Aemocratic Matchman

INK SLINGS.

Premier Tardieu of France seems inclined to fling a monkey wrench into the machinery of the naval parley conference.

-We see little hope of value from a referendum on prohibition. As long as men vote dry and act wet a referendum will be futile.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars are asking Congress to make the Star Spangled Banner an "official anthem," by legislation. That would be like gilding pure gold.

-Garet Garrett, financial and political writer, is in a serious condition in a New York hospital as the result of having been shot in that the Pennsylvania Corn Show. Last city Saturday night. If the motive evening the uccessor of this unprehadn't been so palpably one of rob. tentious enterprise closed the fourbery we would suggest that his assailant might have been one who re- hibition of farm products that covsented his statement that any up and doing local merchant can buck four buildings and was visited by any chain store that comes into com- considerably above 100,000 interestpetition with him. Every merchant ed participants and spectators. It in Bellefonte could get some good is now known as the Annual State ideas and some helpful information if they were to read his article "The is erecting a magnificent building Wild Wheel in the Business Ma. in Harrisburg for the future use of chine" published in the Saturday Ev. the organizaton. It will cost a good ening Post of January 18.

-In Springfield, Ill. last Friday, Federal Judge Fitzhenry ruled that mere possession of intoxicating liquor does not constitute a violation of the national prohibition law. He said the liquor must be possessed for some particular purpose in violation of the amendment before it can be regarded as violation of the amendment. Since manufacture, transportation or possession for beverage purposes are all unlawful the Judge's finding evidently is based on the presumption that mere possession doesn't prove that it is possessed for beverage purposes. Between you and me the Judge is doubtless a very smart man, but if you had a quart of liquor on your sideboard what would you imagine it was there for.

National committeeman Sedgwick terested. Congressman John C. Ket-Kistler, of Lock Haven, will an- chum, of Michigan, member of the nounce that he will seek the nomithe May primary leaves us in won- ton, was the principal speaker. But derment. Wonderment not as to Mr. it is not invidious to say that some Kistler's fitness, but as to who would of the speeches of the Pennsylvania be his running mates were he to farmers in attendance were quite as succeed in winning the nomination, interesting as his very eloquent adfor much would depend on their abil- dress. It is to be hoped that the ity to rally votes. We are only next show will be in the new buildguessing, of course, but we think United States that has been more under a single roof. consistently and virilely Democratic for seventy-five years than the Watchman has been. We say this sugar-coated a bit. To get them is tury. the problem. And it seems to us that in Pennsylvania, where the odds are so overwhelmingly against us and the machine is so impregnable a Democratic paper is not recreant to its principles when it suggests the idea that half a loaf might be better than no bread at all and that we might make up a ticket that would enlist the support of that when Mr. Grundy, and Mr. Mellon and Mr. Fisher crack the whip they have to jump through or lie down and roll over.

-Strange, what memory is, Just pour down on us a flood of condem- bright. nation. Condemnation for countless friend, W. A. Kerlin, of Rudd, Iowa, the followers of Jefferson. hem.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION

Perplexed Bosses and Servile Fol- Bezdek to Concentrate on His Real

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The State Farm Products Show

Fourteen years ago a modest exhibition of farm products was given at Harrisburg under the name of teenth annual session with an exered a floor space of 114,000 feet in deal but will be worth the price.

There could hardly be imagined a more accurate measurement of the increasing interest and rapid devel- favor of the people. opment of the agricultural industry in Pennsylvania. While not classed as an agricultural State this manifestation of deep interest in farm products proves conclusively not only the fertility of the soil but the adaptability of the people to the cultivation and development of the products of the soil. The splendid exhibits of live stock, dairy products, swine, potatoes, corn and poultry indicate that manufactures are not the only line of endeavor that appeals to the progressive men and women of Pennsylvania.

As a feature of the show meetings were held each evening at which capable speakers discussed the sub--The possibility that Democratic jects in which the audiences were in-Committee on Agriculture of the ing, now under construction, which that there isn't another paper in the will be capable of concentrating it

-Who licked the first stamp in the to reassure those who might think new post-office? Whoever performhen it ed that feat had better let us know, suggests that it might be good poli- for while fame's spot-light might help Martin or Taylor. And the suggests that it might be good poli- for white lattics spot-light linght this congressional district are contics for our party to consider the never be focused on them it is reapossibilities in a co-alition ticket of sonably certain that whoever is com. mare to all of them. some kind for the coming campaign, piling the Watchman's "Fifty Years There are thousands of Republicans Ago" in 1980 will blunder onto the in Pennsylvania who will vote for gentleman or lady's name and it will Republican floor leader, favors a na-Democratic candidates if they do not be mentioned among the notable tion-wide referendum on prohibition approve their own. There are many happenings in Centre county fifty enforcement. But most people susmore thousands, however, who would years ago. This will be one way to pect that it is a new form of passthink of such a thing only if the pill see that a posy is laid on your they thought of swallowing were grave at least once in a half a cen-

An Obligation on Democrats.

Chairman Collins, of the Democratic State committee, has been Lobby committee's report which exdoing some efficient work in the culpates President Hoover from service of the party since the elec- blame in connection with the sugar tion last fall. Almost "since time tax. There will be persons here out of mind" it has been the custom unfamiliar with the details of pubof the Democratic organization in lic life who will continue to cherish those Republicans who do not believe this State to cease all activities suspicions. The old adage "where with the close of the polls on elec- there is much smoke there must be tion day. In contrast with this prac- some fire," holds tight grip on the tice the Republican organization minds of many and the lobbyists functions every day in the year and certainly did "bandy the name of with the opening of each new cam- the President" in connection with existing rate is 1.76 on Cuban now when we're trying to concen- paign is ready for the work which their activities with surprising fretrate and consolidate a good para- devolves upon it. At the expense quency and unblushing effrontery. graph out of some vagrant some- of much personal sacrifice Chairman But the Senators accurately apthings that have been flitting in and Collins has been visiting various sec- praised their statements as bunk. about the cells, that lie just below tions of the State urging local or- "President Hoover was guilty of the skating rink we maintain for ganizations to activity, with the re- no impropriety nor of anything open flies in August, they open up and sult that the future of the party is to censure or criticism," the report

The approaching campaign is one his name for selfish purposes knew letters lying on our desk unanswer- of great importance to the people of they were lying. They had falsely ed. God forgive us for not having Pennsylvania. The Republican party, represented themselves to others answered such letters as we have under the leadership of Mr. Grun- equally selfish as influential men in received from dear old Mrs. Hannah dy stands committed to the inter- Congressional circles, capable of Osman, of State College. She must ests of Big Business and the crea- shaping legislation. It was a profbe nearing 83, because the little cells tion of monopolies. The welfare of itable business. Some of them drew tell us now, that two years ago, she wage earners is of no concern to salaries well up in six figures. One wrote saying that she was then those who shape the policies of the of them solicited employment on "nearing eighty-one." And forgive us Republican party. The poorer the the ground that he "could call every for never having told Rev. Wilson working man becomes the easier he Senator by his first name." The Ard how wonderful we felt when we is to manage and exploit. Unless this claim of intimate relationship with saw that a paragraph in this column trend is checked we will become the President was probably worth had enough meat in it to give him communities of paupers instead of \$100,000 a year. One woman loba text for a sermon to the people of independent and self-respecting citi- byist got compensation for services Denver, Col. And forgive us for zens. The purpose of the Democratic at the rate of \$50,000 a year, having tucked Harry Uhlmer Tib- party is to remedy this evil and The lobby investigation has been bens' encouraging letters from Can- alter the conditions which foster it. an expensive enterprise but it was ton and those of that grand old It is a just obligation imposed upon worth all it cost. It has probably

who has been reading the Watchman Chairman Collins has been dis- ing in Washington. "I hope," said for seventy years, into the pile of charging his duty fully and well but Senator Caraway in presenting the "unfinished business." They are all he can't accomplish much without report, "that responsible business right down on the desk now, along the co-operation of the members of men will cease paying tribute to with many others. Memory tells us his party in all parts of the State. these lobbyists, these grafters who so. Tomorrow, perhaps, will sweep Every Democratic citizen in the have nothing to sell. The whole everything there into the basket Commonwealth is as much concern- scheme is nothing but simple graft. that goes to the baler. It will not ed in the purpose as he. In this It's worse than that, because it be because we want to. It will only county, for example, there is a fine plays upon the public and underbe because we have just now come field for energetic and intelligent mines the confidence of the Ameriout of the dream life we'd like to effort. It is no particular man's can people in the integrity of their ive in forever to discover that we work. It is a joint service in which government." But at that the lobire cold. Cold, because the furnace all must participate. There has byists are no worse than those who nust be nearly out. And it is only been no time in recent years that pay them for their services. Taken alling because we have not been on united energtic and intelligent ef-together they form a criminal conour job of feeding it coal-Moral- fort would not have produced vic- spiracy to promote selfishness. One can't write all the letters he'd tory for the party in Centre county. ike to because he has to spend too We have been handing elections to nuch time in keeping himself com- Republicans by default. Let us all Andy" Mellon would sound like a million dollars which is a considerortable enough to want to write follow Mr. Collins' example this loud call to Secretary of Labor Dav- able sum for an exceptionally prosvear.

A writer in the Pittsburgh Press "There are something like ten mil- of the Pennsylvania State College in lion people in Pennsylvania but their finally having added a school of edvoices are not as potent in the crea- ucation in athletics to the six other tion of a Governor as those of the schools of that great institution. It Pittsburgher and his associate from consummates a tentative agreement Bristol." His reference is to W. L. between the late Edwin Earl Sparks, Mellon and Joseph R. Grundy and then president of the College, and the

lowers

by the recent return of Mr Mellon letics, made in 1919, before Hugo M. some of whom are capable, who team to take charge of physical ed-

The Pittsburgh writer made one But if he is not restrained by the velop the mind with the body. same considerations which hold the their power for other reasons. Maybe he lacks confidence or possibly

for right at any cost. Neither Mellon nor Grundy is sure of himself in the impending dilemma. nation for Governor on our ticket at House of Representatives, Washing- Melon would like to place General Martin in the executive office at Harrisburg and Grundy has a strong preference for Sam Lewis. But each is afraid to force the issue upon the other. Governor Fisher has a prime favorite in the person of Ben Taylor, who is at present Secretary of Property in his cabinet. Fisher is bitterly opposed to Lewis and Mellon is not willing to increase the leverage which Grundy has recently lower Lewis, Governor. That practically eliminates Lewis but doesn't

> Senator Watson, of Indiana ing the buck.

President Hoover Exculpated

Properly disciplined public opinion will with practical unanimity, approve that feature of the Senate

declares. The men who freely used

put an end to all professional lobby-

We note with great satisfaction a Scripps-Howard newspaper, says: the action of the board of trustees

the thought expressed was inspired graduate advisory committee on athfrom his usual mid-winter sojourn Bezdek was persuaded to resign his Farm Products Show and the State in the South. There are a dozen or position as manager of the Pittsmore Republicans in Pennsylvania, burgh National League base ball would like to be nominated by their ucation at the College. It was not party for Governor of the State, but the intention of the committee that they are all afraid to defy the brought the change about nor the bosses by openly appealing to the ambition of Mr. Bekdek to confine his life's work to foot ball coaching. We remember the conversations well, exception to this general rule of for we sat in every conference, and subserviency. "Off-hand" he writes, all of them were predicated on the "but one man stands out as deter- hope that State College would bemined to reach a decision within his come a leader in the development own mind, unaffected by what the of intramural sports to the end that political chiefs may say about him, every student in the institution He is Gifford Pinchot who knows be- would have the time, the equipment fore hand that he has nothing to and the trained supervision necesgain from either Mellon or Grundy." sary to play if it is intended to de-

At that time Mr. Bezdek made it others in leash to Mellon and Grun- very clear that the proposal only apdy he is prevented from challenging pealed to him becaue of his desire to be of service to young manhood. And the opportunity presented seemis a trifle weak in courage. But a ed to open a field of great range to real crusader takes no such contin- him. We are convinced that he would never have come to the Penngencies into account. He battles sylvania State College had the prospect in 1919 narrowed itself to nothing more than coaching football and base ball teams.

Just why the change was not made years ago we are unable to say. But now that it has been made we expect great things from the head of the new school of physical education, because we have always tled?" had confidence in Mr. Bezdek's ability and genuine regret that circumstances which we could never understand deterred him from concentration on the real development

-So far as the Republicans of cerned especially since only two candidates have thus far entered the test of a bad crop year. field, it looks as though it might be a Long Chase.

Republican Machine Shattered.

The adoption, by the Senate, by the decisive vote of 48 to 38, of it indicates the administraton mapieces" and that the tariff is no longer other than a local issue, even in New England. The bill passed in the House of Representaother countries. The Finance com- no creative contribution. mittee of the Senate cut the rate sugar and 2.20 on that of other countries.

In the vote on the Harrison amendment 18 Republicans nine of whom are classed as "regulars." voted with 29 Democrats and the Farm-Labor Senator from Minnesota in favor of the lower rate. Four Democrats, Broussard and Ramsdell of Louisiana; Kendrick, of Wyoming, and King, of Utah, voted with 34 Republicans against the amendment. The Louisiana Senators represent cane sugar constituencies and the others beet sugar producers and they voted to rob probably 110,000,-000 consumers of \$100,000,000 a year for a trifling advantage in the higher rate to maybe 10,000,000 sugar growers in the country. They may be able to justify this perversion of power to their own consciences but it is an act of selfishness.

The Republicans who voted for the higher rate of tax on sugar, among them Mr. Grundy, were simply approving the old-time policy of the party to provide means by legislation to reimburse the liberal contributors to the campaign fund. They are not deceived by the false pretense of benefitting labor. It was shown that labor in the sugar industry, whether in Louisiana or Utah, is the poorest paid of any in the country and that their work is under the worst conditions. But they know that the party is kept in power by slush funds contributed by beneficiaries of tariff legislation, and as Mr. Grundy frankly admitted, with the understanding that they would be reimbursed.

-Losses through bankruptcy A faint whisper from "Uncle proceedings in 1929 amounted to 610 perous year.

HOW THREE WERE MADE ONE Authorship Unknown. A Cannibal maid and her Hottentot blade They met in a rocky defile, A gay eagle plume was his only costume While the lady wore naught but a smile.

And slowly they strolled, while his passion he told,
In pleading and tremulous tone.
While softly they trod on the blossom strewn sod
And spooned, in the twilight, alone.

Then softly she sighed as she shyly replied,
With tender and fairy like mien,
She murmured the word, when a war whoop was heard
And another had burst on the scene. A heathen Zulu to the trysting place drew Demanding his Cannibal bride But the Hottentot said, with a toss of his head, I'll have your degenerate hide.

The Hottentot flew at the heathen Zulu
The Zulu—he went for the blade
And flercely they vied, in the strength of
their pride,
And fought for the cannibal maid.

She perched on a stone with her shapely shin bone
Clasped tight in her tapering arms,
And watched the blood fly with a love laden eye While the warriors fought for her

While flercely they fought and the ring-ing blows caught, With thrust and with parry and punch She said, with a smile, in a very short I'll have those two fellows for lunch. The Hottentot, hit by the heathen Zulu.
The Zulu was struck by the blade
And each of them sighed, as gasping he
died,
And gazed at the Cannibal maid.

She made a nice stew of the heathen Zulu And scrambled the Hottentot's brains Twas a dainty menu, when the cooking was through,
And she dined on her lover's remains. Now the heathen Zulu and the Hottentot. Both sleep in a Hottentot tomb the maiden strolled off in the

Grain, Cotton and Banquo's Ghost. From the Philadelphia Record. Is the farm relief question

The Federal Farm Board has been active. It has done well-so so far as it has had opportunity. But it has not been under heavy

Encouraging co-operation among acquired by making his servile fol- of what we knew to be his life's the producers of foodstuffs and Sheriff Forest Taylor, at Honesdale, after staple crops, the severest opposition a futile legal fight to escape prison. He it has yet met, or could have met, will be removed to the penitentiary withis that which comes from middle to two weeks. Destruction of a factory men fearing they will be squeezed

The Farm Board has not met the It has had a battle with the commission men in the grain marketing business. It has warned the cotton growers that they must restrict acreage if they want the support of Government loans on the

1930 crop. The fight with the commission Senator Harrison's amendment that men is a clash between two economthe tariff tax rate on sugar fixed in ic theories; one that movement of the present law be continued in the crops direct from grower to consumnew measure is significant in that er can be managed co-operatively under Farm Board direction and chine has been literally "shot to with the help of crop movement, with regard to domestic and world markets; justifies the existence and requires the services of the middle

In one view, these middlemen tives provided for a rate 2.40 for are parasites, feeding upon society, Cuban sugar and 3 on imports from grower and consumer alike; making

In the other view, the recognized to 2.20 on the Cuban product and evils of speculation in grain and 2.75 on that of other nations. The cotton are far outweighed by the provision of financial support for the marketing process.

These are matters enclosed within the circumference of the tremendous problem of how to bring grower and consumer together most cheaply and profitably to both, with out waste.

The task of lifting agriculture to a level with industry is a problem far too big to be solved merely by legislative action regulating the procedure of farm co-operative, elevator owner and market manipulator. It is a task in which one feature is in present danger of being wholly overlooked; has been overlooked

in the Farm Relief Act. Suppose the middleman to have been eliminated and his place taken

by the Farm Board, as supervisor of all marketing processes. Suppose the farmers, scattered, individual enterprises, to have be- injured, last Thursday, when a cable carcome completely imbued with the spirit of co-operation.

No equalization fee. debenture. No farm subsidies of any kind-even though Alexander Hamilton did shrewdly note that the industrial tariff itself is a subsidy. And then suppose there comes a bad year. A year of drought fields Harbst, 26, of Lewistown. Officials of the burning under ceaseless suns, with company expressed belief that a faulty no rain to soak the roots of the growing plants. Or perhaps a year of phenomenal precipitation, of excess rains, when crops mould and rot in the ground.

Then what can the Farm Board do? Will the weather co-operate? Can Congress control the weather? Regulate the sunshine, turn the wind and the rain on or off at

will. The equalization fee and the export debenture plans, killed by Republicans, would have provided assistance from the Government in all hazards natural as well as humen.

The Farm Board provides mechanism for the handling of good What will it do in a bad crops. crop year?

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-The Baldwin Locomotive works, of Philadelphia, has received an order for ten large locomotives from the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway. The order is valued at about \$1,200,000.

-The homes of seven rich residents, within one to three blocks from police headquarters, in Lock Haven, were burglarized early on Monday. Cash reaching \$107 was obtained. Chief of police Earl Harvey is working on a clew.

-Because of sub-normal business conditions, the Mt. Carmel News, published for the past two decades as a daily, has retired from the daily field. Beginning January 31, the News be published as a weekly tabloid. The paper was established in 1877.

-Three hundred and ninety young people will receive. normal school certificates and fifty-one will be granted baccalaureate degrees at the mid-year commencement which will be held at the different State Teachers' Colleges and Normal Schools on January 24 and

-When justice of the peace L. R. Mitchell, of Shickshinny, suffered a broken leg last Friday, for the second time in recent months, he did not bother to call a doctor, setting the broken bone himself. The reason was that the leg is crippled and whether the bone mends rightly makes no

-Pittsburgh will soon have an ordinance against "jay-walking"-if the coucil passes the measures Safety Director Clark is preparing to present next Monday. The law provides \$1 fine or five days in jail for the first offense, and fines of \$2 and \$3 for the second and third violations.

-Compensation payments to Mrs. Audery Runner, of Juniata, were terminated under a decision handed down, last Thursday, by Commissioner Joseph E. Fleitz, who ruled the woman had been illegally married to Clifford Riley Runner, for whose death two wives had been collecting compensation.

-Dr. C. P. Bishop, of Sunbury, has been appointed head of the tuberculosis division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, it was announced last week by the State Department of Agriculture. succeeds Dr. S. E. Bruner, of Camp Hill, whom Governor Fisher discharged as the

result of the recent \$129,000 cattle fraud. "Thanks to increased efforts of the State and local health bureaus; increased public interest in quarantine measures; and a fuller appreciation of the value of antitoxin has resulted in a study reduction of the death and sickness rates in diphtheria," according to Dr. J. Bruce McCreary, deputy secre-

tary of health. -Formulating plans for a campaign next September to raise a minimum of \$650,000 for Susquehanna University, constituted the chief business of the recent meeting of the board of directors of the Of this sum, \$150,000 will be devoted to improvement of buildings and the campus. The remaining \$500,000 will be placed in the endowment fund. -Wilfred Jones, a lawyer and former

solicitor of Luzerne county, sentenced in Wayne county court to serve six years in the eastern penitentiary and fined \$1500 on an arson charge, has surrendered to in two weeks. at Prompton in 1915 led to Jones' convic-

-Mike Rose, of Yeagertown, was testifying in Mifflin county court last week in an assault and battery case in which a neighbor was alleged to have struck Mrs. Rose with a club. The attorney asked him if it was dark when the attack took place, and he said that it was daylight, He was reminded by the attorney that his wife had testified that it was dark at the time, "Well," he said, "she had been hit over the head, she was color blind."

-Accosted by two bandits on a lonely mountain road north of Green Ridge, George Jeffries, of Mt. Carmel, a miner, was severely lectured because he had no money on his person. Jeffries had previously sent his week's wages home by another person and had nothing of value at the time of the holdup. The spot where Jeffries was held up, has been the scene of many holdups in the past. Efforts are being made to round up the bandits.

-Catherine Murphy, aged 10, of Port Royal, Pa., and Robert Wilson, aged 12, of Maddensville, while skating on Aughwick Creek, near Maddensville, broke through the ice and were drowned on Monday. The bodies were recovered in a short time by neighbors, who tried vainly to revive the boy and girl. The girl was visiting her grandparent, Robert Ramsey, and the boy resided with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lockwell, of Springfield township.

-Motorists along the Susquehanna Trail near Sunbury, rubbed their eyes and took a second look when they saw a fine specimen of deer floating down the Susquehanna river on a large cake of ice. The animal stood motionless, with head high in the air. It was but a few rods from shore and small boys pelted it with snowballs as it passed under a bridge. The deer jumped to another block which broke under his weight, then swam to the opposite bank, and disappeared in the timber.

-A. L. Mover. 28. of Yeagertown, was burned to death and four other men were rying a five-ton ladle of molten steel broke at the No. 1 open hearth of the Standard Steel Works company, at Lewistown. Moyer, who was married, was burned to a crisp beneath the molten flood. The injured, all expected to recover are: Grant Davidson, 21, of Milroy: George Nearhoff, 51, of Burnham; E. T. Mitchell, 29, of Milroy, and John L. cable caused the accident.

-An appeal for immediate co-operation by sportsmen, school children and others to prevent starvation of game in the woods, a situation caused by the heavy snowfall over the week-end, was issued today by the Game Commission. The Commission said its entire field force has started placing food in the woodlands. "But they cannot cope with the situation without the help of many others," the commission stated. Game protectors have been stocked with food supplies which can be obtained by volunteers for placing. Corn on the cob, stuck on sharp twigs at points known to be frequented by game, was recommended as the best food. Loose grain and nuts placed in cleared portions about the foot of trees or clumps of underbrush also are suggest-