Democratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Now that the "celebrated case" is ended the "pig woman" may go to the dogs.

-At the rate bucks are falling be fore the hunters it won't be long until every home in Pennsylvania has a mounted deer head in its hall-way or over a mantel piece.

-New Brunswick, N. J., has something on Dayton, Tenn. Both have passed from the front pages of metropolitan papers but New Brunswick still has its Hall of fame.

-The President says that a permanent cut in federal taxes would be "a risk." Possibly it would, but most every tax payer would be willing to run it long enough to find out.

-Those scientists up at State College who have cut a window in the side of a heifer, so that investigators may see her innerds at work making fat and milk, declare that she suffers not at all from it. Possibly she doesn't, but she's got a pane in her side all the same.

-Since the days of the "big wind in Ireland," the wet Spring of '37 and the Johnstown flood we don't remember any weather condition quite as disheartening as Sunday, December 5, 1926. We needed the rest of "the Seventh day," but we didn't get it. By seven o'clock in the evening we had succeeded in clearing the walks of snow and sank, exhausted, into an easy chair. At eight a howling wind started to undo all of our work of the day and Monday morning the whole darned job had to be done over again.

-Not having fully recovered from the effects of playing the role of the man behind the snow shovel last Sunday and because there has been so little in the "old bean" since the Halls Aimee McPherson has dropped off the so nigh that we don't need to remind tell you a story. One that really should be preserved:

Some years ago, it probably was very many, but time flies so fast now that it seems as though it happened only yesterday, Jerome K. Jerome, English, and author of "Three Men in a Boat" and Charles K. Loomis made ceives the illiterates. On election day a lecturing tour of "the Stoits." Stats the designated agents of the machine two or three dollars to every pair of College was just then becoming ambitious to emerge from the pupa stage and as each voter approaches he is the pocket of every poor man in the of "agriculture and the mechanic arts" and soar into realms, cultural. The assistance in the booth. If he refuses butes nothing to the public treasury. came a potential leader in the chamdistinguished, perigrinating literati this he is a marked man and all help All the money thus obtained is unearn- ber. The Walsh resolution is notice were offered good money-probably as in times of trouble is withdrawn. The ed bounty to the corporations and man- to the world that conditions have much as the Moose takes in on Satur- petty criminals, the mendicants, the ufacturers who spend millions to keep changed. The character of applicants day nights, nowadays, when it shows bootleggers, the habitual drunkards and the Republican party in power. Some for seats in the Senate as well as the "Tony" and the man who gives him all other elements of the underworld of the Democratic leaders might give methods of their election will be sub-"Pop" Thomas and contracted for a declare the result. "boat," via Buffalo Run-otherwise the Bellefonte Central, to take the local lterati-of whom there are few left in town-to State College to hear tration hadn't much faith in its arms this Jerome and Lewis combination. No need for saying anything about the have been given to Doheney to avert joys of the ride up on "the rattler." This story has only to do with the trip home. Being in charge of the "special" we hustled down to the station without waiting to tell Prof. Pattee what we had heard of Jerome's manding figure in the politics of Penncomment or the way a steak should be sylvania this year. The revealed \$3,broiled. Seated in the smoker, next 000,000 cost of the Republican prito the stove-for then there was seg- mary, only part of the price of nomiregation for those who used the nating Vare and Fisher, astounded weed-was someone, in a "great coat" the country but it seems to have failed whom we thought to be Tommy to arouse the public conscience. Since Eadon, who used to make a parade, that the Republican candidate for once a week, of Col. Reynolds' stallion United States Senator in Maine is "Pride of the North." We took the said to have spent, through his friends, seat directly behind him. Then Linn \$100,000 and "got away with it," Harris came into the car and took the though a candidate's legal expendiseat directly opposite ours. Follow- tures in that State are limited by law ing Linn came Francis Speer, who sat to the sum of \$1500. But the Repubdown in the next seat. After the lican party and the administration in others had all gotten aboard and the Washington needs votes in the next train had started backing out to the session of the Senate and the question Y at Struble's Francie asked us what of validity was decided by a Republiwe thought of the lecture. We can official. answered him by asking what he It was hoped by many thoughtful thought of it, and this was his reply: citizens, and believed by some, that Shouting loud enough to be heard the exposure of profligacy in the priabove the roar of the train Francie said mary campaign in this State would "Jerome might be all right sittin' in a provoke public sentiment to such a chair writin' books but he ain't worth measure of indignation as to prevent a continental damn standin' up and evtravagance in political expenditures talkin". Just then the late Ross in the future. But the expense ac-Parker, "Admiral of the Boat" came counts filed at the State Department govern themselves, the right to vote. into the car and whispered in our ear: in Harrisburg, on Wednesday and "that's Jerome right in front of you." Thursday of last week for the election Talking about denouements. That on November 2, show that such exwas one. And we had thrust upon us pectations have been grossly disapthe best story ever. It was too good pointed. It seems to have cost well to keep. So we rushed to the back onto a million dollars to elect the Recar, where all the ladies of the party publican State tickel, thirty-five Conwere except one solitary gentleman gressmen and a majority in the Genwhom we shall not identify-and eral Assembly. Maybe the achievestarted to spill the joke. The roar of ment will be worth that much money "the rattler" could not drown the to the interests that paid it. stentorian tones we conjured to tell As a philisopher of a former generthe story of "the smoker." As we ation would say, "whither are we progressed we noticed two ladies rise drifting?" Political leaders formerly at the rear end of the car and gesticu- appealed to the consciences of the late frantically at us. We had some-voters. Arguments were employed to thing to tell and didn't heed them. show the merits of candidates and the After we got all the good news out value of principles. A candidate for of our system, we careened back along Governor was liberal if he paid an asthe aisle to our attempted interrupters sessment of a few hundred dollars and and benefactresses to apologize for his friends generous if they raised a not having given the floor to them. few thousands. But then the office Then came the deluge. They said: yielded only the salary provided by "Why George, that is Mrs. Jerome, law and the contributors got nothing sitting right beside you, when you but "a vote of thanks." Now there were telling of Francie's faux pas. are pickings on the side for the offito the one we had just spilled.



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How Vare's Machines Does it.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the New York World gives an interesting crats in Congress to strive for tax re- Montana, had in mind when, on Mondescription of the processes by which duction along certain lines is to be day, he introduced a resolution to in-Boss Vare builds up majorities gener- highly commended. The surplus of ally and the extraordinary majority this year is troublesome to dispose of. Gould, of Maine, is left to conjecture in that city against Mr. William B. The President wants to donate it in but it clearly indicates a policy of Wilson at the recent election. "Your the form of a rebate to the corpora- watchfulness in the future. Senator at a cost of \$800,000 in the primary average Philadelphian greets with tions which have already reimbursed racuous laughter," he says, "any as- themselves by the ordinary processes sertion that former Secretary of of trade, while some others believe a Labor William B. Wilson was counted better way would be to pay it on the out and William S. Vare counted in as public debt, thus reducing the volume fies the act on the ground that the United States Senator November 2. of public obligations and the amount money, \$100,000, "was forced from It wasn't necessary to count him out. of the interest account. It is almost him." Senator Walsh's resolution It wasn't necessary to count him out. of the interest account. It is almost him." The job was done beginning with the unanimously agreed, however, that provides for an investigation by the registration and ending when the there should be no more surplusses to Senate committee on privileges and votes were all in. "Some" Wilson worry about, and the Democrats in elections, and a report of the result votes have been overlooked but if he Congress want to make sure of it by of the inquiry to the Senate with such got all he wouldn't have enough. The cutting the taxes. real job was to see the votes were not

gotten in for him." The Republican organization of sponser a system of tax reduction Philadelphia is made up of city job which could directly benefit the peoholders. There are forty-eight com- ple. Nobody objects much to paying mitteemen each responsible for the a reasonable rate of taxes if the revevote of his ward. Under their con- nues go directly toward the support of trol are 1500 division leaders who are the government. The income tax, for "kept on their toes" by promises of example, is levied on those who can promotion if they fulfill expectations. afford to pay, and properly managed The foundation of the structure of can be collected without great exfraud is laid when the assessment is pense. A man who has an income of made. City Treasurer Harry Mackey ten or twenty thousand dollars a year revealed the secret when he told the can pay the income at present rates and Carpenders got out of jail and Slush Fund committee of the Senate: without much trouble, while the man "If I have a man in my ward who of family whose income is less than front pages and Christmas is drawing does not know every man in it by his three thousand need not pay because first name; if he does not know when he cannot afford the expense without you how nigh it is we think we shall that man is in trouble; who does not depriving his family. know where there is want and priva-

> moves out and another moves in, he is no good to me."

peal the organization virtually bribes some voters, dragoons others and de- taxes which add fifteen or twenty dolgo to the polls early and remain late shoes worn and in equal ratio reaches buttonholed and requested to ask for country on other necessaries, contri- limitations and subsequently he be-

Important Phase of Taxation.

The purpose of the leading Demo-

So far as current gossip on the sub- ranted." ject goes nobody seems inclined to

The onerous tax burdens and those tion in a household; when one man which should be reduced are levies upon food, clothing, medicines and other necessaries of life, which are With this system of control and ap- collected at public expense but never reach the public treasury. The tariff lars to every suit of clothes purchased,

Important Improvements Started. What purpose Senator Walsh, of From the Pittsburgh Post.

vestigate charges against Senator favors and franchises in Canada by bribery. So far as the records reveal he hasn't denied the charge but justirecommendations as may seem war-

The first thought of the Senators present when Senator Walsh's resolution was read was that it was the beginning of a movement to prevent the seating of Vare as Senator for Pennsylvania in the Seventieth Congress. But Mr. Walsh promptly protested against such an interpretation. The offenses charged against Mr. Gould are different from those alleged against Vare. The bribery of a high official in Canada involves moral turpitude, and if proved against Mr. Gould disqualifies him from member- campaign. ship of the Senate. The charge against Vare is that his election was invalid because of an excessive and misuse of money in the primary and fraudulent voting and false returns

at the general election. from the Gould incident that will extend to the Vare case. The Senate has not always been punctilious with respect to its membership. Some years ago a Senator for Pennsylvania had only a short time before escaped conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude by pleading the statute of

Price of Vareism.

Looking over the fatal political swath cut by Newberryism among the Republican Senators who voted to give the Michigan man the seat that cost admittedly \$190,000, those who are planning to seat William S. Vare Gould is charged with having obtained and a suspicious-appearing vote in the favors and franchises in Canada by election, may be forced to think again. In the first election following the seat-ing of Newberry, twelve of the Re-publican Senators who upheld him ap-peared as candidates. Nine of them were defeated, some of them in the primaries. The others ran far behind their tickets. Forty-six Senators voted for Newberry. More than thirty of them are now missing from the Sen-ate roll. Death took a few, but in the main the others were defeated on the issue of Newberryism. Newberry himself resigned when he saw how public sentiment was running against

Thus Newberryism defeated not only its beneficiary, but something like twenty other Republican Senators. When a \$190,000 campaign expendi-ture could do that, one of \$800,000, with charges of election frauds in addition, might naturally be expected to have a still more sweeping effect against those who attempt to support it. Approval of it would give the Re publican party considerable of a burden to carry in the 1928 Presidential

The Republican Senators may indeed ask themselves: "What is this man Vare to the Republican party that from twenty to thirty or more Republican Senators should be expected to risk their own seats to seat him? What is he to the party that it should But an inference may be drawn from the Gould incident that will ex-tend to the Vare case. The Senate be at a cost too great to consider." In short, not a few of the Republican Senators may ask the Vare outfit if it takes them for "a bunch of dunderheads?"

Arbitration Pays.

From the Philadelphia Record. Immediately upon announcement of the arbitration award of a 71 per cent. wage increase to the conductors and a family reunion and open house. Lowe trainmen of the Eastern lines there five years. He is in fine health a stocks of from one to three points. Foreshadowing similar decisions affecting these and other classes of labor on all the roads of the country, the action makes probable an ultimate addition of \$60,000,000 annually to the national railroad payroll. Yet H. Wirt, Paul Kauffman and the chairman, this prospect has caused, or has been E. J. Stackpole, Sr., made an inspection of accompanied by, a sharp advance in the large boulder and bronze tablet at the the quotations for railroad securities. For this phenomenon, agreeably surprising to investors, there are logical reasons. A few misguided speculators took a pessimistic view because they saw only an increase in Thousands of bushels of prime the burden of operating costs; but the majority perceived a more than compensating factor in the assurance of a long period of industrial peace. Translating the arbitration award into terms of its lasting effects, they calculated that the \$15,000,000 represents only a fraction of the loss that would be involved if a settlement of the Eastern wage dispute were sought much with picking the fruit, but at through a contest of force, with consequent stoppage of transportation. Furthermore, they estimate that the cost will ultimately be absorbed by more economical and efficient methods of management and operation, and by greater productiveness on the part of labor. Obviously there is a point beyond which wage scales cannot be raised without upsetting the balance in the industry. But it has been demonstratcial apple growing belt, hence don't ed that arbitration, conducted by a body in which the contesting groups and the public are equally represented, is the soundest method of adjustment yet devised.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-When George P. Rickabaugh, 38 years old, a plumber, of Altoona, failed to appear at his home, neighbors broke into his garage and found him dead in his car, supposedly from deadly gas generated while running the engine.

-Charles E. Ross, 37 years old, died on Friday night in the Memorial hospital, Mt. Pleasant, of burns suffered when showered by molten metal at the plant of the United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry company, Scottdale. A ladle tipped on him as he walked under a crane.

-Mrs. Stanley Fultz, 28, of Burnham, is at Dr. Black's hospital in Lewistown, suffering from poisoning. According to the statement of Dr. Black she swallowed forty-five grains of a drug, but has made no statement as to whether it was taken by suicidal intent or in error for some other drug.

-Forty-six years ago Robert W. Blum, now 67 years old, of York, Pa., was shot in the right leg while watching a political parade in that city. The bullet was removed from the flesh on Saturday. It never caused him any trouble until about a year ago when pains began to shoot through the leg. He says he was shot by someone who discharged a revolver in a noisy Republican parade in the Hancock-Garfield campaign.

-Disappearance in January of 1916 of Miss Cora Hewitt, a trained nurse, of Adams county, then 32 years of age, was the subject of a hearing before Judge D. P. McPherson in the Adams county courts on Monday morning. Miss Hewitt, whose parents lived in Huntingdon township at the time of her disappearance, is presumed to be dead, and an effort is being made by the woman's mother to secure letters of administration for her daughter's estate of \$1141.

-Postoffice inspectors arrested Charles Green, aged 47, of Harrisburg, a Pennsylvania railroad passenger conductor, on his arrival in Altoona last Thursday with his train, Pacific Express, from Harrisburg, on the charge of robbing a mail storage car. Green was held in \$1,000 bail by United States Commissioner Walter B. Bartram, for his appearance at court in Erie, Postoffice inspectors recovered five umbrellas. silverware, jewelry and clothing which he is alleged to have taken.

-Posing as plumbers and working in full view of 50 guests at a hotel across a narrow alley, thieves looted the store of Stauffer & Co., in Lancaster, at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and disapperaed with 59 fur coats, worth \$17,000. Arriving in an automobile bearing a Maryland license, three men extinguished the oil lamps used as danger signals at an excavation in the rear, told bystanders that they were plumbers and commented on the low temperature under which to start work.

-Rufus Lowe, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Fulton, 322 East Locust street, York, Pa., last Friday celebrated his 100dth birthday anniversary. He has seven children, twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild, who assisted in helping him observe the occasion and there was has been a resident of York about twenty-

his oats, to spout their stuff at State. are helpless in the hands of these pro- this phase of the tax question atten-The engagement caused a furore in fessional politicians who thus build up tion. Bellefonte-the old Bellefonte that the majorities that decide elections Joe Wilson-grand young man of "the however unfair and unjust it may be. road"-talked to us about only a few The forty-eight committeemen meet a of Philadelphia, admits that he violatdays ago. We consulted the late day or two before the election and

> ----According to evidence in the oil conspiracy case the Harding adminisconference. The oil leases seem to a war with Japan.

Only Millionaires Need Apply.

Big business certainly cut a com-

And there we were, covered with con- cials and favors worth more than they the old custom of having his message fusion, because we had made Francie's cost for the liberal contributors. But read by the clerks. It's probably just "break" look trifling when compared the ultimate result is menacing. Only as well. Mr. Coolidge is not an millionaires can hope for office.

-Former city treasurer Watson, ed the law while in office. Republican officials in Philadelphia don't have to obey the law.

Pinchot Lectures Philadelphia.

Governor Pinchot was impressive as well as pathetic in his address in Philadelphia on the occasion of the assembling of Liberty bells in Independence hall. These bells, venerated properties of Allentown, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, Chester and York. had been on exhibition at the Sesqui-Centennial and were assembled in Independence hall preparatory to shipment to their homes. The occasion was made ceremonial, everything in Philadelphia is made ceremonial if possible, and Governor Pinchot delivered the principal address. He seems to have been in a rather serious frame of mind and delivered his message in caustic language. And he told the everlasting truth.

"These are the stilled voices of America's fathers-stilled in tone but speaking eloquently in silent appeal," he said, "To-day, in the hallowed shrine here, their message rises above the noise and hubbub of the city, clear and compelling. To me that message is a call and a warning that we have failed in our duty as citizens, and a call to rise up and down the forces that in the very birthplace of liberty are stealing that liberty away from us. The foremost thing for which our forefathers fought was the right to The appealing call in the bright morning of our country's birth was taxation without representation is tyran- to amount to any great loss. ny, and to-day it leaves Philadelphia cold and indifferent."

The Governor's remarks were listened to with deep interest. He was in a solemn but militant mood as he warmed up to his subject. "The citizens of Philadelphia or of any community," he continued, "that suffer thieves to steal votes, are victims of tyranny, gang tyranny; they are dominated and their politics controlled by a mere handful of politicians who have the presumpton and the cunning to override the will of the masses." After describing the suffering of the Continental army at Valley Forge the Governor declared "to-day the descendants of these men in Philadelphia have lost the right to vote, not kept underground altogether. through lack of spirit, but through indifference."

-President Coolidge reverts to orator.

jects of inquiry hereafter, and Mr. Vare will be among the first to "run the gauntlet."

-It's a good thing the people didn't know that we were on the verge of war with Japan in 1923. Some of us might have gotten mad about it.

Thousands of Bushels of Apples Went to Waste in Centre County.

apples went to waste in Centre county this year because the farmers were short of help at picking time, there was no present market for the fruit and the growers had no place to store them for future demand, according to R. C. Blaney, county farm agent. The wet and cold weather interfered very that most every farmer who has an orchard gathered all he could use or sell, either as whole fruit or made into cider. They also picked all of the winter variety that they could place in the limited storage capacity of their cellars, and the rest were allowed to

rot on the trees or hang until they froze and dropped off. Centre county is not in the commerhave the advantage of a community cold storage plant, and because of this fact thousands of dollars have been lost to the farmers through their inability to gather their entire apple crop.

While many farmers complained of wet weather interfering with the raising of their potato crop Mr. Blaney states that practically all the potatoes grown were raised and either sold from the field or placed in storage. He admitted that there might be a few scattered small patches but not enough

-If the people of Philadelphia had given the Sesqui the support it deserved the deficit they must pay would be much less.

-Probably King Ferdinand, of Rumania, was only love-sick, caused by the prolonged absence of his "sweetie."

-George Wharton Pepper has just three months in which to show why he thought he was a statesman.

-Most of the street railway owners would be glad if busses were

-President Coolidge "has Congress on his hands" and the whole country is nervous about it.

-"Rugby" is a foreign product which fails to win the favor of football stars on this side.

Is a New Hell Needed?

From the Pittsburgh Press.

Modern orthodoxy is seeking a new 'outline of hell," a picture applicable to present day understandings which will be as arresting as was the terrible picture drawn by Dante, with the wicked suffering the most tortuous and searing punishments.

That is the meaning of the "repudiation of the doctrine of hell," by certain English ecclesiastics. Very Rev. Howard Chandler Robbins, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, explains that his English fellow-churchmen are done with the teaching of a literal fire and brimstone hell, a doctrine he stamps as "obsolete as the pearly gates and golden streets and eternal harpings on harps which still bulk largely in our

hymns about heaven." Outlining a new and all-embracing hell in this age of developing thought and serious thinking about the future is practically an impossibility. A new Dante would be compelled to portray an individual hell to fit our differing natures and our varying ideas of what is punitive. There are hells of loneliness, despair, prodding conscience, remorseful memories and stabbing pains of the soul.

The little devils who punish with their instruments a pricking conscience are more to be feared-be-cause more real and possible of comprehending—than the red-bodied evil spirits so frequently pictured with long and three-pronged toasting forks.

He attributes his long life to hard work and sensible living. He was a farmer and carpenter.

-Members of the Rothrock Memorial Commission including Major Robert Y. Stuart, Senator Fred A. Culbertson, George E. J. Stackpole, Sr., made an inspection of public square at McVeytown, Saturday. Certain final treatment was authorized and some planting will be done around the base next spring. James Facklin, of Mc-Veytown, has been requested to act in an advisory capacity with Mr. Kauffman, the resident member of the commission.

-Ralph Taylor, of Milroy, has been paroled from the Mifflin county jail by President Judge Thomas F. Bailey and Judges Daniel Hartzog and Lawrence Fultz, in chambers, after serving 45 days of his six months' sentence and paying fifty per cent. of his \$500 fine. Taylor was sentenced on October 16 after Judge Bailey had turned a deaf ear to several hundred petitioners of the Kishacoquillas Valley, who wanted the jail sentence suspended. Taylor pleaded guilty to misapplication of funds and falsifying the accounts of the Milroy Banking company after discovery of a \$15,000 shortage.

-Aroused from slumber by smoke in his room at 5 o'clock Monday morning, Henry C. Corl, a wealthy retired merchant of Myerstown, went to the first floor to find the kitchen in flames and his wife Cecelia, aged 78, dead on the floor with her clothing burned off and parts of the limbs charred. The cause of the accident is a complete mystery, the only tenable theory being that while getting breakfast she became ill and fell over the stove. The body was lying in a position suggesting that she was trying to get to the outside door in her struggle with the flames. Neighbors responded to an alarm and saved the house from destruction.

-Arthur Jones, 33, Pitcairn, a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, was in the cab of his engine eastbound near Trafford City when he thought he saw another engine also eastbound directly ahead of his engine. His own train was rapidly bearing down on the one ahead. There was no engine ahead of his train on the same track. There was a switch engine on a track parallel to the track Jones' train was on. There was no crash, no wreck, but it cost Jones his life. Jones, just as he was certain there was to be a crash, jumped. He fractured his skull when his head hit a steel rail. He died on Sunday in the Columbia hospital, in Pittsburgh.

-Whether or not Lock Haven city will receive the sum of \$4,394.26 for water rent from the American Aniline Products Company, Incorporated, for water used by the company from December, 1924, to date, depends on the decision handed down by the State Supreme Court, to which the case was taken after Judge E. H. Baird, of Ridgway, dissolved an injunction restraining the city from shutting off the water supply from the company, and requiring the plaintiff to pay the costs. Several years ago the city council gave the newly established plant free water for one year, and made a verbal recommendation to future councils to do likewise, when the plant was taken over by a new firm at the close of