Democratic Matchman.

INK SLINGS.

-The tip is out in Philipsburg to "spoof" Dr. Ham, but vote for Hev-erly."

-If you are beginning to feel that your shoes are too full of feet then you can rest assured that spring is really here.

-Out in Iowa Herman Appel recently married Miss Charlotte Sass. Think of the "applesauce" on that honeymoon.

-With fishing and golfing both opening up why talk of the prospect of unemployment says the fellow whose only work is clipping coupons.

-Speaking of "birds of a feather" it is not surprising that Harry Sinclair and the Philadelphia organization should "pool issues" to evade a law.

-Measured by a purely mercenary vardstick there are thousands of fishermen who will pay a dollar sixty for a license and not catch thirty cents' worth of fish all season.

-From what we read in the metropolitan press we'd rather be a rabbit during the open season in Centre county than a human on the streets of Chicago when gangdom is taking a day off.

-The passing of "Jim" Connelly, city editor of the Clearfield Progress, and active for many years in the political arena of the Twenty-third congressional district, is noted with the front. Untiring, courageous and most companionable he was respected by those with whom he was at war and loved by those with whom he fought.

-Anyway, good sense prevailed at the first meeting of the Democratic women of Pennsylvania in Willliamsport last week. They saw that the party of Jefferson, Jackson and Wilson was not founded to become a mere policeman for the enforcement of a single act of Congress and refused to abandon fundamental principles to please the few who think drinking is a political issue.

-We thought we might have to wait until after the primaries to write it: the Hon. Olmes. But we have heard enough already to justify us in writing it now without the H. Yes, they've knocked the h- out of the member from Centre's chances of succeeding himself. And who has «done it is going to remain as much of a mystery as the personality of the individual who struck Billy Patterson.

-The preferential straw votes being taken in the seats of learning indicate that the College boys favor Smith and Hoover as the presidential



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Mr. Fall's Lame Confession.

As we predicted last week former Secretary Fall's promise to tell the whole story of the Teapot Dome oil liamsport last week, wisely defeated lease was the result of a conspiracy of Republican party managers to shift | the organization to all dry Democratresponsibility for the crime. A few days before the promise was made public Senator Robinson, of Indiana. which he declared that the project to lease the naval oil reserves originated during the Woodrow Wilson admin-Teapot Dome in Wyoming. The main consists of a reassertion of that malicious falsehood.

But Mr. Fall made one statement didate 11,402. in reply to questions put in cross-examination, that may prove worth while. It will be remembered that in Democratic vote diminishing in about in more concrete form than previous an early period of the investigation equal ratio and at the election of charges have been made. The chairregret. "Jim" made his own way to Mr. Fall stated under oath that he 1926, the last of which the statistics man and another member of the comhad obtained from Mr. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post and an intimate friend of President Harding, a loan cf \$100.000 which was subsequently proved to be the exact sum sent to him by Mr. Doheney in the famous "little black satchel." In his just economic policies. Since that the these conditions that "the sugar report confession the other day he declared efforts have been diverted to the pro- in favor of tariff reduction was thrown that he had been induced to make that motion of sumptuary measures with overboard because of an unprecedentfalse statement by two Republican the professed purpose of creating ed series of lobbying drives and po-Sena tors and a member of the Hard- moral atmposhere and elevating so- litical maneuvres, in some of which ing cabinet in order "to avert suspicion that the Republican party was are admirable in churches and homes is not surprising, either, that an honbehind Doheny's Mexican enterpris- but not quite relevant in politics.

It is known that about that time,

pended upon discover his identity.

The Pennsylvania Federation of a resolution "pledging the support of ic candidates" by the decisive major-13,109 votes and the Democratic can- ets through unjustifiably high tar-

Since that time the Republican vote has been regularly increasing and the President Coolidge but it is presented are available, the head of the Repub-lican ticket polled 25,632 votes and the head of the Democratic ticket 5,-944. At the former period the Dem-ocratic organization contended for the majority whether he believes in the majority whether he bel are available, the head of the Repub- mission were professional lobbyists ocratic organization contended for the majority whether he believes in fundamental political principles and it or not." It is small wonder under cial standards. These laudable aims the White House actually shared." It

The Democratic party is approach- conditions. ing a campaign of great importance

In resigning a seat in the United Democratic Women, in session at Wil- States Tariff Commission, which he has occupied for ten years, Mr. Edward P. Costigan makes some rather startling statements. In a letter to Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, he ity of 58 to 8. The resolution was declares that he can "no longer be offered by the Dauphin county dele- an unwilling and protesting party to delivered a speech in the Senate in gation. The Democratic party in that the prostitution of the Commission by tion would be laughable. The Robincounty has just enough physical the President." He accuses Mr. Cool-infirmities to make trouble, and is al- idge of "packing the commission by ways ready and willing to perform appointing to it and retaining on it that sinister service. Twenty years utterly unworthy men; by playing what can be accomplished by efficient istration and that President Wilson that sinister service. Twenty years utterly unworthy men; by playing had authorized the leasing of govern- ago the Democratic organization of politics with it; by overruling its recment owned oil territory adjacent to that county was a militant, vigilant ommendations, made after months of force with a fighting chance for vic- study at great cost, because of the feature of the confession of Mr. Fall tory. At the election of 1908 the political pressure brought to bear uphead of the Republican ticket polled on him by those who line their pock-

> iffs." This is not a new complaint against est man should revolt against such

In five years, according to Mr. Coswhile Mr. Fall was confined to his with abundance of real political issues tigan's letter to Senator Robinson, at bed by a serious illness, Senator to offer the people. There is evi- an expense to the government of Smoot, chairman of the Senate Com-mittee on Finance and acknowledged ment of the government. Senator sion has rendered thirty-two reports new idea has been implanted in their leader of the party in Congress and Capper, Republican, declared the oth- to the President which have resulted minds. They thought that Secretary of Wisconsin visit- er day that "for spectacular rotten- in twenty-three Presidential procla- of the Interior Fall had been bribed Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, visit- er day that "for spectacular rotten- in twenty-three Presidential proclaed the sick man and suspicion points ness I doubt whether we have the mations changing tariff rates. Of to them as two of the three named in Fall's confession. Lenroot was de-history, or ever will have." We in only five, being on mill-feed, bobfeated for re-election at the follow- Pennsylvania have the election frauds white quail, paint brush handles, phefeated for re-election at the follow-ing Senatorial election in Wisconsin and was immediately appointed to a "lame duck" position by President fields to condemn. In view of these full limit, and in face of recommenda- cannot talk back. Another lie will Harding. The name of the member facts there is "neither rhyme nor rea- tions to the contrary. Yet the people fight with facts for place in the anof the cabinet in the case has not son" in lugging in non-political issues, tamely submit to this exploitation and mals of the nation. been revealed but the committee con-and the Democratic women at Wil-many of them express a desire to reducting the investigation can be de- liamsport properly rebuked the mis-tward Mr. Coolidge by bestowing upon him an honor never before given any one.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Convicted of having embezzled more than \$4000 from a Franklin bank, Mrs. Ada H. Kauffman, 27, was sentenced to 10 months in jail and fined \$500.

-L. H. Oswald, of Butler, Pa., claims the champion egg-layer of the State roosts in his hen house. On gathering his eggs recently he was amazed to find one seven and a half inches long and six and a quarter inches wide.

-Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Battin, of Bloomsburg, who recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary, saw their first motion pictures here recently when they were the guests of a theatre showing a reel of local pictures in which they took part.

-The Waynesburg school board has adopted a resolution stipulating that it will hire no more married teachers. It also provides that married women now teaching will not be re-hired and that those who marry during the school term will be discharged.

-Michael Proch, of Fayette county, who shot and killed Steve Humura with a bullet intended for a pig, has been sentenced to pay Humura's funeral expenses and to contribute \$10 a month to the Commonwealth for a period of two years. The shooting occurred several months ago.

-John Kelly, aged 58, who visited every world's fair in the country in the last 40 years, was found dead last Friday morning in a telephone booth near Aristes, Northumberland county. Because of the sleet on the wires Kelly, who was a line mously in favor of the organization patrolmen, was on duty that night. When of a League of Nations, with the full support of the United States, as a

-Funerals traveling for a mile or more along State highways in Columbia county are escorted by details of the State highway patrol to prevent motorists from cutting into the procession or passing it. This practice was recently put into effect after several processions had been nearly disrupted by other cars cutting into the line

-A jury in the Northumberland county court, Thursday night returned a verdict of \$14,000 for Mrs. Harold C. Hill, of Tharptown, against Palmisano & Co., wholesale fruiterers of Shamokin, for a broken back the woman suffered when run down by one of the firm's automobiles near her home on January 31 last

-Ludwig C. Tross, of Johnstown, a former 'delinquent county tax collector pleaded guilty in Cambria county court last week to four indictments charging the embezzlement of county taxes approximating \$36,000, and was immediately sentenced to make full restitution and to serve not less than two and one-half nor more than five years in the county jail. --Caught under a falling ceiling of an open hearth furnace at the Bethlehem Steel company plant, William Fortenbaugh, 31, Harrisburg, was burned fatally, at Steelton, on Sunday. Fortenbaugh had crawled into the furnace after the molten metal had been drawn, to repair cause they know he received the mon- brickwork when the ceiling fell on him ey and that his part in the conspiracy He was buried under several tons of hot

-Percy Whitley, 35, of Norristown, died in the Pottsville hospital, on Sunday, from electrical burns suffered three days previous while testing insulators on a 15,-The sad failure of all this is the He slipped and fell on a lightning arrest.

Tariff Commission Prostituted. Mischief-makers Justly Rebuked.

Propaganda. From the Philadelphia Record.

> If it were not for the fact that a great many people derive all of their information about public affairs from headlines in the newspapers, the at-tempt of Senator Robinson, of Indi-ana, to fasten the guilt for the oil scandals upon the Wilson Administrapropaganda. There was a time, just after the close of the war, when American opinion was almost unani-

Robinson's Fabrications as Pure

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means of furthering permanent world reace. The initial attempt to make a partisan issue of the League project, in view of the war-weariness of the nation, seemed destined to failure. History records its complete success. It will not do to take Robinson too jocularly. He may have struck the

crats Linked to Oil Plot in Senate Attack." "Democratic Chiefs Linked to Oil Fraud by Senator." "Robinson Lays Oil Leases to Wilson Cabinet." "Oil Conspiracy Placed at Door of Wilson Regime." These are the headlines from metropolitan newspapers. They embrace all the information numerous citizens will ever get about the contents of Senator Robinson's the contents of Senator speech. The truth or falsity of the Senator's allegations will never be investigated by hundreds of thousands of busy readers of the captions. The speeches that will be made in rebuttal by the oil barons to acquiesce in the looting of the naval oil reserves, be-

candidates of their respective parties. While collegians are not likely to have much to do with what will go on at Kansas City and Houston, we are encouraged by the evidence that there are so many boys in college who are on the sand. Maybe they are only wet.

-The Massachusetts Daughters of tion service. the American Revolution have a "blacklist." That is, individuals with radical ideas and representatives of societies having socialistic or communistic sympathies are not permitted to address any of the Bay State chapters of the society. We question the wisdom of such a procedure. It only gives the persons whom they seek to squelch more prominence and, to a degree, creates sympathy for them. Besides the ladies of the D. A. R. would be forewarned if they were to hear first-hand the propaganda such un-American agitators are disseminating.

President, is to adorn the Republican national convention hall in Kansas City. Being as charitable as we can operations at Washington and other the best we can say for a picture of | points throughout the country and by Mr. Coolidge is that he evidently does not photograph well, so the walls of jects." the Missouri meeting house will not be greatly adorned. Every time we look at his phiz we think of the reabout a relative who had about as pageant as Cal would have. He said: but certainly not one of his master pieces."

ered to hear the testimony for and well under way. The big corporations delegates would switch to Lowden against the ambitions of the Belle- and politically controlled municipali- who is the strongest contender with fonte Central railroad to break ties are also preparing for liberal ex- Hoover and the failure of this expecout of Buffalo run valley the road penditures during the interval be- tation is likely to put Lowden out of has more interested friends than its tween the present and the Presidential the running. Some of the more arbusiness in recent years indicated. election, and a few months later Mr. dent supporters of Willis are disposed For those of you who don't know we might state that the road was built a much more favorable report. in 1886 by the Collins brothers, Phillip, Tom and Peter. When it was F. H. Thomas will get to see the stories of its progress. For they held

the line together when fish plates were missing everywhere and there they did have onto.

-The Philadelphia & Reading railroad proposes to erect the biggest Democrats. Possibly we're building business structure in the world which calls to mind that it has been rapidly moving toward the top in transporta-

Secretary Davis' Partisan Report.

The report of Secretary of Labor, Death of Willis Might Help Hoover. James G. Davis, in response to Senator Wagner's resolution concerning unemployment throughout the coun-try, surprised no close observer of different Hoover at the Kansas City drive, was given a part of the even- Events of the week made this probevents. Secretary Davis reports approximtely 1,800,000 wage earners out of jobs, and adds "that is a very small percentage of these at work," and 'not so extensive or grave as the estimates which have been circulated." Moreover the Secretary expects improvement in the immediate future

-Only one picture, that of the "through the federal building programme recently adopted by Congress providing for extensive constructional State and municipal building pro-It may be said without prejudice

or injustice that any report on the question of unemploment by Secretary mark a departed cousin once made Davis at this time was reluctantly prepared and unwillingly presented. much chance of placing in a beauty He would have much preferred silence on the subject until after the federal "She undoubtedly is God's handiwork, building programme which contemplates an expenditure of \$100,000,000 it was known that they felt a deep n Washington and other points

Davis might have been able to make to continue the effort to elect Willis

Secretary Davis is simply a ma- strength from Hoover. chine politician whose highest idea of Of course the suggestion of Senator nightmare and the several candidates discovered that the field traversed public service is to promote the inter- Heflin that Mr. Willis might have been for the nomination are losing much couldn't furnish enough traffic to ests of his party. He was appointed poisoned is absurd and could have sleep. make it pay they built the Bellefonte to office by President Harding at the found lodgment in no other brain furnace in order to get the ore ton- same time and for precisely the same than that of the Alabama crank. But nage from Scotia and the Struble reason that Albert Fall, Harry Daugh- there are a good many sane persons farm over near State College. As a erty, Edwin Denby, Colonel Forbes in Ohio who believe that Hoover's ef- he might be persuaded to agree to a business proposition it never had a and other misfits were called into con- fort to compete with Willis for the very hopeful outlook, but worried spicuous public service. His report Ohio delegation had something to do along and today is the only railroad on unemployment was not made for with his sudden death. It has bewe know of that is entirely out of the purpose of correcting an evil or come a custom in both political par- hit the late Senator Willis with a debt. It is the one road on which it improving industrial conditions, but ties to allow "favorite sons" unopcan be said that there was never any in the hope of concealing the actual posed control of the delegates from joy ridin.' Now that it is nearing a and lamentable facts, and to accom- their own States and the violation of place in the sun we do hope that if plish that result he deliberately mis- this unwritten law put Willis to the Major Benjamin C. Jones, has been any of our readers are remailing their represented the record. An honest necessity of overtaxing his energies. won by Troop B, 52nd machine gun used copies of the Watchman to survey an unemployed force of more If that idea is widely adopted the re- battalion, Capt. Ralph T. Smith, comfriends in Heaven Ross Parker and than 4,000,000, and it is still increas- moval of Willis might work great manding, of Bellefonte, for the highharm to Hoover. ing.

-In the absence of a full dinner were no sound ties to spike the ones to the approaching campaign with an ceedings to land him in the Washing- jewelry store but will be presented to empty teapot as its symbol.

chief-makers of Dauphin county.

-The Dutchmen who set out for our shores in a non-sinkable boat have discovered that their craft is unsinkable, but since it also refuses to move the work of all reception committees has been postponed indefinite- High school building, last week, at ly. What's the use of a non-sinkable which Miss Lucile Buchanan, one of boat if it won't boat.

The sudden death of Senator Wil- a small voting machine. lis, of Ohio, might considerably imof Herbert Hoover at the Kansas City drive, was given a part of the evenconvention or it might proportionate- ing, to put before the League her able. Whether it will receive the sigly impair his chances. Mr. Willis was work, which means an intensive drive nature of the President is another a candidate for the honor with little through all parts of the county durprospect of support outside of his ing the month of April. own State. But Mr. Hoover was contesting with Senator Willis for the demonstration in the court house, on Ohio delegates and it is not usual to Friday, the 13th, of a real life-sized cast ballots for dead men, and as there voting machine, to be exhibited by the ticket Hoover might get the entire vote 'of Jamestown, New York. Time will of the State instead of about one- be provided for the pupils of the third which was all his friends schools to see the demonstration. claimed. The difference, thirty or thereabout, might decide the question. The chances of harm to Mr. Hoover come from the fact the relations between Senator Willis and Mr. Hoover had become exceedingly hostile. In his campaign speeches Mr. Willis denounced Hoover very bitterly and though Hoover and his friends refrained from attacks in like language resentment. It was generally believed -Judging from the crowds gath- throughout the country, had gotten that after a few ballots the Willis

delegates with the view of holding

pail the Republican party may go in- hopefully fighting the Senate pro- cup is now on exhibition in a Tyrone ton jail. But it is a hopeless fight. Troop B in the near future.

League of Women Voters Meeting.

The Centre county League of the League's State organizers, spoke on the direct primaries and the bond

issues, on which we will vote in the coming election. She also exhibited

Miss Hudson, here to organize Cen-

The League has arranged for a

-Philadelphia is justly proud of its magnificent art museum just opened which is somewhat surprising in view of the fact that it is also proud of its political machine.

-The better informed Washington correspondents still insist that President Coolidge is not only willing but anxious to be drafted for a third term nomination.

-The Vare machine, through its obedient servant, "Jimmie Irvin" has taken over the Sinclair stables thus helping the oil magnate out of a slimy hole.

-The third term ghost is still hovering about the G. O. P. camp like a

-General Atterbury insists that freight rates must be maintained but decrease in wages.

-Possibly Heflin believes the Pope poisoned axe.

A silver trophy cup, the gift of est rating in the 1928 federal inspection of the battalion. Headquarters

-Big Tom Cunningham is still troop, of Tyrone, rated second. The

proneness of the public to lodge the labor of informing itself on all phases of controversial matters. This trait is responsible for much of our bad government and many of our national ills. The newspapers are fairly ac-curate recorders of the news. They make the facts available to all who Women Voters held a meeting in the will read. What a pity that hurried men and women content themselves with examining the largest labels on the news columns and pass up a profitable examination of the contents!

Farm Relief with a Sting.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Evidently a farm relief measure is matter, for the sting of the equalization fee remains.

base of the proposed legislation. There has been considerable revision The House appropriates \$400,000,000 they were accosted. for the use of the Federal Farm _Brooding over a succession of acci-

handling the matter. The old bill required the President The board is instructed to endeavor fatal shot. to stabilize agriculture by means of loans to the cooperatives. Only in Agriculture, declared that even withbill would set up a thoroughly workable machinery. That being the case, one wonders why it was retained, seeing that its presence may invite an-other veto. The suspicion cannot be avoided that politics is at the bottom of it.

That is the trouble with this session of Congress—politics. Nothing would please certain Democratic leadership and the Radical Republican bloc more than rejection of the farm bill by the President. Wherein it is seen that partisanship outranks a genuine desire for farm relief.

From the Springfield Republican, Senator Borah is impatient because Mr. Lowden has not answered his prohibition questionnaire, yet Mr. Low-Chicago.

Saturday night, to take a trip to Phil- was held to have fallen short of eighteen adelphia.

er and received a shock of almost the entire voltage of the line. Whitley was making the tests in an effort to eliminate leaks which caused trouble to radio fans in the borough.

-Rebecca Strubanus, of Pottstown, was granted a divorce at Norristown, on Friday, from John Strubanus, the "silent" husband. Before the master, Darlington Hoopes, she testified she never gave her husband any cause for unkindness. He became peculiar at times, the wife said, and would engage in long periods of silence, refusing to talk to her, or to anyone. She said she continued to work after their marriage in a knitting mill at Pottstown while her husband worked in a mill at Boyertown.

-In sight of a dozen persons, two messengers for the Franklin Savings bank, of Pittsburgh, were robbed, on Monday, of \$5,500 in cash and \$11,000 in checks and money orders by three men who stepped The McNary-Haugen bill is the from an alley with a levelled rifle, snatched a bag carried by one of the messengers and escaped in an automobile. in an effort to remove objections re- Police were given complete descriptions of cited in the veto of the original plan. the bandits. The messengers had just left is no time to substitute another on the Automatic Registering Machine Co., The perfected draft has made its ap-ticket Hoover might get the entire vote of Jamestown, New York. Time will pearance in both Senate and House. where they had collected deposits when

> Board, the Senate \$250,000,000. Oth- dents in which he figured with a newlyerwise there is virtual agreement by purchased car, the last of which occurred the two committees that have been on Saturday, on the White Haven-Weatherly road, Grover Bube, 35, of Weatherly, shot himself through the left lung with to select members of the board from names submitted by leading farm or-hours later in the Hazleton State hospithours later in the Hazleton State hospitganizations. This restriction, which Mr. Coolidge criticized, has been cut accident in which he and two companions out and the President is left free to were shaken up and the automobile dammake his own choice, subject, of aged when it struck a pole, Rube recourse, to confirmation by the Senate. marked: "This ends it all," and fired the

> -Ross Haulman, 35, Mill Creek, a sigcase of failure is the equalization fee nalman for the Pennsylvania railroad to be resorted to. Representative company, died a short time after coming Purnell, of the House Committee on in contact with high voltage wires while at work near Newton Hamilton, on Saturout the equalization fee provision the day. The exact manner in which the man received the injuries which lead to death is not known. He was working under a signal bridge near Newton Hamilton and fellow workmen noticed that something had happened to him. They rushed to him and found that he had been electrocuted. A passenger train was stopped

and Haulman, unconscious, put on it. At Mount Union the train was met by Dr. W. J. Campbell, but the man died before the physician could render aid. F. L. Schula, coroner, is investigating.

-District Attorney O. R. Hughes, of Greene county, who has held office for eight years, was cited last week to appear before Attorney General Thomas Baldridge, of Pennsylvania, on April 11, to show cause why he should not be removed from office for alleged failure to comply with an act of the 1927 Legislature requiring that all district attorneys be admitted to practice before the State den still has nearly three months be- Supreme and Superior Courts at least fore the convention meets and, in the eighteen months before taking office. meantime, primaries will be held in Hughes, it was said, was admitted to practice before both courts as soon as the act was passed, but the time elapsing -Two hundred and ten people took | before he was sworn in for his third term advantage of the cheap excursion, on as district attorney, the first of this year,

months.

Will Wait for the Primaries.