Aemocratic Watchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Mr. Hoover is a sort of up and down candidate. He kept the price of sugar up and the price of wheat down.

-The knock-out of the Athletics, in New York, on Sunday, was a heartbreaker, but Connie Mack is still confident of winning the pennant.

-We're still rooting for the "Afaletics." Don't be encourged by that you fans who want to see the Yanks licked. We've been rooting for Demacratic victories for forty years with a rootin' average of only .400.

-Just to knock a few of the coals off the pipes of we who think everything is going Smithward Cam. Heverly told us, Monday night, that their store has sold twice as many Hoover auto tags as they have the Smith insignias.

--- "If Al Smith was guilty of a tenth part of what he is accused of in anonymous libels," writes Charles Michelson, in the New York World. "New York would have hanged him long ago instead of electing him Governor four times."

-Last year, in Pennsylvania, there were twice as many births as deaths. Something will have to be done about that, because if it isn't the undertakers will be raisin'-with Al Smith because the doctors are gettin' twice as much business as they are.

imagine Governor Smith, if elected President, will favor Catholics in ap-

-Hassel and Cramer, the Rockford. Ill., fliers who started for Europe by air on August eighteenth, have been found, alive and well, in Greenland. Out of gas and with no chance of getting further we'll bet that Greenland's icy mountains looked like India's coral strands to them, when they realized they had to come down quick.

ing hopeful because Maine gave an unprecedented majority to the Republicans who have become lican candidate for Governor on Tues- disgusted. day. Who among them can say with a certainty that all the Republicans nor in September will vote for Hoov- delphia, and still Governor Fisher is and other processes in a year. er for President in November? In hopeful of a record majority for Hooolden times it was said that " as ver in Pennsylvania. Maine goes, so goes the Nation," but times have changed since then.

-The Workmen's Compensation Board of the State is of the opinion ily composed of father, mother and five children. We're in perfect accord with the Board's dream, but we hope it wakens up long enough to tell us where we can get \$227.50 per month. We'll adopt three, get the fish that succors the present family caught in the cogs of the big press and shattered utterly if the gentlamen who think a family of seven needs \$227.50 a month to live decently on will guarantee to make our an honorarium.

-Among other things to be admired in Al Smith is the fact that he glories in having been born in the "East Side" of New York. The "East Side" of New York is the humble dishe came from because there are milstory of where he came from. God, the medium of taxation. what long tails some people's cats grow.

consideration of the probable econo- machines. It would not be necessary nomic value of oiling the streets of to make so heavy a draft on the treasa town. Aside from the physical comfort following such treatment and the be procured on partial or installment edly, shooting people down with imvery apparent preservation of the surface from washouts during heavy rains there is another beneficial remeans of laying the dust on our streets obligation. For these reasons the ob- cess will check the carnival of that was done only spasmodically and sive is without merit. They are rev- be only "a good enough Morgan Intil acity. accomplished indifferent results. As enue savers from the beginning and after the election." In other words, the ago when dust was flying in clouds been paid for. Vote for the constitu- screen to fool the people, as Mayor for records and Old Father Time is buildings so coated that one could No. 13. scarcely distinguish their original color we wonder whether the saving on the streets of our own or any oth-



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Reasons for Democratic Confidence.

The Democratic voters of the State direction of the State organization. visiting various sections of the Comintense activity in the local organizations with the view of getting a full party poll at the coming election. ers the Democrats of the State have some honest votes cast for Mr. Vare in recent years and the result has jority for Mr. Wilson outside of that been that the big Republican majori- city. ties have been acquired by default.

The Democratic managers have held conferences with local party now Mayor of Philadelphia, who manleaders in Erie, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Scranton, and made careful -Those bigoted politicians who surveys of conditions in all the western counties and the anthracite coal region as well as the central counties. pointments will find little support in They have been greatly encouraged the records. He has appointed few by this contact with the voters. The voted for the candidates named by Catholics, few Tammany men in apathy of former years has disapthe ward leaders. Nearly eighty per New York and nearly as many Re- peared and the rank and file of the publicans as Democrats to important party has developed into a militant In every section of the State they on Privileges and Elections that a found large numbers of Republicans deserting that party and joining with their Democratic neighbors in a determined effort to "clean up the voters were illegally obtained. mess" in Washington and rescue the

government from corruptionists. It may seem like an excess of optimism to predict that Governor a recognized principle of law that Smith has better than an even chance fraud vitiates anything it touches, to carry Pennsylvania this year. But and these frauds were perpetrated by -The President's son, John, has the Democratic managers are pergone to work in the offices of the N. suaded that he will do so. At the last der the sanction of Mr. Vare, who Y., N. H. and Hartford R. R., Co., at general election only about fifty-two stood to benefit by them. In the strip thirty dollars a week. That's thirty per cent. of the votes were polled and district of Pittsburgh frauds were smackers for John, but when the as the Republicans had made an un- equally prevalent in that election and "'peepul" realize that they are paying usually strenuous and expensive ef- Mr. Wilson's lawyers should, and proba secret service agent probably twice fort to get their voters out it may ably will, make a similar demand that much to stand guard over him be assumed that most of the delin- with respect to votes cast there. Such while he works they will come to the quents were Democrats. This year drastic treatment is necessary to put conclusion that Coolidge economy is no such apathy will exist. The Dem- a stop to the electoral frauds in Pennone of them "heads I win tails you ocratic leaders are efficient and the sylvania. When the ballot crooks Democratic voters alert. The full learn that frauds will not benefit -The Hoover managers are wax- vote will be polled and the party them they will cut out the frauds.

Vote for Voting Machines.

that \$227.50 per month is reasonable opponents of voting machines have particularly atrocious murders so outcompensation for a workman's fam- been able to set up is that they are ex- raged one of the judges that he inpensive. The price of the machines structed the grand jurors to make a is approximately a thousand dollars a thorough clean-up. The result has piece, and to equip each polling place been amazing. It has been discoverin this county with a machine would ed that the criminal element has had cost in the neighborhood of sixty-five complete control of the municipal thousand dollars, which is a consider- government for a long time. It has arm that casts the fly that catches the able sum. But the machines in pos- organized secret courts in which trials session would be a valuable asset and are held for violations of their code a profitable investment. They would and sentences, even of death, prodecrease the expenses of primary and nounced and executed. A large part general elections several thousand of the police force of the city is affilidollars a year. In fact it is conser- ated with this criminal conspiracy vatively estimated that through this which has a fund of \$10,000,000 to compensation guarantors pay us such process of saving the machines would finance its operations. pay for themselves in ten years. But even if the conditions were less

machines from a civic point of view would be great. They promise, if served as teachers in this school of they do not actually guarantee, hon- thievery? Mr. Mackey knew but est elections and incidentally content- withheld the information from the trict where kids are not given gold ment with the result. The impression public for the reason that he was apspoons on which to cut their teeth. that majorities for one party or an pealing for a renewal of the license He need make no apology for where other are obtained by fraud creates for another term. The Vare machine distrust of government, suspicion of is the university in which this form of lions of others. And because there are public service and enmities among corruption is taught and the graft is fulfillment of the promise taught neighbors. The use of voting ma- acquired is used to corrupt elections in our schools that any boy might be chines will avert these evils. They and build up fraudulent majorities for President of our United States. In- will remove the opportunities for the Vare candidates for office. Mr. cidentally we'd like to give one gentle- fraud. Frauds cost money and those Mackey promised to correct this evil man in Bellefonte who says he's who pay for them resort to corrupagainst Al because "he's common" a tion to reimbu se themselves. In the been in office eight months and prechance to send this column a true end the people pay the price through tended to be surprised when the grand

Say it would cost sixty-five thou- year before. sand dollars to equip the polling ury at one time. The machines may biles through the streets uninterruptpayments, and while the obligations punity. Bad as Chicago is known to are running the saving processes on be, that city is a haven of safety comelection expenses are considerably pared with Philadelphia. Possibly sultant. Time was when the only greater than the interest cost on the the crusade against vice now in prowe recall the fall day of twenty years | revenue | producers after | they have | reform altivities may be only a smoke the streets were brown with it and ing machines. It is Joint Resolution ises of improvement made a year ago

-The death toll at the Milan. in paint, alone, has not been enough Italy, automobile speed race, on Sun- mittee chairman Work is sincere in to pay for all the oil that has been put day, ought to take some of the en- his desire to have a clean campaign thusiasm out of the speed-fiends in he would better put a muzzle on Mrs. in this country.

The Right Course to Pursue.

Attorneys for William B. Wilson, find inspiration in the energetic and in his contest for the Senate seat effective work in progress under the fraudulently certified to William S. Vare, declare that "they will protest State Finance committee, have been course for them to pursue. The evi-Slush Fund committee of that body revealed such a far-flung and extensive system of corruption as to nulli-For reasons well known to the vot- fy the election. No doubt there were been indifferent to party obligations but not enough to overcome the ma-

In his testimony before the Slush Fund committee Harry A. Mackey, aged the Vare camapign, stated that in the river wards, from the first to the twentieth, which returned a practically unanimous vote for the Republican candidate, the voters didn't know who they were voting for but cent. of the Vare majority was obtained in those wards. It was shown and efficient force eager for victory. by the evidence before the committee very large proportion of the Vare votes in other divisions were cast unlawfully because the tax receipts of

In the face of this positive proof of fraud the Senate cannot possibly consider the election as valid. It is the Vare machine and presumably un-

harm to organized labor in a single characteristic. fight such as they staged in Pitts--Some Democratic leaders pre- burgh, last Sunday, than the opera-

Crime in Philadelphia.

For some weeks the Philadelphia grand jury has been investigating The only substantial reason that vice conditions in that city. Several

A year ago when Harry Mackey was a candidate for Mayor he said, favorable the advantage of voting "it is well known that the police have been taught to collect graft." Who in the event of his election. He has jury corroborated his statement of a

For many months the city of Phila-"reign of terror." Bandit gangs have been driving high-powered automoseem to have been.

-If Republican National com-Willebrandt.

Pinchot's Political Affiliation.

The declaration of former Governor Pinchot of his purpose to vote and From the Philadelphia Record. "stump" for Herbert Hoover surpris- By the common consent t ed no one who is familiar with the National committeeman Kistler, chair- the entire vote in all but 400 of the mental processess of that erratic per- camps on the prohibition question. man Collins, of the State commit- 1500 election divisions in Philadel- son. It is true that those who followtee, and chairman VanDyke, of the phia." This is obviously the right ed and admired his vigorous efforts to preserve for the people control of course for them to pursue. The evidence taken by the Senate committee the electric power of the country fied with theoretical prohibition. Govmonwealth for the purpose of urging on Privileges and Elections and the might have imagined that Mr. Hoover's close relationship with the power trust would influence Mr. Pinchot lative remedy for the existing deploragainst him. But it was purely im- able conditions. Herbert Hoover has agination. Mr. Pinchot was entirely sincere in the contention on that subject at the time. He may be of the Hoover speech of acceptance, how-same mind yet. But his deep-seated ever, the less distinct seems the line political prejudices are the dominating influences in his mind and Hoover

is his party's nominee. While he was canvassing for the nom- tated to be explicit in defining his ination for Governor in 1922 he announced that the objective of his life was "to clean up the mess at Harrisburg." As soon as he was nominated he opened negotiation with those resome pet legislation in mind and inveigled the trickiest of the crooks to help him to get it across. That accomplished he turned on his pals and had power to achieve results he re- this course. So does Governor Smith fused to recommend ballot reform. When he knew it was impossible for one to seek to destroy the purposes achievement, he urged it strenuously. of the Constitution by indirection. No He made electric power a hobby and such right has been asserted by Governow betrays it.

now betrays it. The truth is that Mr. Pinchot ap-First to engage in excessive expendiselfishness seems to be the pervading element in his nature. Even the best things he did were tainted with selfish purposes. He knows, if he knows anything, that the election of Hoover torical gun accordingly.

means the surrender of the electric "The Record" cannot read Goverthat sacrifice of the public welfare

-The trail of the Philadelphia who voted for Gardiner for Gover- dict a majority for Smith in Phila- tors could accomplish by lock-outs hijackers is leading perilously close to the headquarters of the Republican machine.

> What a Failure in Wheat Means to Centre County Business.

Several weeks ago we commented on the sandiness of the foundation on which a local merchant was building up hope for fall trade. He said: their grain." We are not a crepe ing about. On Monday a prominent miller told us that whereas he can usually count on procuring one hundred thousand bushels of locally proone of our many buyers.

Last year there were 25148 acres in wheat in Centre county, the average yield per acre was 17.4 bushels so that the total yield must have been about the total yield must have been about 427,520 bushels. If the farms have produced only one-tenth as much decades. Who are to be the politiwheat this season it means that the cal legatees of the statesmen of tototal yield will be only 42752 bushels. day-their sons or their daughters? That represents a loss of 384,770 bushels, which expressed in dollars at the rate of \$1.40 per bushel, means that the farmers of Centre county From the Philadelphia Inquirer. will have just \$538,678.00 less to spend this fall than they did last.

-Hon. Harry B. Scott was host at a dinner given the Republican 000,000 and her foreign trade to \$240 State Highway Department to take charge county committee at the Centre Hills per capita, which is triple the figure of roadside planting and the maintenance Country club, on Monday evening. of the United States. One hundred and thirty-eight covers were laid and all taken. Among the this kind with our northern neighbor. der the provisions of an act of the last -Recently our thoughts ran into places of Centre county with voting delphia has been completely under a guests present were Republican State A long frontier unfortified, a century chairman Edward Martin, Mrs. Ger- of peace and amicable arrangements trude F. Stauffer, vice chairman; Mrs. respecting immigration have develop-Hannah Durham, of Philadelphia; ed easy intercourse. In her markets we Congressman J. Mitchell Chase, and all the big and little lights in the par-

-If Mayor Mackey is denounced as a prevaricator a few times more was by sprinkling them. At the best jection that the machines are expen- crime, but that is uncertain. It may people may come to doubt his ver-

-The air men continue to strive

---Philadelphia continues to be corrupt but there are some signs of practically no damage. discontent, which inspires hope.

egists in fine frenzy.

The Candidates and the Prohibition

Issue.

By the common consent the country has divided itself into two hostile On the one side are those who feel that the Volstead act is unworkable. On the other are those who want real ernor Smith is openly and avowedly the champion of all who seek legisbeen popularly supposed to be the

leader of the drys.

The more carefully one reads the of demarcation between the Hoover position and the Smith position. This is not because no such line exists, but Mr. Pinchot is a peculiar person. apparently because Mr. Hoover hesi-

> Mr. Hoover does not favor the re-peal of the Eighteenth amendment. Neither, so far as is known, does Governor Smith.

Mr. Hoover stands "for the efficient sponsible for the mess and after his enforcement of the laws enacted election affiliated with them. He had thereunder." This may be a divergence from the practice of the Coolidge administration, but it is pre-cisely in line with the position of Governor Smith.

Mr. Hoover recognizes the obligarent them "for and aft." When he tion of the next President to pursue Mr. Hoover denies the right of any

Mr. Hoover's difficulty, it seems to us, was twofold. He had to avoid rears to be a man without scruples. commitments which would cause dis-First to engage in excessive expenditures in Pennsylvania he afterward condemned those who "beat him at his own game." As Governor he gave the State some valuable service. But selfishness seems to be the pervading that the Governor of New York would for pleasure as well as profit, picked a advocate a legislative program inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, and he primed his ora-

power of the country to the most in- nor Smith's mind, but it feels quite iquitous gang of plunderers ever or- sure that he is too experienced a leadganized. But he is willing to make er to advocate any remedial measures which would be immediately upset by the Supreme Court of the United The coal miners will do more reason. It is shocking but absolutely him credit for that much political acumen.

We fear that the purpose of the Hoover declaration was not quite candid. It sounds as if it were intended to mislead those numerous persons whose knowledge of campaign issues is limited to what they read in the official newspaper organs of the schmidt, who attended his funeral at Republican party.

Political Legatees.

From the Toledo Blade.

Thirty-two years ago two of the big political figures in this country were Mark Hanna and William J. "Wait 'till the farmers start selling Bryan. Men in their fifties do not nephews and nieces. have to be told this. They will eashanger, but we like to look at things ily recall the blazing campaign of as they are, so we told the merchant 1896. Since then no national cam- ed at Corning Heights, a summer colony that he didn't know what he was talk- paign has approached it in intensity. near Pennsburg, has been sent to the A rather remarkable thing, neither Hanna nor Bryan left a son to step into his shoes. There have been no heirs to the political fortunes of Rev. William M. Anderson, pastor of the dred thousand bushels of locally pro-duced wheat for his mill, this fall he Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick is a will regard himself as lucky if he can Republican candidate for Congress get ten thousand bushels. He is only from Illinois, and with a strong probability of election. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen is a Democratic candidate for Congress from Florida, and is almost

certain of success. Here is a striking example of the

Canada is Our Best Customer.

Canada is now the best customer of the United States. In the fiscal year just ended the Dominion took the lead over all other nations. Her imports from this country amounted to \$862,

have also been buying liberally, our chief commodity being news print paper. Thus we contribute to, as well as share in, a prosperity which may be indicated by the fact that buildings going up to the value of more than \$250,000,000 in six months represent a gain of 30 per cent, over the previous high mark. In population Canada is about equal to Pennsylvania.

-The first frost of the season at every gust of wind, shade trees on tional amendment providing for vot- Mackey's exposure of graft and prom- equally diligent in gathering in lives. made its appearance on Wednesday down to 37 above zero. The frost did the flames did not reach the buildings

> -President Calles, of Mexico, re-The campaign will be in full fuses to continue in office. In other be summoned. The Mount Pocono fire deflower next week and the party strat- words, he would rather live than be President.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-A rooster, buried for 32 days under a mow full of wheat, has just been rescued on the T. J. Elmer farm, near Latrobe, The bird appeared groggy, but after shaking himself several times, emitted a feeble crow and commenced to strut.

-Judge Albert W. Johnson, in the United States district court at Scranton, named Henry Wowles, Selinsgrove, as probation officer for the Middle district of Pennsylvania. He is the first person to be given this position under a Federal law passed a few years ago.

-Wounds he received a year ago while attempting to escape from a coal and iron policeman resulted in the death of Lee Gray, 33, Negro miner, in a hospital at Washington, Pa., on Monday. Gray was shot in the legs when he tried to get away from the officer who had arrested

-W. W. Baylor, sitting as a referee in the Lackawana county court, on Monday, awarded \$2300 damages to Miss Mary Mahady, of Archbald, whose hair turned gray after she had been given treatment at a beauty parlor in Scranton. The decision was against Madame Fenwick and Charles Lozier, who operate the concern.

-That a raven-haired girl is the leader of the gang of thieves that has been preying upon billiard parlors of Shamokin. Brady, Kulpmont, Mt. Carmel and Centralia the last three months was disclosed to officials by a youth who overheard a well-dressed young man and a pretty girl accuse each other during a "mouth fight" in a business house

-Arrested on a charge of stealing \$125 Aaron "Bunt" Carbaugh, Kasierville, four miles south of Mercersburg, escaped from custody early Sunday morning when he tricked constable John Carabaugh, 52, also of Kasierville, into accompanying him on a search for the money, then clubbed the officer over the head with a shovel, causing a fracture of the skull.

-Landing on the blade of a butcher knife when she fell down the cellar steps of her home, Mrs. Richard Rohrbaugh, of Hanover, died last Friday night. Mrs. Rohrbaugh had been carrying the knife and when she fell the blade entered her throat, cutting the jugular vein and an artery. After running upstairs and telling her 8-year-old son to get help she fell dead on the porch.

-Blasting solid rock eighty to a hundred feet in depth to provide the roadbed for the new State highway from Lock Haven to Renovo is being done now by the William C. Horn Construction company. In the vicinity of Whetham a section of the road nearly a half-mile in length has literally been cut out of the mountain side, requiring the handling of

tomato a few days ago that tipped the scales slightly over two pounds and four ounces. It measured 1714 inches in circumference and in measurement from stem to bottom entirely around was 15% inches.

-Mrs. Edward Luka, of Shamokin, had a premonition of her husband's death. On "something terrible was going to happ When he failed to report the next day, searching parties were organized, and finally dragged his body from a deep hole filled with water. It is believed his clothing caught fire from a lamp and that he fell into the hole while attempting to extinguish the flames.

-Nieces and nephews of Louis Gold-Bloomsburg, last Friday, will receive their traveling expenses in making the journey there. The aged man's will, filed after the funeral, bequeathed the bulk of the estate, about \$2,000 to his stepson, William, after providing for the traveling expenses of the other relatives, bequeathing \$100 to one nephew, Charles Goldschmidt, of Reading, and leaving \$5 each to the other

-A 40-inch copperhead snake, captur-Philadelphia zoological garden. It is referred to as the granddaddy of copperheads. The copperhead was caught by North United Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, who spends his summer vacations in a cottage at Corning Heights. He was assisted by Mrs. Anderson, who has been active in helping her husband capture a large number of snakes.

-A unique ceremony took place in Luzerne county courts, on Monday, when William S. McLean, 3d, was admitted to practice law. The motion to admit the young lawyer to the bar was made by his grandfather, William S. McLean Sr. It was joined in by George R. McLean, father of the new attorney. The proceedings were heard by Judge William S. McLean, 2d, uncle of the newly-admitted practitioner. Legal authorities believe the proceedings, involving four members of the same family, are the first of their kind in any court in Pennsylvania.

-Transfer of John W. Keller, chief of the bureau of forest extension in the Department of Forests and Waters, to the of trees along roads, was announced to-It is gratifying to report relations of day. Keller's new post was created un-Legislature, placing shrubbery and tree planting along highways under the control of the department. He will be succeeded by Charles R. Meek, who has been assistant chief of the forest extension bureau since 1920 and Horace B. Rowland has been named as Meek's assistant. All three men are graduates of the State Forest School at Mont Alto.

-One hundred and thirty-seven girls, many of them residents of Philadelphia, were thrown into excitment early on Sunday when fire broke out in Camp Tegawitha, in the Pocono Mountains, near Tobyhanna. The campers escaped in safety, although all were in bed when the blaze broke out. The main building et the camp, a combination kitchen, recreamorning, when thermomters were tion hall and gymnasium, was razed, but used as sleeping quarters. Owing to the fact that the only telephone at the camp was in the building which was blazing, considerable time elapsed before aid could partment answered the alarm. The loss is estimated at about \$40,000.