# Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Spring will be here in thirty-six days, but your coal pile will have to hold out longer than that.

-There has been no recent splashing in the judicial puddle because there are no more candidates to jump

-Let us hope that we are not to pay up for this warm February weather by getting the cold kind in April and May.

-Why complain about the present Legislature's do-nothing policy. Isn't it nearly a certainty that the less it does the better we'll all be off?

-If Soviet Russia sticks long enough to its present penalty of the death sentence for grafters the old order of things will eventually be restored in that benighted country.

-Congress has only sixteen days left in which to do some of the things it set out to do, but it will be so busy preparing for adjournment that it won't have time to do many of them.

-The Los Angeles woman who deserted her husband after three weeks of married life because she had had enough of it ought to write a sequel to Eleanor Glynn's story of "Three Weeks."

-Down at Atlantic City the girls are starting something designed to become as ridiculous a fad as were flapping galoshes. They are wearing to the ideals they profess. While the ing lights in the temple of the State and another in the War department bows of variegated hues sticking out from their ankles.

wheat when it touched two-five we are trol in every contest between civic of the funds obtained by sale of the under direction of officials not well inurged to remark that it might jump righteousness and corrupt governback there—and even higher—and, ment. The obvious purpose of the toboggan at all.

-We have been working on the at all to entertain floods.

-The Johns Hopkins' school of Hygiene announces the discovery of a new germicide that is fifty times as strong as carbolic acid, yet so harmless to human beings that they can swallow it without ill effect. Happy day! When a bed-bug runs down the throat of a snoring sleeper he can go right after it with the new dope and be sure of getting it and not himself.

-The Governor says there'll be nine million dollars more for the Legislature to appropriate than Auditor General Lewis says the revenues of the to create, and there is reason for the be no harm in the proposed amend- tolerable situation. On the other State will amount to. Naturally, the hesitation. The Governor's plan may ment. But even at that there is dan- hand, if witnesses wearing uniforms Auditor General's estimate is the one become as vicious as the worst feature ger in giving Bill Vare and Joe Grun- were compelled to perjure themselves based on the more intimate knowl- of the old system and as difficult to dy control in the disbursing of so senever they are summoned to tesedge, but then there bobs up the remedy. thought that it might be based also on who is going to have the biggest finger in spending it.

have opportunity of making his own noise. No longer will he be heard acceptance until after he could cononly through the rustle of "Princess sult the machine leaders. Alice's" skirts or be pointed out as "the son-in-law of T. R." The Pennsylvania delegation has thrown its strength to him, assuring his election as speaker of the next House of Representatives in Congress. Who can tell? Once out of the petticoat ing about Governor Pinchot he doesn't pearance to present his budget meseclipse "Nick" might show something.

-If, as the present condition indicates, it should turn out that the handfull of Democrats in the Legislature do really hold the balance of power between the contending Republican factions wouldn't Centre county institutions that are looking for fair treatment in the way of appropriations be "sitting pretty" if W. H. Noll were representing us there. John Flynn, the master mind of the House, can make a host out of his thirteen Democratic colleagues if the opportunity presents and they have sense enough same from the books of the fiscal urge the enactment of certain prohito let him steer them.

-While we are not ready to believe, with some, that once a criminal is always a criminal, we have been impressed by a statement in the recent report of superintendent James W. Herron, of the Industrial reformatory has been "cleaned up", and the Com- from denatured alcohol and that Pittsat Huntingdon. A survey of the inmates of that institution for the last biennium reveals the fact that nearly thirty-six per cent. of them admitted serving time in other institutions be- false pretense and to a very consider- now operating in the State producfore being sent there. This being so able extent "getting away with it." If, ing illegal beer. it is presumable that the boys had as Mr. Snyder states, such deficiency been in similar corrective institutions never existed, the fraudulent claim colossal proportions of the business prior to going to Huntingdon. With- should be exposed. If the books of but gave in detail the processes by out bringing into question the relative the fiscal officers will reveal the facts, which those engaged in it are able to value of the various confinement and they ought to, it is the public avoid the penalties. His purpose is reformatory at Huntingdon by the roneous or fraudulent election reschools for erring youth it is a debatschools for erring youth it is a debatduty of the fiscal officers to produce to stop this traffic and he believes the Centre county court, making our turns, but Federal law and practice duty of the fiscal officers to produce to stop this traffic and he believes the able matter as to whether the best the records. conducted of them is ever able to reform some characters.

nies advises every one to "beware of \$60,000,000 more during the first two ments but they will regard them in a while three still remain in the instithe month of March, the danger years of its control than the Sproul different light before the session is tution. It has cost the county \$1107.month." Following this admonition administration spent in the previous ended. We predict that the bill in 82 to maintain them there during the against getting wet feet and sitting in two years, and that instead of de-question will pass and that any coundrafts, a big burial case company creasing the cost of the State govern- try Legislator who votes against it sends these hopeful words to its sales- ment for salaries by \$1,372,000 in the will be on the retired list from the man: "Wait for March, the month of biennium covered by the Pinchot ad- end of the session to the end of his opportunities." Such direful prophe- ministration, there was an increase life. cies by business that ought to know in this item of \$4,500,000. These what it is talking about are not cal- discrepancies are too great to pass culated to bring joy to anybody but over without careful scrutiny and if the undertakers. If March is as dan- the Governor is perpetrating such a treasury deficit might compel the gerous as they intimate we feel that fraud on the people of Pennsylvania levy of a tax on manufacturers. we didn't escape much when Mrs. he ought to be exposed. None of us Rowan's effort to bring the world to is likely to take Charles Snyder's an end last Friday night "flopped." word on the subject, but the books are may be an expert "slum worker" in The Mt. Carmel Item undertook to official. turn that scare to its own advantage by urging all its delinquents to pay up . before the catastrophe because its last Friday may have disappointed a collectors weren't keen to "chase all few but most of us are fairly well satisfied. over hell collecting accounts."



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Pinchot Appeals to Women Voters.

Wisely or otherwise, Governor Pinchot continues to pin his hopes to the Last week he addressed a letter to issue for good roads" had even the the Friday Morning club of the League of Women Voters, then in session in Philadelphia, in which he urged the women of the State to "supprogramme and general policy, particularly with reference to institutional work." In this he was supported Ellen C. Potter, in an address to the League who assailed "political and other groups that would hinder the forward march of good government" ministration thus far.

The success or failure of the Govity of the women voters of the State women voters are not a majority of Republican machine. In any matter impairs the value of the service for then again, it might not get off the Governor is to enlist this potent force to oppose with all their strength "any legislation that sacrifices good banks of Spring creek for forty years government to partisan politics." and nine out of every ten threats the Past experience has hardly justified stream has made to put us temporari- his faith, but "hope springs eternal ly out of business have come on in the human breast," and the future Thursday, the day it doesn't suit us may develop a different point of feminine view.

The main purpose of the joint appeal of the Governor and Dr. Potter is to create sentiment in favor of the blanket form of appropriating funds to community hospitals and other local charitable institutions. There are many and grave reasons for getting away from the old "log-rolling" method of dispensing these benevolences, but legislators are reluctant to adopt a policy which would deprive the men and women of commun-

---It may seem strange but is nevertheless true that when Mr. -At last "Nick" Longworth is to Taulane was tendered a seat on the bench in Philadelphia he withheld

## Discrepancies to be Explained.

Nobody takes much interest in what State Treasurer Charles Snyder says ture in joint session, on Tuesday an any subject and when he is talk- afternoon. On the occasion of his apwhich the Governor declares he in- ees were present and led in a demontion, Mr. Snyder boldly states "I now lastic reception. The Governor has it will go away gradually and not reagain, in the most emphatic manner, grown wise. deny that such deficit ever existed, and challenge confirmation of the General Assembly on Tuesday was to officers."

from bankruptcy has been the prin- ago. And it is not exaggerating to clain that the "mess" at Harrisburg for the manufacture of illegal drink monwealth not only set safely on a burgh is the centre for illegal beer. solvent but a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Within two years Philadelphia pro-If there were no such delinquency duced 5,000,000 gallons of denatured Governor Pinchot has been making a alcohol and there are 100 breweries

orm some characters.

Treasurer's report it is alleged that Senators from Philadelphia and Pittsthe Pinchot administration expended burgh smiled derisively at his state-

---The failure of the world to end

Amendment of Doubtful Value.

If the effort to amend the pending legislation entitled the "enabling act certainly the most disturbing subapron strings of the women voters. | for the sale of the \$50,000,000 bond semblance of public interest in view, it port the administration's legislative drawn vests in the Governor the control over the disposal of the bonds. The proposed amendment creates a by his Secretary of Welfare, Dr. Auditor General and the State Treasas expressed in the work of the ad- said that all previous bond issues have been so regulated.

The Auditor General and State ernor's plans depends upon the fidel- Treasurer, recently elected and to be maintenance of an air service bureau inducted into office in May, are shin- or branch in the Navy department the electorate it is certain they are of disagreement between the Gov- the reason that duplication is inbonds, the machine would have a mawould be a nonentity in the proceedaccomplished by the proposed amendment to the pending measure.

The people of Pennsylvania want good roads and "they want what they heads of the War and Navy departwant when they want it." Governor ments and the aviator are technical, Pinchot has been an earnest advocate but borrow public interest for the of what the people want in this par- reason that the authority of Congress ticular matter and he has not allow- and the interest of the public are ed politics or any other extraneous somewhat involved. If an army or influence to interfere with his pur- navy officer is not allowed to tell the pose to make the Highway Depart- truth as he sees it Congressional inment an efficient agency in the work vestigations of military and naval for which it was created. If it had questions would degenerate into been the custom to include the Audi- farces and the public would have no ities all voice in the management of tor General and State Treasurer in means of ascertaining the facts in institutions they have made sacrifices administering this trust there would any dispute. That would be an inlarge a sum of money.

> -The combine "reckoned without its host" when it practically forced State chairman Baker and Governor Pinchot to join hands. It framed a fight between brains and brute force.

## Pinchot's Prohibition Message.

For the third time this session, Governor Pinchot addressed the Legisla-

The purpose of his address to the bition legislation which failed of pas-

The Governor not only revealed the

One reason why Grundy opposes the Pinchot budget is that a

-Senator Leslie, of Pittsburgh, politics but he understands Harry Baker's influence in the Senate.

General Mitchell's Charges.

Probably the most interesting and ject of discussion in Washington during the past week has been the testihumiliate the Governor. The act as the air service of the government. It board composed of the Governor, the government ought to be under a separate control rather than that of the the criticism of their subordinate.

General Mitchell holds that the formed on the subject and in support jority of the board and the Governor of his contention he cites cases in which the service was glaringly inthe wisdom of the present Governor and Navy departments deny these cently reorganized, is neither noted of the War department threatens to for wisdom nor celebrated for pro- court martial the offender. That bity, so that no great good will be would be a hardship because the assertions were made not as an officer or individual but as a witness.

The point at issue between the tify an even worse condition would be created.

-Of course we're not giving credit to the groundhog but the weather of the past week has been mild enough to result in a general breakup of the long spell of winter and the melting of the greater portion of the deep bed of snow. It has also resulted in raising all the streams in the county and should in a great measure relieve the water famine that has seem to be very particular what he sage he was coldly received. Accord- was quite high on Monday night and shown to have been defeated by 126 says. But in his somewhat melancholy ing to the newspaper reporters his came near reaching the danger point votes on the original count, may swan song delivered in Harrisburg presence caused a chill that threat- at the "Watchman" office. But forthe other evening, in the form of his ened to transform the chamber into tunately the high mark was about a last annual report to the Legislature, a pneumonia factory. This time he foot below our press room floor and he makes assertions that require ser- staged the performance much better. then the water began to recede. While ious condition. For example, in ref- We learn from the newspapers that a the greater portion of the snow on the erence to the \$29,000,000 deficit number of women and State employ- roads and in the fields has melted there is still an abundance of it in the herited from the Sproul administra- stration that seemed like an enthus- mountains, but it is to be hoped that sult in any damaging flood.

consequence of the warm weather of them. This permission was granted; the latter part of last week it was not but when the Court discovered that a ing a period preceding three years ago. This claim of rescuing the State sage during the session of two years of bankruptcy has been the prinago. And it is not exaggerating to the latter part of last week it was not until Monday that local streams were the least bit discolored. It is a matacipal asset of the Pinchot administra- say that he urged it with great force. ter of much speculation as to where was illegal to go behind the face of tion from the beginning. Upon that He alleged that Philadelphia is a the snow went to. The ground was the returns. The Court consisted of of \$900. John Patony, a border, has disachievement he has constructed his principal centre of the United States frozen so that very little or any wa- one Democratic and one Republican, ter was taken up that way and as there was very little running it is evi
Judge, a Republican, was called in, warning after being married fourteen dent that most of it must have been and he decided the case, holding in years. Oliver consented to take in a taken into the air as maisture by the effect that it was not the number of boarder to help finance the enterprise of a taken into the air as moisture by the sun's rays. Having been a very light snow of course its melting didn't make as much water as a heavier one would have done.

-During the years 1923 and 1924 five boys were sent to the Industrial which permits the correction of erlegislation he proposes will accom- total number there eight. Of this num- that guided our Judges; and Federal nace at the home in which she was em-In other paragraphs of the State plish that result. It is said that the ber two were pardoned during the law is the same the country over.

> -Treasurer Snyder has exposed the "nigger in the woodpile." He adenabling act is intended to delay work on the highways until after Pinchot's tice; but what of it? Who wants term expires.

-It is said that Senator Pepper will make a fight for re-election. In other words, George Wharton is about to "spit in the eye of a bull dog."

Pinchet guns pointing at it.

NO. 7.

The State's Child Labor Vote. From the Milwaukee Journal.

It cannot be charged fairly that the thirteen States which have rejected the child labor amendment to the consti-tution want childhood exploited. For mony of Brig. Gen. Mitchell, before a all of them have State shild employmight be justified. But the plain purpose of the proposed amendment is to spect to the efficacy and efficiency of these States that make it impossible to have ratification now are Ohio, one seems that General Mitchell, who has won distinction as an airman, is of the opinion that the air service of the government quebt to be under a september 1. Nor will any one seriously think that the campaign against the urer to exercise this power. The original act is practically the same as the law under which the last highway loan was disposed of. In fact it is part of their authority, take the opposite view of the subject and resent action. Each of the forty-eight States already has child employment laws of fractured and his back broken, and he varying stringency and so knows how died half an hour after the accident. much of Bolshevism there is in this kind of legislation.

The main reason for this rejection will have to be sought elsewhere. It is not hard to find. When the prohibition amendment to the constitu-—By way of consolation to those in sufficient number to constitute a ernor and the machine in the disposi-—By way of consolation to those in sunicient number to constitute a child and the independent both branches thus maintained are experience showed a need for revision farmers who didn't let go of their "balance of power" amply able to contion of the bonds or the employment both branches thus maintained are experience showed a need for revision to those the control of the bonds or the employment both branches thus maintained are experience showed a need for revision under direction of officials not well inment has been interpreted judicially to mean that physicians may be rigidly limited in the amount of liquor they may prescribe for patients. ing. We are not over-confident of efficient. Officials of both the War rigidity was not contemplated. Moreover, enforcement has been a continubut the Republican machine, as re- statements and Secretary Weeks ous brawl, with revelations of corruption that not even the most ardent antagonist of the amendment had prophesied. With this awakening to the inflexibility of the eighteenth amendment has come a distrust of anything labeled "An amendment to the constitution."

Here is the explanation for the quick rejection of the child labor amendment. And this suspicion of amendments shows a healthful trend in public thought. For we have been moving along toward a consolidated republic with an all powerful central government in place of a federal union. Protection of childhood from inhuman treatment is no new thing. For three-quarters of a century the States have been enacting laws to protect their children, and the scope has been extended and enforcement made more rigid as public opinion grew in support of such laws. There is nothing to prevent the States from writirg upon their statutes what laws they want for children. Disappointed wear and a walstcoat. At the supporters of the amendment may excitement Hime fell dead. now best serve their purpose by bending their efforts to educational work.

## Lawlessness in New York.

From the Philadelphia Record.

the ballots cast in the November election in the Fourteenth Congressional district of the Empire State are being the articles could not be recovered. recounted by the Board of Elections, and that as a result of the opening of ballot-boxes in some precincts and

existed in some sections the past the correction of returns from others month or six weeks. Spring creek a Democratic candidate, who was Republican opponent.

The most cursory reference to the outcome of the election in the Twentieth Pennsylvania district, and to the decisions of our Courts thereon, will demonstrate that what is going on in New York is very irregular. In the bank, in New Castle, entered a plea of Johnstown case the Republican can- guilty to forgery and embezzlement in the didate was found to be the victor on covered that some of the returns were false, and the election officers asked ---With all the melting of snow in the permission of the Court to correct Republican members decided that it highest Court of the State refused apply it to the debt, Oliver gave it to her.

The next day the wife, the money and the

If this is good law in Pennsylvania, it ought to be good law in New York; for it was not Pennsylvania law,

Why does the New York Board of Elections waste its time recounting the ballots cast in the Fourteenth district and correcting the errors made in the original returns? How did a Grand Jury have the nerve to open a ballot-box used in an election for a United States office and expose the ed with "concealing child murder," and a fact that a candidate har been done out of 22 votes in one precinct alone?

The New York method may be mits that the amendment to the bond | based on common sense, and may be justice when he can get law?

#### Costly Tax Gathering. From the Washington Observer.

tem is that it fosters increase in local from the eastern penitentiary and had been taxation to make fatter fees for the a model prisoner. He was in the jail yard collectors. Another is that the cost when he climbed the rope made of blan-Following the example of Davy of living is increased because the cost kets, fastened to the bars of his cell. This is Friday, the thirteenth, Crocket's coon the Vare—Grundy of doing business is increased. Anso if you are at all superstitious knock combine capitulated when it saw the other is that political machines are rope up after him and dropped it down financed by fees.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-H. H. Dewey, of Gaines Junction, Pa., master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, announced on Monday that the next meeting of the organization will be held in Johnstown December 8, 9 and 10.

-A verdict awarding a \$5,000 accident insurance policy to Mrs. Ruth M. Norlund, rendered in the Lycoming county court, and appealed by the Reliance Life Insurance company, Pittsburgh, was affirmed on Monday by the State Supreme Court.

-The Berwick plant of the American Car and Foundry company has received an order for one thousand sixty-five-ton steel box cars for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. It is the largest order booked by that plant in some

-Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wingert were burned to death in their bedroom, on Monday evening, while their parents were doing evening chores at the barn on their farm six miles from Chambersburg.

-Harry Kantner, 48 years of age, fell down a stairway twice Friday night at the home of Emory Miller, in Reading, where he was visiting. He was not hurt in the first fall. After the second fall, he was picked up about midnight by Raymond Price, a lodger in the house, with a broken neck. The fall had killed him.

-Boys throwing stones at giant icicles that hung from a water tank of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Barnesboro, last Wednesday afternoon cost the life of Frank Gosch, aged 13 years, son of John Gosch, of that place, who was caught under one of the icicles when it fell. His skull was

-Charges have been made against Samuel Alley, a Syrian, before Alderman Mantz, of New Castle, alleging that he attempted to force his daughter, Annie, 15 years old, to marry a man as old as her father. The father was to receive \$1500 in the transaction, it is alleged. The charges have been preferred by county detective J. M. Dunlap and humane officer W. W.

-After writing a note in which she declared there was "no place in this world for a widow and her children," Mrs. Rose Hall, 34 years old, of Albion, Erie county, according to police, administered poison to her two sleeping daughters and then took a quantity of the poison herself with fatal results. The two children recovered. The woman's husband was killed in a railroad accident six years ago.

-Although picked up on a street in Pottsville, last Saturday, after an automobile had run over him and flattened him out, Heber Kramer, aged 20 years, is still living at the Pottsville hospital, and early this week was believed to be actually improving. It was necessary to lift up the auto to get Kramer from under and his chest was crushed, five ribs broken, lungs and liver punctured and his skull fractured in two places.

-Calvin Hime, aged 57 years, of Ephrata. Lancaster county, was so amused by the antics of a fellow townsman under the influence of "white mule," that he laughed himself to death. Hime was standing outside his home in the borough when George Riddle appeared on the scene. Riddle showed the effects of too much moonshine. He was garbed the flimsiest of underwear and a walstcoat. At the height of the

-Amos Tecuran, a Negro, employed at the mines at Black Run, Schuylkill county, was so sure on Friday that the world was coming to an end that he gave away all his clothes and jewelry, including a fine gold watch. On Saturday he wanted the "The Record" is astounded to learn, from New York advices, that return the goods and when Amos tried to have them arrested the justice of the peace told him his gifts were perfectly legal and

-Ruth Angelo, 21 years old, of Sharpsburg, Westmoreland county, alleged accomplice of George W. Trost, sentenced to serve from eleven to twenty-two years in the western penitentiary for his attempted robbery of the Delmont National bank on November 10, decided to enter a plea of guilty. She was sentenced to serve not less than four and not more than eight years in the western penitentiary on charges of attempted robbery and forgery.

-Frank L. Clinefelter, a former employe Lawrence county court on Saturday mornthe face of the returns. It was dis- ing. He was sentenced to serve from six to twelve years in the western penitentiary by Judge S. P. Emery. The amount alleged to have been taken from the bank was \$17,000. The confessed theft occurred dur-

-John Oliver, of Wilkes-Barre, is mourning the loss of his wife, and savings appeared also. Oliver has five children. votes cast for a candidate, but the new home last year, and when the wife denumber originally counted for him, manded, several days ago, that the money that must determine the result. The be placed in her hands so that she might

-Miss Paula Rossler, who is a patient in the Williamsport hospital under guard, being charged with having disposed of her ployed, and Gustave Schaefer, who has been arrested as the father of the child, were married in the hospital on Friday by the Rev. Theodore Beck. It is understood that the charge against the man will not be dropped. An information was made before Alderman George B. Allen the day of the wedding in which the woman is chargwarrant was issued for her arrest.

-George Hopper, a legless shoemaker, late on Monday prevented the escape from the Columbia county jail at Bloomsburg of Alexander Green, colored, of Philadelphia, serving twenty years for murder. Hopper saw Green scale the wall with a rope blanket and telephoned to sheriff Gunther. Deputy sheriff Whitenigst was only a minute or two behind Green and caught him within two blocks of the jail. Green was One of the many evils of this sys- taken to Bloomsburg eighteen months ago on the outside.