the Governor would be equally munificent so far as the State institutions are concerned. His proposition to make the Commissioner of Welfare the sole administrator of the fund is likely to encounter opposition. The State constitution provides that all such appropriations "shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one subject." But as the late Tim Campbell said to the late Grover Cleveland: "What's the constitution between friends?" Outside of the Eighteenth amendment to the Federal constitution Mr. Pinchot doesn't pay much attention to fundamental laws. In any event, however, the budget will be a tough problem for the Legislature to solve.

---Group Six of the Pennsylvania bankers' association will have its annual meeting in Altoona on Lincoln's birthday anniversary, February 12. Sepalla, Shannon, Jim Kalland and The meeting will be held at the Penn-Alto and will be addressed by P. B. drove their dog teams over the six Detwiler, of Philadelphia; F. P. Weaver, of Cornell University, and Robert Willis, of New York city.

# Science or Signs.

The timing of the recent eclipse of the sun to within four seconds of its out where men are men, where nature actual occurrence was merely a matter of astronomical calculation. A with the incalculable value of science. Who invented the instruments, who worked out the formulas by which the magnitudes, motions, distances, constitutions of the heavenly bodies have been charted so that, though millions of miles away from them, the record day, January 24, 1925, moon would pass between earth and sun, causing a total eclipse.

They are of the group of men we too often class as "batty." They are the workers buried in research for eral as the basis for making approthe mysterious in every phase of our priations. We recall no exception to existence. They are the men who this rule and see no reason why there spend their lives doggedly proving or should be. The Legislature has not disproving every clue that presents always or even often limited the ap-

itself as a possible lead to their goal. Think of it! It was one of them who, upon learning that sheep did not thrive in a certain section of Michigan, after a salt well they had been cy bills" to bring the figures togethdrinking from had been plugged, got er. This year, however, the Governor what we laymen might have called a refused to accept the Auditor Gendamphool notion that somehow it had eral's figures and made an estimate of even honorable mention. The near- a connection with the cause of human est we came to contact with a winner goitre on which he had been working and today the world is ready to believe that the increase of goitre is Williamsport is over fifty miles away. due largely to the refining of all the He declares the revenues will be so iodine out of the salt we use. The hundred on a trip to Florida, just to human system needs iodine. Salt in the books in his office. Of course see if there really is the easy living its natural crystal is reddish with the everybody can't do that. The Govof so many Centre countians indicates. the table so the refiners made it white Besides, the last snow having been too and goitre has been on the increase

Those who have a certain sign to

warmer weather melts the snow.

Changed Attitude of Coolidge.

Official Washington is amazed, according to press dispatches from the son, who lives somewhere in England, national capital, at the changed at- addressed the Philadelphia Foreign cautious as a fox and as "cool as a cucumber." Since that he has become loquacious, domineering and self-assertive. He talks freely upon any subject and declares his favor or opposition to men or measures now almost as adroitly as he concealed them then. It is no longer "Silent Cal" or "Calculating Coolidge" that pervades the White House. It is a dominant figure in fighting mood with a big stick held in a steel fist. It is said that the politicians are fairly bluffed.

This change in the method and manner of President Coolidge is most clearly revealed in his recent appointments to high office. By the exercise of even ordinary caution he might easily have avoided the friction that has developed in the Senate against the confirmation of his nomination of Mr. Stone, for Justice of the Supreme court, Mr. Kellogg, for Secretary of State, and Mr. Warren, for Attorney General. There is no real, personal objection to either of these gentlemen. They are entirely satisfactory to Wall Street and big business generally, and that is the present Senatorial measurement of fitness for important public office. But Coolidge didn't ask the Senate about it. He just appointed.

The average Senator in Congress imagines that he is a man of considerable consequence. Under the constitution he has a voice in the ratification of appointments and feels more or less "cocky" about it. If Coolidge had gone to the leaders in advance of the appointment and said Wall Street wants these particular men in these particular offices, there wouldn't have been a whisper of opposition on the Republican side. But in his newly developed character of master of the machine he didn't sav a word about his purpose and the result is a lot of talk about rejecting the nominations. But that is all it will amount to. Wall Street will issue orders in due time and confirmations

ty, will sit on all the criminal cases at tion of Christian civilization. the regular session of Centre county court, which will convene on Monday, February 23rd. Judge Reeder is noted as one of the driest judges in the State. Judge Miles I. Potter, of the Union-Snyder judical district, will hear the civil list at the same term of court.

## Legislative League Moving.

The Legislative League, the official title of a group of country Representatives in the Legislature, organized to guard the interests of the rural sections, has set for itself an importsimple problem for the scientist. It ant public service. That is, it proposshould impress the lay mind, however, es to make inquiry and ascertain if possible the cause of the considerable difference in the estimates of the revenues of the State for the next biennium as made respectively by the Auditor General and the Governor. There is a discrepancy of something like twenty million dollars between these estimates and as it is almost was made years ago that on Satur- vital that the law makers should know as nearly as possible the exact figures, it is to be hoped the League the exact

will pursue its purpose.

It has been, since time out of mind, the custom of the Legislature to active custom of the Legislature to active custom. cept the estimate of the Auditor Genpropriations to the estimate of revenues thus given. But by the exercise of the veto power the Governor has cut the appropriations to the measure of his own. He presents a vastly different result, but fails to show how

he gets it. The Auditor General has not been entirely frank on the subject, either. much and invites any one to examine ty millions greater than the Auditor General estimates but refuses to divulge the source of his information. Because of these facts the Legislato find out, and has already invited succeed, not for the reason that it cause the information is needed.

-Now that assurances have been

see his shadow he didn't miss much. while it is news.

Lord Thompson Flatters Philadelphia.

Lord Christopher Birdwood Thomptitude of President Coolidge since the Policy association, the other evening, election. Before the vote in Novem- and flattered his audience by declarber he was as silent as a sphinx, as ing the future affords "opportunity to form a great organization of English-speaking peoples, unattached to the League of Nations and disinterested in the internal affairs of Europe," which will wield more influence than the League. Besides the United States the only nations unattached to the League of Nations are Germany, Turkey and Mexico, and they are not English-speaking peoples. So that reduced to the last ancombination of the United States and

world. It is only fair to say that Lord Thompson, who was Secretary of State for air during the brief tenure of Premier MacDonald's administration, was recently retired to private life by a large majority and consequently is not authorized to speak for the British public. Great Britain was among the first to affiliate with the League of Nations and its among the most influential of its members. It it not likely, therefore, that a private subject of the King of England speaks by authority when he says that "the League of Nations is a mere child and cannot be expected to shoulder a man's work." It has certainly made a bold and brave effort to accomplish the "work cut out for countries. a giant." It has at least made pro-

The League of Nations has achieved more in the direction of outlawing war than any or all other agencies created by man within the history of the world. It has operated as a cripple from the beginning, for in the permanent peace. But the League has moved forward, undismayed by disappointment and unabashed by hope of ultimate success. It is not dominant nations that is wanted to -Judge Reeder, of Beaver coun- complete the task, but the co-opera-

## Postal Increase Bill Doomed.

ployees of the Postoffice Department are not sufficiently paid to support their families. A New York jurist, only a few days ago, dismissed a case against a couple of postal employees who had been convicted of violation the law because their wages are inadequate to support their families. They have to steal or starve, the judge declared substantially, and every Senator and Representative in Congress as well as Yet the justice of fair recompense is denied them. Wall Street and the Republican machine are in agreement on that point and the suffering of will prove somebody wrong, but be- ordinary and uninfluential working men is of no interest to them.

-The deep snow in the woods is received that France will pay there ernor's budget makes liberal provis--It may be noted that the Govand offers scant support to others.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Every boy named after David H. Lane, for many years Republican leader of Philadelphia, who died last week, will receive a legacy of \$500 under his will, which was admitted to probate on Friday.

-Marlin Kasseman, 22, former chief clerk at the Shamokin State hospital, has pleaded guilty in the Northumberland county court to the embezzlement of more than \$4,000 of the institution's funds.

-Stricken ill while he stood in the court room at Sunbury, on Tuesday, Thomas Danlan, 55 years of age, a former deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county. and a Democrat, died of paralysis. He was serving as a court tipstaff.

-Miss Pauline Rossler, 23 years old, of Williamsport, is under guard at the Williamsport hospital pending the results of the investigation into the death of her four-day-old child which was found, badly burned in a furnace in a home in the northern part of that city.

-Stricken by heart trouble as he stood recognizes the absolute necessity of watching his home being burned to the acknowledging its pecuniary obliga-tions to the United States. Such ground at Hummel's Wharf, Northumberland county, on Tuesday, Hiram Gamby, speeches as that of Louis Marin are 61, dropped dead. The property representgood for home consumption, but men ed a loss of \$6000 and the savings of a lifegoverntime. It was only partially insured.

-The road-house conducted by Nicholas Alexander at Pond Creek, north of on any such basis. To balance French blood against American dollars may Hazleton, was badly damaged on Tuesdo for constituents, but it has no place day when two sticks of dynamite were exploded under it. One stick at the rear of the building tore off a porch. Another under the bar-room section of the building ripped up the floor.

-Max Jones, 55 years old, of Sunbury, was convicted in Philadelphia on Thursday on charges of false pretenses and making a false financial statement, with intent to defraud Daniel Lang, of that city, in 1922, by obtaining a loan of \$15,000 from Lang through false representation as to from the fact that speeches on the his financial standing. Jones was released under \$10,000 bail, pending disposition of his case.

-The Union National bank of Mt. Wolf, York county, has made final settlement with those depositors who had lost money through a \$55,000 robbery several years French government to put a stop at ago. On December 21, 1921, thieves entered the bank and robbed safety deposit pudiation; and the recent speech of boxes. There was not sufficient insurance to cover the loss and the stockholders agreed to pay the victims of the robbery ment refused to accept Marin's speech out of the bank's earnings.

-Samuel H. Etter, 69 years old, of Guilford Springs, Franklin county, fell over dead on Friday, while shoveling snow on the campus at Wilson College, Chambersburg, where he had been employed as a laborer for six years. He was found by a fellow employee. Although he had accumulated a small fortune in his life time and could have retired from active life in comfort, Etter continued regularly at

-Charges in the Northumberland county court against John D. Kalinoski, Williamsport, Villa Nova college preparatory student, were droppeed on Tuesday when his parents agreed to pay relatives of Mrs. Miles D. Stratton, Wilkes-Barre, \$600 and all record costs of the case Kalinoskie's automobile ran down the Stratton car on a state road near there August 28, last, and Mrs. Stratton was

-Falling from a step ladder Saturday afternoon at his home in Ore Hill, near found his body lying headfirst in a snow If Mr. Bryan were right the price bank a short while after the accident. Ickes would be cheap and America would was trimming trees in front of his home. be more than willing to pay.

To abolish war would assure hu-Whether he was seized with an attack of heart trouble or just tumbled off the ladmanity of such prosperity and hapder is not known. He was 70 years old. piness as this blood-stained old world

-Having been missing for 21 years, Archie Shoemaker, formerly of Upper Gwynedd, Montgomery county, on Saturday was declared legally dead by Judge Solly in Orphans' court, and Register of Wills Miller was authorized to grant letters of administration in the estate, which amounts to \$3347. Shoemaker disappeared in 1903. He was of a roving disposition and started for DuBois, but never reached there. Two brothers are living, Walter I. Shoemaker, of Collegeville, and Mervyn C. Shoemaker, of Landsdale.

-The troubled conscience of a once upon a time robber has enriched the pocketbook of S. P. Kreider, of Driftwood, with a brand new fifty-dollar bill. Mr. Kreider received a letter postmarked DuBois and the typewritten contents stated that the writer was enclosing \$50 to defray the loss incurred when merchandise was stolen from the Kreider store in Driftwood several years ago. Mr. Kreider remembers the incident of the robbery well, but states that to his knowledge only about fifteen or twenty dollars worth of goods were taken at the time.

in contracts for soldiers' hospitals. He -The number of divided checks of the Westinghouse Airbrake company, stolen from the Pittsburgh postoffice "will not son, St. Louis and Chicago contractor, exceed five hundred," S. C. McConahay, charged with having paid \$5000 to treasurer, of the company, declared in a Forbes, was only found guilty of constatement issued late on Wednesday. The spiracy. He also is reported to have number, the statement added, affects "only been astonished. Their astonishment a small proportion of our stockholders." Federal officers are searching for a man who registered at a local hotel as Allen Stone, of Philadelphia, in connection with also on a charge of conspiracy. Was it actually that they believed themthe theft. Information which authorities declared may lead to the arrest of the selves innocent or a conviction that a robber was provided by William Mustin, a messenger boy. brought against them could not be sustained in American courts? This

-A bomb contained in a package mailed last Wednesday in the South Fork postoffice by a man who said he was Giuseppe Siourella exploded a few seconds after it had been placed in a mail bag and wrecked the rear end of the postoffice building. No one was hurt. Siourella handed the package to James Cooney, postoffice clerk, who dropped it into the bag. He had taken but a few steps when the explosion occurred. Cooney caught Siourella, who declared the package had been given to him by a man at the Pennsylvania railroad station. John Macalla, of Beswell, Pa., was arrested and identified by Siourella as the man who gave him the package,

-John M. Egan, former warden of the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh, is under consideration for appointment as superintendent of Federal prisons to succeed Herbert Votaw, who has resigned, effective March 1. Mr. Votaw, a brother. sooner had it not been for a break- in-law to the late President Harding, will down of one of their big tractors out have served four years when he retires in the vicinity of Pleasant Gap, which on account of ill health. Mr. Egan, who put one of the heaviest plows out of has the indorsement of Senator David A. Reed and Representative Guy E. Campbell, was in Washington early in the week and had interviews with Attorney General Harlan F. Stone and Mrs. Mabel Wille--Even if the groundhog failed to -The "Watchman" gives the news probably let the code alone from now an appointment will be announced is not brandt, assistant attorney general. When

Ambassador Daeschner's address on being presented to the President leaves no doubt that his government

ment understand perfectly that inter-

national relations cannot be conducted

done as to include in the presentation

speech a significant reference to a

From the Philadelphia Record.

responsible for the French

France Will Pay.

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reference to

outside the field of oratory. We spent some blood ourselves, and the French soldiers died fighting for their own home land; almost anybody will die alysis Lord Thompson has in mind a for his own country.

combination of the United States and The Ambassador's debts of gratitude which have been Great Britain against the whole discharged on both sides, and to the common desire of both countries to effect the settlement of pecuniary obligations, derives unusual significance presentation of Ambassadors are customarily mere expressions of mutual esteem and compliment. That this reference to France's war debt was inserted in the new Ambassador's address indicates the anxiety of the once to talk at home and abroad of re-Marin and the applause of the Chamber and the disorder when the governas an expression of its own sentiments explain why so unusual a thing was

subject of negotiation between the two Very possibly France will suggest some scaling down of the debt; very probably it will ask further time before it begins to pay, and very certainly it will wish to extend the payments over a long series of years. But the French government has done what it could to stop the talk of repudiation ple from the beginning, for in the at home and in this country, and to as-malice of the Republican machine the sure us and Great Britain and the United States, the most powerful na- world that France does not repudiate tion of civilization, has thus far re- and that it pays as it has the means The Price of Peace.

has never known.

next war.

But to free Europe in its present

state of mind, from the necessity of

paying America the eleven billions

owing, would be merely to give the

governments of the continent eleven

billion dollars with which to create

new armies and to prepare for the

Instead of abolishing war, it would

No, the price of peace does not con-

sist in relieving Europeans of being

compelled to pay for their folly, but

in making war so burdensome that Europe will not want another, at least

Mr. Forbes' Conviction.

Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former director of the United States Veter-

ans' Bureau, has been found guilty of

conspiracy to defraud the government

is said to have been very much sur-

seems to have something in common

with that of Gaston B. Means, sen-

tenced to two years in Federal prison.

charge of conspiracy such as was

latter conviction seems to be rather

widespread. In these two cases the

courts have shown that they are ef-

fective instruments in handling cases involving suspicion of graft and

within this generation or the next.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

but speed the day of the next great conflict, and American taxpayers

would contribute the money.

fused to co-operate in its efforts for of paying. From the Harrisburg Telegraph. artial failure, to the heneficent work The nations of the world we the United States eleven billion dollars. it has undertaken and with abundant hope of ultimate success. It is not an alliance of two or three rich and Jennings Bryan believes this country almost instantly. Members of his family could purchase world peace.

-President Coolidge on Monday signed the Kelly bill providing for the carrying of air mails by commercial enterprises. One mail route already contemplated is from New York to Bellefonte, thence to Pittsburgh and from there south west to New Orleans.

The Senate in Washington passed the bill to increase the wages of postal employees by a very strong majority, but that doesn't mean anything to the proposed beneficiaries. The House will refuse to concur if it gives the measure any consideration at all, and thus the contract with the Republican machine to economize at the expense of small salaried officials will be fulfilled. It is universally admitted that employees of the Postal Department are underpaid. A bill increasing their wages passed both houses just before the close of the last session by practi-cally unanimous votes. But it was vetoed by President Coolidge. After much maneuvering the veto was sus-

tained a week ago.

To guarantee the ultimate defeat of the proposition a new bill was in- prised at the verdict. John W. Thomptroduced containing additional mat-ter. The new matter consisted of an increase in the rates of postage which adversely affects the publishers of periodical literature. These publish-ers have sufficient influence with Congress to prevent the passage of such lagislation as they had to prevent the signing of the original bill by the President. The Senate passed the bill not because the members of that body favored it but for the reason that it might pass for a gesture in favor of labor that would deceive those concerned in it. It is an old trick of political false pretenders and it is surprising that labor falls for it. It is a well known fact that em-

crookedness in dealing with the government. There should be no surprise at this fact. That is what the courts are for, and these convictions should have a salutary effect. ---Notwithstanding last Thursday's snow fall was deeper than orthe judge declared subdinarily occurs in this section the State Highway Department had most the President knows he told the truth. of the main roads open for travel by noon on Friday and all of them by evening of that day. The work would probably have been accomplished commission until the tractor could be

repaired.