Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-Ida Tarbell, noted historian and analist, has come out enthusiastically for Smith. She is for him, she says, because of his great service to wo-

-Think of it! In just thirty-four days fall will be here and we've had only three week's wear out of the "bomberzine" suit we bought when the hot wave hit town.

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The principal fault in Herbert

the Wilson administration and the ex-

reduced at all. The tax reductions have

been mainly in the interest of monop-

schools and abolished poverty. All

these great things have been achieved

claimed the party created the earth.

by adding "an adequate tariff is the

foundation of farm relief." In other

words, he would put a tariff tax on

turnips and tomatoes equal to that

on farming utensils. The trouble

with that is that turnips and toma-

equally vague. He says "our coun-

purpose. It must be worked out con-

structively." He seems to be fond of

that bit of phrasing. It entranced

Senator Borah and reconciled him to

the iniquities of his party at a mo-

direction for an excuse to fall into

line. But to a reasoning mind it

doesn't mean a thing. It might im-

ply a purpose to amend the Volstead

law or repeal it, and it might be con-

strued as a purpose to enforce it. But

it satisfies the prohibition fanatics

and probably that is all it was in-

The setting of the affair was mag-

nificent, however, and the speech

sounded fine in the ears of those who

are deaf to reason and blinded by po-

was as fine a specimen of political

-Governor Fisher also assures

Mr. Hoover that Pennsylvania is safe

for the ticket this year. But the ne-

tended to accomplish.

buy us all a farm."

doubt.

In controversial questions Mr.

olies and millionaires.

-Unless he is a very unusual colored person we fear for the future of Mr. Hoover's Speech of Acceptance. Stephen Dorsey, the Columbia chaffeur, to whom a physician of that fall of many a man.

-Odds on Hoover's election dropped from three and one-half to one to two and one-half to one, on Wall street, last week. The gambling fraternity evidently thought that when it becomes necessary to reassure a Republican that he will carry Pennsylvania it comes time to hedge a net have been indicted in criminal life and his conduct in private life demns Dr. Straton as one of those

signed because he is going to support been tried, convicted and sentenced Hoover was both wise and decent. conscience sake.

-We're still rooting for the "Afaletics," but we don't believe that Cornelius McGillicudy knows as much about the game as Col. Jake Rupert. The tall tactician sits on the bench and makes his ball players while the obese owner of the Yankees sits at his desk, presses a button, and sends someone out to buy 'em. We all know that we are only kidding ourselves when we think that "home brew" is as good as the Molsen's we can go up into Canada and get.

for certain offices the law fails to difey o spent. We are only guessing, lation of telephones and radio sets. ed by the adherents of either. But Calvary church, has already adminisbut we're reasonably sure we're stat- There have been 14,000,000 more au- the religious affiliation of the candi- tered a stinging rebuke to his pastor. ing a fact when we say that every tomobiles put in service by the Re- date is not a legitimate subject of at- Referring to the matter he said "I do penny Mrs. Pinchot spent came out publican administration and our cities tack, because freedom of religion is know that I would not be so profoundof her own pocket. There were prob- made magnificent with beautiful not only sacred to the individual but ly interested in Governor Smith's sucably no contributions to her campaign buildings, parks and play grounds is guaranteed by the fundamental law cess if I had not known him intimatefund by those who hoped to profit by and the country knit together with of the country, and the morals of both ly for thirty-five years, and if I did the gift in the event of her election. splendid roads. These are grand candidates are above reproach. Gov- not know that he is the cleanest and If her successful opponents can say achievements but not the greatest. ernor Smith had previously protest- most loyal man in politics today. His the same thing then they can come The party has doubled the use of ed against "mud-slinging" in the is easily the most progressive record into a court of investigation with electric power, increased the purchas- campaign. Now that Mr. Hoover has before the American electorate."

-Dry laws in the United States are being given credit for the success of American contestants in the Olympic games. At least Mr. Ernest Cherrington, director of the department of education of the Anti Saloon League, would have us believe that. We are not saying a word in contravention of those who advocate temperance, because we advocate it also, but Mr. Cherrington is a purveyor of bunk. Long before the country went Volstead athletes who hoped to get anywhere voluntarily abstained from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, indulgence in highly curried foods, and short crusted pies.

-The preacher who dabbles in pol- toes are never imported and tariff tax itics, no matter who he is, forgets on them would serve no purpose while that it is the Lord's pulpit and not the tax on farming implements nearhis that he is occupying. In every ly doubles their cost and pyramids church there are men and women of the profits of the manufacturers. In different political, social and business view of this fact there can be little convictions. One group is just as comfort for the suffering farmers in sincere in its devotion to its ideals his assurance that if elected he will as the other. The fact that they meet | "use his office and influence to give at the altar of God for worhip is con- the farmer the full benefit of our fession that they have one ideal in historic tariff." common. Why should the servant of On prohibition enforcement he is their Master drive a wedge between them? It seems to us that the church try has deliberately undertaken a is teetering on the edge of acknowl- great social and economic experiment, edgement that it can't save by grace noble in motive and far-reaching in and wants to resort to law.

-You will recall, doubtless, that Mrs. Pinchot ran for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Fifteenth Pennsylvania District The rement when he was searching in every sult placed the interesting lady in the class of the "also rans." Not satisfied with having heaped such humiliation on her someone has started an investigation into her expenditures in the campaign. It is said she spent too much. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if she did, but it was her money, she came by it honestly and we haven't a doubt that she thought she was spending it honestly. While the law says that so much money and no more can be expended in a campaign

-Sports writers for the metropol- litical prejudi . The Standford Uniitan newspapers are sore at Gene versity stadium is an admirable thea-Tunney, retired heavy-weight cham- tre for such an event and the elaborpion, because he declines to be inter- ation with which it was staged shows viewed and won't pose for camera that the Republican machine for the men. They take the ground that he coming campaign has been generousis "high hatting" them now that he ly greased. No expense was spared has harvested the fortune their bally- to make the event memorable in the hoo made for him. The newspaper boys annals of party events. There were are all wrong. Tunney voluntarily 75,000 in the audience and the speech took himself out of an atmosphere he doesn't like and his desire for pri- persiflage as has ever been presented vacy ought to be respected. Besides, for popular entertainment. It cost a the sports writers didn't make Mr. lot, of course, but the oil barons and Tunney. He made himself and if he tariff pensioners "are rich enough to hadn't had the stuff to fight his way to the top reporters wouldn't be camping on his trail as they are. And if he wasn't "good news" when they were ballyhooing for him, as they claim to have done, were they honest with their papers and their readers cessity for such assurances suggests when they were doing it.



BELLEFONTE, PA., AUGUST 17

Decency in the Campaign.

The semi-official announcement that city bequeathed his fine automobile Hoover's speech of acceptance is that Herbert Hoover will not sanction and five thousand dollars in cash. A he has been entirely too conservative "mud-slinging" in the impending camfar less windfall has been the down- or too modest in praising the achieve- paign will be unpleasant news for the ed Governor Alfred E. Smith to be "the ments of the Republican party within Rev. John Roach Straton, the irrevthe last eight years. "Never has a erent William Allen White and other political party been able to look back ecclesiastical and political buccaneers upon a similar period with more sat- who hoped to gain favor in the mind isfaction. Never could it look for- of the Republican candidate for Presi- gregation promptly appraised this as ward with more confidence that its dent by slandering Governor Smith. record would be approved by the elec- As a matter of fact slander directed torate," he said. Within that period against Governor Smith is a harmtwo members of the President's cabi- less weapon. His record in public courts for corruption in office and are alike beyond reach of the tongue -Oh gosh, Charles O'Connell, one in the high court of Public Opinion of scandal, and in administering church more harm than good and of the vice presidents of the Republi- convicted. Half a dozen other public a rebuke to those who have under- strive more for personal notoriety of thousands of dollars we pay an- ered. can League of Philadelphia, has re- officials, favorites of the party, have taken that method of warfare Mr. than to convert sinners from their nually in borough, school, county and

That both the major party candinote the incident, not because it Continuing in this vein of eulogy dates for President this year are men ted to escape from the just penalty of makes one more for Smith, but be- Mr. Hoover declares his party has of exemplary character is a matter his malignancy by the silent censure cause it forces us to reconstruct our made peace with the world, reduced worthy of popular felicitation. Any of a complacent public. Governor idea of the motives of Philadelphia expenses of government by two bill- attempt to besmirch the character of Smith promptly challenged him to inpoliticians. We salute, Mr. O'Connell, ions of dollars, the national debt by Herbert Hoover would fail for the vite the Governor to his church and as we would anyone who had his upward of six billion, taxes have been reason that his life has been free from permit him to reply to the accusation "hooks in" and pulled them out for reduced four times, commerce and in- scandal. The same is true of Alfred and leave the congregation to deterdustry been revived, faith in the fu- E. Smith. It is true that Mr. Hoover mine the issue between them. This ture restored and "security, comfort sat silently in cabinet council while proposition gives the clergyman the and opportunity brought to the aver- Fall, Daugherty and others were great advantage of a friendly jury. age American family." As a matter looting the people of the country. It But it puts upon him the responsibilof fact President Wilson laid the is equally true that Mr. Smith sat ity of proving his charges after a full foundations of peace and the Republi- as a member of the Tammany Society exposure of all the facts in the case. can administrations since have preorganization were robbing the city. He probably imagines he would have the reduction of debt was achieved by But neither of them participated in greater opportunity to strut in a the crimes nor derived profit from the theatrical environment.

penses of government have not been criminal operations. candidates which may properly be than his own pulpit in which to debrought to public attention in the termine the question which he has strife to enlist popular favor for each so wantonly raised. Justice William Mr. Hoover credits his party with the increase in population, in fam- of them. There are issues between Harlan Black, of New York, who is ferentiate between the kinds of mon- ilies, in use of electricity, and instal- the parties that may justly be discus- chairman of the Board of Trustees of ing power of wages, reduced the sounded the same note it is to be ours of labor, multiplied the num- hoped we may have a decent camber of children attending the public

Hooyer is not so "cock sure." To the depressed farmers of the country he Disposing of the Treasury Surplus. is a farmer who claims we're going throws the sop of a renewed promise to give relief and discredits the pledge

In all his long continued and freconstantly increasing treasury surplus State Treasurer Lewis has never given a thought or uttered a word in fa- he never saw fail. vor of the most feasible and effective method of arresting the evil. He asks voters to oppose the several conent treasury resource and future revenue propects will amply meet all requirements. If there were any assurance that the funds would be apin his reasoning. But the action of be followed by a severe writer. future Legislatures is uncertain.

As we have heretofore said it might be safe to rely on legislative action for highway construction and maintenance. But there is no certainty that future Legislatures will be just to day morning the temperature was other interests that require assistance. down to 52 degrees above zero. Mon-The charitable and penal institutions day morning it was 54 and Tuesday and the educational necessities are morning 56. quite as pressing, though the response to their just demands is not as freely given. The adoption of con- ough council was held on Monday estimates. The money may be bor- ble mill property. rowed only as it is needed and if the Legislature appropriates from the

time in discovering new subjects of \$24 a ton. taxation. The results of these efforts have been a dangerous treasury surplus. In other words, money has been istering the business of the State, which is nothing less than legalized robbery. The remedy for this mischievous evil is to abolish the excesnues to the actual expenses of the gained a couple of hours time. government. If State Treasurer Lewis would put his oratorical efforts to this purpose he would render better service to the people.

-Senator Dave Reed spent a trifle over \$5000 to secure his renomination. Compared with what Vare enough.

Sensational Preacher Rebuked.

The Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church of New York, in a recent sermon declarforces of moral progress and true political wisdom." Of course every faira deliberate and malicious slander. Governor Smith's fine record in public life is a continuing refutation of the statement which in itself conloose-tongued preachers who do the

mia, is not adverse to a little grafting by his friends. It is a part of the game as taught in his political us directly, our pockets, the right to 60 persons in that city and vicinity who

Living down Little Nittany valley From the Philadelphia Record ter. The man in question does not nor Smith for President and to the quently expressed anguish over the claim to be an expert weather prognosticator but bases his above predictions on two things which, he avers, General Motors Corporation, have

Ordinarily, he says, the calling of the whippoorwill is rarely heard af- from that organization was deemed ter the first week in July, and crows stitutional amendments authorizing and robins nest early so as to give loans for specific and admittedly need- the young birds ample opportunity to south. This summer, he states, the why this extreme caution? whippoorwills are still calling and crows and robins have hatched out a vey the impression that he disapsecond brood of young. This, he de- proves of the entrance of Big Busi-

> weather folowed last week's extremely torrid wave. The cool wave arrived last Saturday evening and on Sun- his stand, and in this instance he is

-No adjourned meeting of borstitutional amendments covering these evening, owing to the fact that boressentials will guarantee their safe- ough solicitor Spangler had nothing ty and need not swell the interest ac- to present in connection with the setcount as much as Treasurer Lewis tlement of the purchase of the Gam-

-In 1866 hay was grown in Censurplus it needn't be borrowed at all. tre county at an average of 1.2 tons The proper way to reduce the sur- per acre. Last year the highest yield plus is to reduce taxes. For several in the State was at the rate of 1.65 years the fiscal officers of the Com- tons per acre. The highest price remonwealth have been working over- corded was in 1919 when hay sold for

zens who take this view to work -If provisions or rules of the Highway Department could automattaken from the people in excess of ically annul a driver's liecnse when the legitimate requirements of admin- he appeared on the highway drunk, it would help some.

from a ship in motion has been demsive taxation and thus cut the reve- onstrated but what's the use. It only

> -In New Jersey you have to touch bottom to be a trespasser even in a private pool. But getting in and contempt of death by electing a dead out might be troublesome.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Relieving he was suffering from an incurable disease, Clark Gross, 27, Easton policeman, went into a vacant lot, on Monday, and shot himself.

-William Brody, of Ambridge, aged 27, was arrested and sentenced to six months in the penitentiary for having in his possession a small revolver which he had taken for security on \$5 he had lent a friend

-A huge boxwood tree, said to be at least 200 years old and valued at \$2000, is being dug up at the summer home of Ella Ball, near Lancaster, preparatory to being transported to the duPont gardens at

-While the family of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Fravel, of Beech Creek, were attending church, on Sunday, their home was entered by way of the porch roof and a front window and was thoroughly ransacked. Nothing of value was secured.

-Mrs. James J. Hall, of Butler, woke up just in time to see a man leaving her bedroom carrying her husband's trousers. She woke her husband who chased the thief. The trousers, minus a wallet and a small amount of money, were found in a nearby lane.

-Augustus Wolf, aged 77, of Chambersburg, sought to demonstrate to a safety inspector that a planing machine in his mill did not need a safety guard. Now he is in a hospital following an operation year after year and pay little or no for the amputation of his left hand. The attention to the ways and means sur- hand was caught in the machine during rounding the hundreds and hundreds the safety demonstration and almost sev-

-John W. Ferree, a farmer near Mill Hall, had three fingers of his right hand amputated at the Lock Haven hospital, Thursday, following an injury sustained when he fell among the knives of the binder on his farm when the horses became expenditures of borough, township and school district business.

of borough, township frightened at a bolt of lightning and started to run away as he was trying to draw a canvass cover over the machine to protect it from the storm.

-When Walter Stump, of Glen Rock, Yory county, pleaded guilty in court at York, on Monday, to a charge of larceny, he said he stole forty-three white Leghorn hens from the coop of Harry Hildebrand, farmer, near Glen Rock, because he needed money to pay for an operation on his little daughter, who has been sickly for a long time. He was sentenced to eleven months in the York county jail, a fine of \$11 and costs.

-A box of candy from Germany, some clothing and \$19, stolen from Governor Fisher's cook, landed Alfred Offord, Negro of Washington, in the Dauphin county jail on Monday. Offord was imprisoned in default of \$500 bail. Mrs. Lizzie Page, tax-payers, pay no attention and go on under the years borne burdens cook to the Governor, was entertaining delegates to a Negro Baptist convention in that city in her home. During the height of the reception Offord is accused of having entered through a window. Mrs. Page told Alderman Windsor she mourned the loss of the candy more than any of the other stolen articles. The local and county officials we

-The first case of small pox in Oil City in more than five years was reported to elect are not to blame. They are proceeding along the beaten path of the city health department on Monday. the old rut and will continue to do so Ethel Menser, daughter of Mrs. William Menser, of Clarion, who is visiting in Oil Governor Fisher in his inaugural City, is the victim. It is not known referred to the unjustness of the pres- where she contracted the disease, but all ent system of assessing and collecting known persons with whom she came in taxes, but the sufferers never paid any contact have been vaccinated, and all attention and the old order continues. possible precautions taken. Authorities in Might pay all of us to get in closer Clarion were communicated with and the touch with the things that concern health officer there managed to find some were exposed, and they have also been own a modest home and not be taxvaccinated.

-An astonishing opinion was delivered at Harrisburg, on Monday that an eye's The Prohibition Issue Must be Met. loss does not necessarily mean disfigurement of the face. This stand was taken by chairman Houck, of the Workmen's Pierre S. duPont is now free to give all his attention to supporting Gover- Compensation Board, disallowing the appeal of Nicholas Lehman, Reading, against advancing of his own campaign termination of his compensation agree-against the Eighteenth amendment. Lehman was injured while working for Mark Reimer, Wyoming. The Both he and President Sloan, of the opinion upheld the referre's decision that the wound caused by removal of the eye been at pains to make it clear that Mr. duPont's temporary withdrawal healed well and the loss of the eye is not of such a character as to produce an unadvisable so that the public might un- sightly appearance. derstand that Mr. duPont's activities

-A man's home isn't his castle any more, at least not along the Susquehanna Trail, acording to Abraham Ellenberger, ed purposes for the reason that pres- mature in time for the migration the big industrial corporation. But of Sandy Beach, a suburb of Sunbury. He was seated in his little cottage along the road, on Saturday, when Horace Jones dozed at the wheel of his car. It sideswiped three other autos and then ran propriated to the purposes desired by clares, is a sure indication of a very the people there might be some merit late fall, and a late fall is certain to the people there might be some merit late fall, and a late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit late fall, and a late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit late fall is certain to the people there is no reason why big business its foundation twenty feet to the bottom the people there might be some merit later than the people there might be some merit later than the people there will be people the people there are the people there are the people the people the people the people the peo campaign and fight for those things by, carrying Ellenberger along. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the which their individual consciences tell -An unusually cool spell of them are for the best interests of the Mary M. Packer Hospital, where he was found to have suffered severe lacerations. -Ill health, aggravated by the exces-Mr. duPont deserves applause for

sive heat, is given as the cause for the suicide of B. H. Houseworth, prominent Sunbury attorney, who died late Friday night in a local hospital. Houseworth, a former football star at Susquehanna University, fired three bullets into his head and one into his chest Thursday afternoon. In his office, where the shooting took place, was found a note giving poor health as his reason, and requesting that "if the suicide is a success, give my body to Undertaker Fred R. Dornsife, but do not spend more than \$400 for my funeral." He also asked to be buried in Selinsgrove.

-One of the largest bequests to a chauffeur in the history of Lancaster county was made in the will of Dr. Harry B. Roop, of Columbia, to Stephen Dorsey, also of Columbia. By the provisions of the will, which was admitted to probate in the Lancaster county court, the Negro chauffeur will receive \$5000 plus accrued interest, the legacy to be paid at the rate of \$50 a month until exhausted. Dorsey will also receive the automobile recently purchased by the physician. The remainder of the estate is bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Martha Roop. Dorsey had been in the doctor's employ for almost thirty

years. -Because there was no organized fire department, either paid or volunteer, in the borough of Mahaffey, Clearfield county, dependents of Fred Patterson, electrocuted while fighting a fire in June, 1927, connot obtain compensation. The Workmen's Compensation Board so ruled last week. A referee had disallowed compensation and the board sustained him An act of 1923 provides compensation shall be paid dependents of volunteer firemen killed while on duty. Patterson's widow and daughter put in a claim, but the testimony disclosed that there was no fire detolerance in religious beliefs does him partment in Mahaffey and that at a firecitizens just volunteered their services.

Why Not Wake Up. From the Clearfield Republican.

Very few taxpayers ever read the

annual report of receipts and ex-

penditures of the county government

and still fewer reports of receipts and

How many of us have given any attention to the inequalities, unfairness

and worse of our tax assessing and

collection methods? The tax system

in vogue in Pennsylvania today, the

method of valuation, assessing and

collecting, came down to us from

China and is over four thousand years

Pennsylvania today works under

the most antequated, wornout, unrea-

sonable and unjust tax system in the

and get in line with other States have

Efforts time and again to remedy

And why? Because the people, the

without complaint, or at least with-

out intelligent protest, and seem con-

the home owners, farmers, and com-

mon people, wake up and get on their

toes things will be different.

until the laws are changed.

ed out of comfortable existence.

in the Association Against the Eigh-

teenth Amendment in no way involve

Mr. Sloan appears anxious to con-

absolutely right. He is right in his

presidential preference and he is

right in declaring that the present status of the prohibition question

calls for a prompt and effective read-

It is silly to quibble, evade or pus-

syfoot about it. The simple fact is that the prohibition experiment in

this country has been proved a failure, and that conditions grow worse

instead of better. We may agree with

Mr. Hoover that it is "a noble experi-

spect for those honest and earnest

citizens who have hailed it as a great

moral blessing and who believe that

it may yet rise, phoenix-like, from

But the Volstead act has filled the

land with hypocrisy, graft and crime. Something has got to be done about

it. It is the duty of all honest citi-

wholeheartedly to that end, while

conceding, at the same time, the right

of their dry neighbors to fight as

The prohibition question cannot be

ment," and we have the utmost re-

country.

justment.

its own ruins.

When the taxpayers, and we mean

United States.

islature.

tented.

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Why do we get all het up every four years over the election of a President and the proposed change in the administration of Federal affairs? Why not evince equal interest in the administration of local public business and the spending of our own minded man and woman in his con- money? Down at Washington they spend very little of our money, except what is taken from us indirectly through tariff taxes benefitting subsidized interests. We go along day after day and

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But Dr. Straton will not be permitof New York while members of that Dr. Straton prefers another stage.

met with defeat, overwhelming de-There may be another reason why feat, session after session of the Leg-There are differences between the Dr. Straton prefers another forum

Mayor Mackey, of Philadel-

A Late Fall but Hard Winter, Says Little Nittany Farmer.

strenuously for what they conceive to be the right. kept out of this campaign. It is in it, An airplane may be catapulted whether we like it or not.

Gene Tunney has fought his last battle with his fists. His future encounters will be "tongue lashings." -Jugo-Slavia politicians show

man to manage their campaign. When real farmers come in -Herbert Hoover's appeal for credit.

direct contact with Governor Smith spent two years ago that was cheap they realize they have a genuine friend with them.

-Possibly Pennsylvania will cast within the past eight years. If he its electoral vote for Hoover, but if had been less modest he might have Smith gets 200,000 votes in Philadelphia and carries Pittsburgh that expectation may be disappointed.