# Democratic Watchman.

### INK SLINGS.

-Anyway the new State has knocked the idea of "once a Moose always a Moose" into a cocked hat. -Pinchot is flirting with Pennsylvania again. And for the sake of the interest his candidacy injects into a campaign we hope he enters the race for Senator.

-We presume that the reason so many people fail to properly regulate their own lives is because they devote too much time in the effort to regulate the lives of others.

-The ball clubs are heading south for spring training and that reminds us that unless something happens Pittsburgh, and for a day or two conpretty soon that snow shovel we spicuously displayed on newspaper

lady who is now on our shores claim- liam S. Vare, of Philadelphia, had been ing to be Anastasia, youngest daugh- ruthlessly ruptured, is without founter of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia? What difference does it make whether she is or isn't.

-We are in thorough accord with the idea that Lindbergh should stop flying and take no more chances with the fate that will inevitably overtake him should he continue in the air, but can't you see Lindy doing it?

-While we have no thought of aspersing the motives of a very eminent gentleman we miss our guess if in fact, yielded plausibility to the New York city has to pay seven-cent main misrepresentation. Congresstrolley fares as long as Al Smith is a potential candidate for President.

you going to make? Don't do like a to Philadelphia, where the Volstead abnegation-said: "I like liquor better anyway."

the inside of an arithmetic can figure out how he is going to buy a new car next spring. Strange, what nat-ural born mathematicians the Ameri-from this being true Mr. Morin states can people are. We can always figure that the purpose of his visit was to out a way to get what we want even induce Vare to entice Reed to supif we do juggle the figures enough to port him for re-election to Congress. deceive ourselves into thinking we can afford it.

-We dislike to question the sincerity of anyone, but we can't help wondering whether John D. Rockefeller Jr., would have been so eager purpose of his activities, or not, is for the Senate investigation committee to find out the truth if he were not so fabulously wealthly that, as John Francies' pet story reveals, "he can even afford to drive only one horse in his carriage."

-It is proper that the anniversaries of the birth of the country's in mind. How far he succeeded in his mission may be measured by the great men should be observed. Besides perpetuating their memories in the minds of youth it gives the syndicate writers such a chance to manufacture new Washington and Lincoln stories. What do you suppose they will have George and Abe doing a

hundred years from now? -When Secretary Hoover and Senator Willis get through with their war in Ohio the voters of the Buckeye State will probably claim the right of self determination and decide that they prefer to have Democratic government. That's what Ohio usually does after such rumpuses as the contending Republican aspirants for President are starting out there.

admission on the part of prominent ballot for the office of United States Republicans of the county that there | Senator is a new source of trouble is lack of harmony in their party. for the Mellon machine and a cause When we fight we want our opponent of worry for Dave Reed. It is not to be a cohesive two fisted organiza- certain that Mr. Pinchot will enter tion. Grabbing off a few political of- the race, for he protests that he had fices from a disorganized, mutinous nothing to do with starting the movegang would be about as much of a ment. But it plainly shows that he triumph as stealing a wilted cabbage leaf from a blind cow.

-We have been advised that former county treasurer Frank Mayes has given up the idea of being a candidate for the Legislature. If our informant is right Frank must have a very good reason for clipping the wings of the bee that has been buzzing in his bonnet for several years. He is a cagey gentleman and probably isn't going to take a chance on its being ground to death beneath the upper and neth- ing and even anxious to join him in a er millstones.

gan of the younger sets in thirty-five would call a popular candidate in American cities, is authority for the the State. Even the Mellon managers announcement that the "flapper" is passe. Instead of the hard-boiled little "neck artist," "booze hound" and "human smokestack" whose make-up was so crude as to be ludicrous, the 1928 girl is to have poise, the recent New York conference with correct speech and be soberly costumed. Oh yes, they are also to wear underwear. Thank God for that, all you that have stock in textile indus-

Iowa, in an open forum, decided that to the corporate interests, has left the "petting" is a necessary evil and that people of the State unrepresented. smoking and drinking are only sins when done in an attempt to "be other corporations have grown into smart." They seem to have justi- important proportions and the gasofied their modernistic ideas on the line interests and the aluminum trust double standard of morals by the con- need protection. But the people of clusion that a girl who doesn't do such | Pennsylvania are entitled to a voice things is never asked for a date by a in the legislation of Congress and the boy the second time. The story that opportunity to give them a represencomes out of Iowa City doesn't throw tative on the floor of the Senate will any light on the question we are about be eagerly seized by a vast majority to ask: Did those foolish virgins stop of voters who have hitherto been into consider what manner of boy he fluenced entirely by party prejudice. must be who could see nothing else in them than their willingness to "pet" and smoke and drink? And did the Pan-American delegates with his they see any other accomplishments logic he ought to impress them with ing lost, are now laying plans to gain | Hoover's statement that he desires to hasn't more control of his subordinin themselves?



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### False Rumor Completely Refuted.

It appears that recent rumor, current in Washington, Philadelphia and bought last fall was a needless infirst pages, to the effect that "the vestment.

—Why get excited over the foreign Dave Reed, of Pittsburgh, and Wildation in fact. The report was probably based on the fact that in the late proceedings in the Senate, in the Wilson-Vare contest, Senator Reed has not taken as active a part as previously and that under the new leadership the tactics of the Vare contingent has been practically reversed. This implied a doubt of the wisdom of the Reed counsel as well as the fidelity of the Reed allegiance.

Other rumors, equally unfounded man John M. Morin, of Pittsburgh, who managed the Vare campaign for -Next Wednesday the Lenten sea- Senator in the western section of the son will begin. What self denial are State, recently paid a friendly visit departed friend of ours always did. law is not too strictly enforced. This He abstained from beer and regaled truly amiable adventure was interhimself with the harder stuff and al- preted by some of the over zealous ways-after boastful allusion to his and not too conscientious newspaper correspondents as of a purpose to enlist the Vare organization in an en--Many a fellow who never saw terprise to run Morin for Senator against Dave Reed and thus eliminate Reed from public life as a just pen-The fact is that Mr. Morin has 'troubles of his own," and whether they are ascribable to his service to Vare two years ago when the Mellons were not in sympathy with the a matter of conjecture. In any event he conceived the idea that under existing political emergencies Mr. Vare might be able to influence the Mellons to suppress the opposition to the re-election of Morin and made his visit to Philadelphia with that object fact that Senator Reed has renewed his pledges of everlasting friendship

> -Mr. Hoover has become greatly attached to the Republican party in a brief period of time. Eight years ago he didn't know which party he belonged to.

Morin's re-election to Congress.

## Pinchot Might Run for Senator.

The fact that petitions are in circulation to put the name of Gifford -We are discouraged by the public Pinchot on the Republican primary will be ready for the encounter at the psyhcological moment, if conditions are propitious, and that he has a potential force behind him in the event that he elects to run. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers is a substantial organization in Pennsylvania.

There are many reasons why Mr. Pinchot might enter the Senatorial race this year. He has plenty of money and hosts of devoted friends, willcrusade against the iniquities of the Republican organization. The machine -The Junior League magazine, or- favorite for the office is not what one realize his weakness and exhausted every available resource to remove opposition at the primary election. If Mr. Pinchot becomes a candidate the energy and other things invested at Vare will be wasted. It will mean an

open and a hard fight. For many years the Steel trust has had one of the Pennsylvania Senators and the Pennsylvania railroad the oth--The co-eds of the University of er. This arrangement, satisfactory

Within a comparatively recent period

-If Mr. Hughes cannot persuade his whiskers.

## From My Old Home, A Letter.

The postman goes his usual round, Heavy footed and weary, The sky is o'ercast with clouds The day is gray and dreary. My little girl comes running in "He brought this paper, only." Thank God, it is the old home sheet Come to an exile, lonely.

And then I read how Johnny Smith Is getting in his clover, And how the farmers all rejoice Because the rains are over. And Grandma Beck is very sick And Grandpa Hale's improving And how unto the county seat The Calahans are moving.

I read the editorials, The wisdom of the sages, And how the Blue-rock quarrymen Are asking higher wages. And all the births and marriages And all the charivaring And, maybe, in the divorce court Some couple disagreeing.

And then I come unto the deaths: Ah me! How time is flowing For one by one my dear old friends Across the line are going. And month by month and year by year It still grows better, better, And comes three thousand miles to me From my old home, a letter.

NOTE-Since "one by one" his "dear old friends across the line are going" a word as to the author of the above soul expression in verse might interest the younger readers of the Watchman. Will Truckenmiller is a native of Centre county, having been born in "Rag" valley, back of Hublersburg. The cross he has had to carry, by way of physical affliction, from birth is as great as we have ever known a human being to bear. Yet, withal, he has lived above it -perhaps it has been because his body has been so terribly shackled that his soul takes such wonderful flights into the realms of beautiful thought. Mr. Truckenmiller has been a random contributor to the Watchman since his boyhood in Nittany valley. The late John I Thompson, of Lemont, had a complete collection of his stories in verse and regarded it as one of his greatest treasures. Mr. Truckenmiller is now living at Blackfalls, Alberta, Canada.

Expressing contempt for the United for Vare, which may carry with it at least a temporary alliance between Morin and the Mellons and guarantee to be seen what will become of it. Colonel Smith somewhat insolently refused to obey a summons to plead and was subsequently and properly appointment. It is up to the Senate for determination.

Philadelphia, was declared in conof the Standard Oil company of Indiana was declared in contempt of the Senate a few weeks ago and no great harm has come to him. Thoughtful people will soon come to the opinion that contempt of the Senate is a form of decoration that conveys distinction without danger, unless conditions

change. But Colonel Smith is not likely to find the matter so easy. As chairman of the Public Service Board of Illinois he had been serviceable to Mr. Insull, who controls most of the utility corporations of that State. In view of contemplated legislation in restraint of electric monopoly Mr. Insull, who has extended his activities into that field, needs him in the Senate. But Senator Norris, of Nebraska, says that "in view of the Senate's rejection of Smith I do not believe his appointment by Governor Small is legal," and added "it is an insult to the Senate for Smith to attempt to do indirectly what he could not do directly. If he comes down and applies for admission the Senate will August. reject him again."

-Dr. Mayo, famous physician of scientists searching for cures for cancer are too secretive. There may be political map. reason for this complaint.

-Having completed his good will tour Colonel Lindbergh is now among friends at his starting point. He has of the country were less destructive. shown those Missourians.

-The attorneys for Hickman, havnotoriety for themselves.

States Senate is becoming a popular ing "it is the sense of the Senate that the industry has not condemned, or sport of the "malefactors of great the precedent established by Washwealth." Colonel Frank Smith, of Ill- ington and other Presidents of the principles of honorable business. inois, for whom Samuel Insull bought United States, in retiring from the a seat in the body a couple of years Presidential office after their second ago, has given a second manifesta- term, has become, by universal contion in this direction and it remains currence, a part of our republican system of government," is variously While the question of the ratification appraised in Washington and elseof Mr. Insull's purchase was pending where. Some Senators profess to interpret it as equivalent to an amendment to the constitution, while others estimated it as a wholly futile gesture ficials, dragged reluctantly to the witthrown out. The other day he re- for political effect or some other ulsigned or relinquished what had been terior motive. But it was taken seradjudged an invalid claim and pro- iously by friends and foes and proposes to come back on an executive voked a prolonged and somewhat acrimonious discussion.

The vote of the resolution, 56 to 26, Harry F. Sinclair, whose lease of indicates a decided opposition among the expenses of litigation has suffered both Grant and Roosevelt to break no punishment. Tom Cunningham, of the tradition was evidence enough to convince reasoning minds that a matempt of the Senate a year ago and jority of the Republican voters are has paid no penalty. The president averse to the proposition, and as no Democratic President had ever aspired to a third term, it may be asbusiness might be able to put a fa-

> The LaFollette resolution was introduced in the Senate, and supported by nearly two-thirds of the entire such a contingency. It is universally tion." And when that official concaded that Mr. Coolidge could, and tinued his defiance Mr. Rockefeller window. Familiar with the interior of people but for the reason that big business wants him continued in the office. He has been faithful to the interests of that element and those in control are not entirely confident that another will serve them as well. The Senate action was intended to prevent his yielding to the importunities of big business, notwithstanding genuine and forceful, and therefore his "do not choose" declaration of

-Herbert Hoover probably imagines that the public is fed up on Rochester, Minnesota, complains that Ohio Presidents. Yet President Harding, of Ohio, put Hoover onto the

> -There were 528 deaths as the result of automobiles during January in the United States. The railroads

-The farmers of the middle west are not likely to draw much hope from continue the policies of Mr. Coolidge. ates.

Big Business at Last Condemns Wrong.

From the Philadelphia Record. The appearance today of John D. Rockefeller Jr., as a voluntary witness in the oil scandal inquiry is one of the few reassuring incidents in a shocking record. One of the most shocking record. One of the most powerful of the representatives of finance and industry, he will aid in undoing and punishing a great public wrong. But his intervention is equally important as the first sign of goodways the reasonable of the most shocking records a record of the most in the most of the had made a noose of his necktive. Krotovick was arrested Friday night the mastrution over the had made a noose of his necktive. Krotovick was arrested Friday night the most of the most in the most of the most condemnation from big business for policies of chicane, corruption and astounding than the lawless acts revealed and the callous defiance of the tion through a conspiracy of silence, wife had apparently been stricken while evasion and deception on the part of eminent business men.

During the "trust-busting" period of 25 years ago the name big business up by two bandits on the streets a few was a term of reproach; it suggested conspiracies. Today big business has economic progress. A corporation, or threw them away. Andrew Gable, a shopcombine, no longer invites suspicion man, found the bill among the coupons the next morning on his way to work tolerated, even encouraged, as a returned the money to him. means of promoting economies and —Approximately 90,000 persons travel efficiencies from which the nation each day between Philadelphia and New

Sinclair have been two specta- using the ferries. cles revealed-of trusted corporation executives participating in crooked transactions, and of the tacit approval given by their associates to their breach of faith and their obstruction

of justice. The issue arises, of course, from that secret and shabby resale of oil of November, 1921, in which a group of corporation heads divided \$3,000,-000 of illegitimate profits. Not only boards of directors and the partici-The value of the resolution declar-pants still defy the law, and to this day even deprecated, their violation of the

Two of them fled to Europe and have remained in exile for four years rather than aid the prosecution of corruptionists. One, in the fear of death, disgorged his gains of \$800,-000; but his former associates, instead of denouncing the wrong to the stockholders which the restitution proved, continued to protect him. Moreover a half dozen of these ofness stand, have sullenly defended the whole illicit transaction. Forced to admit that it was irregular and the processes of justice.

the Teapot Dome oil reserve has been the Senators upon the question of a tervention of Mr. Rockefeller is of 1441 miles of transmission lines at a capdeclared by the Supreme court as cor- third term for the Presidency and vital import. The correspondence ital cost of approximately \$3,000,000. Durrupt and therefore invalid, was de- probably accurrately measures the that led to his unexpected appearance ing the year, there were 567 requests reclared in contempt of the Senate more sentiments of the people of the coun- on the witness stand shows that one than two years ago and except paying try on that subject. The failure of group in big business, at least, will tric service and facilities, of which 81 per no longer remain an accomplice in the concealment of detestable practices. In response to a challenging appeal from Senator Walsh, he not only declared that "widespread suspicion in regard to the transaction" quired that "all the facts should be Newton E. Bitzer, a prominent physician, brought to light," but virtually or- of Lancaster, directed police in the capsumed that the voters of that party dered the principal witness, head of ture of Robert J. Hess, 19, sought in conare a unit in opposition. Yet there a Standard oil corporation, to abanis a fear in the public mind that big don his evasion and tell the truth.

"Nothing short of the fullest statevorite across if it seemed desirable to ment" he wrote to this man, "can ther, in the southern section of the city, been guilty of wrongdoing justifies zer's automobile. He was caught after a the withholding of any slightest fact short chase. Police said he admitted havmembership, as an admonition against that will help to clear up the situawould, have been nominated by his publicly expressed his regret and the house, he easily found secluded money party if he had asked the favor, not promptly agreed to go on the witness and blank checks, some of which had been because of his popularity with the stand himself. Furthermore, he announced that the proffered resignation of his subordinate would be "considered as the matter develops.

While it is unlikely that Mr. Rockefeller can reveal anything new, his attitude is significant and helpful. Even he accepted too readily excuses for indefensible acts; but though his condemnation of them is belated it is will help in some measure to restore the repute of big business, which has been impaired by a policy of condoning public wrong and protecting the

-Automobile makers predict milea-minute machines in the future and promise greater safety. That is levyirg a high tax on credulity.

"when they're too good." There is danger lurking in too much piety.

-It's a great pity that John D. Jr.

## SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-P. Kinports Wilson, of Cherry Tree, by his attorney W. Wallace Smith, is suing Clearfield county for \$3,000 damages to his farm near Burnside, occasioned by a change in grade made necessary when the present State road was built down the

-Three youthful bandits from Baltimore who staged a series of daring store holdups, at Scranton recently, were sentenced to serve from fifteen to thirty years in the eastern penitentiary when they entered pleas of guilty before President Judge E. C. Newcomb.

-Charles Bonitz, 40, an employee of the Lackawanna Railroad shops, at Scranton, dropped dead on Monday from acute indigestion soon after he reached a street car for which he raced on his way to work. Bonitz formerly lived at Gouldsboro, but moved to Moosic recently.

-The body of Martin Krotovick, 43, was found hanging in the jail, at Mount Carmel, last Friday, by two men who had sought lodging in the institution over

Anthony, of Walnutport, near Allentown, found the body of his wife with their four-weeks-old baby clasped in her arms. criminality practiced by some of its foremost exponents. For hardly less good health when he left for work. The wailing infant and the fact that Mrs. Anthony was not about attracted the husperpetrators has been their protec- band's attention. He discovered that his

-J. E. Fornwalt, of Altoona, was held to the public mind antisocial policies, what they supposed were a lot of bills. methods of exploitation, monopolistic With the exception of a \$20 bill they were cigar store coupons, but the bandits did won general support as an agency of not notice the bill among the coupons and perous; on the contrary, mergers are and learning of Fornwalt's misadventure,

Jersey points in motorbuses operating If this favorable attitude should over the Delaware River bridge, accordappear, if business should once more ing to the latest traffic survey made on be subjected to harrassing investiga- that structure. This survey has been cartions and hampering enactments, that ried on for the last three weeks by traffic unfortunate result will be due to the stubborn folly of some of its own shifts of eight hours each. The purpose leaders. Far more damaging to it of the check is to ascertain the proportion than the perfidy of a Fall and the of the number of persons traveling over corrupt dealings of a Doheny or a the bridge as compared with the number

-Emmanuel's Reformed congregation of Hazleton, awarded to Ralph Woelfel the contract for a three-story Sunday School building of steel and granite for \$91,277. George Savage, of Philadelphia, is the rehitect. This culmination of years of work finds as chairman of the building ommittee, James A. Sechler, who years ago started the movement by handing out quarters to all Sunday school members with the instructions to use them as "taldid this fund supply the money with ents" and make them grow. One girl which Fall was corrupted, but it was leading the race the first year won a prize by turning in \$90, made by selling peanut the expense of their own stockholders.

by turning in \$90, made by selling peanut butter, having bought five bags of peanuts with the first quarter.

-It cost two men \$1208.06 for shooting wo rabibts in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county. The men were O. S. Miller, living near Lansdale, and John Jabs, of Bucks county. The sentence was passed Friday morning by Judge Knight, who a few days ago handed down a decree in which he refused an apepal taken by the men from the decision of a Magistrate who adjudged them guilty of violation of the gunning laws. Miller and Jabs were each fined \$25 and costs for gunning on the Sabbath day and each was fined \$500 and costs for using artificial light in seeking game, it having been charged they used a flashlight.

-Chairman W. D. B. Ainey, of the Public Service Comimssion, estimated that 17,source of corruption, they have shown 700 new rural customers were added by no penitence over a breach of trust Pennsylvania electric companies in 1927 and no concern except to obstruct the under provisions of the commission's order providing for rural electrification. It is for these reasons that the in- This involved the construction of about ceived by the commission concerning eleccent related to rural extension and the remainder to facilities of power companies. The total number of consumers involved through the rural extension requests was upwards of 2500.

-Miss Elizabeth Bitzer, daughter of Dr. nection with four robberies at the Bitzer home within a month. Miss Bitzer saw the youth, formerly employed by her faremove the cloud of suspicion which and immediately informed police, who had hangs over the entire oil industry. No suspecting him of forcing entrances into desire to protect those who may have the home and also of stealing Miss Biting entered the Bitzer home four times, signed by the physician. Hess filled out the majority of the checks and cashed them at grocery stores, according to po-

-An autopsy on the body of "Sam" Shockey, 27, murderer and escaped convict, which was found Saturday in the mountains of Franklin county, revealed three bullet wounds, causing police to believe Shockey was killed by some person and that his death was not due to suicide or accidental shooting, as at first believed, but to the bullets of an avenger. When found the top of the man's head was blown off as if caused by the discharge of the shotgun which was found near the body, which contained an empty shell. The autopsy revealed a bullet wound under the right arm and another in his chest, the latter bullet piercing his heart. An inquest will be held by Coroner Shull, when officers hope to clear up the shooting. Christian Shockey, a broth--Mr. Edison doesn't like men er, who found the body, told police he was on his way to meet "Sam" when he came across the body. The brothers had arranged the meeting the day before, and Christian was to cut "Sam's" hair, after which he was going to Waynesboro to give himself up to the police, Christian Shockey told police.