Aemocratic Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

-Love may laugh at locksmiths and sometimes weep over nuptial knots.

-Probably if there had been automobiles in Atlas' time he would have fallen down on his job.

-Under a decision of the United States Supreme Court, handed down on Monday the Fourth amendment of the Constitution can stand up again, look the Eighteenth in the face and say: You're not the whole show. The ruling is clear cut and positive to the effect that a man's home is really his castle and cannot be searched for any purpose without a warrant.

-We place a wreath on a new mound that has appeared in the cemetery at Lancaster. Under it lies all that was mortal of Frank McClain, for thirty years a two fisted, square dealing, lovable Republican leader, who party when he thought it wrong and a nature that forgave and forgot the moment a fight was won or lost. "The Red Rose of Lancaster" is gone, he lies "in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be."

-Of course we are supposed to know nothing about it, but the report that Barney Dreyfuss is to dispose of his baseball franchise in Pittsburgh rather confirms a suspicion we have had for some years that the Pittsburgh magnate didn't want a pennant winning team because it might demand more than he was willing to put in the pay envelope. If Barney is really going to sell, now that Mc-Kechnie has landed a pennant for him, it would look as though he would rather retire while the retiring's good than be "cutting" problematical profits with a lot of "hold-outs" next

—Talk about campaigners. Everybody will admit that W. Harrison Walker is the most incessant one of them all. It's a habit with him to be on the job-no matter what it isuntil it is completed. Morning, noon and night he is presenting his cause to the voters of Centre county, because, morning, noon and night he has worked for years in order that his clients might have speedy solution of the organization was created and is their legal problems. By his activity maintained for the purpose of improv-Mr. Walker is probably unwittingly showing the people of Centre county one of the very best reasons why they should vote for him. A Judge with a habit of doing it now would eliminate much mental distress and save a lot in the maintenance of our courts.

-Just because they seem to have been entirely lost sight of let us tell you that Billy Runkle and John Love are hoping that somebody will discovev are hone f for the office of District Attorney. It's a shame that they have been so utterly obliterated by the glamour of the judicial contest. Rebecca Naomi is evidently not on the job. She's the lady who helped lick John in 1923. He was then running as a Republican against a Republican whom we Democrats had given a place on our ticket that no lawyer of our party would accept. Rebecca's in an awful hole now. She's the kind of Prohibitionist who is a Republican first and she's got to admit it or declare for William Groh. The voters of Centre county are beginning to see that the moon that Pinchot and Rebecca put up is only a "green cheese" affair.

-"The pious, plain people" of Hecla Park, about whom "a Staff correspondent" of the Philadelphia Ledger wove such a fantastic tale in his story of the finding of Charley Ames and his wrecked mail plane, would scarcely recognize themselves in the story picture of that tragic day. They are not "mountaineers," they are not any more "pious" or "plain" than the average citizen of this great U.S. A., and they didn't stay away from "preaching" to spend the time hunting for the lost aviator. We know them all. And while acquaintance compels us to reveal that none of them are gluttons for religion we are right here to say that every one of them knows enough about the Bible to have a good laugh at a city newspaper reporter who thinks it was a "lamb" that the Master referred to as being in a pit in Luke 14 and 5.

-We're probably an old fogy, but the announcement that the President of the United States had attended a baseball game on Sunday made a distressing impression on us. As a youth we were taught that playing cards, dancing, pool rooms and liquor were not, in themselves, harmful but they were likely to lead to no good end. We have lived to see strong characters resist their lure, but more that have fallen for them. Sunday baseball is less harmful than Sunday joyriding, it is no more so than Sunday golf or Sunday sports of any kind, but while there might be thousands who can use them recreatively there are millions who will abuse them and throw up such a smoke-screen as will eventually obliterate the sanctity of the Sabbath. We deny entry to our country to those who would preach "Communism" in our social and political relations all the while we are inoculating our soil with its poison spawn by insidiously breaking down it. When physical recreation supercedes spiritual recreation in the minds of Americans then Communism will having lent a hand in the mounting. In a mixed company.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Purposes of the A. F. L.

When Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared that "the American labor movement will not affiliate with an organization that preaches communism or stands for that philosophy," he expressed the settled view of ninetyfive per cent. of the industrial population of the United States. His had the courage to challenge his own statement was in the form of a reply to a speech of Arthur A. Purcel, member of the British Parliament and representative of the International Federation of Trades Unions in the annual convention of the Federation of Labor in session at Atlantic City, in which he suggested affiliation with the Soviet movement in Russia. Mr. Green's statement was cordially applauded.

The outstanding principle of American wage earners is loyalty not only to the government but devotion to the principles upon which the government is founded. From the beginning of the Russian labor movement effort has been made to enlist the sympathy of American working men and women in the purposes of that organization. That purpose was not to benefit the industrial life of this country but, as frankly stated by the Trade Union Educational League, "to destroy it and substitute for their philosophy the philosophy of communism." It comes in the form of "Greek bearing gifts" and the American Federation of Labor has stood steadfastly against it and repelled it in every instance.

In declaring the attitude of American labor on the subject of communism president Green has fitly and firmly maintained the policy and principles of Samuel Gompers, his illustrious predecessor in office. It is that ing the conditions and promoting the interests of wage earners. This result cannot be achieved by creating disturbances and fostering hatreds between employers and employees. Murdering men and destroying property helps nobody to a harvest of prosperity and the labor movement of Russia proposes no other method of procedure or course of action. Not only labor but capital will freely agree to Mr. Green's theory.

-Senator Pepper appears to think the bankers of the State will select the next Senator in Congress for Pennsylvania.

Air Service Investigations.

The double-barrel inquiry respecting the air service now in progress in Washington and at Mitchell Field is making slow progress toward its destination, which seems to be nowhere. In Washington witnesses before the so-called President's commission express conflicting opinions, the airmen practically agreeing with Colonel Mitchell and the swivel-chair experts taking the opposite view. At Mitchell field the testimony is almost equally conflicting, the bureaucrats holding to the view that the disaster to the Shenandoah was unavoidable and the supporters of the late Commander Lansdowne protesting that it might have been prevented but disagreeing as to responsibility.

An analysis of the testimony estab-

mander's widow. mourners of the dead airmen whose ing a great opportunity next year. lives have been sacrificed on the altar The unselfish leader, or men who of partisanship. It may prevent fu- should be leaders, recognize the fact. ture enterprises of the sort but it can There are hundreds of unselfish Demhardly be expected to procure bread ocrats in this State qualified to lead and meat for the families of the vic- who could be induced to become active tims. The only hope, therefore, is and give their best to a complete rethat it will compel important changes organization, a respectable organizain the policy of the government in de- tion because it would deserve respect, veloping the air service in the future. could they be assured there would be This is "a consummation devoutly to be wished." The country has paid a tions or deals." Of course such an orhigh price for an improvement that ganization would be along Democratic ought to have been made without ex- lines, for thus held it must appeal to pense long ago, but like necessary war | well meaning people of high ideals, regarded as cheap at any price.

a drunken auto driver as worthy of a Pennsylvania is worse than top-heavy the one barrier that arms us against jail sentence, which is a sign of im- today," and that it "is so unwieldy, provement.

-Frankness is a virtue but it is be in the saddle, without Red Russia's not always safe to say what you think holds it together and enables it to no scandal attached to the contest for show a lack of the powers of disci-

A Few Plain Words On the Judicial Contest.

The selection of a Judge to preside over its courts is the most serious duty that devolves upon the electorate of a district. The position, itself, is one of the highest honor, to be conferred only on those worthy of it and its occupant sits in judgment on every phase of its social and business life. For very good reasons the term has been made for ten years. It is well that it is so, but because there is no chance to make a change in the office for so long a period there is all the more reason for careful study of the character and fitness of aspirants for the bench.

There are many qualifications that are quite as essential to the making of a good Judge as a profound knowledge of the law. The best lawyer doesn't always make the best Judge. Legal sense and judicial sense are quite different and only rarely are they found in the same mind. In Pennsylvania we could point to many men who are making splendid records on the bench, who had attracted little attention at the bar before their elevation. And we could cite several instances where brilliant lawyers at the bar have failed to fulfill expectations on the bench. No. It is not requisite that a Judge should be a great lawyer. Knowledge of the law is not everything. The spirit of humanity, the sense of proportion, balanced judgment, open mindedness, lack of prejudice, even temper and a will to work are all characteristics as much to be desired as knowledge of the law, for how can law be justly and equitably administered without these.

Often, common sense dispenses far more just justice than the most literal interpretation of statutes can give to a case.

From the angle of the voter about to select a person to preside over the courts that will sit in judgment of his acts for a period of ten years there should be two outstanding questions to consider. Does this candidate or that have a working knowledge of the law, is he a partisan or not in the sense of having strong and uncontrollable likes and dislikes, is he open minded enough to be responsive to sound argument, does he know the people who come pleading before him. And will he, if I vote for him. conduct the courts with such reasonable dispatch that litigants will not be ruined by fees and costs while waiting for the mill of justice to grind and taxpayers be called upon to bear the burden of slothful procedure.

As you have probably divined we have written this with the candidacy of Mr. W. Harrison Walker in mind. He has every one of the essential qualifications and none of those not to be desired.

Mr. Walker is a successful lawyer. He could not have been successful without a working knowledge of the law. He is not a partisan, for no man who is a partisan in the sense of having strong and uncontrollable likes and dislikes could hold the legion of friends that are his in all walks of life. He is open minded and fair and he knows the people of Centre county, because he was raised in an humble farm home and has had a taste of the drudgery of life himself. More than that, he has kept in touch with it in his various public activities so that today he probably is as intimately acquainted with the problems that beset every corner of Centre county as any man in it. Surely these qualifications are all any one could ask of an aspirant for the position he seeks. But he has another. A great outstanding one.

Mr. Walker's admitted reputation for promptness in all things is enviable. He is of the do it now type—and there are too few of them. He just can't quit with an unfinished job on his hands and the courts of Centre county would be right up to the minute with him on the bench. That would mean relief to litigants and less taxes for those who have to bear the burden of maintaining the courts.

There is no politics in the election of a Judge. A Judge makes no laws; he merely administers them. The many Republicans who are openly supporting Mr. Walker's candidacy know this. They are not striking at their party by their determination to vote for a Democrat. In a matter where party principles cannot, by any distortion of the mind, be involved they are going to vote for the candidate with the all around qualifications. They feel that the nominee of the Democratic party is wholly free of constricting obligations to machine organization and they are only hoping that all Democrats will take advantage of the aid they propose giving to put a man on the bench in Centre county who will not be watching to see whether Pinchot, or whoever may be in control of the Republican machine nods approval every time a decree is handed down.

Opportunity for Next Year.

The esteemed Clearfield Republican lishes one lamentable fact, however. in earnest and impressive words urges That is that the expedition which re- the Democrats of Pennsylvania to sulted in the destruction of the Shen- prepare now "for next year's battle." andoah and the death of Commander The conditions are propitious, as that Lansdowne and thirteen of his com- veteran editor, John F. Short, sees rades aboard was a political enter- them and "there never was a time in prise without any pretense of a use- the history of Pennsylvania when a ful public purpose. The Republican managers at Washington had conceiving political organization was so much ed the idea that making an exhibition needed as at present." This is literof the great airship an attraction at ally true. The ballot frauds in Philseveral midwestern State fairs would adelphia, the iniquities of the maenlist popular favor for President chine as exposed by Governor Pinchot Coolidge, and it was undertaken not- and the confusion of the Republican withstanding the protest of the com- organization offer cumulative incenmanding officer. This fact has been tive to the honest voters of the State proved by the records of the depart- to combine in an effort to rescue the ment and the evidence of the com- government from the despoilers.

Editor Short continues: "The Dem-There is little comfort in this to the ocratic party of Pennsylvania is facmaterial during war periods, may be whatever fads or fancies they may in-

dulge as to things outside of politics. We cordially agree with Editor -Nearly all judges now appraise Short that "the Republican party of cumbersome and crooked that it can- iness. not be either led or driven." But the "cohesive force of public plunder"

effort to dispossess it that commands confidence and energetic support. If the Democrats of Pennsylvania avail themselves of the present opportunity to organize along the lines suggested by the esteemed Clearfield Republican the result may be easily achieved. Let us all join in the movement and pursue it with such vigor as influential as a number of other inand determination as will guarantee

The people will be glad to know that Governor Pinchot's health has recovered sufficiently for him to resume his tour. His descriptions of the iniquities of his own party are too interesting to be lost.

-The most discouraging rumor that comes from Washington is that as soon as the air service scandal is disposed of a submarine investigation will be undertaken.

-Let us see. Isn't this the month From the Altoona Tribune. when the germs of the modern bandits gathered in Robin Hood's haunts and sang of the brown October ale.

-It may be noticed that Mr. Coolidge said nothing that would offend the Klansmen while the campaign was in progress.

-If former Secretary Weeks feels as wretched as his pictures indicate he gave up his cabinet portfolio none too soon.

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It is gratifying to know that the children who are dependent upon them for everything they have, they content for the children the content for everything they have, they content for the content for the children they have, they content for the content for t country can turn its atteention to bus-

function because there is no organized | the baseball pennant this year.

Pinchot's Unhappy Official Family.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

The unhappiness in the official family of Governor Pinchot is again drawn to the attention of the public by the resignation of Paul D. Wright as secretary of the Highway Department. While the Governor always has his side of the story and the airs of one greatly wronged, observers can scarcely fail to note that his entire official career, whether in the National forestry service or as State executive, has been marked to an unusual extent by personal conflicts. At the outset of his State administration there was the Finegan case. All the educational leaders and educational associations of the Commonwealth urged the retention of Dr. Finegan as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, but the Governor, righteous in his own eyes, forced him out in a manner so unjust that even the National Educational Association made a protest against it. Later other State officers resigned or were dismissed, two public service commissioners now fighting in court against the Gover-nor's order of removal. Then there was the turmoil over the Executive's requirement of a personal pledge of prohibition in addition to the oath of office to respect the laws. And now Secretary Wright resigns because of differences with the Executive, and with the latter once more pained that any one could fail to see what he considered the sidered the sidered the sidered the sidered that any one could fail to see what he considered the sidered the sidered that any one could fail to see what he considered the sidered that sidered the righteousness of his own viewpoint of the situation.

The Governor wanted a piece of road improved in Bradford county to connect with a highway improvement made to the State line by New York. He held that a verbal pledge had been in the New York with the New York. given to New York by the Sproul administration that this would be done, and he argued that it should be done as a matter of honor. Wright pointed out that he had given his pledge in the road bond campaign, with what he considered the Pinchot approval, that \$40,000,000,000 of that mercer would be seen given by the process of the proces \$40,000,000 of that money would be used in carrying out the primary road program. The Bradford county high-way in question is in the secondary system and to improve it now would in his mind, take State bond money pledged to the primary system. The Governor in a public statement now says that it would not have been necthe impression that the Executive wanted much more done.

If the Governor wanted only nine miles of the Bradford road improved now, it seems that by the use of tact he might have brought the secretary to his viewpoint. Instead, he appears to have made public statements on the subject in a manner resented by Wright. The latter said that no other course was left him under the circumstances than to resign.

It is a pity, and again the public service loses by the Pinchot manner of dealing with official associates. Wright may have had his faults and some policies upon which there might well be differences of opinion, but he gave the impression of a man whose heart was deeply in his work. He received praise not only for the volume of work done under his direction, but also the character of it.

But the Pinchot personal view has to be upheld regardless of how many able officers and employees have to get out of the public service.

State College and Its Needs.

From the Wilkes-Barre Record. Governor Pinchot's reference to State College in complimentary terms calls to mind the fact that the welfare of the institution has had too little attention from the public. The Legislature has given it as little as it could

stitutions in States of far less population and resources. Some of the col-leges and universities supported by the States outrank it in the number of students and in the advantages afforded to ambitious young people. An institution that is doing so much along lines that must be followed if the welfare of the people is to be promoted is entitled to more enthusiastic

support than State College has been receiving. Every year the college management is compelled to turn down hundreds of applications for admission because of lack of facilities.

Children and Sleep.

New York United Parent's Associations have issued a list of suggestions as to how children can be aided to start the school year right. One of the suggestions is that parents insist that children under fourteen years of age have at least ten hours sleep.
In these days when children have their dances and parties, when athletic contests are likely to take up most of the daylight hours after school and boys and girls must of necessity do most of their studying at night at the same time when moving picture shows call them—it will probably be Now that the question of the a big task to keep many of the boys and girls in bed from nine o'clock in the evening until seven o'clock the

pline.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Edward Brent has received his commission as postmaster at Lewistown, to succeed W. F. Eckbert, Jr.

-Lancaster courts decided that approximately 160 gallons of liquor confiscated in raids shall be distributed among the hospitals of the city.

-Hollidaysburg will decide at the November election whether to go back to the old form of government or continue the borough manager.

-Forty applicants for pardons and commutation of sentences have been filed with the State Board of Pardons for consideration at its October meeting.

-Falling from a load of hay when it tipped over at stop Eight, Buffalo road, Erie county, Peter Burnett, aged 75 years, was instantly killed on Monday afternoon. His skull was fractured when he struck the pavement.

-Fifty consecutive years of teaching in the schools of Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Lancaster counties have been completed by Mrs. Sarah Young, teacher of the Gass school in Upper Augusta township, of Northumberland county. Atlhough past the retirement age, her interest in the work has caused her to waive her pension rights and to continue in active service.

-Three thousand acres of hardwood timber in the northern tier of countiesin McKean county, principally-is about to fall before the axe. The tract is owned by Frank Morrison and Edward G. Anderson, of Warren, Pa. The first cutting will be made this month and it is estimated several million feet of veneer logs, 75,000 to 100,000 standard railroad ties and about 60,000 cords of chemical wood will be cut.

-Caught in a belt of a tractor he was operating in Irish Valley. Northumberland county, on Friday, George Swank, aged 22 years, a bridegroom of a few weeks, was whirled around until his clothing tore and threw him against the side of a barn, where he was found unconscious by his wife and taken to the Sunbury Mary E. Packer hospital. He suffered a broken jaw and shoulder as well as serious inter-

-Potter county bears have killed many sheep and calves, but the first full-grown cow which has fallen prey to the bruins belonged to James Pollock, a farmer who lives less than a mile from the Mills postoffice. Going out to his barn on Friday morning he found the finest of his herd had been slaughtered and partly consumed. Believing the marauder will come back for more, a day and night watch is being kept in the vicinity.

-Investigation into the repeated tardiness of a tall, athletic senior of the Greensburg High school revealed that he had retraced his steps three full squares and taken another route to avoid walking past a black cat that apparently lives near the American Legion home, and has the habit of loitering on the street in front of it. The cat had an annoying way of electing to cross the street just when the senior was on his way to school.

-When the Rev. Milton Lewis Cook was placed on the retired list at a meeting of the Lackawanna Presbytery at Towanda, a father and son pastorate extending over essary to improve in the near future seventy years of service in the same church more than nine miles of the Boulford road, but Wright seems to have had road, but Wright seems to have had pied the pulpit of Merryall church, Bradfor county, was succeeded by his son, the Poy Milton Lowis Cook wh forty years ministry at Merryall.

> -Missing since Friday afternoon, Thomas J. Scanlon, 57 years of age, assessor of Washington township, Cambria county, was found dead on Sunday afternoon about two miles from his home in Cassandra. He left home Friday noon on duties in connection with the assessorship and search parties found the body after hunting almost forty-eight hours. There was no evidence of foul play, heart trouble being given by physicians as the cause of death.

> -Three years are expected to be required to complete the drilling of a 7,000 foot well started near LaMont, McKean county, by the United Gas company. The hole now is only a trifle more than 100 feet deep. As the majority of wells range in depth from 2.500 to 3.000 feet company officials are of the opinion that information to be gathered regarding rock formations below the average depth will be worth the undertaking even if no oil or gas is found. It is planned to continue the drilling to the set goal regardless of whether or not a strike is made before the final level is reached.

-George M. Stewart, of Silver Creek, about five miles from Highland Corners, Jefferson county, shot a large bald eagle last Thursday afternoon about four oclock, while the huge bird was in the act of stealwithout crippling it beyond repair. ing one of his chickens. The eagle had While it is a large factor in the educational system of the State it is not in succession and generally made away with a chicken at each call. Mr. Stewart was on the watch for the feathered chicken thief and dropped it with one shot. The eagle measured seven feet from tip to tip of outspread wings and was put on exhibition at the home of C. H. Adams, at La-Mont. The eagle will be mounted and kept by Mr. Stewart.

-Merle Kelley, a Kane youth, who sawed his way out of the McKean county jail at Smethport, while waiting to be transferred to the western penitentiary to serve a three year term imposed for burglary, was recaptured by police in the kitchen of an abandoned house on the outskirts of Kane. Kelley had enjoyed two weeks of freedom when police learned that he had been motoring into Kane and visiting friends. His automobile, a big sedan, was followed to a lonely house in an isolated part of the outskirts, and after Kelley had entered, deputies surrounded the house and broke in upon him. He submitted to arrest without resistance, and was returned to jail. He will be indicted for jail breaking and tried before starting his term for burglary.

-County Treasurer Russell V. Hyssong, of Huntingdon, whose troubles with his invalid wife were the talk of the county during the past summer and whose sudden disapearance from home in August last mystified his friends as well as his enemies, has made a final settlement with his wife of their many difficulties and is now engaged every day with deputy treasurer John K. Itriger in performing the varied duties of the county treasurer's office. The agreement with Mrs. Hyssong provides that he shall pay her a lump sum of \$750 instead of a monthly alimony, deed to her the Hyssong residence on Eleventh street, Huntingdon, and either start an action in divorce returnable at December term of court or fail to defend such an action brought by her.