Democratic Matchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Gosh, how perturbed and unhappy we are. We just abhor fights.

-Senator Borah is a strict constructionist. That is he construes his contract with the people as binding.

-This lovely March weather is merely setting the stage for the tragedy of frozen peach blossoms in April.

-Pity poor Jim Furst. Think of all the good fishing he is going to miss while he's keeping the courts going and hustling around for votes.

-Also, pity poor Arthur Dale. Jim Furst has his Dorworth, Ward Fleming has his Scott, but Arthur: Both his political god-father and god-mother are gone.

-In a very short time you will know whether Governor John Fisher is the man you, who voted for him, thought him to be or whether he is the one Mellon and Grundy knew him to

-Here's hoping that "General" Rosalie Jones, militant and suffragist Pennsylvania for Senator would show leader and multi-millionairess, who has just embarked on the matrimonial siderable majority. Mr. Vare imagines seas with the Senator from Washing- that political exigencies might influton won't find herself in a Dill-pickle.

-The conviction of Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil magnate, of contempt of the United States Senate, isn't any too reassuring to "Big" Tom Cunningham, the Philadelphia ward leader, who is charged with the same offense.

-Why put a tax of three cents a gallon on gasoline? If the State needs the money why don't we do away with the Legislature. It can't do anything without the approval of W. L. Mellon, anyway, so why the use of paying a lot of rubber stamps for sitting in Harrisburg.

-Justice Seeger, of New York, has our approval of his finding in the But as the Senate is a continuing body Browning—Heenan separation suit. "Peaches" married "Bunny" for his money-nothing else. She made her bed. Let her lie in it. If there were more Justice Seegers there would be fewer "gold diggers."

Barley-corn keeps rising and rising in the halls of the Legislature at Harris- his friends to stifle the investigation burg. A few years ago he was downed for the count every time he came up. Now he seems to get on his feet the special committee of the Senate line tax to three cents a gallon and before the count of ten every time he is knocked down. It is beginning to of two Republicans, two Democrats look as if Gifford took the "brass and one Independent, elected as a Reknuckles" with him when he moved publican, and it was unanimous in all out of that Front street house in Har- its actions. Not a single complaint risburg.

wear flannels anymore we would ious sections of the country. Yet Wilsuggest that you stick to them long liam S. Vare casts a reflection upon after they stick to you. But flannels it by his preference for the Committee have gone the way of the strip of eel on Privileges and Elections.



BELLEFONTE, PA., MARCH 18, 1927.

Vare Falsely Pretends He Wants a Fair Count.

In writing to the chairman of the Slush Fund committee, Senator Reed, of Missouri, said that "I expect upon the convening of Congress next December to make a request for a prompt and complete recount of the vote of the entire State by the Committee on Privileges and Elections." Mr. Vare was appealing to public credulity. He knows as well as Tom Cunningham and Senator Dave Reed know that a recount of the vote of that he was defeated by a very con-

ence the Senate Committe on Privileges and Elections to falsify the recount as it did in the Newberry case a few years ago.

But the Committee on Privileges and Elections will not have an opportunity to count the Senatorial vote of Pennsylvania for 1926 for the reason that that work, in-so-far as it seems necessary, will be performed by the special committe of the Senate, created for that purpose and still in existence. Under the resolution of Senator Robinson that committee was created to perform a certain service. It worked diligently during the period since it was created but the close of the session found its work incomplete, an emergency. The next session the and must make and keep a record of its activities, the special committee will continue to function until its report is submitted.

The pretense of Mr. Vare that he is willing to have the vote recounted -Like Banquo's ghost old John comes with poor grace in view of the strenuous efforts made by himself and at the close of the recent session of Congress. It cannot be claimed that was partisan or unfair. It is made up was made against its decisions during -If we thought that any of you the long period it functioned in var-

Every man and woman in Pennsylvania wants good roads and is willing to pay a fair price for them. This sentiment is the result of experience. We have had all kinds of roads from the worst possible to the best attainable and find that good roads are not only profitable to all classes but afford pleasure and comfort besides. Good roads place every farmer within reach of markets for his products and enables every business man to practically double the volume of trade by expediting his operations. Thousands of dollars which under the old system processes of applying the relief were wasted in repair to vehicles are

Gasoline Tax on Hard Lines.

saved and in numerous other ways good comes to thousands through the medium of good roads. But these facts afford no reason why there should be discrimination in the levy of the expenses of good roads. For some unaccountable reason the owners and users of motor vehicles in Pennsylvania have been "held up" by the Legislature for the alleged purpose

of improving the highways. They are very properly made to pay licenses for their machine and the right to operate them and a few years ago were justly taxed a cent a gallon on gasoline consumed. If it had stopped there there would be no cause of complaint. But a session later the tax was doubled, as double tax was continued as an emergency levy and now it is proposed to make it three cents and permanent.

This proposition put forth as an administration measure is without excuse other than that ancient one "we need the money." The new administration, following the example of the Coolidge government at Washington, estimating the gasoline consumers as easy marks thought it safe to put one over on them by raising the gasomaking it a permanent levy. If only the pleasure seeking drivers of high powered cars were concerned the plan might have worked. But the truck drivers and merchants who employ delivery wagons entered protest and it will require all the coercive force of the Mellon machine to put it across. The gasoline tax is on hard lines.

-Congressman-elect J. M. Hazlet shows the real Vareville spirit. As year and as Recorder of Deeds he gets the case of Charles H. Watson vs. M. term on the bench. \$10,000 but he refuses to relinquish D. Kelley and H. P. Kelley, trading If Mr. Furst's commission arrives either job.

Controlling Power in the Legislature. James C. Furst Wins Appointment for

The other day, in the news columns of the daily papers, under a Harristial increases in benefits under the State Workmen's Compensation act of 1915 to injured industrial workers and dependents of workers killed while at work are provided in amendments to the act introduced in the Senate and House." This represents legislation that has been urged upon the General Assembly for at least ten years. The compensation provided by the act of 1915 is inadequate and the has stood in the way of improvement from the beginning and it has been known that Joseph R. Grundy express-

ed the purposes of the party. In view of these facts it was surprising to learn by the language of the same dispatch that "the bill, according to Col. Eric Fisher Wood, chairman of the Republican State Executive committee, who has conducted the negotiations between representatives of capital and organized labor, has not only the approval of these two, but of Governor Fisher, the Republican organization and Joseph R. Grundy, head of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association." In another Harrisburg dispatch of the same day information was given that chairman Mellon's absence from the scene had caused delay in the consideration of ballot reform legislation. Apparently the new bosses' approval is required on all political legislation.

For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth the Legislature of this year was organized, not by the Senators and Representatives elected by the people, but by the Republican organization in the persons of chairman W. L. Mellon and Eric Fisher Wood, his handy man. The statement concerning the proposed amendments to the compensation act and that in reference to the ballot reform legislation, indicate the purpose of the party machine to control all legislation during the session. Mr. Mellon and Col. Eric Fisher Wood are not officially connected with the Legislature but they exercise controlling power while responsible to no one other than the

self-created machine. court and the case was appealed by

Judge of Centre County.

As predicted in this paper last week burg date, a statement that "substan- James C. Furst has won the appointment for president judge of Centre county. The Watchman was so informed on Monday night although his nomination was not sent to the Ser. ate for confirmation until Tuesday, when it was promptly acted upon. Mr. Furst will succeed the late Judge Harry Keller, who passed away quite suddenly on March 2nd.

Mr. Furst is a son of the late Austin O. and Caroline Chamberlin Furst. His father served as president judge too slow. The Republican organization of Centre county from 1885 to 1895. James was educated at the Bellefonte Academy and Princeton University. He read law under his father and successfully passing the Supreme court examination was admitted to practice at the Centre county bar on April 6th, 1906. He at once became associated with his father and following his death fell heir to the lucrative practice of the firm. In the fall of 1915 he was elected district attorney and re-elected in 1919, serving until the first Monday of January, 1924. During his eight years in that office he successfully tried a number of grave Commonwealth cases and had a creditable record during his eight years dicted by the grand jury of Schuylkill of service.

Public Service Commission since its creation in 1913 and also before the Interstate Commerce Commission, in Washington. He has represented the Centre county bar at State bar association meetings and is a director, secretary and attorney for the First National bank of Bellefonte. A membe of the Presbyterian church, he business section with a loss estimated at served nine years on the board of \$150,000. Firemen from Danville, Berwick trustees. He is a Mason in high standing, a member of the Bellefonte lodge of Elks and the Nittany Country club. He has always been actively interested in politics and has served as secretary of the Republican county committee at various times.

In 1913 he married Miss Mary Adele Harrar, of Williamsport, and pet store employees on July 24, 1924, was they have two sons, Austin Q Furst and Ellwood. Mr. Furst's appointment will be good only until the first Monday in

January, 1928, but he has already an-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-A. C. Bressler, of Greenburr, Clinton county, sustained a fracture of the arm when he turned, in the State highway, to catch an apple a friend was throwing him, and stepped backward into a snowbank.

-An unidentified highwayman was shot and killed by Howard Granklin, a Delaware and Hudson railroad patrolman, at Carbondale, late Sunday night during an alleged holdup. The two accomplices of the dead man made their escape.

-Cashier William Richards, of the Elysburg National bank, has identified John Mayeros, of Cleveland, as the man who handcuffed him to the assistant cashier during the bank hold-up several months ago. Several other suspects have been arrested.

--As a result of a sting from a wasp, while on duty at the General Refractories plant at Mount Union, where he was employed, R. M. Gutshall developed blood poison and has been in a serious condi-Mr. Gutshall had continued at his tion. work for several days.

----Angered at his wife because she bobbed her hair in defiance of his wishes. Thomas Belock, 44, of South Scranton, severely scalded the woman when a kettle of hot water was spilled in a scuffle. Belock walked into police headquarters and surrendered. He said that his wife held the kettle in her hand when he grappled with her.

-James Cox 24, of Claysburg, Blair county, preferred the icy waters of the Juniata river at Hollidaysburg to the Blair county jail. Arrested on a minor charge, he was escorted to the jail by two officers, but eluded the police on the doorstep and fled toward the river, escaping the officers when he waded the waters. He is still at large

-A verdict of guilty was brought in against three young men of Nuremburg, who were on trial in the Schuylkill county court for smearing tar on Mrs. George David and her son-in-law, George Repko, of Nuremburg, and then, after compelling them to roll in sand, setting them free on the mountain and compelling them to walk home

-Frank Madeffer, of Pottsville, under sentence of death in the electric chair for the murder of James Laroz, has been incounty for keeping a disorderly house at Mr. Furst has practiced before the Ringtown. Madeffer smiled when a copy of the charge was shown him. "I have been reparing to enter another world but that brings me back to earth again," he said with a smile.

-Bloomsburg's worst fire in three decades on Saturday destroyed the Victoria Theater, the Reimard building, housing a department store and eight apartments, and damaged several other buildings in the and Catawissa helped fight the blaze, which was prevented from spreading to an entire block along Main street.

-In an opinion handed down Saturday morning by Judge Stock, of York county, the award of \$2400 made by the Workmen's Compensation Board to Mrs. Florence S. Saylor, whose husband, Harry Saylor, was drowned at a picnic of Gehly caraffirmed. It was held that Saylor was actually engaged in the furtherance of the business of his employer.

-Released from the Elkton, Md., jail on Saturday, after serving a short term for a minor offense, Jacob Dill, 50, colored, on Sunday hopped a freight train to return to Congressman he is drawing \$10,000 a Monday, handed down a decision in the Republican nomination for a full effort to obtain employment with a construction company. As the train sped past the station, Dill leaped from a car. He as the Kelley Bros. Coal Co., in which he will be sworn into office at 10 | landed against an embankment, but fell backward underneath the train and was ground to death. -The nineteenth child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gray Rivula, at Tyrone, last Wedlower court to adjust the interest in Judge Dale following the death of rone passenger station, is quite proud of fine shindy between the Governor and accordance with the rule laid down by Judge Quigley; Judge Harry Keller his family and states that he and Theodore the Supreme court. Mr. Watson ob- and now Judge Furst, a record never Roosevelt believe in large families. Five of the nineteen children are dead, and the family is well taken care of and educated by their parents. Mr. Rivulo is a naturalized citizen and his family attend the Columbia Avenue Methodist church regularly. -A Wheling, W. Va., man, who refused to give his name, exhausted his supply of people of Shanghai to pay him five told them to "forswear allegiance to Pa., late last Saturday night, and tried to gasoline in the country, near Washington, million dollars to go outside the city the white collar and avoid the prac- flag down a big truck going toward Wheelto meet the advancing forces of Ho- tices of the lounge lizard" if they hop- ing. The truck swerved and slowed up as Ying-Yin. The poor heathen. He's ed to make a success of railroad work the stalled motorist waved his flashlight, no sport at all. He ought to come or any other important, profession. but did not stop. As it passed, something over here and absorb a bit of the spirit Mr. Lee came to Bellefonte from struck the motorist in the face. It was a of Mr. Secretary Dorworth. He's Pittsburgh and was met here by Dean sealed envelope containing a \$100 bill. ready to fight anywhere. No matter Sackett and taken to the College by That he was mistaken for an officer by the ready to fight anywhere. No matter Sackett and taken to the College by driver of a liquor-ranning truck, who automobile. When the train which thought to bribe him, was the explanation -A little thing like swallowing a plate the vice president's private car, but of false teeth during a violent coughing there wasn't any. Mr. Lee climbed off spell did not prevent Graham J. Dague, milk dealer, from continuing his rounds until he had served his entire route in Coatesville. Then he consulted a physician who took him to a local hospital where an X-ray picture showed the teeth lodged near the entrance to the stomach. He was removed to the University of Pennsylvania hospital, at Philadelphia, where the teeth were removed by Dr. Gabriel Tucker, assistant to Dr. Chevalier Jackson, inventor of the bronchoscope. -The mystery of a series of burglaries at Barnesboro, extending over a period of a year, was cleared up on Monday when Cambria county officers arrested nine boys, a girl and the father of two of the youngsters. A large part of the loot was also recovered. The minors are being held for fraud, since no one would know which juvenile court and the man, Frank Baka, is in the county jail in default of bail. Some of the youngsters are also lodged in jail. The theft of a salesman's sample case from his automobile Saturday night led to the arrest of the gang, which had looted stores and railroad cars. -A girl was burned to death and three other members of the family were injured This proposition, heard increasingly when fire, believed to have been started by bootleggers, destroyed the home of recommendations made by the Alle- George Wilson, justice of the peace, and five other buildings in the mining village tigated the returns from some of the of Wilpen, near Ligonier, on Monday. districts in the election of last fall. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Investi--We'll soon know who is who in The generally favorable comment gation showed that the blaze was started official Harrisburg. It is said that heard on it from those interested in under the porch of the Wilson home. Coun-Mellon is whetting his hunting knife. strengthening the election laws should ty and State officers are investigating. Eva impress the Assembly. The knowl-edge that such a check-up would be death. Her mother and a brother, Arthur, made could not but have an effect for were rescued with difficulty. They were the reduction of error and fraud in burned and other-wise injured, and were the returns. This bill should be pass- removed to a hospital. Wilson, active in enforcing the prohibition laws, was not at home when the fire was discovered.

skin around your wrist and the string of red yarn around your neck to prevent nose-bleed. Woolens are passe. If you don't believe it tell us why nobody has ever been able to find any American Wool pfd, a seven per cent. good reason for them. stock was down to fifty-nine on Tuesday.

-A few days ago a five year old lad who lives on Water street, Bellefonte, swallowed a nickel. When his mother learned of her son's gastronomical performance she was worried. Worried lest there might be some direful consequence. Sensing her concern the little fellow tried to reassure her and said: "Oh, mommie, it was only one of them with a lady and stars on it. If it had been one of them with a buffalo it might have kicked the stuffin' out of me."

-That Leopold boy is on the front pages again. The pampered, college youth who murdered little Bobbie Franks for a thrill, only two years ago, is said to have planned and financed recent escapes of fellow convicts from the Joliet, Ill., penitentiary. If Leopold has the super-mind that he was credited with having at the time of his trial in Chicago it seems to us that there are a lot of dumb-bells in charge of the Joliet prison if they permitted him to "worm" his way into a position where he engineered a general delivery of all of its inmates.

-We've never had the futility of undertaking to cross the bridge before not denied that the purpose is legiticoming to it brought home as over- mate and right. But the Republicans whelmingly to us as it was last week. We had worried for several days, spent mined to prevent a canvass of the one sleepless night and fell off a bit votes in order to prevent exposure of on our feed, all because we thought the frauds perpetrated in the interest we would have to be the goat and of the Republican candidate. It cost start the fight that seemed inevitable between the Dorworth and Scott factions in Centre county. Lord, how we suffered and shrank from it. Almost. we had decided to follow Tom Harter's policy of pouring oil on the troubled waters when a copy of Mr. Secretary ing man and woman in Pennsylvania Dorworth's Republican was handed us knows that fraud has been committed manage his organization in Philadeland we read the startling announcement that if there are any chips on of them probably imagined that the cure the renomination and re-election Senator Scott's shoulder Mr. Secre- frauds were not sufficiently extensive of Senator Dave Reed is the moving tary Dorworth is going to knock them to overcome the Vare majority. But cause in the case. Every one knows off himself. He has brought about the they are rapidly coming to a different that if the Pinchot committee bills had appointment of James C. Furst Esq., to be president judge of the courts that if an examination of the ballots would not have been nominated. In of Centre county, announced his intention to fight for Mr. Furst's nomination and election and stated that New Hampshire, would gladly give mation very similar to that of Vare all friends of the Fisher administration will be expected to stand loyally back of him in the massacre of Senator Scott and his friend Mr. Ward Fleming, who has the nerve to aspire to judicial honors in defiance of the

wishes of the new Secretary of Forests and Waters. So you see, the fight's started and all our worry about "pimpin" it was for nothing.

-Earthquakes have been unusual-

ly active and destructive this year and

Trying to Protect Fraud.

Senator Keys, of New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate Committee on Accounts, has refused to issue a warrant for funds to pay the expenses of impounding the ballot boxes of Lackawanna, Luzerne and Schuylkill counties in this State. The order to impound the boxes was given by Senator "Jim Reed, of Missouri, at the request of William B. Wilson who is contesting with William S. Vare for the seat in the Senate Some time ago it was agreed between the disputants that either might impound boxes in any county or section in which he believed fraud had been committed. In pursuance of this agreement the Chairman of the Slush Fund committee of the Senate ordered impounding in the counties named.

Several hundred ballot boxes of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are already in the custody of the sergeantat-arms of the Senate, obtained under orders of the Slush Fund committee for the ostensible purpose of recounting the ballots. Senator Keys, of New Hampshire, has refused to provide funds to carry out this purpose. It is in control of the Senate have deterseveral thousand dollars to impound the boxes and convey them to Washington, but completing the work would expose fraud.

But the people are not being fooled by this silly expedient. Every thinkin Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Many phia. It may be that anxiety to seframe of mind. They reason wisely gone through the extra session Vare would not alter the result, Dave Reed, view of recent events Senator Dave of Pittsburgh, and Senator Keys, of Reed occupies a place in public estiall possible assistance to the work of before his election and it looks as if recounting the votes. The stupid Mellon is trying to hitch them up topolicy of the Republican leaders in and gether for the inevitable battle of next out of Congress is moulding public year. opinion for William B. Wilson.

-When the accounts are summed up it will be discovered that the fil- land, will visit this country next ibuster was bad medicine for the Vare month. His purpose on the visit has malady.

Important Fight Probable.

are misleading there is likely to be a the Republican organization. The Governor has given complete approval tained a verdict in the Centre county before equalled in Centre county. to four measures of legislation for the impovement of our ballot system. They are not really ideal measures but would correct some of the worst faults of the system and might lead ultimately to greater improvements. But the other evening state chairman W. L. Mellon, having been called from Florida, arrived in Harrisburg and announced that the four ballot reform bills introduced by Senator Weingartner are merely skeletons to be built up by amendments to the proportions the machine desires.

Upon receiving information of the attitude of chairman Mellon the Governor declared that he will insist on the adoption of his bills without amendment or alteration. If he adheres to that declaration and Mr. Mellon holds to his view that certain amendments are essential the dispute | that we have ever heard has been able will necessarily develop a scrap in the Legislature which will indicate the source of patronage. If Mr. Mellon controls, as many people believe, not only the ballot bills but all other legislation will be shaped by Colonel Eric Fisher Wood. On the other hand if the Governor controls the Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly will promptly respond to his service.

Mr. Mellon who has gone into politics for the same reason that another man might go into bootlegging, is anxious to please Mr. Vare and those who

-Ramsay McDonald, labor leader and formerly Prime Minister of Engnot been announced.

the Kelley Bros.

-General Chang, who is leading

-The Associated Glee clubs of America are offering a prize of five hundred dollars for the best composition of a four-part male chorus. Why the extravagance when no glee club to get all the possible harmony out of "Genevieve" or "Bring the Wagon Home, John."

-If the administration fails to organize a three-power arms limitation conference, it will still have a chance for a one-power affair. Meantime the League of Nations will attend to the arms limitation.

-The Governor threatens to extend the session if his programme is not fulfilled within the time limit. That means an extra session or else.

-"Fatty" Arbuckle is going to Germany to make pictures. That will help to make life easier for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll over there.

-City Treasurer Mackey's "History of the Election of Vare," is the very latest thing in fiction and by far the most absurd.

-Possibly a good stiff verdict for the plaintiff would teach Henry Ford better manners.

-Subscribe for the "Watchman."

nounced that he will be a candidate -The State Supreme court, on at the primaries next September for

they affirmed the decree of the court o'clock this (Friday) morning by of common pleas of Centre county ex- Recorder Lloyd A. Stover, and will be cept as to the item of interest. The 'the third Judge Mr. Stover will have Unless the reports from Harrisburg | record was ordered remitted to the sworn in during his four year's term;

> -Elisha Lee, vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, was at

State College, on Friday, and made one of the many armies that are tilt- an address to the eleven hundred stuing at wind mills in China, wants the dents in the school of engineering. He brought him here pulled into Belle- of the police. fonte the Dean had his eyes set for

the rear end of a day coach in which he had ridden from Pittsburgh.

A Check for Election Frauds.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

Among the election measures proposed as a check on fraudulent practices is one providing for the opening of a percentage of the ballot boxes, selected by lot, before noon of the day following each election, and a recounting of ballots. The more thought that is given to this the better the proposition appears to be liked by those seeking election reform. The natural effect of it should be to put all the election officers on guard against error or boxes would be likely to be it. As now before the Legislature the bill would require that the president judge of the common pleas court of each county order three per cent. of the ballot boxes used to be brought in and the ballots re-counted, the boxes affected,

as referred to, to be determined by lot. in the past few years, is among the gheny county grand jury which invesed along with the others in the pro-

gram.