Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Babe Ruth has demanded one hundred thousand dollars as the price of his services to the New York American base ball club next season. Babe's fling in the movies might not have uncovered a potential screen star, but it evidently did give him a new idea of salary demands.

-The Supreme Court of the United States has put the seal of condemnation on Edward L. Doheny and Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior. They are the gentlemen who tried to get away with the government's oil reserve and didn't get their tracks covered well enough.

-It may be noticed that the tariff mongers are enthusiastic in applauding what the President said about the Farm Relief bill, and if the same language had been directed toward the tariff law, as it might have been, the farmers would have been quite as enthusiastic in praise.

-To the contest for county offices that is to be staged next fall will now Fisher will appoint a successor to the late Judge Keller, but as he will serve Judge will have to be elected in Nowhoever is appointed will be a candidate for election for the regular term.

-A lot of fuss is being made over the fact that Fannie Ward, at the age | fine, but there was a better one pendof sixty-one, is still successfully play- ing on the same subject. The Gov- He declares it would "work a direct ing juvenile parts on the stage. Her ernor's bill restricting assistance to and disastrous hardship to all nonlatest characterization is that of a child of seven. Nothing so remarkable an infinitely better one pending. For in that. "Lotta" played child parts example, the Governor's bill restricts that fixes prices." These are grave wonderfully well long after she had passed sixty-one. The surprising ly unable to mark the ballot and those feature of Fannie Ward's act is the unable to read." Of course this throws fact that she admits that she is that the assistance open to the hundreds of living and "reeks with unconstitution-

-Haven't we told you, time and again, that we haven't lost faith in or hope of American youth. Beneath the veneer of cosmetics and the trouser legs that resemble the hoop-skirts of the Sixties the girls and the boys are just as true as were their grand-fathers and grand-mothers. Frivolous, flippant and jazzy as some appear to be the great mass of them are just sterling Americans in the making. They want to know and see and they venture often to the danger line, but rarely go over. At Lagrange, Illinois, last week, the High school scholars turned out and put over a campaign to prevent Sunday movies in the city.

-What ever else might be said of Mussoligi his newest edict is one that should command the respect and admiration of the entire world. He has for such election day pests instead of have the cordial as well as substantial pleasant dreams. created a new type of nobility in Italy. limiting the number. The class of support of the beneficiaries of the world vision to giving aid to 18 mothers with 50 chil-Ancestry or birth has nothing to do with it. It is "the nobility of good conduc." And its honors are to be conferred on rich and poor alike. With us good conduct is expected from everyone, just as every person is assumed to be honest, but, unfortunately, such assumption is too frequently wrong. Impropriety and dishonesty are so common that it has come to such a pass that candidates are often elected to office who claim nothing else by way of qualification than that they are honest. Mussolini's plan to force social recognition of people of good conduct, however lowly they may be, is a long step toward saving them from trying to "climb" at the sacrifice of virtue and honesty.

letter bearing a Somerset, Pa., post- year jail sentence it would be better. mark and were reading the message it contained. Part of it was as follows: "for another year's subscription for my paper dear old letter from home, which brings its joys and its physically unable to mark his ballot sorrows as the years pass." We had may be as amply qualified to vote innot completed reading all of the card when the telephone rang to tell us that Judge Keller had been stricken. from such voters. It lies in the That is one of the kind of sorrows that groups of illiterates in the centers of we presume Mrs. Swartz referred to that the Watchman brings weekly to its readers. Often, we think, there are more of the sorrows than joys for our older readers. Their generation is fast drawing to its close and so many of those with whom they spent the happy, care free days of youth—the days of friendships that memory adds lustre to in its golden years—have already reached the end of the journey and there are few left. Indeed tha record of their passing is one of sor-

-Writing from Scranton H. D. R. admonishes us that there is a possibility of a paragraph we published last week coming back to haunt us. It was the one in reference to the arrest of A. Mitchell Palmer, in Florida, for driving a car with a 1926 license tag on it. H. D. R. advises us to "remember the Republican papers on Vare." This, of course, refers to what many Republican papers said about Vare in the primary campaign and their subsequent ridiculous attempts to eat their words. To impress the idea properly on us he enclosed a double column article from The Scrantonian of February 27, which intimates that A. Mitchell has been in retirement for the purpose of emerging at the psychological moment as a candidate for President-Gosh, what a situation there would be, if Mitch came galloping out of the stable as a dark horse and won the race for the nomination. We'd support him even if we died of indigestion from eating all we have said about him, and we've said a lot, but never once have we charged him with not being a Demo-



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Governor's Fraud Bills.

If the plans of Governor Fisher on expressed in the four bills introduced position to the McNary-Haugen farm it tragedy, for what else can the passinto the General Assembly, last week, relief bill that he could not have apthe cause of political morality in Pennsylvania will not be improved by the veto of the measure is not to be his interference. There is consider- taken as conclusive proof that it exable merit in each of his bills and taken together, if rigidly enforced, earnest support of many able and pamight achieve fine results. But every- triotic Senators and Representatives thing of value to the cause was ex- in Congress and was opposed with pressed in other bills quite as well, equal zeal by nearly as many. There profession and to have the cup of hapand the danger is that because of the was little question of courage in the have to be added another. Governor's sponsorship of these par- veto in view of these facts. It inticular measures, other reforms of vited the opposition of the agriculequal if not greater merit will be side- tural section of the country and comonly until January 1, 1928, a new tracked. The four measures will not manded the approval of another eleguarantee honest elections and fair ment of the electorate of probably vember. It is reasonably certain that returns of the vote, however strictly greater force in the political equation. enforced.

The Governor's bill making mandavoters might be helpful but there is assistance to "voters who are physicalof whom city treasury Mackey declared under oath, vote as they are told to vote by the ward boss. The other and better bill on the calendar covering that phase would exclude has never been approved by the them from assistance.

The Governor's bill on the subject of primary expenses is hardly in line with reform thought. It would "limit the expenditures of a candidate to ten cents for each of the highest number of votes for any office in the preced- the manufacturing interests. Possibly ing election." It would seem as if that were still bidding on the favor. But it might be worth a trial. His remedy for the evil of disseminating information is better because he cuts it out altogether while his proposed | public to the tune of billions annually treatment of an equally obnoxious fault, the employment of watchers, is facturers abnormal profits. In vetoing positively bad. He would limit the pay the farm relief bill Mr. Coolidge will any amount given them.

If the evil of vote pollution were less securely entrenched in the centers of population in Pennsylvania, the four measures of legislation sponsored by the Governor might serve to eradiboxes, for example, would reveal the fraud but in the absence of severe punishment it would not stop or even check the evil. The Governor has himself put a fair appraisement on the crime but makes no provision for adequate punishment. One of the other pending bills provides for a prison sentence ranging up to three years. That is not too severe a penalty and if the Governor's bill for the opening -Wednesday morning we opened a of the boxes incorporated the three

> The bill relating to the assistance of voters is practically destroyed by the provision which allows assistance to any voter who cannot read. A voter may be as amply qualified to vote intelligently as his neighbors. But the menace of assistance doesn't come population who have no understanding of our system of government and dispose of their votes in bulk to the machine politicians of the district. A provision of law denying assistance to just to a very few, but even those deprived of the ballot on that account would be recompensed by the good re-

The four bills sponsored by the Governor, supplemented by the excellent measures sponsored by Senator Harris, now pending in the Senate, would afford a fabric of law that would be well-nigh impervious to fraud. Therefore, if the Governor's purpose is to advance his measures in conjunction with the Harris bills, which have the approval of the Pinchot Committee of Seventy-six, he will be able to contribute much toward the purification of elections in this State. If his purpose is, on the other hand, to divert support from the Harris bills on the ground that his own bills serve the purpose better, he will work harm rather than good and set the cause of ballot reform back.

-Anyway the local merchants who were visited by the "Coal-oil Johnny" who was in town shopping, on Saturday, had a grand time for a few moments. He made what otherwise appeared as a dull day take on a very rosy hue until they discovered that his supposed riches were merely brainstorm products.

-It was necessary to send General Smedley Darlington Butler to girls who may imagine they have get all that is coming to him in the make China behave.

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Veto of the Farm Bill.

President Coolidge had so frequentthe subject of ballot reform is fully ly and with such emphasis declared opproved it without stultification. But as was the Hon. Harry Keller be. pressed vicious legislation. It had the

In his veto message the President declares the measure is "vicious, unblast the law of supply and demand charges against an Act of Congress and he adds to them the prediction that the law would increase the cost of thousands of voters in Philadelphia, al principles." This last statement is on the authority of Attorney General no right to curtail the President's appointing power and that price fixing

There are two sides to this as well as other questions. The farmers of the West have been striving for years to get legislation that would serve them as the tariff legislation serves some of the things alleged by the President against the McNary-Haugen bill are true, but they would be equally true if charged against the tariff law, which is now looting the in order to guarantee to the manuestimated the value of each group.

The United States will co-operate with the League of Nations next month "in drawing up a convention on the manufacture of arms and municate it. The opening of the ballot tions." This fact indicates that we are getting closer to the League.

Commotions in Washington.

Quite a commotion was raised in official circles in Washington, the other day, because it was discovered that Senator Borah, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, had been indulging in some correspondence with the President of Mexico. Evidently the Senator had some doubts as to the accuracy of statements made by Secretary of State Kellogg in relation to the oil and other concessions in Mexico held by Americans. Instead of "going around the bush" in the customary diplomatic way, Senator Borah wrote a letter of inquiry to the President of Mexico and thus confirmed his suspicions that Kellogg had grossly misrepresented the facts.

All this occurred more than a month ago but did not reach the attention of President Coolidge until Monday of this week. Of course it excited his indignation. There is a tradition that yoters who cannot read might be un- all correspondence between this and other governments and between individual Americans and foreign governments must be carried on by the State Department. It seems there is a law, enacted during the Washington administration, making correspondence between Americans and officials of other nationalities an offense against the law, and President Coolidge has not only cited that law but threatens to issue a proclamation denouncing the

act of the Idaho Senator. Reduced to the last analysis it may be assumed that the President is not so greatly outraged because of the violation of the ancient law as he is chagrined because the Borah correspondence revealed the fact that the Scretary of State, probably with the assent of the President, had been caught in a willful and somewhat mischievous falsehood. Mr. Kellogg had stated to the Senate committee that only a small fraction of the American concessionnaires had agreed to the provisions of the Mexico constitution and the information obtained by Borah indicated that a vast majority of them had done so. The correspondence may have averted war with Mexico.

-The great success of Ann Nichols with "Abie's Irish Rose," is "something equally good."

Harry Keller, Christian Gentleman. | An Appeal for a Larger Mothers' As-

Another and most lamentable tragedy has fallen in our midst. We call ing of one so eminently useful in life

To be cut down just as he had entered into the duties of the highest office that the people of his native delphia. The bill, which is designated county could confer upon him, just as H-722, was referred to the House when he had reached the goal that is the ambition of every man of his piness snatched from him in the twinkling of an eye is indeed inscrutable. So much so that we might Assistance Campaign committee, said: rebel at death were it not that memories live to reincarnate the lives of worthy mortals and make them eternal in immortality. last biennium. The budget recommendation says, "As this amount is matched by the counties, accepting

Judge Keller was a man of deep and abiding convictions. He brought a tory the opening of the ballot boxes is sound and indefensible," and that it true heart to his work and from the confers no benefits upon the farmer. days when he entered with the zest of youth into the sports of his companions until the moment he adjourned agricultural elements of the nation, his last court we have known none who have more consistently exemplified them. In all things he charted his course with a well balanced, analytical and God fearing mind and kept it against every temptation.

By nature he was a serious man, yet he loved the leaven of occasional contact with the more frivolous, ebul-Sargent, who holds that Congress has lient types of life. On the teaching of devoutly christian parents he built a charter so strong that he entered, fearless of taint, into any companionship and it is probably among those who havent seen with his eye that the nobility of his life has sown seeds for its greatest harvest.

In a span of nearly half a century of conscious knowledge of men and with more than usual opportunity to appraise those with whom we have been at times associated we know of Fund Act of 1913. For at least two none who have more fully fulfilled our thoughts of what we ought to be when the call comes.

To our mind Harry Keller is not dead. On Wednesday he merely wrapped the drapery of his judicial ermine about him and laid down to

men and women concerned will take tariff legislation and no doubt he has get the lesson of such a christian's dren under sixteen years of age. Or life.

> -Cloture doesn't seem to be popular in the Senate. On Saturday it was defeated twice and in one case, that of the Boulder dam, it deserved to win.

Move to Defeat Exposure.

The opposition to the motion of those interested in the success of Senator Reed, of Missouri, that the House bill 722 to write or telegraph powers of the Slush Fund committee the Governor, Senator Scott and Repbe continued during the recess of Congress reveals the scheme by which favor for the bill. the Republican majority hopes to save William S. Vare and others from just punishment for their political crimes. During the period since the investigation was begun Senator Reed has been industrious as well as efficient. But he early discovered that it would be impossible to complete the task within the life of the Sixty-ninth Congress and asked for the impounding of the ballot boxes of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. But upon a subsequent motion that the boxes be opened and canvassed, the opposition developed.

Of course the ballot boxes of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in storage in Washington will not help the process of tracing fraud. Without the authority of the Senate the Slush Fund committee will not have a right to open the boxes and count the votes. In the absence of this right the returns of the election in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, as made by the election boards, will stand. The power of the Slush creasingly popular. Applications to Fund committee dies with the expira- attend these encampments invariably tion of the Congress that created it exceed the number provided for and and unless it is extended by a vote of the Senate all the time consumed in the investigation is wasted and all the valuable work accomplished is lost. That is a sacrifice which the Republican machine asks to save crooks.

Senator Dave Reed, of Pennsylvania, the friend of William S. Vare, who said before the nomination last May that the election of Vare to the Senate would "be disastrous to the industries of Pennsylvania," led up to the present situation by aquiescing in and agreeing to everything until a situation arose in which his opposition might prove fatal. Then instead of acquiescing he objected and summoned to his help all the administration supporters in the Senate. The issue will be determined within a day or two and upon the vote of the Senate stands the chance of punishment of information and application blanks Cunningham and his crooked comrades. It also reveals the insincerity of Republican professions of reform.

-To an outsider it looks as if gratifying, but it is to be hoped it the Senate has been monkeying with will not "turn the heads" of a lot of Tom Cunningham, but he will probably SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-H. J. Rubright, of Stowe, Bucks county, on Monday shot a twelve-pound ground-hog which he caught feeding on an ear of corn, which he had placed in a field for tabbits and birds.

-Snow-bound at Masontown last week, members of the Waynesburg College freshmen basketball squad spent a night sleeping in empty caskets at the undertaking establishment of H. A. Johnson, a trustee of the college. The morgue offered the only available sleeping quarters in the town.

-Mrs. Mary D. Camwell, convicted of embezzlement in connection with misappropriation of \$5000 in school children's deposits at Midland Savings and Trust Company at Midland, in Beaver county, on Monday was sentenced by the court to serve seven and one half years in the Allegheny County Work House and pay a fine of

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sistance Fund.

A bill providing for a State appro-

priation of \$4,000,000 to the Mothers'

Assistance Fund for the biennium

1927-1929 has been introduced in the

House of Representatives, at Harris-

burg, by Mrs. Lillie H. Pitts, of Phila-

chairman of the State-wide Mothers'

Fund, an increase of \$250,000 over the

the provisions of the Acts of the As-

sembly, \$4,000,000 will be available

for this purpose."
"During the last few months wide

publicity has been given throughout the State to the fact that the Mothers'

Assistance Fund is in urgent need of a State appropriation of \$4,000,000 for 1927-29. This appropriation would, of course, be matched by an equal sum

from the counties, making a total of \$8,000,000 for the biennium, or \$4,000,-

"The proposed State appropriation of \$2,000,000, even when matched by

the counties, would not begin to clear up the waiting list, whose very existence is a violation of the good faith

of the State. The appropriation would permit the giving of aid to only about one-fifth of the waiting list. In other

words, about 480 of the 2400 waiting

mothers would receive grants. More than 1900 mothers with over 6000 children would still wait. The appro-

priation would still be too small to grant them the aid which the State

has pledged in the Mothers' Assistance

years more Pennsylvania widows and

their children would seek in vain the

To give this in figures understand-

able to the people of Centre county

it might be added that the Mothers'

Assistance fund of the county is now

have looked forward for several years.

the Mothers' Assistance Fund commit-

tee of Centre county appeals to all

Camps.

Sufficient funds have been appro-

priated by Congress at its current ses-

sion to provide food, clothing, trans-

portation to and from camps, training,

etc., of 4,300 young men from Penn-

sylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Dis-

trict of Columbia at citizens' military

training camps this coming summer.

Announcement to this effect has been

made by Major General Douglas Mac-

Since the original encampment in

1921, this annual period of one

month's physical training and citizenship instruction has become in-

are gradually increasing with the

development of new features. It has

therefore become necessary to assign

population quotas to the various coun-

first served" rule in approval of ap-

cations to attend this year's encamp-

ments have already been received. The

entire quota for Centre county is

In past years, Camp Meade, Mary-

land, has been one of the largest

camps for this purpose but will be

supplanted this year by other mili-

Young men desiring to attend camp

this year should make early applica-

tion to the local representative of the

Military Training Camps association,

or to The C. M. T. C. officer, Head-

quarters Third Corps area, Baltimore.

Maryland, from whom the necessary

to be announced in the near future.

twenty two.

may be obtained.

Arthur, of Baltimore, Maryland.

in support of the bill.

Because of this condition, locally,

aid to which they are legally entitled."

000 a year.

committee on Appropriations.

-Believed to have suffered a stroke of apoplexy, Frederick Craft, 61, of Erie, Pa., was found on Tuesday sitting on a hot plate in his room at the home of Frank J. Fahey, with fire going in full blast. He had been burned so seriously before the fire in his clothing could be extinguished that he died in a hospital shortly after-

-Leaving his horse and wagon in front In urging full legislative support of of a house, William H. Augsten, of Pittsthe proposed \$4,000,000 State approburgh, returned from delivering a sack of priation, Stanley Bright, of Reading, coal to find only the neck and head of the equine in view. The rest of the animal had sunk into soft dirt thrown into the street by a working crew. It took three hours and a block and tackle to rescue the "The Governor's budget for 1927-29 recommends an appropriation of \$2,-000,000 for the Mothers' Assistance

-J. Fred Weaver, prominent socially and a well known lumber dealer, of Clearfield, was found dead last Saturday afternoon in the Susquehanna river near that place. Weaver had been interested in real estate at Gulfport, Miss., and was reported to have lost heavily. Since his return from the south he had been in ill-health and despondent.

-Miss Rosa Kubach, for thirty years employed as a domestic in the home of Mathias Seddinger, shipbuilder and real estate operator, of Philadelphia, has been made the sole heiress to the fortune left by the financier, who died January 23 While appraisement of the estate has not been made, it is believed by friends that it may total \$200,000.

-Returning of hundreds of checks and pieces of other mail to those who had addresed it to the Acme Farms, started last week at the Bloomsburg post office. The farms figured in an alleged nation-wide swindle which was uncovered last December, but the mail was held there until permission was received from the Post Office Department to return it.

-Rosie Black, 25, of Altoona, afflicted with deafness and the loss of speech for 23 years, due to a malady in childhood, has been partially cured. She is able to pronounce her name and can hear a watch ticking. She is undergoing treatment at DuBois, and it is believed she will recover. She was graduated from the Edgewood Park School for the Deaf in Pittsburgh.

-Charles Miller, wealthy Franklin resident and former head of the Pennsylvania national guard, in a suit filed on Tuesday in common pleas court against the Newspaper Printing company, publishers of the Gazette-Times, Pittsburgh, asked \$50,000 the waiting list are 20 mothers with the paper in connection with a divorce 60 children. Therefore the smaller action filed by Miller's wife. The item appropriation would mean that only 4 was published December 4, 1925.

mothers and 12 children additional -Dr. William Mather Lewis, president would receive grants, while 16 mothers of George Washington University, Washand 48 children would not be included ington, D. C., has accepted the presidency in the distribution of aid to which they of Lafayette College. His election to head Lafayette became publicly known on Tuesday when Judge E. J. Fox, president of the Lafayette board of trustees, received word of his acceptance. Dr. Lewis was elected last December at a private meeting of the board held in Philadelphia.

-Dr. B. E. Bamble, of Manchester, York county, attended a public sale last Satresentative Holmes asking for their urday and purchased an old muzzle-loading shotgun. His friends teased him a bit for Mrs. John S. Walker, Mrs. W. F. buying such a relic, and the physician took Reynolds and Miss Mary H. Linn apthe joshing good-natured. When he got home he tried to remove what he supposed peared before the Kiwanis club, at was a collection of old paper from the their regular luncheon on Tuesday, barrel, but did not succeed, and called in and appealed for the club's influence a friend, who knew more about guns. They made a ramrod and set to work, when out came a \$5 bill. The "excavating" continued How to Get into Military Training \$10 bills. All the bills were dated twentywith the result that they extracted thirteen three years ago, and were covered with

> -Clinton C. Seebold, fifteen-year-old boy, of Riverside, Northumberland county, was killed instantly when a shot gun was discharged into his breast at the home of his parents at ten o'clock Sunday. John Morris sixteen years of age, a companion of the dead youth, who was in the act of receiving the gun from Seebold's hands when the fatal shot was fired, was not held at an inquest conducted later by Dr. Joseph K. Fisher, county coroner. Companions of Seebold and Morris testified at the inquest that the tragedy was the aftermath of a hectic evening, during which Seebold "ran wild" with a gun during a demonstration of wild west methods and indicated that the shooting was an accident.

-Cashiers of three banks in Scranton have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal grand jury in Cleveland investigating an alleged been running syndicate ties, and to follow the "first come, said to have shipped the beverage from Scranton, Edwardsville and Lock Haven plications. A large number of appli into Ohio. Deputy United States Marshal Gould, of Cleveland, went to Scranton last Thursday and served summons on the cashiers of the Dollar State bank, Bosak State bank and the Anthracite Trust company. The subpoenaes order the bank of ficials to produce records involving the financial transactions of William Loughran and W. J. Vincent, of Scranton; Patrick tary stations in the Third Corps area, F. McGowan, or William A. Quinn, Harry Stahl and George I. Perrick.

> -A fractured coccyx, injury to the sacroiliae point, two broken ribs, bruises and contusions from the back to the knee, and a blow on the head with attendant pain, and nervous shock entitle one to a damage of \$55,000. That amount is claimed by Miss Fern A. Everett, employee of the Citizen's National bank, of Washington, Pa., in a suit filed against Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brookman, owners of a property in North Main street. Miss Everett avers she fell on the pavement in front of their property and suffered the injuries described in her statement. She claims that the owners are liable as the ice on which she fell was formed by water dripping from the roof of a porch which projects out over the pave-

-Some people in Germany still think that others shared responsibility for starting and prosecuting the war. Possibly that is true, but the others were unimportant figures in the affair.

-Subscribe for the Watchman. they or a tot of from cummingham, but he will probable mere unimportant ngures in the diffair and table as the became which the