# Democratic Watchman.

### INK SLINGS.

-So far as weather was concerned Easter was a dandy, but there hasn't been much to rave about since.

-The Burgess is right. The firemen are too valuable to risk their lives driving fire apparatus at more dangerous speeds than they would drive their own cars.

-Wives of Republican workers shouldn't nag their husbands too much about getting enough garden ready for a few rows of early peas. The men are too busy building senatorial fences for other Ps.

-The Stillmans are taking a psychoanalysis course in Paris, so it is evident that the lawyers they employed in their divorce scandal must have been decent enough to leave them in possession of part of their wealth.

-Both Vare and Beidleman appear to be gaining strength in Centre county. Pepper and Fisher haven't everything their own way, by any means. The leaders are for the latter, but many of the Republican voters are showing signs of refusing to be led.

-Half of his life spent dodging detection for the crimes he had committed, the other half spent in serving prison sentences for failing to keep dodging Gerald Chapman, super-bandit, came to the end of his string early Tuesday morning. It was the hangman's noose in the prison at Hartford, Conn. His every act had crime as its objective and the world is better without him.

-While we have no intention of advising any Democrat as to what to do in the primary we shall take great pleasure in voting for "Billy" Wilson for United States Senator, if for ne other reason than that he is a warm friend of one of our distinguished townsmen whose whole hearted proffer of aid and assurance of friendship came marching up almost abreast of the first real trouble that ever beset us

-In other columns of the Watchman, prior to the primaries on May 18th, will appear articles concerning the various men of our party who are seeking nomination for the positions on the ticket then to be filled. We give publicity without becoming the advocate of any. The good judgment of the Democrats of the State can be depended on to select a ticket that will be a credit to the party and when they have done that the Watchman can be depended on to support it.

-Out in Kansas City the papers carried full page advertisements addressed to "Flaming Youth," urging them to go to Easter church services for "a real thrill." It would have been one for many of them, no doubt, es- science, and if elected will adorn the their purpose. pecially for those who think they can office. and square and be nappy, without visiting a church more than twice in their lives-once when they are carried in by a prayerful mother to be baptized and again when they are carried in for the community to see "how natural" they look. -Bouncing babies, "human pin cushions" and "rubber-necks" are all explained. Science has just discovered that there is much of elasticity of rubber in the cells of the human organizism, so, of course, they'll stretch. Just how far often depends on the curiosity of the individual and what the flapper looks like. If the amount of rubber in man is in any appreciable quantity there is a lot of him who would be more valuable dead than alive. Why wouldn't it be a good plan to kill all hit-and-run motorists and Philadelphia last week, the Senator get the rubber out of them? It might reduce the price of tires some. -Many nasty situations are likely to crop out of the Republican political muddle in this State. We hope that, for the good of The Pennsylvania State College, the borough of State College will stop, look and listen long enough to realize that if ever there was a time for it to be politically tongue-tied that time is right now. If the Pennsylvania State College had nothing more on its Campus than it had in 1880 the borough of State College would not be a borough. It would be little more than the village it was in 1880. The prosperity of the borough is so definitely contingent upon the development of the College and the College is so unfortunately at the mercy of politicians that choosing between the latter, when they are at war, would be inviting drastic reprisal should the wrong choice happen to be made. The voters of that borough owe it to the institution that has made their fine town possible to refrain from saying anything that will rise up to haunt it directly and them indirectly. In the eyes of the victorious candidate State College the borough and State College the institution are all one and if he knows that the former has been actively against him he will certainly not be any too friendly toward the latter. Two years ago we said that the candidacy of Mr. Holmes for the Legislature was bad politics. Today, he knows that it was and every citizen of State College who is interested in the welfare of their institution should know the same. Mr. Holmes might be able to any self respect. The greatest service he ever has or ever can render the Pennsylvania State College he will be giving if he becomes tongue-tied until fidence, but act as if they are in disafter May 18.



The withdrawal of Mr. George H. well equipped for the service, having former Lieutenant, Governor Edward first to occupy that office it became his appears to be interested in the Tener Alfred P. Dennis, one of the Commiswhich service he performed so well that his successor has not had to in- tion. It is alleged that the Vare introduce changes. As a member of terests and State chairman Baker are Congress he was equally efficient and behind Beidleman and the corpora- in favor of high tariff rates as to be it may be said that he is equal to any tions are vigorously supporting Fish- incapable of fair and independent requirement of public life.

In a letter to chairman Bigelow, an- Taken jointly or severally this nouncing his withdrawal, Mr. Rowley says: "In William B. Wilson we have Governor Tener points with pride to the other Commissioners, Mr. Dennis a candidate who will thrill Democracy his second, which is creditable but absolves him from blame for the exto a new life. Voters in all parties not enticing to the party leaders. Mr. will see in Wilson a virile, upstanding Philips, relies on his "barl" to allure missioners Baldwin and Bousard were figure, representing the great body of our citizens." That is precisely the type of man needed at this time. It has been the custom, as Mr. Rowley three, therefore, the Dauphin county states, to elect as Senator men of great wealth. They know little of the needs and aspirations of the average on with. The corporations are reachcitizen and the people of Pennsylva- ing out in all directions, not only in nia are average citizens. William B. Pennsylvania but throughout the en-Wilson is representative of that ele- tire country, to control the politics as ment. He knows what the people well as the business of the people and want and has the courage and capability to demand it.

Mr. Wilson began life as a coal miner and served for years as secre- is as fit for the service as either of joined in the recommendation of Baldtary-treasurer of the United Mine the others. If he were left to his own Workers of America, the organization impulses he would be as safe as his that has stood steadfastly for the in- mediocre antagonists for the favor. terests of labor for many years. He But he has been chosen by the reprewas serving in that capacity in 1906 when nominated and elected to Con- them rather than the people of the gress. After his appointment to the State, and if he is nominated and office of Secretary of Labor he felt elected they will hold him rigidly to that his official duties deprived him of the implied agreement. Secretary the time necessary to efficiently func- Mellon has not picked Mr. Fisher betion in the labor organization and re- cause of his ability or his integrity. siged. But his sympathies have al- The choice was made in pursuance of ways been with the wage-earner in a purpose of certain predatory and whatever line of endeavor he has been sinister interests to gain control, and employed. He is an eloquent orator it was believed that Mr. Fisher would

As the esteemed Philadelphia Pub-

quartet is a curious group. Former the voters and Beidleman has the practical politicians and the party Secretary Hoover and himself, and organization to depend upon. Of these candidate has "the call" by large odds. But there are other elements to reckthe corporations will exhaust all their resources to nominate Fisher.

It is quite possible that Mr. Fisher tion of Secretary Hoover who also sentatives of corporations to serve

The investigation of the charges Rowley, of Mercer county, from the lic Ledger states there are four can- that the Tariff Commission has been The past week witnessed another contest for the Democratic nomina- didates for the Republican nomina-, "packed" in the interest of high protion for Senator in Congress, leaves tion for Governor. They are in the tective tariff taxation is disclosing William B. Wilson, of Tioga county, order named by the Public Ledger some interesting facts. Senator Noras the unopposed choice of the Demo- former Governor John K. Tener, of ris, of Nebraska, having publicly crats of Pennsylvania for that high Washington county; Congressman charged that the Commission had been and important office. Mr. Wilson is Thomas W. Philips, of Butler county; "packed by President Coolidge," the efforts of the administration are diserved in Congress and in the Cabinet E. Beidleman, of Dauphin county, and rected to the purpose of refuting the of President Woodrow Wilson as former Banking Commissioner John S. aspersion. Among the witnesses ex-Secretary of Labor. Having been the Fisher, of Indiana county. Nobody amined at a hearing, on Monday, duty to organize the department, aspiration. Mr. Philips seems to be sioners, declared that the President the only active supporter of his ambi- is not responsible for the fact, yet "the majority of the members form a high protective bloc," so prejudiced

judgment. Though President Coolidge appointed Commissioner Dennis and two of isting condition. He says that Comchosen upon the recommendation of that they are influenced to their action in favor of high tariff rates by the fear that if they vote otherwise their appointments will not be confirmed by the Senate, that formality having been neglected thus far. He admitted that he, himself, is unfit, because of temperament, for the job but holds on salary it affords him. His appointment was made on the recommenda-

win and Bousard. The only inference to be drawn from the evidence of Mr. Dennis is that Mr. Hoover is responsible for the packing of the Commission. But there is a link missing in this chain of evidence. The Commission, as it existed when Mr. Coolidge was elevated to the Presidency, was not composed of "men so prejudiced in favor of high tariff rates as to be incapable of fair and independent judgment." There is no evidence that Secretary Hoover influenced the President to remove ours in the world's markets. one Commissioner and entice another

is the real substance of the charge of flation of the value of all goods and can not be resumed.

oreign Debts and U. S. Prosperity.

om the Philadelphia Record. severe reaction in stock values, followed by a substantial rally. The causes of the latest break, it seems, are regarded by most stock brokers as more obscure than those which produced the early March reaction, and the disposition is to refer both to purely speculative conditions, the technical position of the market, etc,

This however, leaves out of account several influences which may have really been at the bottom of the recent upheaval in securities, the col-lapse of the real estate speculative booms in the South and elsewhere and the sudden apprehensions felt in some quarters over the prevalence of instalment buying. We are living not only in the United States, some economists point out, but are also subject to world conditions in business and finance. One unsettling feature, which is beginning to receive more or less attention in Washington and elsewhere, is the growing disillusionment in this country concerning the pros-pects of the United States ever getting back more than a very small per-centage of its war loans to Europe, which represent many billions of dollars.

The assumption that these debts in length. It will contain two tracks and would ultimately be paid, with interest extending over a long period of use. years, has been one of the foundations of bullish stock market sentiment since 1923. Should the war temperament, for the job but holds on to it, presumably because of the fat nations finally be canceled or repudiated by one means or another, the people of this country will be just that much out of pocket, to say nothing of other tremendous readjust-ments of viewpoints which such an outcome will necessitate in our relations to the rest of the world. For one thing, if these war debts are not to be paid, or if there is to be international wrangling over them for years to come, it is difficult for some economists to figure how the present standard of living in the United States is going to be sustained, or, what amounts to the same thing, how we are going to keep our prices and production costs so much above those of countries which are certain to be strong competitors of In short, viewed broadly, the cur-

and an industrious student of political better than the other candidates serve to resign by offering him a much cov- rent readjustment of stock values eter foreign mission in order to give may be only a preliminary to a gen-opportunity to "pack" the body. This eral and prolonged movement of de-pany, it is announced as street car service

#### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

--Sawing their way through the floor of the building occupied by the Brod Brothers, waist manufacturers, of Philadelphia, thieves escaped with silk valued at approximately \$30,000.

-Despondency over ill health is given as the cause of the suicide late Monday night of Leander A. Mason, seventy, prominent Union City merchant. The suicide is the fifth to occur in Erie county in less than a week.

-Traveling 12,000 miles from India to have a glass bead removed from his bronchus, Thomas Rice, 5, is now out of danger at the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia. He is the son of missionaries, who have been working in India.

-Charred bones found in the fire ruins. of three dwellings near East Pittsburgh have been accepted by relatives as those of Patrick Delaney, 63, a janitor, who had been missing since the fire. The bones were discovered Friday night.

-Haled into Pottsville police court last week by Mrs. Annie Laudash, a widow. who claimed that Michael Drumbord stole \$300 from her, the accused admitted the theft, but begged the woman's forgiveness so effectively that she accepted his proposal of marriage,

-In the name of his wife, Mary Reber Herb, bequests of \$200 each were given to the Bethany orphans' home, at Womelsdorf, First Reformed church of Reading, Reading hospital and Home of Friendless Children, by John Herb, of Reading. The estate is valued at \$20,000.

-R. D. Anderson, North East druggist, of Erie, was beaten over the head and robbed of \$275 in cash and a \$900 diamond ring last night by two armed bandits who entered his place of business about 10 p. m. The bandits escaped in a touring car, which they were forced to abandon when engine trouble developed.

-Work on the new Lehigh Valley Railroad tunnel at Pattenburg which will cost \$3,000,000 and which will take from two to three years to complete, was begun on Monday. The tunnel will run through the Bloomsburg mountain and will be a mile

-Samuel Irwin Sawyer, 58, coal operator, of Punxsutawney, was instantly killed Sunday while en route to inspect one of his properties. Sawyer fell beneath a Pennsylvania train he had just disembarked from, and his body was cut in two at the waist. It is believed Mr. Sawyer suddenly became ill and fainted. He is survived by his widow and two children. -The Kingston Coal company, of Wilkes-Barre, has announced a cut in their retail coal prices which restores their rates to the same basis that existed prior to the coal strike. This company has maintained a higher price than other local companies for several years. None of the other concerns have changed their intention of keeping winter prices in force during the summer.

-As a result of the ice and high water washing away the Big Rock bridge over which street car service between Oil City and Franklin was conducted, the Citizens' Traction company is offering for sale Monarch park, an amusement resort midway between the two cities. The park

-If those lawyers would spend as much time and energy in some fraudulent elections was pending in good cause as they wasted in trying the General Assembly. But if he will to rescue Gerald Chapman from just punishment, they might accomplish in Philadelphia this year, as he ought delphia Public Ledger will be an in- living in the United States, just as something.

## Pepper, Pinchot and Prohibition.

Those ecclesiatical friends of Senator Pepper, who prefer him to Governor Pinchot as the champion of prohibition, will not be strengthened in their attitude by the Senator's recent declaration that he will support Vare for election if that dripping candidate he had the support of many of the secures the nomination, a not impossible contingency. In his address before the League of Women voters, in declared that in the event of his defeat for the nomination in May he will not run as an independent candidate in November. "In other words," he continued, "I shall accept the result of the primary." Neither the late Sam flip-flops in holding a place in the sun Salter nor "Buck" Devlin could have given stronger proof of "regularity." Assuming that the bulk of the prohibition vote will be cast for Pinchot and the wet vote practically unanimous for Vare the contest is between those two candidates. But Pepper may draw enough of the dry vote to defeat Pinchot and that would leave Pepper committed to the support of the wet candidate, not only against the Democratic nominee, who is an earnest and cordial supporter of prohibition enforcement, but against any candidate, independent or otherwise, whom the dry forces might put up. If the clergymen professing to be prohibitionists continue to favor Pepper in view of this situation, they are more concerned for partisanship than principle.

The obvious purpose of Senator Pepper's declaration on the subject was to inveigle Governor Pinchot into a similar indiscreet statement. But the expectation has been disappointed. At the same time and to the same audience he said, "first, last and always I will do my utmost for the woople against the monopolists and corrupt politicians and leave nothing undone to give the plain people a square well meaning and industrious men deal," which evoked an enthusiastic burst of applause from the women. faithful but not highly educated in the Mr. Vare did not respond to the invitation to present his views, for rea- of organization and operatives have sons not revealed, but the action of to be trained to it. But reports show the League members affords a basis that they are doing "as well as could squirm out of the ugly situation he is for conjecture. The wet element be expected" and fortunately they are in, but he can't do it successfully with among the women voters was also building for the future if they fail absent.

> -All the candidates profess conpair. collateral.

Senator Pepper was as quiet as a clam when the question of honest or prevent or minimize electoral frauds nominated the flip-flop of the Philato be able to do, some of his sins of teresting spectacle. omission will be forgiven.

Pepper's Remote Chance.

Senator Pepper has hardly one chance in a hundred to get the Republican nomination for Senator. Up until the day that Mellon and Grundy opportunity to express a preference. tied him up with Fisher for Governor most adroit organization managers, which was a valuable asset. But that combination alienated State chairman Baker and many others, and though they may vote for him they are no longer greatly interested in his success. It is true that he has annexed Joe Grundy, but that is a doubtful acquisition. Mr. Grundy's frequent have practically put him out of all platform appears in full in another reckonings in the political manoeuvers column of this issue, and George H. reckonings in the political manoeuvers of the State.

Senator Pepper's one chance lies in getting the vast army of indifferent voters to register. It is said that there are nearly 400,000 un-registered and for Secretary of Internal Affairs voters in Philadelphia and quite as many in other cities and towns in the delphia. State. If all this force could be brought to the polls in May it would give Mr. Pepper an equal chance with Pinchot to beat Vare. It is not likely that all these new voters would support Pepper. Some of them might go to Vare and a good many of them to Pinchot. But a considerable majority would join the Pepper supporters and at least advance him to a point "within hailing distance" of one or both of the others. But it wouldn't guarantee victory.

The rumors which come from the centres of political activity indicate formation as to who these gentlemen that the Senator and his friends realize the situation. They are directing their energies to the work of stirring up the delinquents and are operating May 18th. with such energy as to promise success to some extent. Of course they are working under disadvantage. The and women acting in the matter are to seat Steck, who must have been his business. That is an important detail now.

Senator Norris.

#### State Democrats, Take Your Choice.

On our party's primary ballots will appear the names of enough candi- From the Pittsburgh Post. dates for each one of the State offices to be filled next fall to give each voter

For Governor we have three candidates: Judge Samuel Shull, of Monroe county; former Judge William E. Porter, of Lawrence county, and Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell, of Philadelphia. Porter is supposed to be dry. Shull is for strict law enforcement and Bonniwell is for repeal of the Eighteenth amendment. For United States Senator we have

former Secretary of Labor, William B. Wilson, of Tioga county, whose Rowley, of Mercer county.

For Lieutenant Governor former bring a dictatorship. Senator Hackett, of Northampton county, has filed nomination papers we have Lewis C. Cassidy, of Phila-

In our congressional District Clarence R. Kramer, lawyer and world war veteran, of Clearfield, is seeking The good sense of the country, always the nomination and has no opposition relied upon, seems to be asserting itso that a strenuous pre-primary cam- self. paign will be unnecessary so far as he

is concerned. Senator William I. Betts will, of course, be a candidate to succeed himself in the upper House of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, and will each one can intelligently vote his or her preference at the primaries on

-The Senate Republicans were perfectly willing to unseat Brookhart, of Iowa, but they are not willing

successful opponent.

-Sir Thomas Lipton is again "in our midst" and it behooves whoever has custody of America's cup to nail it down.

job.

services in this country-a leveling process in which industrial and financial, conditions in Japan, China, -If Vare, and Beidleman are India and Russia may come to have a potent influence on the standard of such conditions today have immense influence on living standards in England, Germany, France and Italy.

#### Balancing of French Budget.

Hosts who know nothing of public financing were nevertheless able to join heartily yesterday in the general rejoicing over the news that the French budget has been balanced. The troubles over the financial affairs of the Republic had been a world topic for several years. Premier after premier, cabinet after cabinet, had been seen to fall in controversy over plans of adjustment. Naturally this had a disturbing effect upon the whole of Europe, upon the entire international system. It kept the question of last Thursday, within a few hours of each the payment of the French debt to other, with the deaths of John S. and the United States and other creditor Mrs. Anna Stetler Goff. Both were aged nations aggravated. It alarmed many of the friends of France throughout the world. There were fears that she

was getting into a tangle that would To be sure, the plan is yet to be applied-there still may be some difficulties in getting it launched-but the fact that it commanded a substan- Alfarata Lutheran church for fifty-five tial majority in the vote in the Chamber of Deputies and the passive support of others who abstained from voting naturally augurs well for it.

While the ability and personal popularity of Finance Minister Peret are properly credited with a large part in the achievement, the statesmanship of the veteran Premier Briand could not be denied a great sylvania General Assembly, and will share of the glory. There is grati-have no opposition for the nomination. fication that the balancing of the The Watchman will, without par- budget came under the premiership tiality, give its readers thorough in- of this remarkable man who often has formation as to who these gentlemen been in and out of power. Of course are and what they stand for, so that it does not say that he has now been given a permanent hold, but it is taken as assurance that his ministry will last at least several months.

Again does France give cheer to her friends.

## John May be Wet or Dry.

From the Clearfield Republican. John Fisher's friends around this part of the State should not press him too close or hard on the wet and dry question. While he is not on the slate with Pepper he has never severed intimate relations with Pinchot. Many of Pinchot's supporters are expected to support Fisher.

-Fishermen, dont forget your -Good character is a valuable the Volstead law would be an easy tackle, your bait and your license. asset but most bankers require other task. Probably he is bidding for the You won't need a bottle. It's going to account of your youth then I can sentence be too cold for snakes to be out.

-Weak and suffering, but pronounced out of danger, following an operation last Thursday for the removal of a tumor of the stomach, James Coward, Pennsylvania railroad detective of Vandergrift, now serving a sentence in the eastern penitentiary for his part in the \$75,000 robbery of the Vandergrift Savings and Trust company, will be questioned regarding his confession exonerating Albion Anderson, convicted as an accomplice.

-George Crossley, who conducts two business places in West Chester but lives near Milltown, was held up on his arrival home on Saturday night by two young men. As he and his wife arrived in their automoblie, the men approached them, covered them with revolvers and made a search of their clothing. They secured but \$15; at that time Crossley had more than \$800 in a wallet concealed in a secret pocket. The police suspect two young men familiar with the movements of Crossley, and had evidently expected to obtain the day's receipts of the stores.

-Husband and wife died at Lewistown. seventy-six years and both deaths were caused by influenza. Mrs. Groff was taken ill three days ago and the man died an hour after he was taken seriously ill. Mr. Groff was a stonemason until injuries received when a wall fell, barred him from that trade. He operated a small farm since that time. He was a member of the years. The couple leave a son, Harry J. of Cincinatti, Ohio, and a daughter, Mary A. of Decatur township.

-Further information concerning the death of Wesley K. Goss, of Osceola Mills, the well known Pennsylvania railroad conductor, who was killed on Saturday evening in the Lock Haven yards, shows that he had entered the telephone booth to ascertain the location of a milk train which was about due. While there the milk train, comprised of eight cars, thundered along. The sixth car in the train left the rails, broke loose and plunged down the small embankment, striking and crushing down the telephone booth in which Conductor Goss was standing, crushing him to death. It was to have been his last day's work in the Lock Haven yards, he expecting to return to the Osceola yard on Sunday.

-Prison sentences of 25 years were imposed at Philadelphia, on Monday on two confessed highway robbers and automobile thieves, both still in their teens. Francis Otery, 16 years old, and William Kennedy, 17 years old, were the recipients of the heavy penalties. Both defendants pleaded guilty to 32 indictments growing out of 13 charges of highway robbery and automobile thefts. The crimes committed also involved two 15-year-old boys, both of whom were arrested and sent to the house of detention, owing to their ages. "I could give you 300 years on these bills of indictment," Judge Harry McDevit told the boys when pronouncing sentence. "However, I will sentence you on three bills and when the board of pardons intercedes on you on the remaining bills."

-Henry Ford thinks enforcing