Democratic Watchman

INK SLINGS.

-The Mayor of Johnstown is in jail but a bad mayor can do less harm in jail than out.

-Senator Borah's demands for stricter enforcement of the prohibition law may cost a lot of lives.

-The old year died in a halo of glory so far as the weather was concerned and the new one was born in the gloemiest of atmospheric conditions

---Those Philadelphia Democrats who expect Governor Fisher will appoint a lawyer of their political faith to an existing vacancy on the bench don't know Governor Fisher very well.

-The lady who writes from Richmond to hint that she ought to be made the victim of our idea of publishing the picture of our most dehas another think coming. The Sheriff and us would be going in opered herself to be.

-One never gets a chance to live n the atmosphere of the present. When some incident isn't stirring up nemories of the past hope is eter- districts may elect Democrats at ially leaping away into the future. Sitting at the desk last Saturday fternoon we were about to concenrate on what was doubtless a very nteresting affair that was going on n an automobile parked at the curb utside the window. The young man vho hopped into it certainly was a ast worker but before we got a hance to see how fast, the postman anded a seed catalogue in and intantly we became oblivious of the wo in the car and could see nothing ut spring, the fifteenth of April and shing tackle.

ad once been master of a mighty last furnace-"I had a lot of troule with Mr. Mitch Cunningham," Knowing that Mr. Cunningham's eling toward Wesley is exceedingfriendly we inquired as to what ad been the cause of the trouble.

uldn't get out long enough to and his election would usher in an ther up iron, so he had gone into administration which would relieve e brokerage business. His best the people of heavy burdens of urce of supply was in a family taxation." at lived in the "Brown Row," just posite Cunningham's foundry. It pears that the youngsters in this night shift in their

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nningham up because he couldn't the President. ep on buying his own 'arn' forst take that anymore."

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preciate these gifts very much, plishing the result would wreck the Congress instead of Governor. it's nicer to know I have so Republican party. ny friends, for often fellows tell

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rest of us ought to be able to now. the New Year with a courage t will bring heaping measures of

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Suggestions.

Congressman Everett Former Kent, of Northampton county, on a professional visit to Harrisburg, the other day, was interviewed by the vigilant press correspondents in that city and made public some information that ought to encourage the Democrats of Pennsylvania. Mr. linquent subscriber is hereby notified Kent, though no longer a member that her scheme to get her picture of Congress, is still the Pennsylvain the paper won't work. If she nia member of the National Conthinks two years is far back she gressional committee and is in constant contact with the activities of that body. "Chairman Joseph W. posite directions, instead of toward Byrnes, of the Democratic National each other, if none of our readers committee, has assured me," Mr. were further back than she discov- Kent stated, "that within a few weeks he will meet the State Democratic leaders in Harrisburg and lay plans to elect a delegation of Congressmen from Pennsylvania. It is hoped that at least twelve

the next election,"

Mr. Kent's services to the Democratic party of Pennsylvania have been varied and valuable and his opinions and recommendations deserve careful consideration. He urges an intensive fight in every Congressional district. Of course some of the contests would be hopeless but they would serve the purpose of keeping the opposition busy at home. It is of record that Republican candidates in close districts are frequently saved by help of one kind or another from districts that are given to When I Was in the "Arn" Bizness" them by default. An active con-When I was in the 'Arn' business," test in behalf of a worthy candiaid Wesley to us on Christmas eve date in every district would prevent -and he said it as naively as if he such a miscarriage of results in some cases and in others might result in an unexpected victory for the Democratic candidate. Such things have happened in the past. Mr. Kent offers another suggestion which deserves careful attention. Recalling to mind the fact that the Mellon machine in Pitts-"Well, you see, it was this way: that the Mellon machine in Pitts-then I was in the 'arn' business I burgh, which counted out Beidleas supplying his foundry with man and returned Fisher as the You know it was out where Republican nominee, also counted me piece of 'arn.' He didn't say for Governor without opposition, and me piece of 'arn.' He didn't say for Governor without opposition, and phere is charged with dynamic der to avert the humiliation of an ious processes of investigation and lements. If Davis and Dinchet overwhelming defeat tything more, but it worried me wage an intensive fight in Novem- elements. If Davis and Pinchot overwhelming defeat. id I tried to find out what was the ber." It may be a trifle early and should "hook-up" there would be in a measure arrogant to pick a plenty to support a real revolt. Wesley became reticent then and candidate at this time but it is e insisted that he must finish his none too soon to think it over ory so he went on and told us the carefully and in the spirit of har- newspaper plant was flooded, Sunuse of the trouble. It appears that mony. It is certainly true that day night which may be premonith his grandmother and his moth- Judge Shull's nomination would were ill at the time and he "appeal to all classes of voters,

Borah Kicking Up Trouble

rganization and the ed dissatisfaction with the enforcepile was very handy. ment of prohibition legislation has Mellon machine and Mr. Grundy into last year after having risen to the le was very handy. ment of prohibition legislation has Mellon machine and Mr. Grundy into last year after having risen to the never sleeps, or at least never would visit it and created consternation in administra- accepting him as their candidate for vice-presidency of the Youngstown takes more than cat-naps. It alwould visit it and created consternation in administra- accepting him as their candidate for some and Tube Company from the orning take the scrap out tion circles in Washington. What Governor or it may be to open a Sheet and Tube Company from the orning take the scrap out tion circles in Washington. d sell it to Wesley. The same af- the outcome will be remains to be way for former Governor Pinchot to position of assistant to the chief bed covers loose so as quickly to be noon Wesley would haul it back seen. The indications are, however, slip into the scrimmage. It is well chemist. The new combination of thrown off when the call comes to the foundry and sell it again. that after a brief period of activity known that the Mellon machine is steel companies was formed by the awake, arise or be forever fallen. At this juncture he chuckled and the matter will be dropped. The anxious to run Grundy through with- amalgamation of the Republic Iron d: "I don't know how long that Hoover Law Enforcement Commis- out a contest in the primary cam- and Steel Co., Central Alloy Steel s going on, but Mr. Cunningham sion will probably report progress paign. Mr. Grundy's record in the Corp., Donner Steel Corp., Bourned me afterward that he knew I soon after Congress reassembles Harrisburg lobby in opposition to Fuller Co., and their subsidiaries. i sold him a certain piece of next week and recommend patience, welware and labor legislation is such sting four days in succession and and the dry Republican Senators will that a full exposure and wide spread uppose I did because I didn't know accept the promise of ultimate im- discussion might be disastrous. provement in the interest of party For several years Secretary Davis You see I might have broke Mr. prosperity and to save the face of has been fondly cherishing a hope

er and he put me out of the 'arn' in the wording of his complaint that prerogatives of Governor. siness because all I was gettin the cause of the failure is the man-months ago he had dispatched from s from them kids and I didn't ner of enforcement. The law, fun- labor organizations' headquarters a damental and statutory, is ample if "return" post card soliciting him to the power of execution is applied. become a candidate for the Republi-We might add that rags and But it has not been applied for the can nomination and promising to enles were side lines in Wesley's reason that the agencies are corrupt ter the campaign if the response and their purposes are political were sufficiently formidable. More nking that it might start you dent is largely responsible for this sure upon him is so strong that he condition is beyond question. He may not be able to resist it. The ir face. Certainly you can't be has power under the Volstead law to other day, without explanation or ppier than Wesley was over the create an enforcement organization apology to his petitioners, he declarristmas Watchman readers and that would achieve the purpose. ed in an interview that he might beers made for him. He told us: "I But such an organization in accom- come a candidate for Senator in

rectly stated the facts it is not clear run for something. He has made that he has a right to complain. In two attempts to break into the Senother words he is somewhat a party ate without success. He won the ile, if you please, but it is a pal- to the delinquency. When Hoover Governorship on a single trial and to Wesley. The lot is 40x200. stated that the movement is a "no- liked the job amazingly. Many of ices to the country is increasing. ble experiment to be worked out his friends are now persuaded that it at the rate of \$5 per month. constructively," he made no promise a hook-up between Davis and himpalace is to cost \$83 when com- of improvement. But Borah accept- self as candidates for Senator and ted and that is being paid for the ed the sophism as a guarantee of Governor would have a strong apgood faith for the future and in- peal to popular support, and an le is happy and hopeful because fluenced thousands of credulous vot- equal proportion of the friends of vill be the first home he has ever ers to support Hoover on the Davis are of the same opinion. In 1ed. To us his courage and his strength of it. If he had been con- many respects Mr. Pinchot made a tentment with the trail fate cerned for prohibition rather than fine record as Governor. He might to withdraw now but he will be betpolitics at that time the result might have done better if he had been less ter after awhile, and meantime nehave been different. In any event he self-centered in his administration. gotiations will proceed,

> ----A Happy and Prosperous New Year to every Watchman reader.

Former Congerssman Kent Makes Republican Ticket Practically Chosen

Schantz, of Lehigh county.

The issue among these aspiring the indicated programme those is safe to predict a failure of the understands the situation. plan. Vare is no longer a formid-

able figure.

Grundy's Doylestown tory of a more serious submersion later on.

Davis-Pinchot a Probable Combine

Secretary of Labor Davis may basketball team, business manager switch his ambition and become a of the La Vie, and a member of the From the New York Times. candidate for United States Senator Thespians, McCleary advanced to instead of Governor is susceptible of his present position from the presi-Senator Borah's recently express- two interpretations. That is, the dency of the Republic Iron and purpose may be to scare the Steel Company, which he assumed

of occupying the executive mansion Senator Borah is absolutely right at Harrisburg and exercising the Some

It is well known that former Gov-But while Senator Borah has cor- ernor Gifford Pinchot is willing to f he can be happy with his lot would have justified his attitude But that is another story and comparison of his work with Fisher's has created an urge for Pinchot,

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Not Yet but Soon.

The Republican candidate for A member of the Vare family an-Governor of Pennsylvania will be nounces Mr. Vare has no intention named at a conference to be held in of retiring from political activity the New York office of W. L. Meland that he is still in the race "to lon early in February. St. Valenthe finish" for the Republican nomtine's day has been suggested as an ination for Senator next Spring. will be disputed. appropriate date for the event but A recent relapse of his infirmity the majority of the aspirants are is responsible for this announcelikely to object to that. There are ment. His physician had expressed a considerable number of candi- an opinion that impaired physical dates for the party favor but ac- force disqualified him for the labor cording to late reports the process of an intense campaign and that he elimination has reduced the list would be compelled to forego his to five, namely: Francis Shunk long cherished ambition to occupy Brown, of Philadelphia; Secretary a seat in the Senate. If this opin-ernment something about efficiency. of Labor James J. Davis, of Pitts- ion had been accepted by the Vare burgh; Sam Lewis, of York; State family the anxiety of the friends of Treasurer Martin, of Washington Mr. Grundy would have been relievcounty, and State Senator Horace ed and the troubles of the Mellon-Grundy machine abated.

Miss Vare, who served as spokesgentlemen will be determined by an man of the family in the matter, is 000. One corporation received no equally limited group. According mistaken. Mr. Vare has not with less than \$25,850,000. A private esdrawn but he will in ample time to tate was reimbursed in the sum of who will compose the conference relieve the Grundy mind and as- \$6,456,000. Several firms and will be Senator Joseph R. Grundy, sure the "king of the lobby" an un-Governor Fisher, W. L. Mellon and opposed nomination in the coming a proxy for William S. Vare, which primary election. But it will not is probably all the vanishing be on account of imparted and ed on account of interest and ed on vanishing be on account of impaired health person for the reason that he in- will be no campaign of that and peremptory of creditors. His tends to spend the remainder of character. The Mellons and the rule is "Pay first and argue afterthe winter in Florida. His repre- Grundys and the Fishers will run a wards." And he doesn't relinquish a the winter in Florida. His repre- Grundys and the Fishers will run a sentative, however, will champion steam roller over the State which the claim of Mr. Brown and will crush everything in its way threaten to "rough house" the or- in the event Mr. Vare remains in ganization if he is not chosen. At the running, and every close obthis distance from the time and server of political events in the fore, glaring mistakes in the official place of the conference, however, it State, including Mr. and Miss Vare, computations were established.

The truth is that Mr. Vare's folflowers have deserted him with the It is surprising that the rank and unanimity and swiftness that "rats file of the Republican party of flee from a sinking ship." He has Pennsylvania so tamely submits to never had many real friends. He even with this precaution innumerthis Mussolini method of politics. has held, subservient to his will, by able disputes arise. Less than eight years ago Gifford "the cohesive power of public plun-Pinchot issued a protest against der," a group of grafting politi- that experts of the Treasury and star-chamber nominations and won cians who are as ready to fight the against a fitter candidate than has him now as they were willing to since been chosen. But that was serve him when he could satisfy the yearly record reveals a liability before the Mellon millions had be- their greed for power and plunder. to error which suggests either income a controlling factor in the He may make a pretense of being competence in the official staff or management and Grundy's im- a candidate for Senator for a while needless uncertainty in the terms of Mrs. Caroline Lewis, of Indiana, Pa., who You know it was out where out Judge Samuel E. Shull, of Mon-perialism had fully developed. Pos- in the hope of negotiating a deal out Judge Samuel E. Shull, of Mon-sibly some crusading spirit will appear that "will save his face." But in was there when I have an exceptional opportunity to have an exceptional opportunity to have an exceptional opportunity to he how many times get together and cure the troubles campaign and upset the plans of The gang has his number and he to sell him that of the past, nominate Judge Shull the bosses. Even now the atmos- will withdraw from the fight in or-

> -Elmer T. McCleary, who as president of the Republic Steel Company heads the third largest blundering to the extent of \$190, steel company in the United States, 000,000, plus \$41,000,000 interest in was graduated from the Pennsylva- a single year. college days McCleary took an ac- law or inquire into its slipshod adtive part in the campus activities, being manager of the football team The recent announcement that in his senior year, captain of the

> > ___The final meeting of the old borough council, administering the oath of office and organization of new council will take place next without cutting down the protective Monday evening. With four new rates on industries. members going in whoever is elected president will have to do some figuring in making up his list of standing committees for the ensuing two years.

-If all those "sons of wild jackasses" should come into Penn-We have told this little story rather than moral. That the Presi- recently he announced that the presi- sylvania during the coming campaign they might kick some of the conceit out of Mr. Grundy.

> -If the Mellon-Grundy group would put Francis Shunk Brown on its slate for Governor it might avert a good deal of mental anguish during the primary campaign.

> Woodrow Wilson's birthday show that popular appreciation of his serv-

It might be worth while for the lobby committee to look into the source of the prevailing propaganda with respect to prosperity.

-Probably Mr. Vare is too sick

There seems to have been enough money spent by the sugar not exist. lobby to sweeten the whole world for a generation,

Tax Refunds Show Costly Blundering.

From the Philadelphia Record. As the Christmas bills come rolling into the households of the land there will be found in some of them, no doubt, stray items that

the number of mistakes will be inthe work of sales, delivery and ac-counting departments, is astonish-

ingly accurate. Certainly it could teach the Gov-Federal tax refunds made during the last fiscal year have just been reported to Congress. They amounted to more than \$190,000,000, an increase of \$48,000,000 over the previous vear.

dividuals recovered more than \$1,-000,000 each.

Claims paid numbered about 200,-

ed on account of illegality or error

dollar once in the Treasury except upon conclusive evidence of wrongful collection.

In every one of the cases making up the vast total of refunds, there-Business operations in these days

are intricate and provisions for their equitable taxation are necessarily complex. Large enterprises have to employ high priced accountants to prepare their returns. Yet It is not unreasonable to expect

Bureau of Internal Revenue should be familiar enough with the law to interpret it correctly. But the statutes.

digiously costly. Not only must claimants go to great trouble and expense to obtain adjustments, but much a part of her life that last electhe public must pay for the labor- tion day she declined the opportunity of

No great commercial organization would tolerate such a system as that which has compelled the Government to make good its own

Congress should either clarify the

The Wakeful Senate.

Of all our public bodies, the United States Senate has now won the reputation of being the most easily "aroused." Hardly a day passes when it is not. In fact, the Senate ways keeps one eye open, and the What aroused the Senate recent-

ly was the discovery that an advertisement about the tariff had been placed in a hundred or more newspapers in Minnesota and other States. It was an appeal, too transparent to be ingenious to Congress to hurry up and pass the tariff bill, as such in the State by failure to poll with all the blessings for farmers the required number of votes in the last which it contains, and to do this The obvious attempt is to make the farmers believe that they will get nothing unless they consent to let the manufacturers get a lot. This strategy is naturally abhorrent to the insurgent Republicans in the Senate, who set out to give agriculture everything and manufacture nothing. Accordingly they are propos-ing the usual Senate investigation to find out who paid for this adver-tisement, so that the western States, where it has been published, may find out exactly which are the "socalled country editors" who have "betrayed" their farming constituents

Senator Allen, of Kansas, who has himself been a successful country editor, resented the attack on that worthy have pointed out that it is no crime figures for 1929, the commission admits, The numerous celebrations of to print an advertisement of a may be increased by later reports. political bearing in which the edi-tor does not at all believe himself and which he may, in truth, simultaneously attack. If a newscent publication of political opinion exercise functions of that office from his —as, for example, when Republican newspapers in New York city print the political advertisement of the Democratic advertisemen impropriety in the procedure. Certainly no one but a continually wakeful and excited Senator could ducting a gambling establishment for the Senate, by a process something like self-flagellation, seems to have got itself into a state of nerves where it sees many things that do

-Read the Watchman for the news tion.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Nazareth has \$20,000 worth of bonds on its hands which it must sell to meet paving costs. Council advertised for bids and these were to have been opened Monday night. Not an offer was receiv-

-The State board of voting machine examiners has announced approval of the Shoop voting machine. It is manufactured in Union City, N. J. The only other machine approved so far is that of the Jamestown Automatic, Jamestown, N. Y.

-Mrs. Blanche Hay, of Bethlehem, in a suit instituted in the Northampton county courts, seeks \$10,000 heart balm from Florence Fisher, of Bethlehem. She alleges the defendant alienated the affections of the plaintiff's husband, William Hay.

—Driving by a piece of woods west of of Lewistown, Clearence Neff saw what he took for a pretty kitten by the roadside. He pulled it out from a pile of brush, where it had taken refuge. It was not that kind of a kitten and cost him a suit of clothing.

-The Bellefonte Lime company, oper-But considering the millions upon ating the stone quarry at Salona, has obmillions of transactions represented tained a favorable decision on a protest filed against the freight rates charged significant. Modern merchandising, the company by the New York Central, despite the bewildering detail of the Pennsylvania, the Reading and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroads.

-Basing suit for divorce on the fact that his wife did not speak to him for seven months, Edward H. Jendricks, of Coplay, seeks freedom from matrimony in Lehigh county courts. Jendricks averred they were married in 1924, but lived together unhappily from the beginning. The greatest humiliation, however, says

he, was her refusal to speak to him. -A wrecking train was required to remove from under a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger locomotive the body of George W. Levengood, who committed suicide by leaping onto the tracks in front of the depot at Coatesville, on Mon-Nearly 5 per cent. of the total day. Police said Levengood, a former P. revenues collected had to be returnday. Police said Levengood, a former P. ily and had threatened suicide several

> -Informations charging embezzlement, conversion, false entries and omission of entries were made at Greensburg, last week, against Frank D. Peoples, 42, treasurer of the Irwin Savings and Trust company of Irwin. J. D. Swigart, chief examiner of the State Banking Department said that as a result of the irregularities, the bank suffered a loss of \$114,-427.01. Full restitution has been made and Peoples surrendered himself.

> -Referee G. Scott Smith has announced that \$3,827, believed to be the first workmens compensation award made in Pennsylvania for a death as the result of an airplane accident, has been given Mrs. Bernice M. Michaels, of Bradford, for the death of her husband, Ellis Michaels. The man, a machinist, was one of four persons killed in the crash of a seven-passenger plane piloted by Lieutenant Harry Emery, Bradford, several months ago.

-Cooking her own meals, reading her Bible, and taking an occasional automo bile ride are among the chief delights of is 102 years old. Whether or not her cooking has been the secret of h but much a part of her life that last eleccasting her first vote because she was baking bread.

> -The one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Philadelphia and Columbia railroad, the oldest line in the United States, occurred last month. An advertisement published at that time called the attention of the public to the convenience of the new form of travel between Philadelphia and Columbia by rail and Columbia and Middletown by canal. The time for the 80-mile trip to Columbia was ten hours, and the cost of a ticket was one dollar.

> -After a delay of ten months, Mifflin county's new almshouse, erected at a cost of \$76,000, is to be occupied by the poor of the county just as soon as the poor directors can bring them back from other institutions in neighboring counties where they have been kept since the old almshouse was condemned. The final approval of the new building was given by Mrs. M. J. Magee and Mr. Wilson, of the State Welware Department, when they made a tour of inspection, in company with the Mifflin county commissioners and poor board.

-A call for a conventon of the Prohibition party to be held in Pittsburgh, January 29, has been issued by the party's state chairman, Dr. B. E. P. Prugh, of Harrisburg. The party lost its standing election, but has pre-empted the name of the Prohibition party and will nominate candidates for the various Statewide offices by petition, Dr. Prugh said. The petition must have 6362 signers, which is one-half of one per cent. of the number of votes cast for the candidate polling the highest number of votes at the last election.

-Fifty-three persons were killed and 210 injured during the 1929 hunting season in Pennsylvania the State Game Commission announced on Monday. The fatal accidents show an increase over the 1928 hunting season when 45 hunters were killed and 238 were wounded. During both years the bulk of the fatal and non-fatal accidents were during the small game season which closed with the end of November. This year 12 fatal and 33 nonfatal accidents occurred during the big game season, which closed December 15, as compared to five fatal and 25 non-faclass. He might tal during the 1928 big game period. The

-Johnstown's mayor is in the Cambria county jail as a convict to serve a twoyear sentence, but he still maintains he paper has space to sell for the dethe Democratic party—there is no fice by his conviction and sentence on charges of misdemeanor in office and consee in it a party "betrayal." But good measure. Cauffiel gave himself up at the prison on Monday, afternoon. He arrived unescorted, ending his long and bitter battle to have his conviction and sentence set aside. He lost his last chance of escaping punishment when the Cambria Court ruled it would not consider his petition for a stay of execu-