Democratic Hatchman.

INK SLINGS.

-Now that the eventful day is drawing near thirty-eight days seem an awful long time to wait.

-If the story is true that the English people are thinking of making the Prince of Wales Regent poor King George ought to get Jim Reed into Parliament. Jim refused to drag Mr. Vare's seat out from under him because "he is a very sick man."

-Since the Grangers and the Kiwanians of the county have sent word to Senator Scott and the Hon. Holmes that they are against the proposed increases of tax on gas and motor licenses we presume that our representatives at Harrisburg are beginning to have some restless nights. Both will be expected to support the flattery of Mr. Coolidge is implied in measure, if the administration gets be- the perfect imitation of his manners hind it. Both know that they will be and methods of expressing opinions damned in Harrisburg if they don't on public questions. The address is and damned here if they do.

man. We can't be that, because God's to suggest caution. wonderful gifts would be common if Our new President is strong for did.

-Another chain store is coming to town. The more the merrier. When enough of them finally get located here we do hope they'll do to each other what they are now doing to the long established, property owning, tax paying, community building tion of juries, and the more effective local merchants. The trend of the times is toward corporate control of all business, so that it takes only a little glance into the future to see the day when local merchandising will be as completely in the hands of absentee ownership as is manufacturing out some way, of course, but it will moral support of all good citizens. now. The problem will work itself surely be at the sacrifice of home in-

selecting William D. Mitchell, of Min- helped a lot. nesota, as his Attorney General. Mr. Mitchell is a Democrat and as pro- ginning to end would require more hibition enforcement is to be taken space than we have at our disposal. out of the control of the Treasury It is sufficient to add that most of his Department and put under that of purposes, as expressed in his inauguthe Department of Justice there will ral, are more or less idealistic but imbe a Democrat to hold responsible if possible of early application. Like enforcement isn't more efficient dur- his campaign speech promise to pracing the Hoover administration than tically abolish poverty, his references it was under that of Mr. Coolidge, to public health, world peace, eco-Of course we do not think that Mr. nomic systems, brotherhood of man, Hoover deliberately planned to have special privileges, permanent peace a goat handy in the event of failure and party responsibilities are finely of his proposed experiment, but if he phrased and enticing to minds too didn't he is so lucky that he could fall into the Potomac and come out system and it worked like a charm. brushing dust off his clothes.

the lines of the President's inaugural ment of the promises are too far in address to learn that Mr. Hoover the future. knows there is no short cut to complete prohibition. We might be reading things into it that are not there, but we are convinced that our Presi-

-Just now it is the popular thing to be railing against the passage of to be determined by the ability of the new laws and increased taxation. county to pay. It presents a strong Some agitators are actually encouraging rebellion against constituted authority for the imposition of ever increasing legal bondage and tax burdens. Why rebel at something we bring on ourselves. When the public comes to understand its own and ample, it proposes to take over 375 sole responsibility for existing con- miles of city streets, all county ditions there will be an end of this bridges, and "remove ten per cent. fatuous claptrap. In Bellefonte, some of the obligation of boroughs in the time ago, someone discovered a lit- construction of State routes." The tle sediment in a bottle of milk left maintainance of city streets on pubat his door by a local dairyman. A lic highways is a considerable burgreat hue and cry went up over it. den which, except in Philadelphia, Thousands of babies who will be has heretofore been borne by the cheating the undertaker for seventy municipality, and keeping county years or more were handed over to bridges in repair costs a good deal to him the day the discovery was made. the several counties in which they Alarmists swarmed around the old are located. The promise of relief people who have one foot in the grave from this burden appeals to Legislaand tried to push the other one in. tors concerned. Instead of being a happy, healthful town Bellefonte saw itself pictured as the country's morgue. Everybody was going to die because some dirt insistent demand for roads for the had been found in a bottle of milk. rural districts by giving them plenty Of course we'd all been going serene- of roads by another system. But it ly on had the dirt not had the bad will cost money to carry out this plan luck to be discovered. It was one of and the proposed increase in the gasothose cases of what you don't know line tax and the enlargement of the won't hurt you. But the result is fees for drivers' licenses and learnwhat we are out to emphasize. That ers' permits is the process. The only questionable bottle of milk resulted other way to procure the necessary in the employment of a health of- funds is to levy a tax on the capital ficer for Bellefonte who will have to stock or earnings of manufacturing the Dauphin county courts are in pobe paid through taxation. It also re- corporations, and therefore it may be sulted in adding to the dairyman's assumed that the real purpose of the fraud," and in the opinion of laymen cost in preparing his milk and that plan is to "save the face" of Joe this far removed from the capital extra two cents is to be passed on to the consumer. Moral—If you start yelling "Let's do it" the moment something is proposed don't crab when they come around to collect your share of the cost of doing it.



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In his inaugural address President Hoover paid generous tribute to the virtues and achievements of his predecessor in office. But his sincerest a model in many respects. It touches -By way of paying a little tribute on all topics of immediate public to the memory of Dr. Ezra H. Yo- concern and favors everything that cum we want to record here that no is worthy and opposes all that is vicman has made a more indellible im- ious. It is short enough to hold the pression on our life. Could we be as interest of the reader to the end and he was: Courtly, generous of heart long enough to give superficial refand mind, eloquent of tongue and un- erence to current events. It reveals fathomable in spiritual grace we enough optimism to inspire nationwould be the ideal christian gentle- wide hope and sufficient pessimism

they were given to one who could not law enforcement and happily his visradiate them as our departed friend ion embraces all laws but his processes, though promising, will be necessarily slow. To obtain improvement, he says, "we must critically consider the entire federal machinery of justice, the redistribution of its functions, the simplification of its procedure, the provision of additionorganization of our agencies of investigation and prosecution." These things accomplished the problem of law enforcement might be solved, but imagine what time may be required to accomplish them. Besides the enforcement officials must have the When the government was prosecuting the Teapot Dome swindle Mr. Hoover gave it neither moral nor ma--Maybe the President was foxy in terial support, though he could have

To analyze the address from beeasily misled. That was the Coolidge But it is not likely to prove so effec--One need not even read between tive with his successor. The fulfill-

Increase of Gas Tax Assured.

The boosters of the four-cent gasodent is paving the way to an ultimate line tax are now confident that they declaration that the only real prohi- have solved the problem. That is to bition must come through the practice say, by promises of improved highof temperance and temperance must ways in rural districts they believe come through education of the masses that they have enticed the Legislators to the dangers of excesses. If we concerned to support not only the are right in our conjecture as to the four cent tax but a considerable inpresidential concept of the solution crease in the fee for driver's licenses of the liquor problem it will be grat- and learners' permits. There will not ifying, indeed, for we have consist- be the customary "omnibus" bill. ently held the notion that prohibition Instead of that the plan is to increase won't prohibit and that temperance the rewards to townships for imis a matter for education, not legis- proving roads. The scale for such assistance will range from twenty-five to seventy-five per cent of the cost, appeal to poor counties.

The plan was devised at a joint session of sub-committees of the roads committees of the Senate and House and hands out substantial inducements to other interests. For ex-

The ostensible purpose of this somewhat complicated and altogether comprehensive scheme is to check the Grundy, who solemnly pledged contributors to the slush fund that no such tax would be laid.

-The new Republican administration is giving us rotten weather.

The rumor that Brigadier General The corner's jury which investigatthe political gossip of Pennsylvania, 9, has rendered a verdict holding the enter more promising fields.

General Butler has had little ex- him. obliged to return to the marines.

During his brief service in civil life of a more serious nature." General Butler formed a close intitry chances in civil life.

The Pennsylvania contingent cut the big figure at the inaugural parade on Monday.

Election Frauds in Harrisburg.

On complaint of the Dauphin county branch of the Pennsylvania Elections association the ballot box used in one of the voting precincts of Harrisburg was opened last week with amazing results. Judge John E. Fox, who conducted the investigation, reit was done by the voters, but was obviously done by some one else than the voters. It is apparent fraud, by whom perpetrated there is no disapparent fraud of such a nature ness by the government." should be promptly investigated and the responsibility disclosed.

It has long been suspected that elections in Harrisburg, Pottsville, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Erie and other cities of considerable population have been controlled by frauds and that the frauds in those cities, supplemented by those in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, have provided the Republican majorities in Pennsylvania frequently of late years. It is practically admitted by fair-minded and observant Republicans that the majority for William S. Vare, in the Senaby that process. Yet the Republican organization, from the National committee down, is exhausting all its re- rendered. sources to secure a ratification of the frauds by awarding the stolen seat

to Mr. Vare. The only excuse that has been ofburg is that the election officers were ililterate negroes incapable of conducting the election according to law. Possibly that is true, but it is equally certain that those officers were chosen because of their incapacity to interpret and enforce the law, thus opening the way for cunning and crooked politicians to perpetrate the frauds and escape punishment. The judges and the district attorney of sitions to investigate "an apparent city of the State it is their duty to do so promptly and vigorously.

-The 1928 potato crop in Centre county is given as 364,080 bushels, valued at \$229,370.

President Hoover's Inaugural Ad- General Smedley Butler for Governor. Bogus Policemen Held for Murder. Local Kiwanis Protests the Increased

Smedley Darlington Butler, the fight- ed the murder of John Barcoveskie, ing Quaker marine of West Chester, a miner employer by the Pittsburgh Harrison Walker, vice president J. K. ment with a fellow-workman, was grantmight become a candidate for Gov- Coal company, at Santiago near Johnston presided at the Kiwanis ernor, was the surprise injected into Pittsburgh on the night of February meeting on Tuesday. the other day. General Butler has three coal and iron policemen who ment of economics of the Pennsylrecently returned from China where participated in the beating responsi- vania State College, gave a very inhe has been for several months in ble and recommending their prosecu- teresting and instructive talk on "The command of the American marines tion for murder. The evidence show- Relation of Price Movements to Busthere. During his thirty years ser- ed that they had followed their vic- iness." vice "he has fought at the head of tim into the home of his mother-in- Among other important facts, Mr. running. his troops in every quarter of the law, where they obtained entrance by Weaver said that we have no definite globe," and holds the Congressional battering down the door. There they standards of value. While the necmedal of honor for personal bravery hammered him with revolver butts essity of such a standard is keenly and several other decorations for dis- and an iron poker and kicked him in felt in the business world, yet no funeral. tinguished service. But in the nature the face and body with heavy boots standard exists comparable to those of things he has reached the limit in until his ribs were separated from the of weights and measures. He compromotion and achievement in his back bone and protruded through the pared the rising and lowering price profession and is probably willing to flesh. Their purpose was to make levels with conditions as they would him admit a crime charge against exist if there were no such standards.

perience in civil official life, but that The Senate committee which invesgurated methods for improvement of declared that "everywhere your com- prices. government that might have revolu- mittee visited they found victims of The minutes of the board of ditionized the politics of the city if he the coal and iron police who had been rectors were approved. The club bring him in," Judge Williams told Sherhad been properly supported by the beaten up and were still carrying voted to inform the Legislators to iff Pratt. other agencies of administration. But sears on their faces and heads from use their influence against all inhe was not so favored and at the ex- the rough treatment they had receiv- crease of taxation, especially on gaspiration of his furlough from the ma- ed." Outrages upon women and chil- oline and automobile licenses. Robert company at Lewistown Junction has been rine service, the political machine in- dren were frequently brought to the Hunter reported on a bill in Congress started. The plans call for five tracks fluenced President Coolidge to refuse attention of the Senators. "Only the relative to appropriations for a an extension of time and he was vigilance of the State police," the re- public building for Bellefonte. The port continued, "prevented atrocities

macy with Gifford Pinchot, then Gov- by legislation placing restrictions up- M. W. Neidigh, H. B. Shattuck, and ernor of Pennsylvania, and it is said on the activities of this force. Gov- T. A. Miller, of State College. that the Governor urged him to resign ernor Fisher has promptly sounded his commission in the marines, con- the alarm but qualifies his protest by tinue in his municipal office and be- suggesting amendments to the law aucome a candidate for Governor in thorizing it. But amending a viciously 1926. If he had acceded to this prop- bad law will not serve the purpose cutting a big figure in the affairs of ate property is entitled to protection lege, was given a hearing in the Blair ladder. the State. But Butler was fond of quite as much as that owned by in-the marine service and there were dividuals. But that result can be charge of false pretense and larceny. then chances of promotion to the achieved by appointing watchmen as State highway patrolman H. W.

> the State maintain six times as many a barber bill charged on the strength ably saved Landes' life. miles of roads as does the Highway Department and they do it on onefifth of the amount that is spent on the State highways. The figures happen to be correct, but if you don't believe them drive over some of the township roads and be convinced.

-Benjamin Franklin Manning has applied for a divorce from his ferring to evidences of changing the wife because her "wealth has proved ballots said; "This number is so large a bit intolerable." She was the widthat it cannot be conjectured that ow of one of the Dodge Brothers .--"Poor Richard."

-The Power trust will derive comfort from Mr. Hoover's statement closure of evidence." But there ought that his election meant "the denial to be a disclosure and a penalty. An of ownership or operations of busi-

-We failed to find either Joe Grundy or Tom Cunningham among inaugural. Probably modesty held was given a sentence of six months them in the back ground.

-Possibly Mr. Hoover's national commission to investigate the matter of law enforcement will be able to report in time for the next Presidential campaign.

---The Philadelphia crooks are torial election of 1926, was obtained gaining confidence since the bosses have reached an agreement. Kaelker, "King of the gamblers," has sur-

-The President spoke kindly of religious tolerance in his inaugural address but clings to Colonel Mann, fered for the frauds exposed in Harris- the Klu Klux organizer of the campaign.

> -Former Vice President Dawes gave the Senate rules a vicious slap in his retirement speech but his successor promptly applied a poultice.

-Mr. Hoover promises to choose only fit men for office and after the record of Harding and Coolidge that Crawford, Russell Rider and Mark is an encouraging promise.

Mr. Hoover had nothing to do with meeting to be held March 14th, at body and but few pieces of the machine. the decline in the value of stocks on Monday.

-Talking about weather, Tuesday and yesterday were bad enough to suffice for all of March.

Gas Tax Proposal.

In the absence of the president, W.

Dr. F. P. Weaver, of the depart-

Mr. Weaver showed that the high peaks in prices since 1790 were the little was full of thrills. Mayor Ken- tigated conditions in the Pennsyl- war periods of 1912, 1865 and 1920, drick, of Philadelphia, appointed him vania bituminous coal regions, a year respectively. The war, however, is Director of Public Safety in which ago, fully exposed and vigorously not the cause of high prices, but rathposition, during the two years of his condemned the police system of er the method of financing the wars tenure, he kept the politicians, in- which this murder was a product. In is responsible for the high prices. cluding Boss Vare, on "pins and need- its report to Congress 300 pages were Bond issues or other methods, whereles." He adopted policies and inau- given to the subject, in which it was by credit is extended results in high

following visitors were present: Messrs. G. L. Raynor, Williamsport, It is proposed to remedy this evil R. F. Glenn, Bellefonte; E. A. Danby,

A twenty-three year old young man The township road supervisors of the State maintain six times as many a barber bill charged on the strength of his assumed position as an officer. plied for admission to the State highburg, which he was unable to read. The youth declared he could neither read nor write. These letters, he and permitted the grocer, the barber and the tailor to read.

He asserted that the turkey had didn't know the rifle was loaded. been given him, and as for the orderbeen accepted and was purchasing his clothes.

The district attorney, after reading Miller's letters from the State highway patrol headquarters at Harthe Pennsylvania celebrities at the awaiting appearance in court. He Butt contended that the shooting was

commitment. He was also fined \$5.

Public Hearings on Proposed Increased Road Taxes.

> be held in the court house on Monday afternoon, March 11th, at two P. M., finally reached, the two men were dead in the matter of the several petitions and their bodies badly burned. The street by supervisors for increase of road tax. These petitions are as follows: Union Township for the levying of stream, causing boat owners to move their an additional five mills, Huston craft. The flaming liquid, however, did Township for the levying of an ad- not reach the river. ditional five mills, Howard Township for the levying of an additional five cerine which he was transporting in an mills, Gregg Township for the levy- automobile exploded, a man whose name ing of an additional two mills. All is believed to have been W. J. Shaner was interested parties are invited to at- blown to atoms, and a section of the im-

in Bellefonte. A fair crowd of fans noon and had secured 100 quarts of nitrowere present at a meeting, on Mon- glycerine which he intended to transport day evening, to decide on whether to to a section of the oil fields in the northhave a team this year or not. Francis ern tier of counties. There were no per-Williams were appointed a committee tails of the manner in which it occurred on the nomination of seven men for are available. Persons arriving on the Of course the inauguration of a board of directors and report at a scene failed to find any traces of the man's 8 p. m. If sufficient interest is shown A large hole was torn in the road bed at that time application will be made and all traffic was stopped by highway for a franchise in the Centre and patrolmen until necessary repairs could Clearfield league.

-Subscribe for the Watchman.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Strangling when a peanut lodged in her throat, Betty Pauline Wilt, daughter of Mrs. Chester A. Wilt, Duncansville, died while being taken to Nason hospital, Roaring Spring, on Wednesday.

-C. J. Held, of Loganton, has been awarded the contract to carry the mail from Loganton to Rebersburg, and Walter Hackel has been awarded the contract to carry the mail from Loganton to Mill Hall for the next four years, beginning July 1, 1929.

-The State Highway Department has made a survey for a re-alignment of the highway and construction of a new bridge over the Masden Hollow run at the Joseph Bickel farm, midway between Beech Creek and Mill Hall. A bad curve will be eliminated.

-Compensation for the death of her husband who was struck over the head with an automobile jack during an argued to Jane Kricher, widow of Fred Kricher, of Philadelphia, by an opinion rendered by Paul Houck, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

-Mrs. Ruth Wilson, 28, wife of John B. Wilson, of Somerset inhaling carbon mained seated closed garage had been tied down with a cord, the coro

ner reported, and the woman left a note to her husband in which she planned her

-David K. Frey, Highville, Lancaster county, has just rounded out 50 years without missing a single session of the Highville Sunday school. Frey believes half a century of perfect attendance is a record for the State. Frey is 76. He was one of the organizers of the Highville congregation and has lived in the neighborhood of the little church since it was established.

-A wooden leg does not give a man reasonable execuse to dodge jury duty, Judge Williams decreed at Norristown, on Monday. Benjamin Jacobs, Lower Merion, summoned for service this week, sent word he could not report because he had a wooden leg. The court directed the Sheriff to investigate. "If he is able to walk,

-Work on the new gravity yards to be constructed by the Pennsylvania Railroad with a capacity of 25 cars each, added to the storage and drilling space now in service. Robert Woodcock, supervisor, is directing the work. Construction of the new coal and ash hoist in the Lewistown shops is progressing rapidly.

-Max Keffer, 30, chain store manager, of Bradford, is recovering in a hospital from the inhalation of smoke. He was This Young Man Was Going Some. caught between floors in the skylight shaft in a blazing building. Bud Johnson, negro rescued him after firemen failwho gave his name as James W. Mil- ed. The building collapsed shortly after osition a Pinchot-Butler combination of correction. The only way to treat ler, alias Shawley, and the place of Keffer was removed from the living furwould have been created capable of such a law is to repeal it. Corpor- his birth and former home State Coling with a crowbar while standing on a

gation was kneeling and the minister was making the closing prayer, nearly cost the rank of Major General. The recent banks and other business enterprises McCartney, who made the informalife of a worshipper in the Towamencia appointment of General Neville has protect themselves. It is not nec- tion against young Miller, stated that Mennonite church, near Kulpsville. Sunaftered the situation so that it is possi- essary to give a ruffian authority to he had posed as a State highway pa- day night. A revolver said to have been ble General Butler is now willing to roam about and kill in order to avert trolman and had, acting in this as- in the hands of William Hangey, of imaginary dangers for his employ- sumed capacity, ordered a patrol- Fricks, was accidentally discharged and man's uniform tailored, bought a the bullet ripped through the woodwork

> -Clare and Clara, 3-year-old twins of Miller declared that he had ap- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillsworth, of West township, in Huntingdon county, were way patrol ranks, and had received tragically separated by death on Monday. letters from headquarters at Harris- The mother, going to the barn to do some chores, had instructed her 8-year-old son, Dean to look after the twins. The little fellow seeing a rifle on the porch, picked up the weapon, which was discharged, the said, he produced at each instance, bullet striking the twin daughter. Clara and killing her. Dean ran' to inform his mother at the barn, telling her that he

> -Mrs. Helen W. Eiker, 19, of Gettysing of the uniform, the youth said burg, convicted of slaying her husband, he was under the impression he had Percy D. Eiker, has been sentenced to serve from five to 10 years in the Eastern penitentiary, Philadelphia, for fatally shooting her husband in August 1928. Mrs. Eiker's defense was that her husband was accidentally shot while endeavoring to take a shotgun from her after, she said, risburg, said that the letters notified she had shot through the head of the bed Miller that he had not been accepted. on which he slept to frighten him and to Miller declared he had been mar- | dissuade him "from running around with ried recently, and had been in jail other women." District Attorney John P. "wilful and deliberate."

> -Two men were burned to death at in jail, to be paroled at the end of two months, to date from time of Pittsburgh, on Sunday when a gasoline tank truck exploded after striking a curb at a sharp turn in a downtown thoroughfare. Flaming gasoline, which spread over the street, set fire to two buildings. The street was a flaming sheet of fire for a time and the heat repelled efforts of Public hearing before the court will firemen to reach the two truckmen pinioned in the wreckage of their vehicle. When intersection where the accident occurred is not far from the Monongahela river and gasoline ran along the curbing toward the

-When a large quantity of nitro-glyproved road between Emporium and Sizerville was destroyed on Monday afternoon. The man, a well-shooter, had call-The baseball itch is spreading ed at an Emporium factory that aftersons in the vicinity at the time the exbe carried out. The blast was heard for a distance of several miles and windows in homes at a distance of a mile were shattered by the blast.