Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-The Hon. Holmes' made a very graceful speech at the banquet of the League of Women Voters, but he had an awful time trying to make it appear that it was he who got the appropriations for Centre county institutions without the assistance of Secretary Dorworth. Of course he didn't say just that. But that is what he wanted those who were there to be-

-If you are against any of the amendments don't fail to vote "No" on them. Keep this in your head: A majority of the votes in favor of an amendment carries it. If you are against any of them vote "No," because those who are in favor of them are organized and will vote "yes" and a very few yes's might put one of the amendments over if those who are opposed to them think it won't be necessary to mark their opposition on the ballot.

-Herbert Hoover is a strange man erty, McCay, Sinclair, Denby, New- pay envelope a five cent piece." berry, Hayes, Smith, Jackson, Small and so on ad finitum.

-In other words, the idea of voting for a new tax of \$17,000 on the people of Centre county for a traveling library means \$2,000 a year for books and \$15,000 for librarians, automobiles, tires, gas and chaffeurs to peddle them around to five per cent. of the people who will read them. The next thing we know a lot of anilists will be advocating a tax to haul lolly-pops and ice cream cones around to everybody's front door. It's ridiculous, of course, but the other ninety-five per cent. wouldn't trade one lolly for a yard of books, so what's

-Several weeks ago we confessed that we have no expectation of profthat often we expect what we don't favor. get and get what we don't expect. Mrs. James, the Lake Helen, Florida, going and coming. And isn't it nice branch

who made the very interesting appeal to get out the vote at the banquet of the League of Women Voters, had his figures well in hand. He showed up the delinquents in Philipsburg. Bellefonte and State College. Even after know him from a side of sole-leather. Such is our obtuseness as to what is going on in Centre county. Notwithstanding the fact that he never uttered the word "Republican" or "Democrat" we knew, however, before he had gone far with his carefully prepared and forcibly presented talk that he was a Republican hynotist. If he is merely a non partisan statistician why didn't he carry his message over into Pennsvalley where all are Democrats and only forty per cent. of the vote usually gets out? Why were Philipsburg, Bellefonte and State Collegeall Republican strongholds-the Utopias of Mr. McCabe? We know. Mr. McCabe is the fox. So bungling a fox that he stated that "Christopher Columbus," a Catholic, brought while at the same time he knew he was urging Republicans to get out to vote against Al Smith because he happened to be born in the same faith that Chris was.

-The greatest kick we got out of

the dinner given by the League of Women Voters last Thursday night was when we nearly went cockeyed watching one of the hoipoloi harpooning bread at one table and one of the intelligentsia gesticulating with his fork at another. We know we're Now when Judge Fleming facetioussomething that might have shown treasury, in proportions not yet rehim how little he knows of the man- vealed. ner in which character and force exderby might mean just the same to him to remember who wore the white and winked at the partnership beplugs on that pilgrimage to Canton. tween politics and crime.



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Governor Smith's Tariff Views.

In his very forceful speech at politics and treated as a business and when he points with pride to an ad- ductive of log-rolling, business con- improvement. ministration that failed to condemn or fusion and uncertainty. Fifth, I say Mr. Lewis had been a Republican even rebuke such rotten betrayers of to the American working man that up until the "first three months of trust as were Fall, Miller, Forbes, the Democratic party will not do a the Harding administration," to quote

to keep his promises. If he had solved the problem for him and he suppression of its findings, as has that kind of a leader." been done repeatedly by President or Hoover. Letters on the desk prove of the commission failed to meet his or the mature judgment, wide experience in public affairs, and strong reasoning vote for the nefarious amendment of able measures for the relief of the

to the world that he will oppose with there is no hope for real progress in than 56000 special doe licenses have en promises a guarantee? Mrs. James, the Lake Helen, Florida, lady who tore us out so unmercifully has repented and is going to send us above of oranges if Hoover is elected. And Charles Potter Miller writes from Beverly, California, to say that he is making of the tariff a shelter of the purpose of repaying political making on the government at Washington. Cooling to the world that he will oppose with the country so long as emissaries of Smith is elected. So we've got 'em tariff law and all its predecessors them in the event of his election. In in the matter. A representative who framed under Republican auspices telligent and patriotic men cannot that Mrs. James didn't select lemons were not intended to protect legiti- stand for such a prospect and Mr. as the best expression of her olive mate industry or conserve the interests of wage earners but to reimburse was a friend and follower of Theo--The Mr. McCabe, the gentleman generous contributors to the campaign dore Roosevelt and acts as he thinks slush fund. In testifying before the Senate Slush Fund committee investigating the Senatorial election in this State in 1926, Joe Grundy practically of its purpose. Governor Smith's admitted that fact. The success of Louisville speech knocked it "into a the Democratic party in the ap-Mr. McCabe was introduced we didn't proaching election will end the immoral and disgraceful practice for all time.

Mayor Mackey's Part in the Affair.

When Harry Mackey was a candidate for Mayor he openly declared that the police department of Philalevy. Recent events have fully corroborated his charge of corruption. As he had managed Vare's campaign for Senator the year previous it may be assumed that he was equally accurate in his statement as to the source of the graft. Tom Cunningham, now sheriff of Philadelphia county, contribut-"the spirit of liberty to America" ed vastly in excess of his resources to the Vare slush fund and though he refused to tell the Senate committee where he got the money he was probably more frank with the campaign manager who disbursed it.

While Mr. Mackey made no direct pledge that in the event of his election to the office of Mayor he would eliminate the crimes and graft from the police department, such a promise was plainly implied and the opportunity was certainly present. But instead of doing so Mayor Mackey so arranged the force as to make shallow and trifling, but we just can't grafting easier, safer and more cerresist certain silly reactions we have. tain. He made the police officials absolutely subservient to ward party ly referred to Al Smith's brown der- leaders and inferentially instructed by we had an entirely different reac- the leaders to go the limit in protecttion. If the Judge had listened in to ing saloon keepers, bootleggers and the sermon preached in the chapel at other criminals in consideration of State College Sunday morning he bribes to be divided between the colwould have heard a Jewish Rabbi say lecting agents and the campaign defeat? There is only one way with

In view of these facts the apparent press themselves. Al Smith's brown efforts of those now endeavoring to expose the evil to shield Mr. Mackey -no more, no less-than the white from blame are futile and may as well string tie that the man who edited be abandoned. He may not have rethis paper for fifty-seven years meant ceived any part of the tainted money to him. Both little sartorial idiosyn- but he has aspirations which may be crasies mean strength of character. greatly promoted by a well filled cam-We can't say, however, that paign chest. There was corruption it was strength of character before he became Mayor and the Cun- for putting his life as well as his culation of campaign literature too inthat prompted a lot of Bellefonters ningham contribution to the Vare to put on white plug hats one time sush fund shows that it served its and journey out to Canton, Ohio, and purpose. But the evidence brought the promise of a seat in the Senate? free delivery through messengers. We wave them at a "front porch." The out in the pending investigation Judge has our admiration and reproves that it was triffing compared spect. We just couldn't laugh at with the operations since he became him. We knew he wasn't old enough head of the municipal government

William Draper Lewis for Smith.

Every lawyer in Pennsylvania Louisville, Kentucky, on Saturday knows William Draper Lewis, of evening, Governor Smith made his Philadelphia. For many years he was ideas on tariff legislation entirely dean of the Pennsylvania University clear. "First," he said, "I believe law school and the associate of Geo. that the tariff should be taken out of Wharton Pepper in the preparation and publication of Pepper and Lewis' economic problem. Second, I believe Digest of the laws of Pennsylvania. overripe centralization of power. It lieve in the statements solemnly in the Democratic platform, which Most of the laymen of the State know recognizes that the high wages and Mr. Lewis. He was active in all constructive policies established by movements for civic improvements in Woodrow Wilson and the business the city and State for years, and in prosperity resulting from them com- 1914 was the candidate of the Pro- planation on one of the propositions. to stand silently by while his cam- prosperity resulting from them com- 1914 was the candidate of the Pro- planation on one of the propositions, paign ballyhooers are charging that mitted the Democratic party to tar- gressive, or Roosevelt, party for Govthe administration of the man who iff. Third, I condemn the Republican ernor of Pennsylvania. The clergy made him was not efficient. We are policy of leaving the farmer outside of Pennsylvania know him because he being very charitable, indeed, by our protective walls. Fourth, I re- has invariably stood among the leadmerely saying that he is strange, gard general tariff legislation as pro- ers for civic advancement and moral

Stephenson, Florence Knapp, Daugh- single thing that will take from his his own language. Since that time dred citizens of a county desiring to he has been an independent "looking have a special season, petitioned the These are the salient features of a for a non-radical but constructively game commission, setting forth that pledge solemnly made to the voters of liberal party." The nomination of the game had become a nuisance. the country by a man who never fails Governor Smith for President has Ninety days before such special seastopped there his pledge would have states that he will vote for the Demserved to completely refute the pre- ocratic candidate "because he is a posterous statements of Herbert leader of tested political moral cour- This gave every citizen of the county Hoover and otsher Republican spokes- age. The country needs as Presimen that Democratic success would dent," he adds, "a leader of men cap- protest or approval as he chose. mean industrial paralysis and com- able of giving to the rest of us ideals merical distress. But he went fur- of a prosperous American that will ther. He declared for a tariff commis- be something better than merely its reports. This would eliminate the terest us in public questions makes ed to thirty days, making organized 'packing" of the commission and the me confident that in him we have protest pratically impossible. Local

William Draper Lewis is a man of Lewis points the way to avert it. He Roosevelt would have acted.

-The tariff issue has also failed

Pertinent Questions to Governor Fisher.

The evidence that the Republican leaders in this State are in a panic continues to grow. Last week Governor Fisher and State chairman Martin visited William S. Vare, in his Atlantic City home, and begged him delphia was saturated with crime and to save the party from defeat. Only graft. He said he knew every grafter a trifle more than two years ago Mr. on the force and the source of their Fisher was publicly denouncing Mr. date of October 7th. On September Vare as a political wastrel without 28th Mr. Work stated that Governor principle or character. Now he is Smith, in a public speech, had "depractically on his knees praying for clared that the Underwood tariff act his help in a desperate effort to carry the banner Republican State for ling tariff legislation." Mr. Raskob the candidate of his party for President. Imagine the spectacle of the Governor of a great State thus plead- true, as you very well know, that Goving before a disciedited political boss ernor Smith ever declared that." helpless in his sick chamber.

"To what base uses may we return, Horatio! Why not imagination trace the noble dust of Alexander till he find it stopping a bung hole?" When Vare was a candidate for Senator Mr. Fisher repeatedly said he represented nothing but a beer mug. Now, though reduced by infirmity to a physical wreck, he is recognized as of Governor of Pennsylvania ever before been so prostituted? Has the decent impulses of the people of glaringly outraged?

And how does Governor Fisher expect Mr. Vare to save the party from which Mr. Vare is familiar to build up majorities for the Republican party in Philadelphia, and that is fraudulent voting and false returns of the paign is proof positive that Mr. Huvote. Does the Governor of Pennsylvania want Mr. Vare to invoke the can National committee, is not only methods which have already sent a a notorious liar but an arrant hypnumber of his henchmen to prison ocrite. While ostentatiously professing and ought to have sent many others detestation of the "whispering camthere? And how does Governor paign" he is suspicioned of maintain-Fisher intend to recompense Mr. Vare ing and financing a bureau for the cirliberty in jeopardy by saving the par- decent to be distributed through the lyty by fraud? Is he giving Mr. Vare These are pertinent questions.

Will Centre County Support Nefari. Put the Farm Problem Into Comous Game Law?

We promised in our columns last county what part our representative in the General Assembly, the last two sessions, has played in protecting our and began offering excuses for Mr. Holmes before we could even tell about his vote upon the game bill.

Prior to the session of the Legislature in 1925, it was possible in different localities to have a special doe season not exceeding three days, when conditions warranted it. But how was this to be done? Two hunson opened, this application was required by law to be advertised for three weeks in two county papers. affected a chance to raise a voice of

By Act of Assembly, dated May 14, 1925, P. L. 752, the game code was so amended that "upon information obchoice is now entirely eliminated.

Certainly Mr. Holmes did not vote power. Three months of the Harding 1925, and cannot relieve himself of farmer? Is demonstrated incompet-Finally, Governor Smith proclaimed administration satisfied him that the responsibility. To date more ence a recommendation? votes to take away the voice of his constituency in a matter of local importance is not a representative at all.

The people of Centre county want a man who will at all times work for the best interests of Centre county, and for strict home rule in all matters of local concern, hence, we believe, they will cast their ballot for Andrew Curtin Thompson.

-The "whispering campaign" has proved a failure and its sponsors are now trying to get away from it.

We have been waiting more or less patiently for some weeks for chairman Work, of the Republican National committee, to reply to the letter of chairman Raskob, of the Democratic National committee, bearing embodied the ideal method of handdenounced the statement as a deliberate falsehood and added "it is not other words the statement of Mr. Work was not only a deliberate but a malicious lie. It was reasonable to expect a response to that charge. Just as our hope for such an ex-

planation from Mr. Work as would exculpate him from deliberately and maliciously "bearing false witness," was approaching the vanishing point the information comes that Congressthe only instrument of saving the man Good, of Iowa, western manager party from impending bankruptcy and of the Hoover campaign, has written the Governor of the State becomes to Mr. Work advising him to make no the messenger of the machine to urge | reply to Raskob. It was a needless him to action. Has the great office service. Mr. Raskob had completely proved his charge by quoting the exact language of Governor Smith on the subject which was not even near Pennsylvania ever before been so like that attributed to him by chairman Work. The only reply that could possibly be made was an acknowledgement of a grave offense and an apology for committing it, and Work isn't that type of citizen.

The truth is that one of the most startling developments of the cambert Work, chairman of the Republimails and which is being circulated by have had dirty campaigns before in the political history of the country but The vote on the voting machine none has been so flagrantly outraconstitutional amendment will irdi- geous as that now in progress, and it cate whether or not the voters of is fair to assume that chairman Work Pennsylvania favor honest elections. is largely responsible for it.

petent Hands.

From the Philadelphia Record. week to tell the voters of Centre lican national platform we gather the impression that God in His infinite wisdom has conferred upon the Resessions, has played in protecting our publican party a monoply of concounty from the deadening effect of structive statesmanship. If we bewas interesting to note that in an made in that immortal document only open letter to the Keystone Gazette, Republicans are competent to govlast week, someone by the name of D. ern; they only can guide the nation general prosperity.

Let us check up on this widely-accepted assumption. For 16 years prior to 1913 the Republican party was in undisputed control of the executive and legisla-

tive branches of the Government. In all that period the chief source of governmental weakness lay in an unstable financial system. Through four successive Republican Adminis-trations futile efforts were made to solve the complicated problems of

currency and banking.
In 1913 the Democrats came into power. They promptly enacted, under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson, the Federal Reserve law, acknowledged to be-when no Presidential campaigns are pending—the most successful and soundest financial measure in the history of the coun-

After eight years of Democratic rule the Republican party was given sion composed of fit men, absolutely free from partnership or prejudice, est in others as human beings, the results and the state of th another chance to demonstrate to recommend to Congress needed changes in tariff schedules and prompt and periodical publication of public service and his power to inninety day advertisement was reducof banking, in disagreements, bicker-

ings and miserable failure.

What is there in the Republican record to justify the belief that the Are brok-

going to make us post-master if debts or obligations." The present and Hoover promises to perpetuate their throats without having a voice poverished. He must be set on his to the house was estimated at \$6,000.

The farmer's problem is every-body's problem. It demands prompt and effective solution. The party which created the Federal Reserve System, after long years of Republi-can effort had failed, is best qualified to rescue agriculture, Republican claims to omniscience to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mrs. Willebrandt and Hoover.

From the DuBois Express When Herbert Hoover entered the campaign for President of the United States it was announced in his behalf Chairman Work Proved a Falsifier. that he would make few speeches himself, but would rely in great measure for success upon the work accomplished by the lesser lights of the Republican party. It was not to be exactly a front-porch fight, as it was in the days of William McKinley, and as it was, in a lesser degree, in the later days of Warren Harding, but a fight in which the lieutenants were to stand the brunt of battle, carrying the party banner along lines prescribed by the commander-in-chief

This strategy puts up to Herbert Hoover the character of the fighting. Those American citizens who would like to think the best of the Republican standard-bearer, whether they intend to vote for him or not, have long been wondering whether he approves of such tactics as those pursued by Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, assistant attorney general. It would be idle to speak further of her antics to Dr. Homesick and desiring to chart Hubert Work, Republican national chairman, and, as such, manager of the Hoover campaign. He says he Uniontown," Edward Woods, formerly of does not know when "she (Mrs. Willebrandt) speaks, where speaks or anything about it." Dr. Work obviously does not care to be bothered about the matter. He told one reporter that he had not read what Mrs. Willebrandt was saying, and would not have time to until after the election.

Cause for Removal.

From The Chicago Tribune. In one instance Governor Smith scores soundly and that is in his reference to Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, assistant Attorney-General, who has been given so much to do in the prohibition enforcement. In what she said to the Ohio Methodist conference, by any construction of her language, she appealed to religious prejudices and urged that they be stirred and used against the Democratic candidate. It is an act for which an official should be removed from office. Governor Smith says that the silence of the administration gives sanction, and that stands as an effective charge

-If Hoover would tell the public how he proposes to work out the results he promises to achieve the public would have a better chance to appraise the value of his promises.

-Subscribe for the Watchman. ed, the less being estimated at \$5000.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Forty-five years as organist of the First Methodist church, at Bloomsburg, one of the largest in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, have been rounded out by Mrs. Fred Holmes.

-"Stop-Through Traffic" signs have proved so effective, according to Samuel Eckels, chief engineer of the State Highway Department, that 5000 additional miles of highway will be designated as through highways.

-Mrs. Eva G. Stiger, 36, of South Renovo, near Lock Haven, committed suicide on Sunday by drinking a cup of poison. She walked a block from her home, entered an old automobile standing there and drank the poison. She died in fifteen minutes.

-Autumn is the proper time to fall from houses. John Bolek, Marion Heights, was repairing his house roof when he slipped, rolled off the roof, landed 10 feet below on his porch roof, then fell to the ground, where he dropped on a pile of soft dry leaves, escaping with injuries to his right shoulder.

-Daniel Harman, 85, of Berwick, failed in an attempt to commit suicide on Tuesday, when a thin rope with which he tried to hang himself broke. He was unconscious when found on the ground by

-Lycoming county has a record of 104 divorces granted and 488 mariage licenses issued in nine months of the year, up to October 1. The approximate proportion of one divorce to every five marriages in 1928 has been true for the last few years, although in the last ten years, a steady increase in the number of divorces

has been noticed in the county in general. -In order that there would be no conoversy over his estate after his death Moses Ross Thomas, founder of Thomasdale, Fayette county, called his heirs together, last week, at his home and apportioned his estate. Thomas is in his 82nd year and says he expects to live to be 100. He is in fine health. Most of his

time is spent in fishing and gardening. -Mrs. John Gresko, of Upper Pottsgrove, Montgomery county, went to a small pond near her home for a bucket of water. As she stooped over the water's edge powerful jaws snapped at her hands. Her screams brought her husband, who armed himself with a shotgun and went on watch. After an hour's wait he captured a two-foot alligator. The presence of the saurian in the pond is a mystery.

-A sixth finger was removed from each hand of Gladys Thelma Harer, 8 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harer, residing near Williamsport, the operation being performed at the Williamsport hospital. The child also has six toes on each foot but in this case an operation is not necessary. Their 15 year old son was also born with six fingers and six toes, having the extra digits removed when he was a few weeks old

local fire department in extinguishing the blaze, which was caused by a defective flue

-Application of Harry R. Deeter doing business as the West Branch Transit com pany to operate a group and party bus service between Watsontown and Mifflinburg was denied on Monday by the Public Service Commission. The commission however, gave Deeter permission to run his busses between Lewisburg and Mifflinburg. Deeter's application was protested by the Smith Transportation Company, which operates a group and party service from Watsontown to Milton.

-The building committee of the board of trustees of Gettysburg College have selected the plan for a new library building, to be erected on the campus. The new building will stand where Cottage Hall, the smallest dormitory on the campus, now stands, and the work of razing this old frame building will be started at once. The library is the gift to the college of Rev. Dr. H. H. Weber, of York, in memory of his wife, and will be known as the M. Emma Weber Memorial Library.

-The nine-mile detour between Thompsontown and Mifflintown, on the William Penn highway, will be lifted within the next six weeks, the State Highway Department announced on Friday. Four miles of the new paving have been completed. Included in the improvements in the nine-mile stretch are relocation of the roadway for a short distance, construction of a forty-five-foot span of bridge, reconstruction of four other smaller bridges and a six-foot culvert. The entire stretch

-Homesick and desiring to chat with members of the Uniontown police force "just to see how things were going in that city, but for the last six months a resident of California, on Saturday night spent about \$34 for a telephone conversation from Los Angeles. He said he had just come from the beach, where he mingled with movie actors and actresses, and became lonesome. His first minute's conversation cost him \$6, with \$2 for each succeeding minute. He talked about fifteen minutes.

-After pleading guilty to a charge of embezzling \$15,000 from the State Teachers' college at West Chester, on Monday, Dorothy Currey, 24, former stenographerclerk, was sentenced to an indefinite term in the Woman's Industrial home, Muncy, Pa. The sentence was imposed by Judges Frank E. Hause and William Bulter Windle, after proceedings which occupied only 15 minutes. Miss Currey made no statement to the court, but a plea for clemency was made by her counsel, J. Paul McCelree. Miss Currey heard her sentence apparently unmoved. She was held in \$1,000 bail pending her removal to the home.

-Flames believed to have originated from men and boys stealing into the buildings to play poker and smoke, caused the loss of \$10,000 at Lewistown, last until it is answered equally effective- Friday. The first fire occurred at the Hower Lumber company's sheds in the Hollywood section when the buildings and six cars of yellow pine lumber were destroyed with a loss of \$4,000. The second blaze was at the barn at Juniata Terrace. owned by the Viscose company and leased by Cloyd Shade. The loss on the building was \$1000 and 700 bushels of wheat, 600 of oats and 50 tons of hay were burn-