# Democratic Hatchman.

INK SLINGS.

-In six days we'll all be wearin' o' the green.

-March is nearly half gone and then April and a few summer months and winter again.

-After awhile this country will be as anxious to join the League of Nations as Germany is now.

-Up to this writing we have heard of no Democrat with ambitions to represent this District in Congress.

-Our invitation to investors to get in on the dandruff cure seems not to have been couched in pulling enough language. As yet no one has offered to take a "flier" in our proposed infant

about "a long, long trail awinding."

-Let us hope that the two hundred thousand dollar verdict that this Mrs. Brewster got against her errant than it would have were the same debacle to have occurred in our family.

-And the prophets say we are to have two more real snows and a blizzard before we can begin to talk of saplin benders, onion snows, poor man's manures and all the other varieties of light falls that may be looked for in April.

come in from Chicago to preside over repute and decent life. The Repuba few Methodist conferences down in Jersey and our own, soon to be held this requirement and there would in Berwick, seems never to have be no persuasive reason for selecting grown old. It is our dope that he didn't duck to the storm cellar or hide | candidates of the minority party must his head in the sand when he saw the present an appeal to the voters that waves of ultra-modernization surging will command attention. In this year over the land. Bishop Hughes evi- of opportunity the Democratic candidently jumped right onto the crest of date for Governor, Senator and the them and has been riding them out, other offices to be filled must be outfor he speaks mouthsfull when he says standing men, not only militantly he expects in the country but the city olution in question hastens their end. that the bobbed hair and short skirts | honest but essentially fit for the serof today are incomparably prettier vice. and more sensible than were bangs and bustles of the eighties.

-The Democracy of Pennsylvania is going to have a great chance to do something for the State this year. The opposition is leaderless and torn asunder by factional strife and personal ambition. The signs of good omen were never as vivid on the political horizon as they are today. But we're worried lest the meeting of the State Committee which chairman Bigelow has called for the 13th will gum the works. Just as sure as the gentlemen who gather in Philadelphia point the finger of preference at any candidate for any office hope will be gone. If there is a fair field and no favor on May 18th, when the primaries are to be held, a majority of the Democrats of the State will name our candiexpression of the majority has been an additional judge and declares that for the Republican nomination for the ticket are not Democrats. The court. real fundamentalism of Democracy is the will or wish of the majority and that can not be expressed by the gentlemen who will gather in Philadelphia on Saturday.

-A New York broker is evidently obsessed with the idea that the Watchman thinks the country is going to the "demnition bow-vows." We never have thought such a thought. In truth we are continually rhyming the Coueism that every day in every way things are getting a bit better. The indirect correspondent quotes from James Gould Cozzen's "Michael Scarlet" to prove that England, after her war with Spain, thought just the sameand was fooled-as is misconceiving America today, that the present generation is all wrong. The gentleman isn't going to get a rise out of us. We refer him to another paragraph in this column in which we admit that Bishop Hughes has the right idea. We're for the Bishop's conception of things until some one shows us that there are less children answering "present" in the Sunday schools, fewer adults attending church and a shrinkage in the contributions of Christians to the cause of world-wide evangelism for they are the straws that indicate the trend of the times.

-One of the local enigmas to us is why Bellefonte doesn't grow. While we have no building booms anyone who walks about the town will see a house here and a house there under construction. We are almost continually building and rarely tear- justly. ing down, yet the accretion to population is so slight as to be almost negligible, unless the next census has in store for us a very agreeable surprise. Of course, if the corporate limits of the borough were extended to take in all the territory served by our public utilities the town population would jump materially, but the gradual building we refer to is within the borough and that is why the question has always appeared so inexplicable to us. There is only one explanation that has ever approached explaining the anomoly. It is that we are threatened only for himself. He has been charged with race suicide. The families of six with selfishness in politics as well as and eight and ten of yester-year have in other things and possibly character dwindled to two and four and six today. It isn't a pleasant outlook, but its a fact, none the less, that the greatest danger of the future in this country will be brought about by the Republican nomination for Govunder production of enough native ernor we would suggest to his opposons and daughters to maintain our nents that they have Gen. Smedley coming to live among us.



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Obligations of Democrats.

In the confusion which envelopes the Republican organization in Penn--If the new litigation in the Centre pending campaign for Governor, Sena- from every angle. He is not deceived conspiracy to perpetuate and legalize county bank case really gets started tor and other important offices. By on the subject of his personal popu- crime. Senator Schantz, of Lehigh going again the creditors are likely to its acts during the special session of larity. He understands that he is county, who appears to be of the harddiscover that the old "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" didn't know anything the General Assembly the Republican organization has committed itself to electoral frauds. It has made open confession that upon a fair vote and just return it is unable to maintain spouse has more substance back of it the Commonwealth. This acknowledgment creates the dominant issue of the campaign. The question to be political machine can poll ninety per might have been instrumental in keepdetermined is whether honest or dishonest elections shall prevail.

In this civic obligation the Democrats of Pennsylvania have an important part to perform. They will meet this obligation by nominating candidates who have no greater claim on public confidence than that they -Bishop Hughes, who has just are consistent Democrats of good lican candidates are likely to meet one group as against the other. The

> isting conditions whether the candidates be men who favored the Eighteenth amendment to the constitution or believe in the modification or maintenance of the Volstead act. They must favor law enforcement and have ability and courage to fulfill their obligations under the law. But there is no issue of "wet" or "dry" and no obligation to enforce one law more than another or wink at infraction of one law because the party might be benefitted by such conduct. If the Democrats of Pennsylvania nominate such men, and there are plenty of them within the party, their success is certain.

-Judge Johnson, of the Federal court for this district, seems to be an been asked but we have the right to recorded, those who do not support he is able to do all the business of the

## Pinchot's Peculiar Attitude.

Governor Pinchot "has lost his cunning" or else he is fooling the public on the question of his candidacy for Senator in Congress. He is letting his opportunities slip away, if he intends to be a candidate, and is hardly fair to his friends if he doesn't. The primary is only a few weeks off and organization is a slow process. Thus far the Governor has given no sign of his purpose. If he had a fairly perfect organization, fairly well equipped for instant and effective action, there might be reason in the inactivity. But he has no such organization in sight and no signs of it in perspective. Under the circumstances his plans are "out of joint," or his preparations wanting.

The Pepper organization is well equipped and abundantly supplied. The Republican organization is behind it with all its force and energy and the corporate interests are ready to "go the limit." The candidate has not made strong appeal to the voters, though admired for his dignity and ability, and accepted as a necessity. Vare has his machine drilled up to the highest point of efficiency and the "wets" are very earnest for him. But Pinchot is neither prepared nor concerned about the matter. The natural inference is that he is either out of the race or indifferent to the future of his friends. He has lost his cunning or else he is sacrificing his friends un-

If the Governor intends to run for the office of Senator he ought to take the necessary steps to organize. If he doesn't intend to be a candidate he ought to release his friends so that they might make other alliances as between the remaining candidates. A good many of the supporters of Pinchot might prefer Pepper to Vare, in the event Pinchot is not a candidate, and it would be only fair to give them a chance to exercise the choice. But possibly Pinchot is indifferent as between the other candidates and cares doesn't cut much ice with him.

-If Mayor Kendrick, of Philadelphia, should become an aspirant for ideals against the foreign idea that is Butler detailed for a short service in Pennsylvania.

Vare a Candidate for Senator.

Congressman Vare has prectically sylvania the Democrats of the State the Republican nomination for Sena- eral Assembly providing for a comshould keep in mind the fact that they tor. He deliberated a long time on mission to codify the election laws is have obligations to meet in the im- the subject and estimated the chances a fitting finale of a most shameless organization has committed itself to colleagues as a scarlet fever patient at was the author of the resolution and a Sunday school picnic. But he accur- he made no concealment of his purately figures that he has the goods and pose to prevent real ballot reform legcontrol of the market. The city of islation through the medium of this its ascendency in the government of Philadelphia, according to his esti- "smoke screen." It would have opened mate, can poll one-half the entire up a vast field in which to cultivate State vote at the primary. The Vare ballot corruption of various kinds and cent. of the Philadelphia primary vote and control the vote of the State.

If the extra session of the Legislature had enacted legislation to prorible fact that Mr. Vare uses his am- form legislation. It is not likely that munition wherever it promises re- men of the Schantz type will long results, and at present the greatest ex- main in public life but they will strive vote. Pepper may have all the strength long as possible. The veto of the resvote will swamp him.

It is not flattering to the vanity of man of the mental calibre and equipment of Vare could have so completely lot reform. With a fair primary vote have long been under popular concountry districts, and it may be doubted if he could have secured a considerable majority in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton. But with the opportunities for fraud now available it districts. And there would be some- endure for a long time. thing like justice in such a result.

---Of course our advice has not Governor, four years ago, is fitter for thus far mentioned this year.

## Bill Vare Thrown Down.

The latest development in Repubfair minded observers to an expression of sympathy for Congressman somewhat sinister career in public life very little surplus stock held by the could be brought here. he has been a servile tool of corporate farmers of Centre county. interests. And just as he had attained what he believed to be the realihim notice that his hopes must be re- price. linquished. On Monday last, according to current political gossip, the corporate interests of Philadelphia declaration that we have more respect served notice on him that he must for the groundhog than ever before. step aside in order that George Whar- There was a period of less than five ton Pepper may continue to represent minutes on February 2nd when that them in the Senate at Washington.

gressman Vare to enlist popular sym- scare him back into his hole. Now we selfish and grasping boss. He has not credit the wood-chuck with having only monopolized the offices but the anything to do with regulating the honorary favors of his party. Such weather, and it is a long stretch on honorary offices as delegate to con- our credulity to believe that he is in ventions, chairmanships of meetings the same class as a prognosticator as and similar favors have been forced Wesley Jarrett is as a prestidigitator, from reluctant followers as natural but there is no denying the fact that heritages of his boss-ship. It may be our severest winter weather has been true that "he pays the freight" to a from the first of February to date, considerable extent in the maintenance with comparatively few warm days, of the organization, but a generous and we are pining for the balmy days man would show some consideration of springtime. Fortunately the hogfor the ambitions of those who helped ship reign will end next Monday, in and hand a compliment here and there just nine more days spring will be to a willing worker who had shared in here and its only thirty-five days until the achievement.

But even in the face of this long son. drawn out record of selfishness it is more or less pathetic to see a boss of not because his attitude with respect to them has changed but for the reason that his limited capacity creates a doubt as to his efficiency in the future. be coming into their own. Three suc-He doesn't measure up to the require- cessful aspirants have appeared on ments of present day corporate in the stage within a few weeks. terests. He may do well enough as the agent of monopoly in city half or in the House of Representatives in Washington. But the lobbyist in the to buck the machine. Senate must be a man of larger equipment and George Wharton Pepper more nearly fills the bill.

-At present the Republican party in Pennsylvania is shy on leaders. Later on it may be shy on to run anyway and that would make voters.

Bad Legislation Killed.

The veto of the resolution adopted determined to become a candidate for during the extra session of the Gening such party leaders as the Lehigh

Senator in office for some time. The Schantz resolution contemplated a commission, four-fifths of the tect the vote from fraud Mr. Vare membership of which have been conwould not have been a candidate for firmed political crooks. These masters Senator and Senator Pepper's renomi- in ballot polution would have been nation would have been assured. But authorized to spend a few years in the the friends of Senator Pepper allowed study of devices to commit and prothe Vare machine to lull them into a tect fraud and finally report at a subfalse impression that frauds would sequent session of the Legislature. not be practiced against them but The report would be rejected, of would be reserved for their Democrat- (course, but the purpose of its author ic opponents at the general election. would have been accomplished, which They are now waking up to the hor- was to prevent immediate ballot repectations come from the primary by every process of fraud to hold on as

Senator Schantz imagined that the majority of the people of the State It doesn't matter much under ex- State chairman W. Harry Baker that a could be deceived by such a palpable false pretense. He assumed that the average voter would accept as in good hood-winked him in the matter of bal- faith a promise of a future remedy for a present malady. The opportun-Vare never could have had "a look-in" ity was present to make instant appliin a State-wide contest. His methods cation of the remedy. But he preferred to give promise for the future. demnation among the voters of the It is the easiest way of meeting obligations. But in the case in point it hadn't even the virtue of sincerity. The only way to treat it was that adopted by the Governor. It is as "dead as a door nail," and nothing remay be doubted if Pepper will get any mains of it except an unpleasant memvotes at all in the machine controlled ory and a bad smell, but these may

## Price of Spuds is "Slipping."

dates and, after such an uninfluenced unusual official. He protests against suggest that the defeated candidate that the price of potatoes is "slipweek brought forth the information rean. ping." For several weeks past the spuds have been selling at \$2.00 a the office than any of the candidates bushel and according to one groceryman he has had calls from a number of farmers who would like to unload their surplus stock at that price, but lican factional politics almost forces heavy. On the other hand, county that the big bulk of last year's crop Vare. From the beginning of his has been marketed and that there is stagnated until other locomotives

> Over in Clearfield county, it is said, there are still thousands of bushels zation of his ambition the in- in the farmer's bins, which are being From The New York World. terests he has so slavishly served gave held for a still further increase in

> > -We want to go on record with a the opening of the trout fishing sea-

-With the failure of Senator Magthe type of Vare literally thrown nus Johnson of Minnesota, to win his down and tramped upon by the inter- contest for Senator Schall's seat ests he had slavishly served for years, another of the accidents of politics goes back into oblivion.

-American songbirds appear to

-We will know in a few days or so whether Vare has courage enough

-Heaven spare the country from "hearings" on the prohibition modification bills.

trouble.

To a Voice.

And, when I heard you sing, It made me think Of all the joy and gladness You would bring To those who listened well, And sensed the lovely, vibrant thing

We call the Voice:

God's pulsing bell. -W. B. Meek-Morris.

D. A. R. Holds Two Very Interesting Meetings.

Following the custom of meeting alternately at State College and Bellefonte the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were guests of Mrs. P. H. Dale, Mrs. W. W. Braman, Miss Goddard, Mrs. W. R. Tuckey. Ham and Miss Thompson at the University club in State College the evening of February 4th, and Mrs. John I. Olewine, Mrs. Louisa V. Harris, Mrs. ed him with a girl instead of a boy, Mag-N. B. Spangler and Mrs. Ivan Walker at the Brockerhoff house, in Bellefonte, on the evening of March 4th. Good music made the February meeting memorable and so, in no less degree, did the travel talk of Dr. Lucretia Van Tuyl Simmons, of State College, the March 4th one. In pointing out the many American shrines

abroad Dr. Simmons so linked the old country with the new that in imagina- | salary be cut from \$10,000 to \$8,000. tion there did not seem to be an ocean between, nor truth on the pages recording periods of discord. Brightened every here and there with sparkles of humor the theme was developed convincingly, the mother country is not without "national feeling," our Washingtons and Lincolns are honored within her borders; and with the ring of the unanswered historian Dr. Simmons said that the Puritans showed more broadness of mind than have their detractors, and that the fineness of texture and the substantiality of the American make-up came from the fact that the English were predominantly our forbears; that if we had been of French, Italian, Spanish origin these qualities would have been

And now-where is the-man who can live without dining-the in ellectual feast, the hostesses and Mr. Landsy, the proprietor of the Brockerhoff house, saw to it, was followed by the quietly, skillful serving of refresh-Inquiry of Bellefonte grocers this ments of quality and variety epicu-

-A Government rolling stock inspector visited Bellefonte on Tuesday and condemned two of the switching engines in use in the Bellefonte yards as well as the engine in use on the Bellefonte and Snow Shoe railroad. every indication is for a drop in price The third switching engine was conand dealers are not stocking up very demned so far as use on a main track is concerned. As a result of the acagent R. C. Blaney is of the opinion tion of the inspector shifting work in

## Prolonging Prosperity.

The frequent warnings during recent months that the high rate of business activity would usher in another period of price inflation may or may not have been necessary. If necessary, they were certainly heeded; for no inflation has developed. The trend of commodity prices is distinctcrafty little animal was able to see his Fisher's index number reached the ly downward, and last week Irving There is little in the record of Con- shadow but it evidently sufficed to lowest point of the year. Some inpathy. He has always been a sordid, are really not superstitious enough to certainly been present, but their effect fluences conducive to inflation have so far has been confined to real estate

and securities. The country is now showing its ability to maintain a fair degree of prosperity without the development boom. The typical business cycle of past years with its four phases of expansion, boom, depression and recovery spanning an average period of about 40 months, has not been with us for some time. Business still has its fluctuations, but they have become narrower in scope and of shorter duration than formerly.

For this change there are several explanations. Business men are more familiar with economic principles than ever before and are utilizing this knowledge so as to keep their individ-Federal Reserve system has also proved a steadying influence. Likewise, the excessive productive capacity of many basic industries has proved a corrective of inflationary tendencies. A sharp advance in prices is quickly checked by an expansion of output. This combination of influences has made the business curve smoother, and this has meant steadier employment for workers and better prospects of fair returns for employers and investors.

-There is some comfort in the thought that Gerald Chapman, the Massachusetts fiend, will be a long

-Happily Secretary of Labor -Still Vare might take a notion Davis likes his job, for the Pennsylvania machine has nothing better to offer him.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Fire Saturday night destroyed the Nixon Theater and pool room at Carroltown, owned by Elmer Schroth, causing a loss of \$15,000.

-Her clothing igniting from fire in the kitchen stove, Mrs. John Burge, 70, of Grampian, near Clearfield, was burned to death Thursday.

-The frozen body of Isaac Buck, 50, a farmer near Bloomsburg, was found on Sunday in a snow covered field by William Heimbach, a neighbor. Buck lived alone, and his absence went unnoticed.

-With three policemen patrolling the section of Chester within a square from the police headquarters, thieves Thursday night entered the store of Warren Shipley and hauled away goods valued at \$4,500.

-A United States mail flier, swooping down low over the Susquehanna Silk Mills at Sunbury, frightened Clinton Herb, who was working on the roof, and he lost his balance and fell down an elevator shaft, suffering serious injuries.

-Two firemen were injured while fighting a fire early on Sunday morning when the Liberty Theater, of New Castle, was destroyed, causing a loss of nearly \$100,000. Defective wiring is believed to have started the fire in the top of the theater.

Following a "free-for-all" with State policemen, William F. Clauss, wealthy real estate operator and former sheriff of Lehigh county, was placed under arrest on seven charges, grawing out of an incident in which the automobile driven by Clauss ran down and injured Trooper L. L.

-Freeing Daniel Scarfino, of Norrisown, after his wife refused to prosecute him for choking her when she presentistrate Clark warned the husband not to beat his wife again, but to come to his office when he feels the fighting urge, promising to accommodate him.

-Declaring that as "a younger man who has not demonstrated his ability," he did not desire the same salary as his predecessor, the Rev. A. Ray Petty, of New York, who accepted the call of the Grace Baptist Church, of Philadelphia, to succeed the late Dr. Russell H. Conwell, asked that his

-Claiming that his wife left him fifteen years ago because he went to a picnic party where beer was served, John J. Minnich, of Milnersville, was granted a divorce by Judge Garman from his wife, with whom Minnich parted eleven months after their marriage. During this period, his wife lived at Latimer, only a mile away.

-A mother and two of her five children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of Vincenzo Santini at Wishaw, near Punxsutawny, on Saturday. Mrs. Santini carried four children to safety and with an eleven-year-old daughter returned for a four-year-old boy. All three perished. Tantini was away from home at the time. An overheated stove was believed to have caused the fire.

-W. F. Stamm, aged 35, dropped dead at Northumberland, it is believed, from grief for the death of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Moeschlin, who were killed on a Susquehanna River bridge at that place last fall when their automobile collided with a street car on which Stamm was a mo-Although it was no fault of his, Coroner Fisher found Stamm had not worked since and had been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

-Damage which will reach \$100,000 was done by a fire which syept the mill and yards of the Fisher Lumber company at Williamsport, on Monday. The blaze. which is believed to have been of incendiary origin destroyed about a million and and a half feet of lumber. The blaze occurred within 36 hours of a similar fire which destroyed the mill and supplies of the Lilly Building Supply company, across the river, with a loss of practically the

--With the exception of three houses, the entire town of Snedekerville, nestling down in the Bradford county hills, has been sold by Lucy M. Snedeker to Jerry R. Ryan of Syracuse, N. Y. The property transferred includes the postoffice, Pennsylvania railroad station and dwelling combined, 12 other houses, farm buildings, 741 acres of farm land, 35 acres of muck land, and all farm property and equipment. The new state road, over the construction of which Paul D. Wright and Governor Pinchot differed leading to Wright's resignation as secretary of highways, runs through the town.

-Carl Moore, 16 years old, a machinist of Smithfield, was shot in the left thigh by Constable Kish of North Union township, Fayette county, following an argument at the ice rink at Shady Grove Park near Connellsville Saturday night. The boy was removed to the Uniontown hospital. One of the lads who accompanied him to the hospital, told the hospital authorities that the constable had an argument with another boy at the rink and struck him in the face with his gun. Moore, he stated, then interfered. Kish then ordered him to stand back and upon his refusal shot the lad.

-Albert Klinger, aged 26, of Lewistown, died Saturday evening from bullet wounds inflicted Thursday evening by Harry C. Bankes, aged 26, of Harrisburg, who alleged Klinger broke up his home and caused his wife to divorce him. District Attorney Wilson entered a charge of murder against Bankes, who was held by Justice of the Peace Wheeler without bail for the May term of Court. State Senaual businesses on an even keel. The tor Frederick W. Culbertson, who cleared "Red" Davis of a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of John Mullen, of Jersey Shore, 18 months ago, will be retained as one of counsel for the defense of Bankes.

-Rev. Joseph B. Diehl, of the Halifax Interdenominational church, suffered scalp lacerations, a broken collar-bone and internal hurts, and Rev. A. S. Bierly, of the Verdilla Lutheran church, a broken shoulder bone and numerous lacerations when an automobile was struck by a Philadelphia-Williamsport express train on the Reading Railway at Sunbury on Saturday. Returning from a Milton store, Rev. Bierly called at the other minister's home and they started to market in Sunbury. At time dead if they ever get him across. I the grade crossing they saw the train and the driver applied the brakes, but the car slid upon the tracks. The pilot of the locomotive struck it squarely and tossed it high into the air. It turned around in the air three times and landed on an adjoining track 60 feet away.