Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

Another vitamin has been discovered and it is a twin. Possibly if he scientists would set themselves to t they might find out "who struck Billy Patterson.'

-When wondering why the mail order houses and chain stores are so consistently successful remember that they get your money or you don't get their goods.

—It is beginning to look as though he President hasn't any more idea of what will give the farmers relief than anyone else has. We never did believe that he had a panacea for agriculture and his message to Congress confirms it.

it comes to favors for special indus-

-All we have to say about the kind of weather we've been having for the past few days is that we are not getting the "break," because the junior member of the household doesn't know how to stoke the furnace and he does know how to push the lawn mower.

a seat in the amen corner of social creates. An imprisonment of two Washington. We can't say, however, years for the pint would make a ing machine enabling act was passed that the fuss she raised over the mat- more reasonable balance. ter won much admiration for her The professional bootleggers, those throughout the country. People who miscreants who wilfully and wickedto be paid them usually leave the the severest punishment that can be were rushed through, and some of sary. The Governor didn't "suck this try that is watching the outcome of and sold. public wondering as to whether they imposed upon them. Influenced by them might be deserving of approval idea out of his thumb." He got it are actually entitled to any.

-Rita Doran, the blond bandit who helped kidnap highway patrolman Russell Troup, last October, drew eight to sixteen years in the Muncy home for women. That will give the young woman plenty of time in which to figure out whether she got as much out of her short fling at deviltry liberties of our peo as she might have gotten out of the eight to sixteen years of clean, decent living.

been raised a cent in order to pro- fugitive slave law are still lauded as and "the government at Washington vide funds for the Highway Depart- patriots. ment that State Treasurer Sam Lewis says it doesn't need and can't spend prudently when do you suppose it will be taken off? Our prediction is that the extra cent will be taken off about the time the Leslie precincts in Pittsburgh and the Vare districts in Philadelphia vote favorably on the installation of voting machines.

-Now that the Legislature has adjourned the great group of near tell their constituents of all the beneficent work they did while in Harrisburg. Yet they didn't do a thing that Governor Fisher didn't tell them to do. And they didn't do a thing that he told them they couldn't do. Verily, the General Assembly of l'ennsylvania was little more than a puppet show.

ious to know we want to say that of over \$800.00, represented Pennso far as our personal experiences sylvania. Governor Fisher said he be started promptly by procuring were concerned the opening of the would be willing to stand for one or signatures to the petitions. But there trout season was most auspicious. two delegates at that price but eight We darned near froze in camp the of them are too many and too expennight before. While we laid on a bed sive. that was comfortable enough we don't recall having had a wink of mania for associations of this type sleep, mostly because the tonsils of throughout the country. In addition the companion who slept next to us to the American Legislators' Assokept back-firing all night. At four ciation there are city organizations. we got up, cooked breakfast for the county commissioners' organizations, reached next fall and the machines trio and started out into as gray and sheriff's organizations, county audidrab and cold a morning as we have tors' organizations, tax collectors' orrain drops were not trickling down to mention." They meet annually at to invent a wiper for our campus "halcyon and vociferous" time for a trout would rise to a fly in such political pull of the sheriffs to sup- overlooked the chances for delay even weather we demeaned ourself to the press the scandal. estate of an ex-President and decided to use worms. While this mental



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money. This is a serious fault in the been enacted into laws.

be said that a pint of moonshine may in both chambers are experienced and be as destructive of human life as an capable men. If they had directed automatic pistol. Carrying an auto- their energies to service of the people matic pistol is a misdemeanor and instead of the party machine the sesthe penalty is imprisonment for a sion of 1929 might have acquired the year or a small fine. Neither does distinction of exceptional merit. The -Now that the enforcement offic- the moonshine is the more reprehensomething with a slight alcoholic con- sufficient reason for carrying the au- of crime in other sections of the Combecomes of the California grape crop. imagine a good reason for carrying Thus they proceed to waste millions the pint, under existing conditions. and spend years in officially discover- But neither is there any substantial ing what everybody knows right now. reason for so wide a discrimination -Mrs. Ganns has won her fight for in the penalty as the Jones law

greed they deliberately commit murder and in the most cowardly form. portunity to survey the work of the Highways, who is the personal repre-If the Jones law had made proper present week. But measuring it by sentative of W. L. Mellon in the addiscrimination between these offenders comparison with that which preceded ministration. What purpose Mr. Mel-Senator Jones would have no right to end the General Assembly of 1929 ter of conjecture. The fact that he so heavily emphasized. to say that persons who oppose his was a boss-ridden body which re- is the principal owner of the corporlaw are "undermining the rights and flected no honor and bestowed no ation which produces "Good Gulf Gas" leave Senator Borah cold. to oppose any law in a lawful man- vania ner is inherent and has been indulged by men of the highest type at var--Now that the tax on gasoline has jous times. Those who fought the sister, won the bloodless social battle

> -The baseball season is on and the Mexican revolution will have a hard time holding the front page.

> > Wise Use of the Veto Power.

Common fairness requires the corto of the Woodward resolution prostatesmen are getting back home to viding for eight delegates to repre- the final passage of the act, Senator sent Pennsylvania at the next session of the American Legislators' Association. This association meets somewhere and for some unexplained purpose just previous to the annual ciation. The last session was held president pro tem. of the State Sen--To our friends who will be anx- ate, who turned in an expense account next election."

There seems to be a spreading ever spent on a stream. When icy ganizations and others "too numerous expedition can only be expected the back of our neck we were trying one place or another and enjoy a windshields to which the intermittent few days at the expense of the taxsnow flakes clung like death. At ten payers. It will be recalled that the to come. we returned to camp, washed the last session of the sheriff's associabreakfast dishes, dried our clothes tion of this State was raided by pro- the mutilation of the law by stating and started out again. It was snow- hibition enforcement officers and it that mistakes of this session could ing hard then and knowing that no taxed the ingenuity as well as the be corrected in 1931 he had probably

ed any good purpose they might be dy, realized that in the absence of processing was going on we had justified, but we have yet to hear of other proposed and badly needed baltreked a mile or more down the any beneficent results from their an- lot reform legislation there will be stream only to discover that we didn't nual meetings. They serve the pur- abundant chances for controlling have a bait hook in our equipment. pose of providing a holiday for the of- elections by fraud for three or four When we got back to camp it was ficials who attend them, which would years in the future, by which time time to start dinner and by the time be perfectly all right if those who in- their ambitions will either be fulfilldinner was over it was time to start dulged the dancing should themselves ed or scrapped. It may be true, as home, so that, we should say, was a pay the piper. But the system the news dispatches allege, that Fishwonderfully auspicious opening day. doesn't contemplate such division of er finally saved the enabling act from Oh yes, we forgot to tell you that in the pleasures and the burdens. The emasculation. But it is equally certhe party we got fifty-six trout. Al- delegates have all the fun and the tain that he failed to aid in other reso, we want to tell you that it is a taxpayers pay all the expenses. The form legislation sadly needed. good plan in making up a fishing par- recent trip of Senator Schantz may ty of three to be sure to have two have been worth to him all it cost companions who would sooner fish on the people of the State, but there is Mr. Vare's health has returned since a day like Monday was than cook and no evidence that it was worth any- the adjournment of the last Conthing at all to those who paid.

The General Assembly of 1929.

The 1929 session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania ended yes- line tax bill is an anomaly in legistion. The complaint that it magnifies service to the political machine. The for it has never been revealed. It has

The work of the session began In support of the Jones law it may auspiciously. The presiding officers have brought out of the session a rich harvest of beneficent legislation.

But, no such result followed the deliberations of the body. The votfinally during the closing days of the session, but little else was accomplished. During the hectic sessions of the last three days a number of bills increased revenues would be neces-The right benefits on the people of Pennsyl may have something to do with it,

> Mrs. Gann, the Vice President's still lives."

Voting Machines May be Delayed. Though the voting machine enab-

ling act was passed in a form to sat- voted for. isfy its author, Senator Harris, of Pittsburgh, it presents little cause for worry to politicians in election district where it is most needed. In dial approval of Governor Fisher's ve- an address before a civic organization in Harrisburg, a few days before Harris said: "It will take years of struggle before you have the voting machine to vote on. A petition must be signed by one per cent. of the voters of a voting district, presented meeting of the American Bar Asso- to the county commissioners and the question of whether or not a voting somewhere in the far west and Sen- machine shall be installed must be ator Schantz, of Lehigh county, since printed on the election ballots and the people must then vote upon it at the

This time consuming process may is no time fixed for filing them at the commissioners' office. However they will get there sooner or later. At the convenience of the commissioners the question of adoption or installation will be printed on the election ballots and the people will vote upon it. In some districts this result may be made available for use at the election of 1930. But this measure of where there is an active and urgent demand for honest elections. Where electoral reform is most needed the question may not be decided for years

When Governor Fisher encouraged if there were no mistakes this year. If these several conventions serv- But he, as well as Mellon and Grun-

> Have you noticed how rapidly gress?

Bewildering Legislation History.

The history of the four cent gaso- From the Philadelphia Record. ten" prohibition law is a moot questerday after three and a half month's lation. In the first place the reason —The suggestion Soviet Russia is trivial offences into grave crimes is session began with abundant oppor- been alleged that the ten or twelve The suggestion soviet Russia is trivial offences into grave crimes is making concerning disarmament just. Selling a pint of moonshine is just. Selling a pint o mpression that about all Russians beer to the consumer on the next crime commission had prepared for ment are necessary to carry out the posed tariff changes is ample evidence to the consumer on the next crime commission had prepared for ment are necessary to carry out the posed tariff changes is ample evidence. do is join the army we are, natur- block is not as serious an offense as it a number of measures that had construction programme of the ad- dence that he lacks the qualities necally, curious to know what they burglary. The aim of the law should been cordially approved by the judges ministration. But this claim has been essary for a diplomatic career. would do if there were no army to be to measure the punishment accord- and district attorneys of the State. flatly contradicted and completely ing to the turpitude of the crime. A committee of eminent citizens pre- refuted by the State Treasurer, who The Jones law doesn't accomplish sented it with a group of bills the submitted figures which show that has let it be known that he is ferthis result. It provides the same penpassage of which would guarantee without this tax the Highway Departas let it be known that he is lerlinst President Hoover's plan for limalty for a first offender as for a prolinst President Hoover's plan for limalty for a first offender as for a prolinst President Hoover's plan for limlinst President Hoov ited revision of the tariff. Senator fessional crook and provides for the members offered numerous meritori- ey available for the coming biennium Reed's political training has been ensame sentence on a conviction for our measures that would have inured than it had for the two year period he will vote for whatever customs trees political training has been en-tirely along the line of no limit when toting a pocket flask as is imposed to the advantage of the public. But now drawing to a close, which was duties our farming interest seems to

It is conservatively estimated that eighty per cent. of the people of the State are openly opposed to this tax increase and every civic organization much harm if kept in the pocket. But work was there to do and the incen- improvements consistently and emtive came from every section of the phatically declared against the bill. ers have every other source of sup- sible because it implies a guilty pur- State. The exposures of vice and cor- privately three-fourths of the memply cut off from those who crave pose. A man may have good and ruption in Philadelphia, the flood-tide bers of the House of Representatives stantly urging high ideals ought to ents wrote, they voted for the bill and shutting off their markets. will explain to their constituents that "they were helpless." The dynamic force of "invisible government" co-

erced them. During the campaign on the constinor Fisher warned the people that unless the highway loan were approved fer severely. a desire to help Joe Grundy to keep not matter. corporation shares free of tax.

adjourned the Hon. J. Laird Holmes be felt in the industrial east much vestigation. The two-story brick building will have ample time to explain to more than it would be in the Sena-, which housed the plant was leveled by the the motorists of Centre county how tor's beloved home. they are going to be benefited by the extra cent tax on gasoline which he

Lusty Nightcrawlers Just dote On Lettuce.

that the family got very little to eat themselves.

In an effort to fool the nightcrawlers the woman planted lettuce among her cabbage, between tomatoes and other vegetables, but it was no good, the nightcrawlers found it and deadvised the use of salt or lime. Last year she tried salt and that just seemed to aggravate their activity. This spring she is trying lime on a small bed of lettuce but she avers that she might as well have used King. Well-horrors! sugar, as the tender shoots of the lettuce are disappearing gradually band, was at the table, too. He did but surely. And the strange thing to the woman is that although they have lived in the same place for twenty-five years it has been only during the past two or three years that the nightcrawlers have become depredatious.

-The opening exercises in Con- and others. gress drew an unusually large crowd this year. The uncertainty as to the reaction to Hoover's plans has sharpened public curiosity.

The investigation of Mr. Mellon's right to sit in the cabinet will be futile. To paraphrase Tim Campbell, "what's the constitution among millionaires."

The voting machine enabling lot reform legislation was scrapped.

his hands" and everybody is anxious to know what he will do with it.

-It may be said that Babe Ruth has scored another home run.

Into the China Shop.

On the whole it is probably just as well that President Hoover did not offer the Secretaryship of State to Senator Borah, as was suggested.

The Senator's letter to the Canad-

It is a big, bluff, Western letter but that it will be helpful in the present rather delicate situation is not clear.

In it the Idaho Senator declares

Any business man who spoke this language to his best customer would be considered unfit to carry on his trict attorney William Hollis has made a

job. And Canada is our best customer. that considered the subject at all pro- She buys \$916,000,000 worth of goods tested against it. The automobile from us and sells us \$489,000,000 organizations which have been favor- worth. And what we buy from her, able to every movement for highway in the way of raw material, is much more necesary to us than are our goods to her. She can buy in other markets, whereas she holds a practical monopoly on much that we need. But Senator Borah seems to think and four-fifths of the Senators in the that this does not matter, that no pected to attend the two-day meeting. tent they are going to find out what tomatic. It is hardly possible to monwealth and the earnest impor- General Assembly were against it. country has any right to resent anytunities of good men and women con- But, as one of the press correspond- thing that we may do in the way of ernor.

This is a most dangerous attitude. Tariffs, before all else, are matters of business and should be regarded as questions of business policy. Goodwill is still a factor in trade, and if we forfeit goodwill in our internation- Lewistown in a year, announced that his tutional amendments, last fall, Gover- al business dealings our international business is going to suffer, and suf- and building seventy-five homes this year.

France has already framed her protest, while several of the South American nations, Argentine, especially, are wondering if a prohibitive tariff there would be no just reason for ob- it there is not likely to be much to lon has in thus burdening the gasoline is going to be the first fruits of Mr. jection to it. But even in that case commend. Taking it from beginning consumers of Pennsylvania is a mat-

But the possible trade antagonisms So long as the farmers of Idaho are made happy, conditions in Canand possibly he is influenced solely by ada or any other part of the world do

in the remainder of the United States Sunday. Cause of the blast was unknown -Now that the Legislature has worry him. Yet a trade war would and authorities were conducting an in-

Pedestaled in Triumph.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The victory of Mrs. Edward Everett Gann over whatever powers there be in social Washington which tried While in Bellefonte, on Monday, a to deny her the standing and prece-State College woman told us a tale dence ordinarily accorded to a Vice of woeful experience with nightcrawl- 'President's wife has had early coners in her garden, which for the past firmation in physical facts. At a dintwo or three years have lived and ner given by the Chilean Ambassador grown big and fat on her lettuce. In in honor of the Chilean Minister of fact, last year, they evinced such a ter and official hostess sat in place partiality for this luscious garden number one to the right of Ambassagreen that they ate the lettuce as fast dor Davila, with Ambassador Velas it was planted and the result was arde, of Peru, on her other side. Opposite, at the other end of the table, of course, was her brother.

cial front as of Thursday night show Tamaqua, has been missing since April 4, other interesting points. Four little directors gave out their first statement on x's indicate what might have hap- Saturday, announcing a shortage of \$24,pened to Mrs. Gann had she not 899.44. Their reticence was due to lack of triumphed. She might have had to knowledge of the exact sum involved in voured it a rapaciously as boys make sit between the Minister of Uruguay the alleged defalcation. They also hesitatway with sugar plums. College au- and Senator Jones, of Jones-law ed about making the matter public, due thorities were appealed to and they fame. She might have been placed to the high esteem in which the accused between the Chilean Finance Minis- was held, and feeling that he might reter and Senator Capper. It might turn and make good the missing sum. It have been her lot to have been put is reported that the bank has received a between Senator Copeland and the Secretary of Labor, or between the the shortage and that he is preparing to Minister of Colombia and Senator return home and face charges.

And, oh yes, mere Mr. Gann, husnot have to eat in the pantry, after all. No one worried much about him when the rockets' red glare and the bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that the flag of social precedence in the world's greatest democracy was still there. But it is some relief to know that he sat down-or up-"among newspaper men

"Joe" Bailey is Dead.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph. trying a case at Sherman, Tex., and in his passing the Lone Star State D. McClintock, sergeant of the Pennsylvalost one of its most picturesque figures.

There was a time when Bailey "made" the first pages of the news- and arrested Ralph Hale, 29, of Lock Havpapers on an average of three times a week, but in recent years the fiery act got through by "the skin of its old word-spouter of the South had teeth," but nearly all the other bal- been a silent figure save as he pleaded a case in his own county courts. vaults there. Emert was arrested shortly He fought Bryan tooth and nail for after the theft. Hale was living under The President "has Congress on nearly a generation and went into re- the name of James Steele. He was retirement of his own accord about the time Woodrow Wilson began to loom fault of bail. Two truck loads of moonlarge for the Presidency. He made a vain effort to achieve the limelight again in 1920, when he ran for Governor, but was defeated.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The New York Central car shops at Avis, it is announced, have received an order to build 300 flat cars of 55 tons capacity each. Work on the order will begin as soon as materials arrive. The new job will keep the present force busy for a long time, making good prospects for the coming summer.

-Robbers early last Thursday broke into the shirt factory and warehouse of M. Spoont and Son, at Shennandoah, loaded \$4000 worth of shirts and materials onto a truck and escaped. They entered the building while the watchman was making the rounds of a second factory of the company a block distant.

-A man gave a child a dime at Homestead, on Friday, for telling him that no one was home and then looted the residence of \$200 worth of jewelry, according to a report made to police by Mrs. A. Dempsey. The child accosted by the man was one of the Dempsey children, and the place entered was the Dempsey home.

-A bequest of \$4,000 to St. Matthew's Protestant church, Sunbury, and of \$1,850 to the Mary Packer hospital of that place, was contained in the will of Henry B. Dunham, of Philadelphia, who died April 1 at Chesnut Hill, leaving an estate valued at \$350,000. Mr. Dunham's father formerly conducted the P. R. R. hotel at Renovo and the Logan House, the former Pennsylvania hotel at Altoona.

-Fred Jackson, his son, George Jackson, and H. E. McGonigal, of Renovo, who were fined \$1875 by C. A. Uhler. Renovo justice of the peace, for illegal trout fishing, have appealed their case. The rule for kidnapping or passing counterfeit only a few bills of this character have ample to meet all its requirements require, no matter what Canadians for hearing the appeal was granted by Dunn, and the case will be settled by Judge Eugene H. Baird, April 24. Dismotion to strike off the appeal.

-Plans for the twenty-seventh district conference of Rotary International to be held in Erie, May 6 and 7, under the auspices of the Erie Rotary club, have about been completed and indications are that it will be the largest and most successful in the history of the conference. L. B. Page is general chairman of the convention committee. More than 1000 are ex-

-W. W. Cunningham, manager of the Lewistown Housing and Deevlopment company, organized to build homes for citizens of Lewistown and break the housing shortage, due to the advent of the Viscose plant which brought 3,000 people to company would invest \$250,000 in financing Twenty-two of these houses have already For Canada is not the only coun- been started and six of them completed

-John Gorney, 21, of Shenandoah, was instantly killed on Sunday afternoon when he dove headfirst down the shaft of the Kohinoor colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, near Pottsville. A friend said the youth, who had suffered head injuries in a mine accident about a year ago, had told them he intended to commit suicide by jumping down the shaft but they were unable to to prevent him when he finally fulfilled the promise. He was instantly killed.

-The Blairsville plant of the Apoll Bottling company was demolished by an Nor, would it seem do conditions explosion and then swept by fire early on explosion. Fire broke out immediately afterwards. Numerous windows of houses in the vicinity were smashed by the detonation. An apartment house near the bottling plant was damaged slightly by

> -George Weidler, 60, of Lancaster, wrote out a check for his funeral expenses and made three attempts at suicide before he succeeded in eluding his two daughters and blowing off his head with a shotgun. One of the daughters saved his life when she found him hanging from a rafter. She cut him down, but a short time later: Weilder attempted to take an overdose of medicine. The other daughter knocked the bottle from his hand. Then he obtained a shotgun, locked himself in a room and pulled the trigger while the two daughters tried to smash in the door.

-Although C. Marshall Wardrop, assist-But the maps of Washington's so- ant cashier of the First National bank of letter from the missing official admitting

-Pottsville business men are liable to be fined no less thn \$5 or more than \$25 if they smoke a cigarette or pipe in their own stores, provided city council adopts an ordinance introduced last week by Councilman Bearstler. The ordinance has passed first reading and will not become a law until it is finally approved a second time. The ordinance stipulates that smoking is prohibited in any place open to the general public "for any purpose of business, pleasure, religious worship or gratification of any curiously, or any garage, or place in which inflamable material is stored." Smoking, under the proposed law, would be banned in hotels, cigar stores, restaurants and most every place except "Joe" Bailey died Saturday, while in private homes and in the open air.

-Acting on a tip furnished by William nia Railroad police, Sheriff Irving Wenker. of Clinton county, and State policemen motored to Howard, Centre county, Friday, en, who with Percy Emert, 28, also of Lock Haven, is charged with breaking into the Clinton county court house last August, and stealing stored whisky from the manded to the Clinton county jail in deshine liquor seized in Sugar Valley, known as the "Kentucky of the North," was stored in the court house basement last year. Its theft caused a sensation at the time.