Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Old Senator Moses, the eastern pilot of the Republican ark, evidently doesn't view Massachusetts as a land of promise. His concern as to what might happen to Hoover in the "Bay State" is admission that Herbert's got to do a lot of whistling to keep up his courage.

-We'll never believe that the blight killed all the chestnuts in Pennsylvania until the publicity department of the Pennsylvania State College stops sending out stories of the rattlesnake dinners that forestry students and nature study clubs of that institution indulge in.

-We note that Dr. Wm. R. Ham is in Evanston, Ill., this week for the opening of the second annual session of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Ham, you will recall, is the gentleman who thought Jim Heverly and the Republican nomination for the Legislature last Spring. He knows more now, however, and how happy crowd he belongs to instead of build-

ris, governor of the federal reserve anxiety on the part of the Republi- for him or for those he represents. sylvania. bank in Philadelphia and comptroller can leaders. of the currency under President Wil-

-The East Manchester, N. H., ten-Everybody went to investigate the here and there but the spirit of tol- is responsible for. root beer; among them a young wo- erance which is spreading with marman worker of the W. C. T. U. and velous speed will recompense for such that opposing Governor Smith on acshe made the startling discovery that losses by a hundred fold. the yeast cake usually put into this per cent. beverage that would have hibition agents had it not all been sold before she had time to have an analysis made.

attached no significance to. She re- do their full duty and if this obliga- and those who are now trying to light of knowledge, and a request ferred to the prayer meetings that tion is met the prediction of Mayor make religious faith a test of fitness that he withdraw coming from a selfity howling will not be as successful the Houston convention was in ses- Chairman Collins is not leaving to tense of prohibition, are not and nev- minority appears very much like an years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the danger from years, even though the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described as well in hand, the crop of victims described a The gatherings of the sincere but benighted souls was for the pur- work. He is doing it now and doing pose of prayer that Smith would not it well. Let us all follow his exambe nominated. If those who attended these metings are real Christians and have genuine faith in the efficacy of prayer they know that had the good not have been nominated for Presi- treated by the Mellon machine and foxy old Irishman. dent by the Democratic party his as- probably feels resentful. But he is piration would have failed .- we be- not likely to assume leadership of lieve that. He was named, however, in the Pennsylvania Democrats at once. spite of their prayers. And what is

the inference? -We haven't heard that there was anything special going on in Bellewalked down town Sunday morning determined to wage the campaign of luctance. For example, Mr. Cham- soon as I heard that the franchise had fonte last Saturday night. As we Republican National committee, is the pavements at three important this year on the tariff issue. But it berlain, speaking for Great Britain, street intersections gave repulsive is not the moth-eaten tariff issue evidence, however, that a lot of peo- which has served the purpose of foolple must have been celebrating some- ing some of the people for half a thing the night before. We say a lot century. The tariff he has in mind is paramount. In other words, if the of those who might be inconvenienced of people, because we can't conceive one to protect "the great American that it was done by one or two, unless they happen to be the champion ed to accomplish that result. With long distance regurgitators of all four million unemployed but willingworld was one of the celebrants, prob- it would be absurd to reaffirm a tarably, on the platform in front of the iff "for the protection of labor." It Pennsylvania railroad station. We doesn't measure up to the standard. refer to these nasty things because It has lost its potency. Having failthey are becoming so frequent that ed completely to benefit working men we think it time that those who hoped and women it will assume a new disthat the Volstead law would end guise. drinking tear the scales from their As a matter of fact the present eyes and view the situation as it ex- tariff law has afforded protection to ists. It hasn't dont it, so the natural the "great American pay-roll' in reinference is that there must be cent years but at the expense of the nant of the League provides every insomething wrong with the applica- great American pay-envelope. The tion of the law. We have lived in four million idle wage earners will Bellefonte over half a century. We bear evidence that the pay-roll has went about a bit and knew a few things long before we were twentyone years of age. Our associates were from every station in life and included particularly "Brack" and Jim Powell, the former a most notorious colored character. And we want to go on record right here with the asser- and mines. Workers in many other tion that while anyone of this motley mob could have had good liquor for the operations of tariff of the old the asking we don't believe that more than five of all the pals of our young that he can fool the people by givmanhood ever thought of such a thing | ing it a new name. or had taken a drink. Today, if what we see and hear indicates anything, we would be surprised if in any simi- tion to favor a tariff law that "will lar group five young people-and you permit effective competition, insure can include the girls-can be found against monopoly and at the same terms of what someone might have support of the government." The on the hip. We are not advocating present law, whether it be called by the open saloon. We are not spread- the old name or the new, fails in all ing propaganda for light wines and these respects. It prevents fair beer. We have stated facts, only, and competition, creates monopoly and are trying to show that it is our hon- robs the people of four billion dollars est conviction that something is annually in order to secure for the have convinced Coolidge and Kellogg justice. wrong. We think it a far deeper government less than a million dol- that the League of Nations could be question than one as to whether a lars in revenue. We realize that there crippled in the same way, but they are obsessed with that idea that they

mate solution.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION

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Pennsylvania a Doubtful State.

future convenience his part in the ple.

Tariff Tax Under a New Name.

Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the Stretched out and dead to the to-work wage earners in the country

been protected in the hands of the employers. In the textile mills of New England and the coal fields of practically sequestered ever since the present tariff law was enacted, in the hands of the operators of the mills fields of endeavor have suffered from type. Dr. Work probably imagines

The Democratic platform pledges the incoming Democratic administrawho are not continually planning in time produce a fair revenue for the man is "wet" or "dry," yet so many are more important questions to be determined by the voters this year. just can't give it the unprejudiced But the Democrats have nothing to iff as an issue.

An Unsolvable Problem.

When Mayor Mackey warned the It is not easy to reason out why

On the other hand Governor Smith The new chairman of the Dem 7- gives positive assurance that he will publicity and a form letter sent by son, put it. When asked as to his cratic State committee, John R. Col- support the Eighteenth amendment, chairman Raskob to every delegate opinion of Smith he said. "I think lins, of Potter county, has already in the event of his election, and en- in the Houston convention gave him Governor Smith's record as Governor begun to lay lines for an effective and force the Volstead law so long as it a chance to parade his abnormal egoof New York is the best posible guar- efficient Democratic organization. remains a law. He realizes that the ism. His recommendation was that antee that he will make a good Presi- Headquarters have been opened at Eighteenth amendment cannot be re- Mr. Raskob resign the chairmanship dent." You will note that Mr. Nor- Harrisburg and fully equipped for pealed but believes it can be enforced. of the National committee and that ris expressed no doubt as to who will service, and other preliminary work He is persuaded that legislation can Governor Smith withdraw as candiwin in the coming campaign when he is in progress. Absolutely free from be devised and enacted which will date for President. Considering that said "he WILL make a good Presi- factionalism and enjoying in full fulfill the purpose of the amendment Mr. Smith was chosen as the candimeasure the confidence of all party and suppress the bootleggers without date by an overwhelming majority leaders as well as the rank and file restoring the saloons. If this result of the delegates in the convention on nis club held a lawn fete last week of the party, he is first and foremost is possible, and Albert E. Smith is a the first ballot and that Mr. Raskob and instead of advertising ice cream directing his efforts to harmonizing marvelously successful executive, it was elected by the unanimous voice and cake as the usual inducement as well as mobilizing the forces. It will do more for the cause of temper- of the members of the National conplacarded the town with announce- is realized that bigotry and fanati- ance than the Volstead act has ever mittee, that suggestion, coming from ments that root beer would be on sale. cism will cost the party a few votes done, with mone of the harm that law a minority so small that it could be

As a matter of fact it may be said at least surprising. er were Democrats

-George Bernard Shaw has de-

The Kellogg Peace Movement.

vited to subscribe to Secretary Kelogg's proposition to "renounce war," have accepted. Some of them have set up conditions that indicate remade it clear that her obligation under the covenant of the League of Nations and the Locarno treaty were patch or more courteous consideration proposed Kellogg treaty should in any respect conflict with the provisions of the League covenant or the Locarno treaty would not bind the government of Great Britain. Germany made a similar statement in its note of acceptance. Canada alone "cordially" accepts.

We have previously expressed the opinion that the main purpose of the present administration's activity in the direction of the Kellogg treaty was to embarrass the operations of the League of Nations. The covestrument and method for outlawing war that is contained or can be injected into the Kellogg treaty. It is an active and growing concern and enjoys the cooperation of all the big and little nations of the world ex-Pennsylvania the pay-roll has been cept the United States, and this country was kept out by the malignity of a few partisans in Washington who were envious of the increasing fame of Woodrow Wilson, who was largely responsible for its creation. With the acceptance of practically all governments invited the Kellogg enterprise may be regarded as accomplished. What good will come of it remains to be seen. But the ex- Dakota, is organizing a Smith club. pectation that it will alienate members of the League of Nations will be disappointed. Nearly all who accepted Mr. Kellogg's invitation have affirmed their fidelity to the older and more comprehensive organization. Harry Sinclair made Secretary Fall pretend to believe that minor operations adjacent to Teapot Dome would reserve. Some malicious men may are sadly mistaken.

ler he was a rank piker.

Mr. McSparran's Absurd Suggestion. Profitable Swindles In and Out of

Mr. John A. McSparran, of Lan-Republicans, of Philadelphia, that in even prohibition fanatics should pre- caster county, who was one of five From the Philadelphia Record. the event that Governor Smith, of fer the attitude in which his party out of seventy-six and one of about New York, were nominated for Presi- has placed Herbert Hoover to that 100 out of a total of 1100 delegates dent by the Democratic party Penn- which Governor Smith has assumed in the Houston convention who voted sylvania would be a doubtful State, on the question of prohibition en- against the nomination of Governor he was not drawing upon his imagi- forcement. The Republican platform Smith, for President, has availed himnation. Mr. Mackey expressed his pledges the party to continued effort self of the first opportunity to advise opinion before either party had chos- to enforce the Volstead law. Past the chairman of the Democratic Nanominations, however, invest Mr. proved futile, if not an absolute fail- were entirely ignored and yet it may Mackey's prediction with the value of ure. Continued efforts under pre- be assumed that they fulfilled the ing political fences in Centre county. tion of the State there are signs of be expected to do better. But that is His letter to chairman Raskob got his

> Mr. McSparran is a glutton for seen only through a microscope, was

Every member of the Houston concount of his attitude on prohibition vention knew in advance of the bal-There will be no "usual" Republi- enforcement is a false pretense ad- loting Governor Smith's attitude on and left nothing but a two or three year and Pittsburgh will not stuff sin, religious bigotry. No sincere declared it in answer to a question ballot boxes and expand returns after follower of Thomas Jefferson can con- brought out by a statement of Nabeen dumped in the sewer by her pro- the old "strip district" fashion. The sistently share in such a prejudice. tional committeeman Mack, of New Democrats will be alert and militant It was he who procured the adoption York. Partly because of his attiin those cities and in the coal re- of the First amendment to the con- tude on that subject and partly begions, where the art of cheating in stitution. His purpose was to pre- cause of a less worthy reason, Mr. both cases is personal financial adwere held all over the country while will be literally fulfilled. for any office, under the false pre- appointed representative of a meager this year as in former Presidential ted to vaccination and the situation is on of impudent assurance

-Bellefonte can make up its cided to visit this country nothwith- mind that the streets that are now standing his repeated declarations being dug up by the Central Pennsyl-It is true that W. P. Gallagher, that he never would do so. The lure vania Gas Co. will not be back to cation of its principles will advance Lord believed that Al Smith should of Wilkes-Barre, has been badiy of Hollywood has finally intrigued the their regular, normal surface in less the material as well as the normal ing on in co-operation with Maryland than three years. No matter how carefully the filling is done, even if that the Republicans monopolize the dred residents of Antrim township have it is watered and tamped with the greatest care depressions will come Practically all the governments in- along the pipe line for several years. We call attention to this now so that the clear light of day. when some one starts "crabbing" next spring or the next you can say: Yes, I knew that would be the result as that we have rarely seen that kind of street work done with greater disof the work, but whoever he is he. knows his business and is doing a job treaty, in that particular the Kellogg that any supervisor might be proud of. Another compensating feature of the enterprise beside securing a most desirable public utility is that it is can said: "But why worry? Your \$39.25; per month without board, \$58.75; giving employment to a small army friend Roosevelt is in office, he conper day with board, \$2.45; per day with of men who would otherwise probably trols the army and that makes his be out of employment. Labor, no matter what kind it is, produces wealth and the community that is fortunate enough to have its labor productive, especially when times are not so good, should congratulate itself Rio Grande since then, but the Mexirather than view temporary incon- can has not yet got a true vision of venience as something to give every- popular government. Indeed, Mexibody h about.

—When the five gentleman of council who voted to permit a filling station at the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets can convince the home owners in that section that they would have voted to grant such a permit in front of their own homes they will probably redeem themselves in the minds of those for whom they terest before personal aggrandizeseem to have had little consideration.

-Henry Clay Hansbrough, former United States Senator from North Though a Republican he declares the election of Governor Smith "is imperative if agriculture is to be saved from a state of peasantry."

-Postmaster General New says he will dismiss any postmasters in the South who paid politicians for their commissions. The politicians who "drain" the oil from that government forced the payments will go unpun- hair. Even the word "automobile" ished. This is the Indiana idea of would have been unfamiliar to him.

> -There is some comfort in the thought that Herbert Hoover's pussyfooting days are drawing to a close. current questions.

Politics.

NO. 29.

When we read in the newspapers that an American has received a letter from a Spanish prison inmate who has secretly buried a treasure which he will divide with his correspondent in the United States if the latter will pany when 16 years of age, has been for finance its recovery, and that our fellow-citizen has swallowed the bait tleman who thought Jim Heverly and the Hon. Holmes hadn't a chance for the Republican nomination for the aspirations. Developments since the fessing sympathy with the law, has to state that his recommendations prisoner's preposterous tale. Yet the so-called "Spanish prisoner swindle" has been successfully worked in this Carried by trucks to a nearby mill, ground country every year for over 40 years.

ing a pocketbook filled with a large batter in 15 minutes. Fourteen minutes aroused interest and increased activ- all Mr. Hoover can be expected to do, name on the front page of nearly sum of money, have accosted a third after the batter was completed four cakes, -We like the way George W. Nor- ity among the Democratic voters and for it is all his party has promised every Republican newspaper in Penn- and offered to divide their find with each three feet square, were ready for him, and have proposed to leave the chocolate icing. whole of it in his keeping temporarily if he will put up a few hundred dollars as security, and that, having the Schwarzenbach-Huber silk mills, at put up the security, the holder of the Columbia. Pa. The cargo was on its way pocketbook discovers it to be filled to the main mills of the company at Union not with the money he saw there, but City, N. J., when it was held up by eight with waste paper, we smile. For this men at Malvern and stolen. Later the entrick is as old as the hills, but its new tire load of silk and the truck were recovvictims are annually numbered by ered at Wayne, where it had evidently hundreds.

When we learn that the inventor of a machine which will convert plain, jackers who believed the truck was laden white paper into \$20 bills has demonstrated its operation to a prospective purchaser and sold it to him at a high price we wonder how the dupe, who must be utterly devoid of brains, ever managed to accumulate the sum of which he has been deprived by a particularly transparent bit of hokum. Yet there is a constant market for these money-making machines.

After all, there is no great difference between the victims of the Spanish prisoner, pocketbook, money-making machine and other oft-exposed concoction had rooted all the root out can majority in Philadelphia this vanced to conceal a more detestable, the Volstead law. He had frankly swindles and the estimable but tooconfiding citizens who allow them-selves to be persuaded every four years that the installation of a Democratic President in the White House would be ruinous to business.

The object of the persuaders in elections has been reduced to a vent for all time the injection of re- McSparran voted against him, which vantage. In the political case this -On Tuesday an eminently good science. It is up to Democrats of ligious bigotry into the politics of the he had a right to do. But in the ratio advantage consists of the privilege woman called our attention to an in- Centre and other counties, where country. He anticipated the danger of nearly one hundred to one the of making laws from which the percident that we noted at the time but elections are comparatively honest, to and sensed the harm of such an evil convention voted for him in the full suaders will profit at the expense of the persuaded.

> of other swindles shows no signs of the spread of the smallpox epidemic dr decrease. For the next three months covered in the vicinity of the State Line will witness an unprecedented cam- in Franklin county is not past, Dr. F. E. paign of political education, in which clear to every voter that the appliwelfare of the country. The illusion patriotism, business sagacity and governmental capacity of the United States is going to be brought out of the spirit cabinet and examined in

A Change of View.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph. Before Mexico, blood-drenched and war-devastated, can hope for materially better conditions the whole viewpoint of the public must be changed. When Roosevelt was running for the Presidency after having been elevated to the White House by the death of McKinley, a friend of the writer and an ardent admirer of the Rough Rider was engaged in mining work in Mexico. Daily he discusse with his wealthy employer the merits of the campaign. Finally the Mexire-election certain, doesn't it?" He couldn't understand that one holding

power he desired to retain would will-

force.

ngly relinquish it without a show of

A lot of water has run down the co never has had popular government as we know it. Conditions are such that it may be many, many years before that happens. Meanwhile, if there is such an animal, the country may prosper more under a beneficient despot than under present conditions. But fundamental to a final settlement of Mexico's internal troubles is freedom of thought nurtured in well-equipped public schools and a patriotism that puts public in-

The assassination of Obregon probably has set Mexico back five or more years in its program of prog-

A Delegate of 28 Years Ago. From the Kansas City Star.

He would never have heard of the radio, or the movie, or the airplane, or the disk phonograph, or the tractor, or the Federal Reserve system, or insulin, or 606, or relativity, or electrons, or the Volstead act, or the Nineteenth amendment, or bobbed

He would have known of Theodore Roosevelt only as a promising young New York politician; of Woodrow Wilson only as a professor in Princeton College. He would have heard of Jules Verne may have been all footing days are drawing to a close. Lloyd George, but not of Foch, or Pershing, or Ludendorff, or Mussolini, thought that might lead to its ulti- fear from a full consideration of tar- right in his time but as a world gird- express some kind of an opinion on or Lenin, or Al Smith, or Herbert size. Farmers in that vicinity are keep-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-"This safe is open. Don't crack it." Burglars found this message posted on the safe when they broke into the office of the Texas Oil company, in Lancaster. Apparently they believed in signs, for they turned the handle of the strong box and found it open and empty. A small wooden box in the safe was smashed.

-James Thompson, 55, sat on the porch roof of his home at Lost Creek, near Pottsville, on Sunday, watching a baseball game across the road. The home team was behind when it entered the seventh inning and scored two runs. Thompson became excited, cheered and fell off the roof. He was taken to the Ashland hospital where he died a few hours later from a fractured skull.

-William Albright and J. P. Lynch, tinsmiths in the Pennsylvania railroad shops, at Renovo, have been presented with fifty-year buttons by H. H. Russell, division superintendent. Mr. Albright began to work for the railroad company at the age of 13 years, and has served fiftyone years consecutively in its employ, and Mr. Lynch, who began work for the comfifty years an employee of the company.

-Four hours and 25 minutes was recounty pastry derby. The wheat was cut and threshed in a field near Lancaster. into flour and carried by automobile to a When we hear that two men, find- bakery where the bakers prepared the

> -Police are investigating the recent hold-up of a truck laden with silk from Columbia, Pa. The cargo was on its way been abandoned by the holdup men. It is presumed that the yeggmen were hiwith beer.

-A lone masked bandit, flourishing an automatic pistol, held up a crew and passengers of a Nanticoke trolley car early on Sunday, at a lonely point in Hanover township, Luzerne county. Conductor David Daniels, motorman Harry Coolbaugh and five passengers were held at bay by the robber, who fled after getting \$70, the day's receipts, turned over by conductor Daniels. The bandit boarded the car at an isolated spot and did not put on a mask until after he had taken a seat in the rear.

-Honor is its own reward, according to Motorcycle Policeman Carter, of Philadelphia, who found a bag containing \$5,000 in cash. He returned it to the owner and refused a reward. Miss Reta Lewis, of Merchantville, N. J., after visiting friends, placed the money satchel on the running board of her automobile while saying good-bye, forgot it, drove away and lost the bag. While she was in a police station reporting the loss, the patrolman appeared with the missing bag and the sub-

sequent reward was refused. -Although most persons have submit-Coughlin of the State Health Department the Democratic party will make it said this week. Dr. Coughlin, who has been directing the control work which the Pennsylvania authorities have been carryhealth authorities, asserted several hunbeen vaccinated thus far.

-John Wert, 22 years old, of Lewistown, is recovering from an attempt at suicide in the Mifflin county jail when he punctured his right lower abdomen with a table knife. Guards will be placed about Wert in the Lewistown hospital to prevent further attempts at self destruction. Wert attempted suicide by shooting himself in the chest with a revolver of twenty-two caliber some time ago when he said he was in love and the woman of his choice had turned him down. Sheriff William H. Printz said he believes both attempts were merely made to obtain sympathy.

-Farm labor in Pennsylvania on July 1 was being paid the lowest wage with board since 1923. Average figures furnished by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service were: Per month with board, out board, \$3.25. The supply of farm labor on July 1 is given as 91 per cent. of normal, which is an increase of eight points over the same date a year ago. The demand, on the other hand, is only 85 per cent. of normal, a decrease of four points from a year ago. Farm wages are reported as the lowest in Pennsylvania of any of the States in the northeastern section of the country.

-Jesse Hassinger, of Milroy, one of the trappers for the State Game Commission, went to Lewistown after capturing the last of the three beavers which were responsible for the flooding of 1000 acres of forest lands, in the Seven Mountains, near the Bear Meadows, a section of public road that was running two feet under water, and wrought general havoc to that section. The beavers dammed a small mountain stream, which overflowed into the meadows. Two of the animals were taken last week. The third, a last year's male pup, was captured later. After being exhibited at fairs this summer and fall, the three animals will be placed in some other section of the Seven Mountains for breeding purposes.

-If Clinton Fritz, of Pottstown, is to be believed, the snake he saw while helping to make hay on the farm of Frank Davidheiser, at Glasgow, is the largest that has ever been seen in those parts, and is similar in size only to those seen in the Philadelphia Zoo. He claims that he saw a snake that in size resembled a python, and said it was a blacksnake. "If it was a foot long," says Fritz, "it was 15 feet in length, with a head as big as a man's two fists. Its body was as thick as a stovepipe. Some snake!" There were four men working in the hay field, and, although armed with pitchforks, the snake was of such size that they feared to attack it. Persons acquainted with snake lore say that they usually travel in pairs, so according to that there must be two of that ing close watch on their young shoats.