# lemocratic Matchman. INK SLINGS.

-And this is New Year's day. -We hope that 1926 will be the happiest, most prosperous and satisfy-ing one that you have ever known. -It is time for turning over new leaves. We are sure that all of you have turned a lot of them and just as sure that none of them will stay turned.

-As for us, mere turning of a leaf won't suffice. We're going to start a new book. From this day onthrough 1926 at least-just to see how it eventuates-we're going to call spades spades. In wedding notices there are going to be no more "lovely and accomplished daughters" of so and so. Every bride's got to stand on her own legs-whether they are bowed or knock at the knees. We're going to stop putting it up to St. Peter to hang out the S. R. O. signs on the gate posts of Heaven by formidable figure in the public life of without a direct vote on any proposi-issuing a pass for a front seat in his the State than ever before. Unless tion other than such as the machine the dismissal that General Butler realm for every skin flint who dies. There is to be an end of slamming the mail order houses and chain stores complished there is no telling what that his Giant Power measure will be discerning person who had knowledge for the benefit of merchants who will happen afterward. The machine won't advertise their own wares in the local papers. There is to be no more free publicity for Uncle Sam, who pays everybody who does anything for him except the newspapers that have given his employees the political prominence that got them their jobs. The office waste paper basket is going to be fuller than ever with the contributions of State offi- for purely selfish purposes, because cials, College department heads and local salary grabbers who are exploiting themselves through the newspapers when they know that few of them would ever have been heard of if it hadn't been for the free publicity given them. During 1926 the Watchman will have no apologies to make for the supposed high-brows who inhale their soup, nor the "I seen" or "it could have been did" fellows. This paper is going to be hard boiled -. For seventy-one years it has been working for the community and the other fellow. Its going to continue doing so but he's got to show us that he can balance more peas on his knife than we can. Now that we have declared ourself let us, again, wish you the happiest and most pros-perous year you have ever known.

-The Governor is only lending to the plan of his enemies to do nothing at the special session by adding more subjects for it to consider.

-Now what would you do with a for a garden hose, as Christmas pres-



Striving to Destroy Pinchot. Scheme to Defeat Reform Legislation. General Butler's Great Achievement.

All the mental and physical energies of the Republican machine of ing extra session of the General As-burgh, on Sunday evening, before the Pennsylvania is now centered, and sembly result in the defeat of ef-adult bible classes of Allegheny counwill continue to be for some time, in a purpose to destroy Governor Pinblunders of the machine have combined to make the Governor a more he can be stopped his nomination to managers favor. The Governor will the Senate is certain, and that ac- be treated "courteously" to the extent the Mayor of Philadelphia." Every managers realize this fact in full sponsered by him committed to appromeasure and correctly appreciate the consequences. For that reason they be done to present Mr. Pinchot to the moved from office because he insisted have set out to prevent it "by hook or citizens of the Commonwealth in the crook."

The coal strike could be settled in twenty-four hours if the miners would openly repudiate Pinchot. They are hanging onto Pinchot, however, they imagine he can do for them in the present wage controversy what he did to the cost of the public, to settle their last demands. The operators feel that they can't afford to allow him to win and any settlement with which his name or influence is associated, near or remote, will contribute to his ambitious hopes. Both the coal mine owners and the miners are anxious to settle the strike and resume operations in the mines. They are losing wast sums in profits through the inactivity. But the operators will "pocket the loss," however great it may be, rather than contribute to the consummation of Pinchot's expectations. The machine managers might even consent to ballot reform legislation but for the obvious fact that it would help Pinchot.

The present purpose of the Republican machine managers is to prevent believe that with the active help of wife who gave you a pencil sharpener the coal operators, the carrying corand a son who gave you a whirli-gig- porations and other predatory combinations they can nominate Senator ents? God only knows how the engi-neer of a country weekly manages to run on schedule. Is Manager Kondrick had fired to defeat the forwernor. He has the tion. Such a betrayal of faith would have aroused popular resentment and voters in the state who will adhere to the average legislator is not likely to defeat the formers but would be the people of Philadelphia and the public morals of Pennsylvania. It may be said that in his crusade for foods as purchased by the ultimate him to the end and any division of to commit political suicide. his chances of success. There is a good deal of tak of a third candidate at present. The name of Vare and that of Strassberger are frequently mentioned.

If the machine methods in the comthat process time may be consumed priate committees. But nothing will role of a martyr."

The only question of real urgency embraced in the Governor's call for ment. the extra session is legislation to guarantee honest elections, and that becomes urgent because if delayed beyond the period for the next primary election the machine may, by fraudu- tion of Mayor Kendrick began two lent votes and false returns, fasten years ago. Mayor Kendrick, under its grip upon the State for at least four years more. The question of pre-election promises and for the pur-Delaware river bridge tolls is important, and owing to existing conditions, it would be well to dispose of it Butler to accept the office by assuring promptly. The coal strike emergency is present and potent but any legislation on that subject is necessarily of doubtful legality. The other subjects might have been deferred until Vare out and "get a new boss," and the regular session. An honest election next fall would make meritorious the processes Hall would be discilegislation practically certain then.

In view of these facts the Gover- from the beginning. nor ought to have confined the activities of the extra session to the two urgent questions, ballot reform and Mayor refused to proceed against the bridge toll. Thus limited the opportunities for "log-rolling and fili- ers of which had repeatedly and wilbustering," could have been reduced fully violated the law. The Director to the vanishing point. There would of Public Safety notified a third candidate for Senator. They have been only two committees to Mayor that he intended to "go over consider legislation and the friends his head" and appeal to the Attorney of the improvements by energy and General for action. This was "the persistence could have compelled head and front of his offending" and action. No rural Senator or Repreents? God only knows how the engi- Pepper for re-election. But with a sentative in the Legislature could purpose the Director of Public Safety

In an address delivered in Pittsburgh, on Sunday evening, before the fective reform ballot legislation ty, General Smedley D. Butler not Governor Pinchot will have himself only revealed the real reason for his chot. Recent events of favorable to blame. It has already been an-portent coupled with the numerous nounced that the machine policy will summary removal from the office of Director of Public Safety, of Philabe "to log-roll and filibuster." By delphia, but a true statement of his experiences while in that office. "had not shown proper respect for discussed and other legislation of the matter knew that that was a subterfuge, to state it mildly. General Butler declares that he was reupon enforcing the law against the rich as well as the poor offenders.

The records fully support that state-There have never been any genuine confidential relations between the Director of Public Safety and the Moyor of Philadelphia since the administrathe false pretense of fulfilling his pose of enlisting decent public opinion in his favor, persuaded General him cordial and honest support in an endeavor to enforce the law against all malefactors. He promised that if Boss Vare interfered he would force if council chairman Hall obstructed plined. Both promises were violated

The conflicting purposes reached a climax early last week when the certain prominent hotels, the managthe

## Would Beat Burning It for Fuel.

From the Pittsburgh Post. More than any other commodity, the United States depends on corn for prosperity. The corn crop is usually worth more than the cotton crop and the wheat crop combined; it is worth iron and twenty times as much as the gold mined in the United States each year. Hence every reasonable propos-al that contemplates increasing the demand for corn deserves serious consideration on the part of the American people. Such a proposal has been made by the president of a large in-surance company of the Middle west in a plea for the use of corn sugar as a partial substitute for cane sugar. Corn is grown in every State of the

Union. A hundred million acres are planted in it, It is the principal crop of millions of farmers. The annual harvest of maize in the United States is close to three billion bushels. Foreigners do not appreciate corn as eigners do not appreciate corn as Americans do, not being so well ac-quainted with it. The export demand is, therefore, not great. We ship out of the country only about two per cent. of the crop. It is the export sit-uation that makes for low prices for corn.

To counteract this undesirable con-To counteract this undesirable con-dition George Kuhns, president of the Bankers Life Company, of Des Moines, advocates the housewives use corn sugar on the table for cereals and fresh fruits. Through a new process the starch of corn is now being made into a granulated sugar, he states, which, while not as sweet as cane sugar and not suitable for making jel-ly, is much more easily digested is of ly, is much more easily digested, is of equal purity and has equal food val-ue, and is superior for canning and preserving fruit because it does not destroy its natural flavor.

Out of a bushel of corn there can be made twenty-five pounds of sugar, with one and one-half pounds of corn oil, fifteen pounds of molasses, and fourteen and one-half pounds of glu-ten stock food and oil meal as by-products.

According to Mr. Kuhns, if corn sugar, made in the United States, should be substituted for one-fourth should be substituted for one-rourth of the cane sugar which we import from foreign lands, principally Cuba, a new market would be created for nearly one hundred million bushels of corn "right here at home." This, he thinks, would raise the price is on dollar a bushel, a price that would be

#### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Coasting with her little brother, Annie Orzechawski, aged 3, of Bellwood, was run down and killed by an automobile.

-A wall of the burned Grossman Build-ing, at Waynesburg, collapsed, causing damage of \$15,000 to adjoining structures. -While paying a bill to the Penn Central Light and Power Company, John B. Reichard, an Altoona carpenter, aged 50 dropped dead.

-Following the loss of his job at a York wagon works, Harry J. Peters, 55 years old, killed himself while seated in an automobile at Emigville.

-William G. Morgan, for many years a business man of Altoona, left his estate, valued at \$14,700, to his barber Emil A. Vetter, according to papers filed on Monday.

-Nominations of Fred M. Sheaffer, Democrat, and Robert Hudson, Labor party, both of DuBois, as candidates to fill the vacancy in the Second Clearfield Legislative district, were received at the State Election Bureau.

-Miss Silva E. Ridasill, 24, of Altoona, died on Sunday in the hospital from burns received when her clothing ignited at a gas stove, Clayton Ridasill, 21, a brother, was badly burned about the hands and face in trying to save his sister.

-When a highly charged wire of the Penn Central Light and Power company fell across the lines of the Bell Telephone company in Cambria county, early on Tuesday, Miss Della Plummer, an operator at Cresson, was shocked falling unconscious from her position at the switchboard.

-Run down on the county road near Hollidaysburg last Thursday night, Robert Palmer, 29 years old, of Johnstown, an attendant at the Blair County-hospital, died in the Altoona hospital a short time later from a fractured skull. The driver of the car did not stop after striking Palmer.

-Anticipating that something of value might have been lost in the big tabernacle which was occupied by Billy Sunday Evangelistic campaign in Williamsport recently, the saw dust which covered the floor had been sifted and \$26.60 in change was recovered. It was turned over to the Salvation Army.

-Miss Emma Walters, 75 years old, of West Newton, died last Thursday from burns suffered in her home Wednesday night when she attempted to light an oil lamp. The lamp over-turned, igniting her clothing. Miss Walters was president of the local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for fifteen years. She also took active interest in church and civic affairs of the commuity,

-Loot of \$3,935 in cash and checks, recelpts of last Thursday at the Swissvale station of the Pennsylvania railroad, was elzed by a lone bandit from M. L. Lewis, passenger agent at the station, about six o'clock the same evening, while waiting on the platform for a train to Pittsburg. No one but the agent and bandit was on the platform at the time. Lewis decribed his assailant as about 20 years old and wear-

dollar a bushel, a price that would be re-elected eighteen clerks at the same

-If Mayor Kendrick had fired Smedly Butler a year ago we up-country lookers-on might have had more respect for him. That's when a lot of us knew he wanted to do it. And thats' when a lot of us thought Kendrick ought to have had the courage to admit that he is no bigger that the machine that made him.

-Bishop Manning may think Sunday polo and foot-ball would be "as beautiful as a service in a Cathedral." but there are countless others who won't. If Sunday polo and foot-ball come they will be hand-in-hand with Sunday prize fights and Sunday everything else but a stop for one day to consider whence we have come and whither are we going.

a Sphinx from Texas in the person of measure. This leaves only a dozen Col. House, was in the confidence of and observing things for President Blease, of South Carolina, Ferris, of

noise like a bid for a third term. The Hon. Billie has proposed federal censorship for moving pictures. There is merit in the idea, economically, but four years since the then Secretary it will get nowhere because the several State boards are not going to let Billy legislate them out of jobs nor is Pennsylvania giing to permit Kan-

nearly two columns in Monday's Phil- Senator Pepper, of Pennsylvania, the adelphia Ledger in an effort to tell proposition was "pigeon-holed" for a the world what is going to happen, considerable period. Last year Presipolitically, in the Twenty-third congressional District-which is ours. again but Lodge and Pepper prevent-After fumbling around over Gov. Pin- ed action until Lodge died and Pepper chot, Paul D. Wright, Edgar Kiess, discovered that he would be defeated Thomas S. Butler, Etc., all of whom for renomination unless he "facedmay have seen the District from the about." His ambition being stronger back seat of a Lim.-at some time or than his principles, he finally yielded. other-he concluded his survey by giving we "hick" politicians the idea a successful conclusion has been led that the Colonel is a Christian Scien- by Democratic Senators from the betist. Certainly he gave the situation ginning. Every man in the group in the Twenty-third the absent treatment.

-We sat in the Bellevue-Statford and heard George Wharton Pepper nuts in his efforts to urge everyone against Woodrow Wilson thus long exude verbal tears big as horsechestto uphold the policy of President Wilson. Then we read the same George Wharton Pepper's diatribes against the President's policies, after he had become a Senator in Congress for Pennsylvania. And now we read that the same George Wharton is repudiating the modifications he pro-fully aroused and the work of Wilson posed and is urging the country to sneak into the League under any dis- completely ratified. guise it can assume. How much respect do you imagine we have for such a statesman?

# **Opposition to World Court Vanishing.**

-The Republican part of the coun-ty raised h-when it discovered that and observing things for President Wilson. Then Coolidge sent for House and, forthwith, the Republican part of the country began to advocate sneakin' into the League of Nations through any old hole left to get in. —Our Congressman is making a noise like a bid for a third term. The

time of the Senate. This is a gratifying result of a long drawn out controversy. It is nearly of State Hughes, with the concur-rence of the late President Harding, recommended the action by the Senate. There was a substantial Repubsas to tell it what is fit to be seen on the screen. -Col. Geo. Knox McCain consumed ator Lodge, of Massachusettes, and dent Coolidge brought it forward

The fight which is now drawing to would have preferred entrance into the League of Nations, thus qualifying for membership in the court in the proper manner. But the malicious spirit which continues the fight after his death refused to concur until public sentiment forced them to assent to a back door entrance. It is a gratifying sign of advance toward the Wilson ideals, however. As a member of the World Court, a creature of the League, this country will progress until the conscience of the people is

-An advertisement in this paper always brings the answer. Try it.

-----Senator Pepper spoke in Reading, on Monday evening, and renewed his pledge of fidelity to Coolidge.

### **Republican Leaders Alarmed**

An effort is being made to get the leading Republicans of the State into The opposition in the Senate at conference before the date fixed for Washington to the entrance of the the special session of the General As-Washington to the entrance of the United States into the World Court is rapidly diminishing. Senator Nor-ris, of Nebrasia, yielded to the in-fluence of the majority the other day and on Monda, Senators McMasters organization proposed that adjournment "without day" thirteen minutes after assembling would be a fit way of expressing contempt for the Governor and the idea was approved by a con-siderable number of the party leaders. subject, however, has caused a radical

> staff of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, has been making a survey of the field in the interest of Senator Pepper and after visiting several sections of the west writes: "The new year brings a crisis in the affairs of the highways of the State during Nothe Republican party in Pennsylvania. vember. We knew the fools are not "Whether" or not this crisis can be all dead but had no idea that so many safely passed will depend upon the of the survivers are malicious. common sense, sound judgment and more or less sacrificing spirit of everybody concerned. It is frankly admitted that with the uncertainties at present surrounding the United States Senatorship the Republican organization stands at the parting of the ways. "Whether" or not the leaders will unite upon candidates who can be unanimously endorsed and supported " is the issue paramount.

The meaning of this admonition is plain. It is that unless Mr. Pepper is nominated for Senator and Governor Pinchot defeated the element which is supporting him will bolt and the party will head for the "demnition bowwows." To avert this calamity, to the gangsters, the leaders have determined to treat the Governor as politely as possible. Every previous attempt to rebuke the Governor has turned to his advantage and the conditions are precarious enough now. They realize that ballot reform legislation is demanded and some measure to that purpose will be enacted. It will be made as harmless as possible but even at that it may do some good.

----General Smedley having withdrawn his resignation can now "tell his troubles to the marines."

justice he failed to show proper re-

spect for the Mayor, but he concealed his contempt for him and that was "going some."

-The holiday business at the Bellefonte postoffice exceeded that of any previous year by a big per cent. While it was impossible to keep a record of the number or weight of packages handled the number of letters and cards sent out on the four days preceding Christmas was just 8172 greater than during the same period last year. Notwithstanding the unprecedented amount of packages and parcel post matter every parcel of it was delivered by eleven o'clock on the night of the 24th, and the office was closed tight all day on Christmas with the exception of forweek preceding Christmas five big truck loads of packages were received at the Bellefonte office for the inmates at Rockview, penitentiary. Every package had to be opened and in-spected by officers of that institution before it was handed over to the man for whom it was intended. naturally, meant a lot of work but the job was completed in time for every man to have his box for Christmas.

-Two hundred and five arrests for wreckless driving were made on

-If Pinchot defeats Pepper for the Senatorial nomination the Republican party of Pennsylvania will go into "voluntary bankruptcy."

-The Christmas spirit is growing in strength and increasing in usefulness. Never before have so many useful presents been given.

-It is a safe bet that Senator Pepper would give anything within it stay away than send a delegation reason to learn exactly what Joe Grundy has "up his sleeve."

-It may be predicted that Mayor Kendrick, of Philadelphia, will interpose no objection to sending General Butler to California.

-According to the advertising pages of our Republican contemporarie Mr. John K. Tenner is still running for Governor.

-Tariff taxes are likely to give the Republicans in Congress more trouble this year than usual.

-On the other hand there is no evidence that moss is of any real use to a stone.

consumer.

Growing corn is the chief business of a large section of the population and when the growers fail to find a profitable market the whole country feels the effect of their misfortune. How often has the cry been raised that corn was being consumed as fuel because of the failure of the farmers to find buyers!

Much better than to burn it is to convert it into a wholesome sugar. Considerable time may be required to educate the American people to the use of corn sugar. However, the extent to which they have taken up the use of corn flakes, corn syrup, corn oil and other comparatively new products of maize indicates that if the sugar possesses all the merit that is claimed for it a demand for it can also be created.

### Take a Real Part or Stay Away. From the Pittsburg Post.

President Collidge and the "irrecon cilables" of the Senate are reported to have reached an agreement on conditions under which the United States may send delegates to the coming conference at Geneva on arms reduction. It is indicated, of course, that if such an arrangement should go through the American delegates would attend under strict reservations upon their conduct. Of course every American wants reasonable care on that point, but the obstructiveness of the isola-tionists or "irreconcilable" foes of the League of Nations has been such as to cause apprehension among the friends of world co-operation over any policy of compromise with the anti's Usually the only basis proposed by the "irreconcilables" would be so under-mining to the League of court system as to make it impossible of acceptance. Let it be trusted that President Collidge will hold to the course that world peace is of infinitely more importance than a mere political peace by compromise with opponents of international co-operation. If the administration does not feel that it can take a reasonably full part in the arms conference, then far better let so tied by reservations of the "irrecon-cilables, as to make it a spectacle of impotence. Quit humoring the isolationists at the expense of world peace.

Pennsylvania Values.

### From the Greensburg Review.

At different times during the past few years people have stood aghast at the big prices which real estate has brought in the downtown section of Greensburg. Gradually the front foot price has risen on Main street until it compares very favorably with some of the values in cities. Naturally the price of renting advances with the en-hanced price for the real estate. In no State in the Union has real estate values surpassed that commanded in Pennsylvania.

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salary as last year. Snyder's salary wa fixed at \$1800 a year. Snyder continues holding State offices and with his present job at Harrisburg under Auditor General Martin he will continue to be legal adviser for the county commissioners.

-Only the visor of his cap saved Police captain W. Hayes McKinney, of Reading, from losing an eye and a possible skull fracture last Thursday, when he captured, in a lane near the Berks Almshouse, Walter Francis, of that city, an insane patient in the almshouse hospital who had escaped from the institution. Francis, who was adjudged insane last week, was to have been taken to Harrisburg State hospital on Saturday. He attacked McKinney with a small hammer and cut the officer's head open, causing a long gash. McKinney finally overpowered the man.

-Police are searching for two bandits who held up the Joseph H. Fox jewelry store at Milton, but were scared away by Mrs. Fox. She seized a revolver and chased them a block before they escaped in the darkness. The men broke into the store, but were surprised by Fox, who came in a few minutes later. "Hold 'em up," shouted a bandit. Mrs. Fox just then appeared on the scene, seized a gun and pointed it at the bandits. "Get out," she velled, and they ran. Mrs. Fox followed and twice snapped the trigger, but the gun was not loaded. Nothing was stolen.

-Shortage of fuel is causing little worry to the families of Thomas Philips and William Law, Wilkes-Barre employes residing in Kirby Park. Natural gas, taken from near their homes, is being used for heat and cooking purposes. When the houses were erected, large quantities of gas were noticed. Some one conceived the idea there might be a sufficient supply for cooking purposes. A pipe was sunk and the flow found to be heavy enough for general use in both homes. It is said there is enough gas in the vicinity to heat fifty homes, provided they could be erected on the property which belongs to the city.

-A total of \$452.50 is given the borough of Berwick, in trust, the income to be paid to the Berwick band for playing dirges at the graves of Dr. D. H. Montgomery and a friend, Dr. Little, under the terms of the will of Miss Carrie L. Montgomery. The report of the auditor in the estate, filed in ourt shows that the Bloomsburg public library, residuary legatee, will receive the income from \$41,232.24; the trustees of the First Presbyterian and First Methodist churches of Berwick, each \$4,525, the income of which is to be added to the pastors' salaries and the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, \$9,500, for endowment of beds.

-Applications of the Clarion River Power company for the construction of the two highest, if not the largest, power dams in the State, are under consideration by the Water and Power Resources Board. The proposed dams are to be erected in the Clarion river and would form part of a super-power system being developed in that stream. The proposed Mill Creek dam would be 315 feet high. The reservoir created by its construction would extend almost to Ridgway and it would have a vater surface of 16,600 acres. It would furnish power for four 25,000 kilowatt electric units. The Foxburg dam would be about 200 feet high and the surface of its reservoir would approximate 2250 acres.