# Democratice Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Writes H. H. G. to Levi P., I quite agree, that a "nip" o' "tea," is just the thing for you and me.

-Possibly Secretary Mellon is mad because Senator Couzens has pretty near as much money as he has:

-Among the appropriation bills reported out of committee on Tuesday was one for \$1,055,000 for the western penitentiary.

-Herbert Hoover is still in the Cabinet, but one hears little of him these days. Can it be that Herb. has run out of ideas?

-The Schantz bill providing for the retail sale of oysters by count, instead of by measure as now, will get the purchaser nowhere. Dealers will just the future. The action of the Re- of Vare, Grundy and Pinchot. It is been reduced to the rank of Colonel charge that much more for the bivalves and be in the soup.

-Senators LaFollette, Frazier, Brookhart and Ladd, having been summarily kicked out of the Republism in the House. Now it appears that summarily kicked out of the Republism in the House. Now it appears that the entrant. Mr. Grundy would present the summarily kicked out of the Republism in the House. Now it appears that the entrant. Mr. Grundy would present the service. General Mitchell can household, are probably not worrying as much about where they will go as are those who evicted them.

-We're for the bill introduced in the Legislature, Monday, by Representative Derby, of Lackawanna. It is designed to prevent candidates for Senatorial caucus to give Senator office from running on more than one Couzens, of Michigan, a coveted seat party ticket. It will not be passed, at the table of the Senate committee which is to force Pepper "off the po- but paid no heed. but it ought to.

-If the Legislature were smart it would pass its special hospital bills, put them up to the Governor and then act on his pet measures in the light of what he does to the bills the Members and their constituency back home are really most interested in.

-Robins are here aplenty, spring is just eight days in the offing, winter flannels are getting scratchy, rhubarb is bulging through the ground and the lawn mower is looking like it needs sharpening and grease. But waitthe saplin bender, the poor man's manure and the onion snows are yet to

-The President gave one of his clerks a ten dollar prize for suggesting possible economies to be effected unwise, however, and he was allowed in running the White House, then he to go through. rode to the other end of the Avenue and signed the bill increasing the pay that he has not been forgiven. His of Senators and Congressmen to the efficient service in the investigation aggregate of nearly a million dollars of the Treasury had given him a fond-

killed the full crew bill on Tuesday. regular channels," a desire for a place It was a very proper action, for a full on the committee that handles tax crew, as the bill interpreted it, merely propositions. But some underground on trains at present sufficiently man- defeat his ambition in that direction ned, and being paid for the snit by and the caucus decided to fill the vashippers of freight and passengers on cancy on that committee by appointthe same trains.

motion of General Mitchell is given as man of the Civil Service committee, criticism of his superior officers. The however, and may be able to make real reason was fear on the part of the machine regret that it snubbed his swivel-chair over-lords that the him by refusing his modest request. country would discover that when it comes down to real knowledge of conditions in the army and navy General Mitchell has no superior officers.

enemy is disposed to describe as "the sufficient rope is provided the Repubwreck of the Democratic ship" are as numerous as those for the cure of coughs, cold and consumption. Every political quack in the country has a nostrum to be tried. The party has been doping itself with that kind of stuff too much these last twenty years. It is not a wreck. It is only in a fog that has thrown it off its course. Let us chuck the un-Democratic panaceas overboard and sail the course charted by Jefferson and Jackson and it will come into a port of vic-

tory in 1928. -We hear that residents of south Spring street are going to fight the proposal to widen that thoroughfare. than many city streets that are carry- and before the Harding regime. ing far heavier traffic and, naturally, some of its residents are up in arms against the proposal. Council will not before there has been a showand those of the property holders.

thousand dollars awarded a Philadel- Senator Walsh declared, "and you phia woman by a lower court for in- may as well hang out a sign that for personal enemy. Or he may have had juries sustained by her husband, when the life of this administration the he was run down by an automobile at Sherman act is suspended. Confirm a street crossing, the U. S. Circuit this man and extend an invitation to court of appeals, on Tuesday handed every plundering monopoly in this down an opinion of great interest to country to do what it pleases." Mr. and saving money is not always wise every automobile driver. The court Warren served the Sugar trust not in public affairs. held that on a street crossing the pe- as an attorney but as an agent to destrian has the paramount right and crush out opposition and create a every driver of a car, no matter what monopoly. the signals or other conditions may

having his appointee for Attorney to depend on Borah in future emer-General of the United States rejected gencies. He "thunders in the index" by the Senate, had he been in his place but yields to the force of circumnomination of Charles Beecher War- needs his services. In this instance reasonable. Senator Griswold should ren. Gen. Dawes may plead misinfor- he served the public well and maybe ren would be taken but the public re- is likely to serve the machine with land convention, was the only member urday but not an assurance for the action by the methods adopted by of the Michigan delegation who refus- future. ed to vote to put Dawes on the ticket for Vice President. It was the first rejection of a cabinet appointment in Germany, didn't accomplish much but fero has been discovered and the fifty-seven years and there is likely the people there will be lucky if his search for ancient relics is making but in most cases it is worth all it to be a "hell and Maria" time about it. successor does as well.



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Couzens Refused Seat on Finance Committee.

The press dispatches from Wash-LaFollette or not, are to be penalized on finance, though his fitness for that litical map." office is obvious.

Senator Couzens is a very able man and has had much experience in big business affairs, but he is a trifle too independent. When he entered the Senate, by appointment, as the successor of the disgraced and despised Newberry he might have assumed a leading position in the chamber. But he didn't approve of some of the methods in vogue by the party managers and as the head of a subcommittee charged with an inquiry into operations of the treasury aroused the antagonism of Secretary Mellon. His opposition to the Mellon tax bill further incensed the party managers and for a time it was their purpose to pre-vent his election. This was deemed

But recent events lead to the belief ness for details in treasury opera--The House committee on railroads tions and he expressed, "through the meant a few more needless men riding agencies have been set in motion to ing Wadsworth, a harmless but par--The technical reason for the de- tisan nobody. Couzens will be chair-

-Those Democratic Senators who indirectly helped the administration forces to organize the Senate are -Suggestions for saving what the probably acting on the theory that if lican machine will "hang itself."

## Not an Enduring Triumph.

The little flurry of independence revealed in the Senate, in Washington on Saturday, when in spite of the opposition of the administration forces the consideration of the nomination of Charles B. Warren, for Attorney General, was in open session should not be construed as a guarantee of future freedom from machine control. So many Senators had committed themselves on the subject in advance of the crisis which came unexpectedly on Saturday that any other result The block in question is no narrower was impossible. A refusal to treat than five others on the same street the subject in open session would have and is exceeded in width by only two been stultification to all those Senaother streets in town. It is wider tors who demanded publicity during

Through a temporary victory over invisible government the event was an achievement of considerable value. probably do as it pleases in the mat- It enabled Senator Walsh, of Monter, but, from news filtering in here, tana, to lay before the country the record of the nominee and inferentialdown as to the rights of the borough ly expose the influences which control the Coolidge appointments to -In sustaining a verdict for ten office. "Confirm this nomination," imagined that his action would spite

Senator Borah, of Idaho, led the be, must approach a crossing with his independent forces against the ma- any other way. Public officials who piece of road to its primary system. car under such control that he or she chine and made the strong point that are performing their duties properly can stop on the shortest possible no- in discriminating against the Senators who voted for LaFollette the -Vice President Dawes could have constituents rather than the Senators saved the President the humiliation of were penalized. But it is not safe gardly, either. Just obligations are joyed the distinction more than Giff. on Tuesday to cast the vote that would stances and the machine has a way have broken the tie and confirmed the of getting and using him when it not wasteful, if the cost is fair and mation as to when the vote on War- willingly. But in a graver matter he members that Warren, chairman of the equal zeal and efficiency. The result resolutions committee at the Cleve- of his course was satisfactory on Sat- ture but it will not be moved to that

---The late President Ebbert, of

Impending Fight for Senator.

The friends of Senator Pepper profess complete confidence that he will ington indicate pretty clearly that be renominated and re-elected next cerning the inefficiency of certain boss government is to be the rule in year, notwithstanding the opposition bureaus of the government. He has publican Senators in excluding from certain that this triumvirate will be and will probably never be allowed to their councils all members of that against him in whatever form will rise higher. Beaurocratic governbody who supported LaFollette was prove most effective. Vare and Pin- ment can't afford criticism and a subrecalcitrants, whether they supported the entrant. Mr. Grundy would pre- from the service. General Mitchell fer a candidate of his own selection felt that it was his duty to give the and only those who swear allegiance but is willing to yield to exigencies to the machine may expect favors. and accept either of the others. But which he is an acknowledged master. This was demonstrated beyond questhey will go the limit to defeat Pep- His superior officers assumed that the tion in the refusal of the Republican per. They are all practical men and public has no right to know how well nothing to accomplish their purpose,

> The friends of Senator Pepper base their confidence in his success against | General Mitchell held with respect to the combination of Vare, Grundy and Pinchot, in whatever form it may assume, on an analysis of the vote for delegate-at-large to the Republican National convention last spring. In that contest Mr. Pepper polled 560,133 votes against 500,950 for Vare and 304,036 for Pinchot. Pepper and Vare had the support of the organization alike, so that it is obvious that Vare is the weaker as between them. Pinchot's strength may be characterized as purely personal, though in the early stages of the campaign he was in the machine favor. In the impending contest Vare will be opposed by the ma-

chine outside of Philadelphia. The combined vote of Vare and Pinchot in the selection of delegate to the convention considerably exceeded that of Senator Pepper, but it is not probable that it could be combined on either of them even under agreement of the leaders. In Philadelphia most of those who supported Pinchot last year would go to Pepper against Vare and the personal following of the Governor in the rural sections could hardly be delivered to Vare as against any other candidate. Still there is an element of uncertainty in the equation. Pinchot and Vare are both very rich men and in support of their ambitions exceedingly liberal. Both of them have long cherished a desire to occupy a seat in the United States Senate.

-The good of the service, according to the interpretation of Secretary Weeks, requires subordinate officers to blunders of their superiors.

## Undesirable Legislation.

The Newspaper Legislative bulletin, to which we made reference last week, calls attention to a pending measure the purpose of which seems to be to conceal information that ought to be made public. It is known as Senate bill 390, and provides for 'the repeal of all laws requiring the publication of mercantile appraisers' lists." It was introduced by Senator Griswold on February 18th, and is still in committee. No reasons have been given for such legislation though it may be assumed the purpose is to save the expense of publication. A cursory examination of the measure fails to reveal any merit to justify it. It might cause loss rather than gain to the taxpayers.

As the bulletin observes, there is no demand on the part of the public that this information be withheld. It is important that the people should know what mercantile taxes are paid and which of the merchants in the several communities pays them, and the expense of the publication of the lists under existing laws is not great. The author of the measure may have some local publisher or punish some some other good or ulterior idea in his mind. But he has adopted a doubtful medium in either event. Publicity does no harm to any just cause

Secrecy is not desirable in the administration of public affairs. More crime has been covered up, more graft encouraged by concealment than in have no need of concealment. As a rule they prefer full publicity of their cheerfully met and discharged. It is only wasteful expenditures that are complained of, and giving needed or desired information to the public is recall his legislation on this subject. Or it should be defeated.

-The Senate may adopt a clo-Vice President Dawes.

---The sarcophagus of King Senegratifying progress.

Punished for Telling the Truth.

Brigadier General Mitchell has paid the penalty of telling the truth conpublic information upon a subject of political traders who will hesitate at or ill they perform their work. Mitchell was admonished to remain silent

The beginning of the quarrel was in the publication of opinions which the relative value of the air service as a defensive agent compared with the army and navy. Before venturing an the President who replied that if his theories were not objected to by his superior officers they might be published. Thereupon he outlined his theories to his immediate superior who offered no objection to the publication of a series of articles in a magazine. But the Secretary of War adopted a different view of the question and controversy followed which led to a Congressional investigation

in which bitter animosities developed. In beaurocratic government secrecy is essential, for the blunders as well as the crimes of those in control must be kept in concealment. That being true, if it is the policy of our public officials to promote beaurocratic methods General Mitchell made a grave mistake in exposing the secrets of the service. On the other hand, if the purpose of those in authority is to take the public into their confidence and strive for improvement, if not perfection, in administration, it would seem that General Mitchell has been unjustly punished for the fulfillment of a moral obligation to the people.

fishing season and we know a number perjure themselves to cover up the of men who are already becoming as restless as a one armed paper hanger with a bad attack of hives. Of course if it were possible to imagine such a the tang of spring is in the air, the condition, French security would be sap is running and the lure of the absolute; if France were smashed great outdoors is coursing through there would be no single force or comthe blood of man. Then it is also reported that this should be a good year for trout. Most of the streams were liberally stocked last fall and while the winter was long and cold none of the mountain streams were frozen dry so that trout fishing should be good.

-The Governor and Dr. Ellie Potter think that appropriations to state hospitals should be made in a lump sum so that Ellie can dole it out to them according to the whim that seizes her. Section 15 of Article III of the organic law of the State specifically says that all such appropriations "shall be made by separate bills each embracing but one subject." But what's the constitution between Gif. and Ellie.

-The United dry bill is having its own troubles in the Legislature. The druggists, the paint manufacturers, the candy makers, all have been picking it to pieces and the Grange protests against placing its enforcement on the Department of Agriculture. Even Dr. Clyde King, Pinchot's yes man, refuses to assume the burden of having his department take it on.

-A movement has been started at Mifflinburg to induce the State Highway Department to take over the fourteen mile Narrows between that place and Woodward, Centre county. Petitions will be sent to the department in the near future presenting the reasons why the State should add this

-It is said that our Governor was the most picturesque feature of operations. The public is not nig- the inaugural parade and nobody en-

> -The leases of the Teapot Dome may be broken and the government rights restored but the credit is not due to the Republican party.

> > -Senator Couzens may get him-

that the other fellow will find trouble in pressing it. -President Coolidge preaches political morality but practices machine

self into a law suit but it is a safe bet

methods. -Experience is a dear teacher costs.

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Johnny Ward, Oldtimer.

From the Philadelphia Record. The recent announcement from Georgia of the death there of John Montgomery Ward must have stirred the heart-strings and the memories of many a gray-haired baseball fan; and it should also have drawn the inexpensive tribute of a tear from every professional ball player of this day, for organized baseball now enjoy.

Long before he became John Mont-

gomery Ward, Esq., of the New York bar, Johnny Ward was a big figure in the national game. Since he was born in Bellefonte (the date was March 3, 1860), it was natural that if he went to college at all the State College there should get him. It did, and he made the baseball team, of course. It was there that he learned (among the first) to pitch a curved ball. He pitch-ed later for Renovo, for the Philadelphia Athletics and other teams in this State; but it was with the old Providence Grays that he made his first big expression he submitted the matter to hit in the professional ranks. Then New York got him, and in the metropolis he attained a popularity which was a match—or as near as it could be in those days—for that now enjoyed by Babe Ruth.

Ward was a great player—a great -but it is as an organizer and a fightbroke out in 1890 he took the Brooklyn Players' League under his leadership and won an honorable peace. From this grew those several ments between magnates and players which gave the latter the large share of profits many of them now enjoy from their athletic activities.

#### The Irresponsible Conflict. Frank Simonds in American Review of Re

Only the French veto prevents Germany from being as great or even greater in the Europe of today than she was in the Europe of 1913. If the Europe which was created after the Europe which was war endures, it will be plainly because French power has supplied to the new In any event it would seem to any fair minded observer that there is something wrong in Washington.

The something wrong in washington.

T nated by a supreme Germany, French

> both impossible \* \* If Germany were actually crushed, bination of forces in Europe which could deny Germany a continental supremacy greater than that of any State since the age of Napleon the Great. But, as it stands, the minimum of each, from its own point of view, seems to the other to deny a corresponding minimum. Compromise has proved impossible, fundamental conditions have worsened, Franco-German relations have been and are unmistakably leading all Europe toward another abyss. That is the solemn fact, the supreme fact of contemporary European history.

#### Brighter Plumage for Man. From the New York Sun.

With the arrival of Monsieur R. de Tirtoff Erte from Paris the life of the American male at once becomes prospectively brighter. M. Erte is a designer of clothes—a fashion arbiter, in fact. But he is less cruel to the American husband, brother and father than such of his fellow arbiters as the young Holstein bull on Monday, but were great Murdocke of England.

Mr. Murdocke came here last Deand London fogs. The ladies, it seemed, must have them so to set off their goal seems to be a bright red suit for of the town. Scores saw the capture. evening wear. He has already designbrownish violet.

To be sure, even M. Erte is a comand blues. Still, plumed hats and gorgeous hose, may sartorial freedom.

An evening suit of brownish violet -him— Still, all great reforms must have their beginnings.

## Salary Juggling.

From the Scranton Times. Fixing the pay of subordinate coun-

v resorted to in recent years by understrappers in an effort to put their boards.

-Vice President Dawes will be the bull in the Senatorial china shop. the girls had disappeared.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-William Trimble, 70 years old, sexton of the Indiana, Pa., cemetery fell dead into a grave last Friday, which he had been digging for Mrs. Joseph Welteroth. Heart disease caused his death. He was dead about five hours before his body was discovered by a person walking through the cemetery.

-Members of the Legislature from the mining counties will decide whether bare legs are proper or not on a theatre stage. Representative Thomas J. Burke of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill to bar bare legs from theatre stages in the State. Speaker Bluett has referred the bill to the House committee on coal and iron.

-Suit was entered in the Clearfield county courts on Monday of this week by Bell & Brockbank and Liveright & Chase, representing Mrs. Sophia Gleason, against the Continental Casualty company in an effort to recover \$15,000, the amount of an accident policy held by the late James A. Gleason, of DuBois, in that company.

-Alleging alienation of her husband's affections, Mrs. Elizabeth Degroot, af Catasauqua, has filed a suit in court at Allentown against Mrs. Annie Kemmerling, a widow of that city, for \$50,000 damages. Mrs. Degroot is the head of the mothers' pension fund in Lehigh county and mem-

ber of the Republican county committee. -B. B. Hunter, former cashier of the Peoples' Bank of Marianna, Washington county, arrested last week on a charge of embezzlement of funds of the institution, waived a hearing before an alderman and was held under \$15,000 bail for court. Bank officials announced the shortage would be less than the amount of the bond instead of \$41,000 as originally stated.

-After pleading guilty to defrauding the East Prospect State bank in York county of \$23,000, Ernest L. Burg, former cashier of the institution, and Roy J. Sitler, merchant, were each given a two-year suspended jail sentence and fined \$25. The defendants were paroled because the money taken was returned without loss to the bank and because of the former good reputations the two men bore.

-Arrested by postal inspectors three months ago on charges of using the mails for purposes of extortion, Chauncey F. pitcher and a still greater shortstop Pyle, of Chester, has been indicted by the federal grand jury. Pyle is alleged to have er for the rights of his fellows that he will be longest remembered in the game. When the Brotherhood fight release of his 18 year old son, whom he said had been captured by rum runners. Before the demand was made, the youth was drowned at Cape May while trying to rescue a drowning girl, and his body has

not been recovered. -The United States Circuit Court of Appeals last week sustained the federal district court of Philadelphia in awarding \$35,568 insurance money to the estate of Oscar W. Rosier, of Philadelphia, who with his stenographer, was shot and killed by Rosier's wife. The award was made under a double indemnity clause of four

-On information sworn out by Val Shoenberger, postal inspector for the eastheen, a druggist, sworn as acting postsecurity and French independence are master. The charge alleges funds slightly

less than \$1,000 were taken. -An attempt to steal a kiss from damsels fair upon the broad highways constitutes attempted highway robbery Judge Johnson ruled in the Delaware county court last Thursday, in sentencing James Irvin, 23 years of age, of Addingham, Pa., to from six months to a year's imprisonment. Irvin, who recently went to Media from Tennessee, pleaded guilty to the charge, made by two girls. A passerby, in the role of Knight Errant at the time, it was testified, rescued the distressed fair ones, and unromantically turned Irvin over to the police.

-Entering the office of the Butler Oil company, in Altoona, by way of a side window, thieves early Saturday morning made away with the company safe containing \$245 and a number of checks. The safe was found on Saturday afternoon lying along the road leading from Llyswen to near Eldorado where it had been thrown after being blown open and rifled of the contents. Members of the Hollodaysburg detachment of State police are working on the robbery but as yet have learned but little regarding the identity of those who committed the theft.

-Mrs. Charles Buhrman and Mrs. Daniel Garver, of Waynesboro, were attacked by a saved from serious injury by the arrival of James Reed. Both women were knockcember assuring us that man was just ed down, and when the former fell, her a background and that his clothes chin struck a stake, which inflicted an ugshould accordingly match subdued things like twilights, mice, spider webs teeth. While Mrs. Garver was on the ground the bull ran up to her and struck her in the side with its horns, causing a own brighter plumage. But M. Erte bad wound. Reed stood on the runningis kinder—or more rebellious. He defies Mr. Murdocke and the ladies. His mal after a chase into the business section

-Refusing to divulge the combination of ed and wears one of a beautiful his safe in which was stored his life's earnings to even his wife, Simon Horoshack, Shamokin groceryman, died two promiser. He does not advocate a re- two weeks ago. In the safe were stored bellion that will affect man in his shop considerable change placed there by Mr. or office. He would leave daytime Horoshack the night before taking ill, inclothes sober grays, browns, blacks surance and other valuable papers and his the prospect of will bequeathing his entire estate to the emancipation for a few hours at night widow. In answer to urgent summons, is alluring. Man, who used to wear Russel Blauvitz, expert locksmith, the tunics of crimson and togas of purple, other night and before members of the who achieved plum colored coats and family grouped about the room, swung open the iron doors of the safe, with little eventually get back a portion of his difficulty, revealing its valuable contents intact.

-The bodies of three young girls were recovered from a reservoir near Johnstown late on Saturday, after the girls had been drowned when a thin coating of ice over the dam gave away beneath their weight. The dead are Frances Doubt, aged 10 years, and Olive Doubt, 13, sisters, and Carrie Randolph, aged 12 years. An heroty officials by statute is a wrong it effort to save the girls was made by Empractice, one that has been frequentma Grace Randolph, 14 years old, a sister ma Grace Randolph, 14 years old, a sister of Carrie Randolph, and the fourth member of the party that had been spending compensation on a higher level than the day playing on the ice-covered dam. could be wrung from local salary Her efforts were unsuccessful and the girl finally was forced to save herself. She then ran a half mile in her wet clothing to procure assistance, but when help arrived