Democratic Hatchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Lincoln would have been one hundred and seventeen years old had he been alive to celebrate this anniversary of his birth.

-The Legislature is scheduled to adjourn next week. It hasn't done anything yet and probably won't do much more than draw the salary allowance.

-Persons who think they just can't get along without anthracite coal should remember that three quarters of the homes in the country have probably never had anthracite in them.

-Bellefonte wants a government building and all prospective candidates for Congress should be notified that unless they work for one for us there'll be nothing doing so far as votes from this district are concerned.

having reunited the Stillmans. After believes that Governor Pinchot will be five years of front page scandal we the opposing candidate. Mr. Mellon is are waiting to see whether this psycho stuff will point with pride to or undertake to pass the buck in the matter.

-The base ball teams have started robins have been seen aplenty this ground hog has all the snow out of his system.

-From the way many Episcopalian clergymen are jumping on the Rev. Dr. Empringham, because of his declaration favoring a modification of the Volstead act, he will begin to think that there are more kinds of intemperance than one.

-Of course the season is about over now and we're thinking of out of door amusements, but we just can't resist the impulse to ask the gentleman who thought he was appalling us with his statements of what "the new one hundred thousand dollar theatre" was going to do, what became of all those Shubert bookings he said he had.

-When we come face to face with the fact that on Saturday it required the attention of the courts of Centre county, the mayor of Bellefonte, the juvenile court officers, the president of the Red Cross, the community nurse, the chief of police, the poor departments of Bellefonte and Spring township, three or four women welfare workers, countless cakes of soap, scrub brushes and clothes to clean up and properly attire one family is it not time to organize a Near Home Relief

to make the lock-up environment the cal friends and his record in public beauty spot of the town. And after life shows a strong leaning toward they have it all dolled up nobody "big" interests. Some of the wisest wants to stay there. The police drag freely declare that such a combination guests out there almost every night is at least probable though within the and among them the first one has yet last day or so rumors are affoat that to be found who wouldn't give up Mr. Mellon does not look with distwelve dollars and a half, rather than favor on Secretary of Labor Davis as occupy his room for five days for a gubernorial suggestion. nothing.

-Just by way of proving the wisdom of the advice we gave the creditors of the Centre County bank three years ago we want to call their attention to the fact that the average earnings of the trust companies and state banks in Philadelphia last year was 29.44 per cent on their capitalization. It has been reported to us that the national banks, in the same period, had average earnings of over 35 per cent. If the Centre County creditors had listened to us instead of those who are exploiting them they would not have been out of the hole now, but they would have had an institution going so that it would have had them out by the time the receivers will be able to close their business out

-We'd like to have a little hard coal just as much as anybody, but we're right here to applaud President Coolidge's notice to the Senate that he doesn't propose to meddle in the strike. Let the operators and the miners fight it out themselves. Government interference of any kind is certain to leave one side or the other with a grievance that will result in another strike next fall, just as it has done annually in the past. The country isn't suffering for want of coal. It is only wrought up because some want the kind of coal they can't get and others want to make political capital out of a dispute that will be settled in twenty-four hours when operator and miner each comes to realize that obstinacy gets no one anywhere.

-It seems strange to us that there have been few defenders of the charge that Governor Pinchot has spent more in three years than Gov. Sproul did in four. We know nothing of the substance on which the accusation is made and the figures cited indicate that he has, but is it not pertinent to inquire as to the relative results of the expenditures? It is just administration cost within eightyshould be interested in.



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Secretary Mellon for Pepper.

Secretary Mellon, having finally declared his purpose to support Senator Pepper for re-election, it may be said now that Republican organization lines are laid so far as that office is concerned. The Secretary was a trifle tardy in expressing himself on the subject and now that he has spoken Psychoanalysis is given credit for it may be assumed that he at least into or inviting antagonisms. In fact as between any other aspirant than for their southern training camps, Pinchot he would have refrained from a public declaration of preference. week and we'd be all set for spring if But his antipathy to Pinchot is so we were only sure that the pesky little deap-seated that he cannot conceal his feelings.

There is still a possibility that Mr. Straasberger, of Norristown, will make a try for the nomination. He has been in Europe for some time but is now on his way home for the purpose of looking the situation over. It is practically agreed among the polititions of the party that Congressman Vare will not announce, now that Mellon has declared for Pepper. The "wets" of the party, and there are like to acknowledge, are anxious to put a candidate of their views into the contest. Pinchot being bone dry and Pepper having been converted to the faith the "wets" feel that allegiance to their cause requires them to make an imposing gesture at least. Vare would have been satisfactory to them but he will hardly run without Mellon's sup-

port. It is a safe guess, therefore, that Pepper and Pinchot will be the opposing candidates for Senator at the Spring primary, but no substantial sign has been given thus far as to

----The tax bill seems to be moving along smoothly in Congress but the "worst is still to come."

Anthracite Coal a Public Utility.

against the action of the committee of the Legislature on the "coal bills" Gov. opinion the time has come to take the anthracite monopoly in hand and to show it that in a contest of power the people of this Commonwealth are rebuking sin." stronger than any hard-boiled monopoly whatever. In dealing with anthracite as in dealing with gas, elecwho have so long defied the interests of the people should be made to recognize that in Pennsylvania the public good comes first.

Governor Pinchot shows that one of cent on its capital: another during and 1922 another corporation in the group paid its shareholders the enormous aggregate of 395 per cent, or an average of 197 per cent. a year." If these dividend payments do not afford sufficient proof that a monopoly exists the report of the Federal Coal Commission appointed by the late

President Harding supplies it. The coal bills submitted to the Legislature by the Pinchot administration proposed to declare anthracite coal a public utility which might in an emergency be taken under control of the State. After a prolonged and searching investigation the Harding Coal Commission, composed of an possible that Gov. Pinchot has more to eminent mining engineer, an equally cost than the Sproul regime can point of high standing, officially reported to. For that matter Governor Sproul's that "the mining and marketing of anthracite should be regarded as afthree million dollars as much as all fected by public interest and regulated administrations from 1840 to 1895, put as a public utility." The implied together. Be fair with Gif. It isn't menace to the monopoly brought the the amount of money he has spent then pending strike to an end and the that counts, its the return he's getting passage of the bills in question might for it that the business-like citizen have had the same affect at this time of danger.

Ballot Reform Bill Reported.

a shy creature and averse to entering ures may be defeated in the end. The seem either selfish or provincial, but his most intimate friends believe that the advantage which existing laws to the service of humanity." Then as the assistance to voters is the para-

The plan of the machine managers is to make a false pretense of reform. en up for consideration in the Com-This purpose is embodied in Senator mittee of Ways and Means of the Shantz's bill to appoint a commission House of Representatives the Demto investigate the subject and report ocrats on the committee protested titled "a bill to promote fraud and gubernatorial and senatorial elec- \$500,000,000 instead of the \$320,000,- tariff. tions." It would enable the machine 000 provided for in the bill. The to excel its past performances and spokesman for the minority then statmore of them than the prohibitionists guarantee the nomination and election ed that the policy of the administraof a machine Governor and a corpora- tion was to create a considerable surtion Senator. Thus entrenched the plus for the current year in order ballot thieves would be secure for an indefinite period regardless of the by the Congress immediately precedfinding of the commission. In other ing the next Presidential campaign. words the Republican machine is The pending reduction was enough fighting for its life.

side of four or five centers of popu- contest. lation the people of Pennsylvania favor honest elections. Except the who the candidate for Governor will vania derive no advantage from cor- that contemplated by the administrabe. Usually interest centers in the ruption of the ballot. In view of these tion and in order to benefit the several gubernational candidate but this year facts every Senator and Representa- million tax payers whose incomes are

> The miners are trying to entice the Governor to run for Senator and the Governor's political enemies are afraid they will succeed.

Satan Rebuking Sin.

The very efficient and fairly versatile chairman of the Republican State committee, Mr. W. Harry Baker, imposes a rather heavy tax on public credulity in his reply to Governor Pinchot's recent inquiry as to the attitude of the Republican organization weakens. Before the event we firmwith respect to the prohibition en- ly believed that substantial ballot re-In a published statement protesting forcement legislation pending in the extra session of the General Assembly. He says: "Having recommended theory that the Legislators of the ernor Pinchot scores heavily. "I doubt to the Assembly certain drafts of legwhether there ever was a more per- islation for the enforcement of the The current impression covering a fect example of the betrayal of public prohibition amendment you are now rights," he declares, and adds, "in my striking a staggering blow at the very cause you pretend to serve by trying delphia and Pittsburg. The exposures to make it the sport of party politics." This is a fine example of "Satin in those cities and Scranton last fall

The day before the session began Mr. Baker called at the office of the We reasoned that in the face of such Governor and speaking for the Repubtricity and transportation, the men lican organization assured Mr. Pinchot that his proposed legislation would be treated fairly and courteously. The first important act of the or- this evil on the 13th of January. It ganization-controlled Legislature was In support of his promise that the to clandestinely summon the oppo- its labors. At the beginning of the anthracite coal interest is a monopoly nents of some important bills and second week the date for final adsummarily eliminate them from the the units of this trade combination calendar. Mr. Baker had voluntarithis month. This limited the session safety. within five years from 1919 paid an ly assumed the character of "spokesaverage of upward of sixty-four per man" for the organization, which he of that period have been consumed and had a right to do as chairman. But nothing has been done in the line of three years paid in dividends 124 per in the act he had conveyed not only cent a year on its capital: another paid to the Governor but to the public an for payment of the expenses, includ-121 per cent, and for the years 1921 understanding of the fact that he spoke for the organization on all sub- ed one branch and that is the sum jects of legislation.

reasonable for the Governor to assume en to jockying and devices to confuse that as the machine had worked so smoothly and destructively on the coal source. It was not trying to make the question "the sport of party politics." had determined to degrade the General Assembly into a party machine.

----As for us the handle of the that of the snow shovel.

-Speaking of the Stillmans it may be said that if they will stay in enforcement but the House of Repre-Europe much will be forgiven.

Favorably Coolidge Planning for Another Term.

Recently, in Washington, President From the Philadelphia Record. On Monday evening the Senate Coolidge delivered an address in which Committee on Elections reported for he dwelt on his favorite theme, consideration on the floor all the bal- economy in administration. He spoke lot bills. The Governor's criticism of of the savings which have been acthe stifling of the coal bills put a stop complished since the restoration of the Black, of the University of Minnesota, to that process of elimination. The government to Republican control five to that process of elimination. The government to Republican control five who explained that the President's machine managers are hard-boiled but years ago and ascribed the result to idea of the lightness of the tariff not impervious. But the action is no the wise policies of his party. "To burden upon the farmers was due to guarantee of substantial reform leg- me," he said, "all these proposals for the fact that his estimate rested only islation. The most important meas- conservation and economy do not on the amount of imported goods that machine is not willing to relinquish rather they reveal a spirit dedicated the advantage which existing laws to the service of humanity." Then as afford it. The bill to compel the opening of ballot boxes on petition will be of the tax reductions which have alpassed and that improvement will be ready been made and declared that worth much. But the measure limiting other tax reductions will be made possible by pursuing the same wise pol-

When the Mellon tax bill was takthe revenues would justify a dethat another reduction might be made to make campaign claims during the But there ought to be no uncertainty coming congressional contest and anof the result of this contest beween other two years hence would serve fraud and honesty in elections. Out- the same purpose for the Presidential

Mr. Coolidge, in his speech, confirms that estimate of the Republican comparatively few who profit directly plans. The Democrats forced a tax by the frauds, the people of Pennsyl- cut of nearly fifty millions more than drive?

—If everybody gets behind the mayor he'll collect so darned many fines that we'll have no taxes to pay.

Here are those among the "close-ins," however, who imagine that the alignment of Secretary Mellon with the period of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon with the his obligations. Such perfidy ought to be rebuked and if the voters are just to themselves none of them will be rebuked and if the voters are just to themselves none of them will be trusted again. They should be forever that the half billion in wages, but he is mistaken. The proposed by the Democrats might have been safely made without the least impairment of the service or cheese-paring of any kind.

> -Reduced to the last analysis it is a contest between fraudulent and honest elections in Pennsylvania.

Disappointed Hope of Improvement.

As the work of the special session of the Legislature progresses our confidence in the value of the enterprise form legislation would be promptly enacted. This belief was based on a State are men of average intelligence. number of years had been that electoral frauds were common in Philawhich followed the primary elections emphasized the popular protest against this dangerous form of crime. facts no Legislator would dare vote against reform.

The Legislature assembled in extra session for the purpose of correcting is now completing the fifth week of journment was fixed for the 18th of to a period of six weeks. Five weeks achievement. A resolution providing ing salaries of the members has passtotal of accomplishment. The en-In the circumstances it was entirely | tire time of the session has been giv-

and discredit the Governor. But the extra session may not be bills it might act with the same un- entirely without value to the people animity and celerity in considering at that. Even a cursory scrutiny of the prohibition enforcement measures, the proceedings reveals the cause and as a tactician on the other side of which has brought disappointment to the question it was wise to seek infor- a vast majority of the people of Pennmation from the well established sylvania. The Republican machine is obsessed with the absurd notion that the people are indifferent to justice The organization had already achieved and right. It believes that the peothat sinister purpose. It was a move- ple of Pennsylvania will not only tolment to divorce a purely moral sub- erate but approve any crime that aids ject from party politics and it failed it in perpetuating its power. In this show for what his administration has eminent lawyer and a business man for the reason that Chairman Baker attitude it pays scant respect for the intelligence and even less for the integrity of the people. This attitude, plainly shown, may arouse popular indignation throughout the State and lawn mower looks much better than compel the reforms which have been

> -The State Senate favors law sentatives has the last sav.

The Farmer and the Tariff.

The President's attempt some weeks ago to convince the farmers that the protective tariff was a great benefit to them and cost them extremely little failed to convince Professor John D. the farmers consumed. "It failed to

This omission is vital. The main purpose of protected duties is to "hold the umbrella" over the American manufacturers. Under the protection of a high duty on a foreign article the American manufacturers are able to raise their prices proportionately. Sometimes the domestic price is the full amount of the foreign price plus the duty. In many cases it is less than that; there is enough domestic at a later session. It ought to be en- that conditions of the treasury and competition to affect the price in some small degree. But all prices of doprotect criminals until after the next crease of taxation to the extent of mestic products are enhanced by the

The Democratic National Committee has been at some pains to ascertain how much the tariff costs the American people. Several private economists have made approximate computations of the proportion between the increase of domestic prices and the amount the tariff adds to the cost of foreign articles. The most conservative estimate we have seen is that the increase of domestic prices is five or six times the duties collected on imported goods which the Treasury gets. There are estimates of the amount the tariff adds to the prices of domestic articles that run above this. It is perfectly evident upon a moment's reflection that the consumer, whether farmer or urban resident, is affected by the tariff in his domestic as well as his imported purchases.

The increased price of the import-ed article goes to the Treasury; the increased price of the domestic article in wages, but he is mistaken. duty is generally more than the entire labor cost in this country, and this was pointed out last year by the New England branch of the American Federation of Labor in its denunciation of wage reductions in the textile mills.

The President indicated that the tariff added only two per cent. to the prices paid by the American farmer. eminent economists have put Some it as high as 40 per cent. The very conservative Professor Black put it at somewhere between 10 and 20 per cent. His figures are certainly low enough. They are probably a good deal too low.

Daredevils "Not Wanted" in Mills.

From the Pittsburg Post.

The Standard Steel Works at Lewistown states that none of its 5,000 employes has lost time through a mishap since early in October. It would be a highly creditable record for a village of such population in which a large percentage of the inhabitants did not come in contact with machinery or houses equipped with furnaces, 22,889 with furnaces or the other things wherein bath tubs and 20,104 with running water. danger lurks in steel works; for a great industrial establishment it is have been made within the last fifteen

In explanation of the Standard Steel Works' enviable record it is stated that "safety first" has been a hobby with the company for more than a decade, and it has such a horror of mishaps of the kind that cause workmen to be killed or disabled that it will not retain in its employ any man who shows lack of regard for his own

That is an attitude that is worthy of the consideration of other manufacturers and employers generally in whose establishments mishaps are liable to occur. The reckless workman should not be kept; he sets a bad example.

There are remunerative jobs in the movies for men and women who are willing to risk their lives in spectacular "stunts." Daredevils are useful in some kinds of circus and theatrical performances. Praise and promotion await the soldier who in time of war gives no thought to his personal safety. In time of peace we honor those who scorn danger in the performances of some heroic act such as the rescue of a person confronted by death. But while, as thus indicated, bold defiance of peril is commendable under some circumstances it is not virtue when exhibited in an industrial establishment in the ordinary routine workman who is not concerned over his fellows as well as himself.

-That Washington lawyer who is attempting to restrain the Secretary of State from certifying our adherence to the World Court believes that "it pays to advertise."

-Subscribe for the "Watchman."

SPRAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Seized with a heart attack while on his way to a physician's office in a taxicab, G. W. Kreider, 50, of Reading, died last week at Atlantic City, where he had been visiting.

-Six firemen were injured last Thursday while fighting a fire which followed an explosion in the Star Theatre at Tarentum, near Pittsburgh, with a consequent loss of more than \$30,000.

-Many friends and charities are named beneficiaries in the will of the late Senator John P. Harris, which was filed for probate in the Allegheny county court. The estate is valued approximately at \$1,500,-

-- A fossil of a tree branch, believed to be more than 100,000,000 years old, was found by a workmen in the Harmar mine of the Consumer Mining company, near Pittsburgh. It was removed to the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

-Falling under a moving box car which he was riding, Charles Richards, a brakeman in the Allentown yards of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was instantly killed when the wheels passed over his body. -Charged with attempts to extort mon-

ey from proprietors of pool rooms by promising to return to them slot machines seized in raids upon payment of \$50 to \$75, Constable Joseph Reed, of Freemansburg, was arrested by Bethlehem police. -Money was won and lost by a num-

ber of persons in Hazelton, who bet that the coal strike would be settled during the last conference of the miners and operators. Odds of five to one were given by persons confident in the termination of the strike.

-Pleading guilty to a charge of asault, Joseph Mackanski, of Edwardsville, was sentenced by Judge Fuller, of Wilkes-Barre to stay in the county jail until the end of the miners' strike. Stanley Bogazyk, of Hazleton, charged with violation

of liquor laws, met a similar fate. -Adhering to promises of economy during his administration, Dr. LeRoy E. Chapman, elected last fall as burgess of Warren, near Kane, last week, vetoed a resolution of the borough council raising his salary. The council, it is believed, will raise the salary of the burgess over his

veto. -Use of stickers at the election and the violation of the right to secrecy was charged in the petition of twenty-five residents of North Girard who request the ousting of a burgess and seven members of council elected at a special election held on January 5, when the community was elevated from a township.

-The American Window Glass company's plant No. 5, in Kane, Pa., will go into operation February 17 after a shutdown of three months. Former employes are given the preference in getting men on the jobs. The factory expects to run steadily for two years aside from the short periods of idleness while tanks are being repaired.

-The elopement and marriage at Elkton, on Thursday of last week, of Gordon Weld Strawbridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Strawbridge, socially prominent in Philadelphia, to Miss Elizabeth M. Echternach, a stenographer in a publishing house where young Strawbridge was working, was made known there the same evening.

-The Altoona-Harrisburg east bound passenger local was held up last Wednesday night on the west side of the Spruce creek tunnel by a black bear seated between the rails. The bear paid no attention to the approaching train and the engineer, seeing the living obstruction outlined on the snow, was forced to stop. The bear finally left of his own volition and the train proceeded.

-John McCann, 40 years old, of Duncannon, was severely injured Sunday night when he fell fifteen feet from a ladder in the engine room at the capitol. McCann had crawled to the top of the adder to turn off a valve on one of the boilers. Other workers in the room witnessed his fall. In falling he struck a piece of pipe on the floor and suffered numerous deep cuts of the hip and back but no serious injuries.

-Open fire places and the old-fashioned wood-burning stove, the Saturday night bath tub and the outdoor pump slowly are passing from Pennsylvania's farms. A survey completed by the State Department of Agriculture showed 39,538 farm The greater part of these improvements years.

-The farmers of Pennsylvania, according to the first figures ever compiled by the bureau of markets of the State Department of Agriculture, did a business of \$32,-409,000 through their co-operative buying and selling organizations in 1924. Five of the large co-operative organizations operating in several of the eastern States transacted business amounting to \$26,049,000 with Pennsylvania farmers, while ninetyfour local organizations made total sales aggregating \$6,360,000. Over 14,000 farmers in the State are affiliated with these organizations.

-A truck containing finished silk valued at \$150,000, caught fire last Thursday morning at Farmersville, six miles west of Easton, and the contents completely destroyed. The truck belonged to the Arrow Carreir corporation, of Paterson N. J., and had left Allentown for New York Wednesday night but became disabled the greater part of the night along the highway. While the driver, Marinus Jery, and his helper, Charles Abel, both of Paterson, were drinking a cup of coffee in a hotel they were informed of the fire. A call was sent to the firemen of Wilson borough, but they could use only chemicals as there was no water to fight the flames.

-Sheriff Pettit, of Bloomsburg, on Friday uncovered the third jail delivery plot of labor. On the contrary it is rep- in the county jail since January 1, when a rehensible in mill or mine, for the hole eighteen inches in diameter and partially through the wall was found under his own safety is likely to imperil the cot of Stephen Lucas, of Mount Carmel, awaiting trial. The sheriff blamed Albert Kumites, awaiting sentence for attempted bank robbery. The discovery was made after Kumites had been seen in Lucas' cell. A knife blade, fork and sharpened chair rung were found in the cell, the dirt being kept in a paper under Lucas' cot. The hole would have led into an abandoned jail yard from which escape would have been easy. The cell was one of the few not steel lined.