Democratice Hatchman

INK SLINGS.

So far as March has gone the lion and the lamb have been running it about neck and eck.

-If Explorer Wilkins succeeds in his undertaking he will exceed the imagination of Jules Verne.

-The Democrats have had their little flurry over the prohibition question but it continues a bugaboo to the Republicans.

pointment with the results of the State wide primary election, and a good many others share in his opin-

we told you that by the time "you which it was stated positively that term in office. The trust exhausted troduced a bill to create within the lamp this paragraph we will be in Robert H. Lucas, executive director every resource at its command to Department of Justice a bureau Texas." Oh, boy! how we'd like to of the Republican National commithave that trip ahead of us now.

Here's another job for Kiwanis. and some one will have to find a new site for the town. The Gazette building is to be six thousand feet little more than five thousand feet town out so we can get the new post-

-There are a few thousand pub- and two years imprisonment. lishers and printers in the U.S.A., Long after the time limit for the convention that it's all wrong for in circles until a candidate is to be unless he votes to take the government out of competition with them. And a lot of them will be for Hoover for a second term, even though he thinks it's all wrong for the government to operate a plant it has one hundred and eighty million dollars in, can't sell or give away, because it would be in competition ed monopoly of power. Talk about the power of the press? It was a taught the old Republican elephant to manipulate Delilah's scissors with

"a perigrinatin' demonstration of the impotence ers of the Republican party condone jection is simply absurd. of the Volstead Act." And we reg- the most contemptible piece of party ister this public rebuke to the young villainy on record." writin' hound who made our columns give us a left handed slap last week by suggesting that our playmates ought to be in an-Gosh, every way we turn we're stopped. We were going to say an old ladies home. If we had we know we'd be hearing from Hollidaysburg, where there is such a misnamed refuge for a lot of girls who embarrass us every time we visit there because we know the only wrinkles visible are on our own map. All the "aged" tipstaves in the Centre county court are our contemporaries, in a manner of speaking, and we're just wakening up to what the infusion of flaming youth's blood might do to the Watchman. We've been in trouble all our life and we've hoped because we know that there is not for himself. one of them who would love to be Mr. John J. Raskob, chairman of of resentment will deceive no reasonin a rolling chair with somebody to the National committee, has been a ing person. The parade of a thouspush it quite as much as we would wise leader and an efficient party and witnesses who could give the

apologetic mood let us say to a Mr. of the organization. With some of was concrete proof that the Commis-Grubb, from up in College township, his ideas a great many Democratic sion, as well as its chairman, "played who came into the office last Mon- voters will cordially concur. With into the hands of the Scranton-Spring day to tell us that this paper was others there will be widespread dis- Brook water merger," to employ his all wrong in its story of the condi- agreement. For example, his at- own language. The testimony of tion of the Farmer's Co-operative titude on the question of prohibition Roy Husselman, "noted engineer of Association, that every fact stated will meet with popular favor in the Cleveland," was equally strong proof in the article published by the North while his recommendations of culpability and official misfeas-Watchman last week was given the with respect to corporations and ance. writer of the story by members of tariff legislation will not be so gen- But chairman Ainey and commisthe Association. And we are ready erally favored. But it was well sioner Benn and their associates on to apologize to him if the final set- that the matters should be brought the Public Service Board were simtlement of its difficulties are any to public attention. It gives op- ply carrying out the policies of the less onerous on those who are hold-portunity for analysis. ing the bag than the Watchman Senator Hull, of Tennessee, and thus favoring corporate interests. story indicated. It isn't the province Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, were Every well informed man and woor desire of a newspaper to perse- equally within their rights in stat- man in the Commonwealth has cute or do injustice to anyone. We ing their views on the questions, known of their prostitution of power never heard of Mr. Grubb until he though Mr. Robinson took the mat- for years. But they have been concame in-of course with the inten- terentirely too seriously. He imagin- tinued in office and encouraged in tion of telling us where to get off- ed that there was a purpose to de- their maladministrations because but when we told him where we had clare the opinions of Mr. Raskob as party interests were conserved and gotten all our information he for- the policies of the party. After this party obligations fulfilled. That the got the big idea that brought him mistaken interpretation was cor- public interests were sacrificed made to town and departed in agreement rected a general discussion followed no difference to the leaders of the with our hope that the makers of in which former Governor Smith, of Republican party. By such meththe original notes won't have to pay New York; Governor Cox, of Ohio, ods they retained power. too much for the merchandise others and other party leaders participated got and can't pay for. Monday and harmony was restored. Altomorning is a bad time for them that gether the session of the committee States Supreme court, celebrated his entrant in the next Congress. shave Saturday night to come to was a helpful as well as an inter- 90th birthday, on Sunday, with charbeard the lion in his den. Good esting event. It proved that the acteristic modesty. Millions will bristles don't develop in less than party organization is in fine form join in the hope that he may adorn willing to the South, "let the erring sisters go making the river a salt water stream to forty-eight hours.



-Al Smith acknowledges disap- Republicans Reward an Infamous Act.

-At exactly this time last year mitted a report of its activities in the Power trust during his first a member of the committee, has in-Bellefonte will have to be moved fall. The Act of Congress on the notwithstanding his objection, the try before the Commission any comthis week says the new post-office a Senator or Representative in Con- less than two-thirds of the whole schedule of rates and tariffs or servgress shall be reported, under oath, square and since Bellefonte is only a to the clerk of the House of Represquare we'll have to move the whole ty days after the election. The valuable government property to Such a law would correct one of the penalty for failure to comply with monopoly will remain open. this requirement is a fine of \$10,000

veto of the Muscle Shoals bill on campaign the Nye committee unthe ground that it registers his covered the fact that Mr. Lucas had stand against any attempt to put obtained and procured the distributhe government in competition with tion of a number of scurrilous carpart of these same printers and pub- against Senator Norris. As Lucas lishers will be resolving at their next was at that time an official of the They'll organize a lobby-and all outrageous that it provoked condemthat sort of thing-and run around nation from decent men and women of all parties. On the floor of the selected to represent their district in Senate it was denounced by Senaback bone to stand up and tell their element of his own party publicly denominee that they won't support him manded that Lucas be summarily ting the government in competidismissed from the service of the National committee.

Mr. Lucas was chosen for the with what Mr. Insull calls a regulat-Sampson until a smart trainer filed nothing has been done in the the kind. It simply authorizes the proceedings. The Senate committee -The Watchman's hat is off to the the Republican National committee." heavy burden from which there is have been perpetrated in the recent eighty-three year old public official In other words the President, the no escape other than by the process past will be brought to an end. t of Justice and the lead-

> phia, is "between the devil and the gradually weeding out those who Our State Senator is a Very Busy deep sea." He is in controversy with voted against him for the nominathe heads of two departments and tion. seems to be getting the worst of it in both cases.

for a few serene years before the ocrat has the right to opinions on misunderstanding the language of C. education, finance, game and fish, ted this fraud would have been to curtain falls. We fear we are not all questions and to express them N. Loveland, of Scranton, who testiinsurance, mines and mining, public cheat both the consumer and the going to have them because when at any time and in any place he fied that chairman Ainey, of the roads and highways and railroad farmer. Under our laws the butter we resolve to be a "yes" man and happens to be. That is the reason Public Service Com. ission, had per-committees are standards have been so raised and which has been releasing 100,000,000 cubic stop stirring up the animals along why the Democratic party has never suaded him "to witadraw the origi- the most prominent and active in fixed that one buys butter now with stop stirring up the animals along why the Democratic party has never on all complaint against the rates' the Senate and demand much time the same confidence he purchases comes a Greek—not with a wooden had any bosses like Quay and Pennal complaint against the rates' the Senate and demand much time life insurance. Furthermore, he horse but a bottle of turpentine and rose in their days and Pinchot now. which the water company was try- from their members. a bag of chestnut burrs, and the The rank and file of the party never ing to enforce." a bag of chestnut burrs, and the works are blown up. The rank and file of the party never ling to enforce. In addition to the above committing a pure and wholesome product.

The rank and file of the party never ling to enforce. The transparent effort of Govertee work, Senator Scott is sponsor. On the other hand, the farmer is not apologize to the "aged" tipstaves ders. Each voter thinks and acts nor Pinchot to arouse prejudice and ing legislation for disabled veterans finding a ready sale for his butter

manager. At the recent meeting of committee no information of value the committee he properly express- was an expedient of a demagogue. -And while we are in the amiable, ed his opinion as to future activities But the testimony of Mr. Loveland

and ready for action.

Power Trust Faithfully Served.

The veto of the Muscle Shoals Some weeks ago the Nye Slush legislation guarantees the fulfillment the Public Service Commission Sen-Fund committee of the Senate sub- of President Hoover's obligations to ator McClure, of Delaware county, tee, violated the corrupt practices the limit in the way of recompense. porate authorities of any municipal- virtues. law in opposing the re-election of A substantial majority of the Sen- ity, will "assist or have charge of Senator Norris, of Nebraska, last ators voted to enact the resolution, and prepare, present, prosecute and subject provides that all money record being forty-nine to thirty- plaint made by any municipality spent for or against the election of four. But the affirmative vote was against any schedule or proposed number voting and the objection was ice or lack of facilities of any But his plan may go too far. sustained. For at least two years company furnishing public utility There certainly would be a contronumber voting and the objection was ice or lack of facilities of any sentatives in Washington within thir- more the opportunity to convey this service within the Commonwealth."

> Three times the Senate, after mation with individual enterprise.

viding places for his friends as -Mayor Mackey, of Philadel- rapidly as he might but he is

Democratic Party in Fine Form. tion in Harrisburg progresses the job enough for one man without The little tilt among Democratic evidence against the Public Service having any other demand on his leaders at the meeting of the Dem- Commission increases in force and time. The chairman of that comocratic National committee, in Wash- volume. The testimony of Mr. Farr, mittee is likely sought and inter- From the Harrisburg Telegraph. wholesome tonic rather than a harm- Scranton banker told him that a mittee head. ful incident. Of course the only New York banker had advance intribunal which has authority to de- formation as to action in the Scran- ship, he is a member of the bank-National convention, but every Dem- paign fiction. But there can be no corporations, executive nominations, butter as a base. To have permit-

political machine they represent in

the bench for many years to come. tell why he accuses.

One Worthy Purpose Proposed

As a result of the Senate probe of From the Altoona Tribune gravest faults of the present Public Service Commission.

ture deliberation, adopted a reso- Under the practice of the present lution providing for government op- Public Service Commission, if not who will defend President Hoover's report of expenditures in the Norris eration of a plant which it already actually under the law, a community either by sale or lease. Twice the excessive charges for utility service House of Representatives has regis- has had no means of redress except tered concurrence in this purpose. It at a practically prohibitive expense. private business enterprises. A large toons intended to arouse prejudice costs \$5,000,000 a year to maintain It was required to make the charge, it in idleness. By efficient opera- employ lawyers, dig up the evidence tion it would be capable of yielding and prosecute before an unsympa-Republican National committee and to the government millions of dol- thetic tribunal. In the case of the the government to print and deliver Norris was the candidate of that lars annually and save the farmers Scranton water company it is of envelopes in competition with them. party, the perfidy of the act was so and consumers of electric power record that hundreds of thousands local police seems to be too radical danger on Monday. One set of twins hundreds of millions. But for the rea- of dollars were necessarily expended a step. son that Calvin Coolidge and Herbert in getting the matter before the Pub- regulations and requirement, rigidly other firemen in the same manner. Hoover are under an implied pledge to lic Service Commission and for a enforced by city and borough authe Power trust the public has been period of more than two years the thorities, would achieve the same re- and \$2.50 a day were announced at Congress. Then they won't have the tors of both parties and the decent betrayed twice, this time under the corporation was collecting, or trying

has been recommended by the Sen- From the Harrisburg Telegraph. If the Norris resolution had pro- ate committee would lift this burvided for a government commission den from the suffering consumers house on the hilltop Sunday night. high-salaried office in the party or- with authority to create hydroelec- and shift at least part of it to the A song sparrow sang in a bare tree March 1 and will continue until March ganization he holds by President tric plants or to compete with the treasuries of the offending corpora-Hoover. The duty of enforcing the Power trust in purchasing, absorb- tions. If the investigation accompenal code of Congress rests on the ing, merging or consolidating such plishes nothing else this achieve-Department of Justice. But though plants the President might be justiment will be worth all it costs. It the Nye committee of the Senate fied in saying that "this bill would is infinitely better than hunting tion of Lucas, and considerable time of ownership and operation of power rainbows, which seems to be the has elapsed since the report was utilities." But it does nothing of paramount purpose of the Pinchot matter. And by an Associated government to utilize, in a way contemplates other remedial legisla-Press dispatch, published the other helpful to the public a property it tion, according to information from day, the public is informed that already owns, which has cost ap- Harrisburg, and there is every rea-Lucas "will remain at the helm of proximately \$180,000,000, and is a son to hope that the abuses which

> It seems that the 30th Con- nual trip south, the merchants will ocratic State committee. gress district "went, hell bent" for be advertising their spring fashions, the money was due him Governor Pinchot is not pro- Congressman Kent, but the other it will be time to buy a light over- literature for the 1922 Gubernatorial

> > Man.

Senator Harry B. Scott is one of The Republican Machine Responsible. the busiest Senators in the upper As the double-barreled investiga- of the appropriation committee is soon.

Aside from his own chairman-

In addition to the above commitdetermine the issue in an atmosphere and some important bills for high- and the creamery market has suf-

> -Now we know why Hoover was opposed to an extra session of Con-

-The Mellon machine is organiz- beled by conscientious makers. ing to put Pinchot in "the mud," even if he does succeed in getting the farmers out of it.

with Hoover. Well, nobody accuses on Congress. him of being "wet."

to stop the leak.

The first half of President been fulfilled.

The Philadelphians opposed to the Blue Law hope to stampede the happens.

-It is a safe bet that the Mus- one loses his temper. -Justice Holmes, of the United cle Shoals problem will be an early

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE,

-The Berwick plant of the American Car and Foundry company has received orders for 350 ninety-ton hopper cars from the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad and 331 subway truck frames from New York city. These were the largest orders for several months, officers said.

-Charged with stealing \$500, several checks and merchandise from the West Penn Power company, where he was employed as a salesman, Harry E. Swiger, 32, Clarksville, W. Va., was arrested at Washington, Pa., last Friday. The money was taken from a safe in the company's offices in Canonsburg, police

-Attacked by a deer, which apparent-ly wandered into his back yard in search of food, Henry Minter, 78 years old, of Milford, Pa., was saved from serious injuries on Sunday by a dog. The buck Smedley Butler's idea of a semibowled over the aged man as he stepmilitary police force, composed of ped around the corner of the house, bachelors, and maintained by the The animal sprang at Minter, but was The animal sprang at Minter, but was State, is too radical a departure from scared away after being bitten by the present systems to permit definite family dog.

-Blood poison developing from an apparently harmless burn on the elbow, suffered when he fell and skidded along the floor during a game with McKeespuffy policemen who are just about port, caused the death on Tuesday in able to negotiate from one corner to the Memorial hospital, Monongahela, of another" is a true one. It is im-Loveless McStallsworth, 19, a member of possible to imagine such officers the varsity floor team of Monongahela coping successfully with modern High school. All further activities in basketball have been cancelled.

-Alleging that she lost the sight of versy over the number of officers to her eyes after Mrs. Helen Savakunas threw red pepper into her face during a be assigned each town or city. And fight at Shenandoah. Mrs. Agnes Crosos. it is doubtful if the force could be of that place, entered suit for \$5000 made sufficiently mobile to care adequately for local emergencies which damages in court at Pottsville. The ould be beyond the means of the fight is alleged to have occurred two months ago in front of St. George's The idea in many ways coincides church, Shenandoah. Mrs. Crosos declarowns and is unable to dispose of which has been or is being looted by with the present Pennsylvania state ed she was totally blinded two weeks after the pepper assault. police system. General Butler's idea

-For the fifth time this winter mem housed in barracks with few contacts bers of the Citizens' Volunteer fire dewith the outside world, and operated partment, engine company No. 1, of Arunder semi-military regulations, is nold, has saved the life of a child undoubtedly sound, it is the sort of pneumonia sufferer by pumping oxygen a force needed to cope with modern into its lungs. After working 132 hours in relays, Ronald Spagnol, 20 months old, of Export, was pronounce out of Perhaps more stringent and two other youngsters were saved by

-Voluntary wage cuts of \$1.00, \$2.00 Charleroi, last week, by plumbers, electricians and metal workers, as their part in an attempt to stimulate business. The reductions were: Electricians, \$11 to \$9.00; plumbers, \$10.00 to 9.00 a day; and metal workers, \$11.50 to 9.00 a day. The schedule is to be effective as of 1, 1932, officials of the organizations said.

-At an all day meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Sugar Valon the lawn. The ground was ley Mutual Fire Insurance company held lightly frozen, but there was a at Loganton last week, more than 500 at Loganton last week, more than 500 votes were cast and it was unanimously decided to change the by laws and policies of the company to conform to pered that the first signs of spring the Pennsylvania standard form for fire insurance policies and to enlarge the company's territory, which at present embraces the counties of Union, Snyder, Clinton, Centre and Lycoming.

-John Killeen, Pittsburgh printer, won a verdict in common pleas court at Soon the baseball teams will be Lancaster, of \$334 from Austin E. Mc-Killeen said fellow got the certificate of election. coat, study the flower seed catalogs campaign. The printing was said to and think about next summer's have been ordered, orally, by Mrs. Clara Renshaw, vice chairman of the commit-Rushing the season? Indeed we tee. McCollough maintained that he It's going to be but a was not responsible for the oral con-

mighty little while until straw hat tract. weather looms over the horizon and -Alfred McGraw, of Sunbury, being the golf liars will be thinking up returned from Salt Lake City to Philastories to outdo those of the trout body this session. Being chairman fishermen. And it can't come too from a Pennsylvania railroad train near Huntingdon, on Thursday of last week, but was recaptured within several hours. McGraw jumped from a window as the train was speeding between Tyrone and Huntingdon. Two guards accompanying ington last week, will serve as a of Scranton, to the effect that a viewed more than any other com- The State Department of Agricul- him left the train to search for him. He was found along the highway near Tyrone with lacerations of the face and injury to one knee. After being given tribunal which has authority to declare the policies of the party is the

clare the party is the

> -The defiant Meeker gas well of the Penn-United company, in Tioga county, day after experts had battled with the the same confidence he purchases flow for nearly one week. Twenty experts succeeded in driving a casing to the bottom of the 4,197 foot hole and then cement was forced into it under tremendous pressure. The equipment for the Capping was taken to Tioga county from Oklahoma, passing through Bellefonte en route there. With the capping of the well, it was reported that the flow

> -Ralph Carino, of Mt. Carmel, demarket, but these are properly la- clined to consent to his discharge from the Lebanon county jail under bond. Carino was the only one of 10 persons arrested last Saturday when Federal officers swooped down upon Mt. Carmel's Carino's friends reached Lebanon, almost frozen after an 88-mile drive, prepared to post the bond for his release. Carino refused to sign the bail piece,

> -Former Chief Justice Robert von Moschzisker, of the Pennsylvania Su---- The Woodward bill for a State preme court, was named by Chester the Pennsylvania-New York-New Jersey water case. John B. Hannum, Jr., also was named associate counsel to co-The real reason why Banking operate in the case with city solicitor of water a day. New Jersey is objecting. Chester is interested because, it is —Adopting the language of the late Horace Greeley the Democratic the salt water from the Delaware bay that point.

Pure Butter.

Butler's Bachelor Police.

conclusions without intensive study.

But the plan also has obvious

General Butler's picture of "fat,

criminals and gangsters.

regularly-assigned detachment.

of a force composed of single men,

But the complete abolishment of

Signs.

A wild goose honked over the

outside yesterday morning. A brave

little shadfly, with more courage

than prudence, made its appearance

freshness in the air and a warmth

in the sun that had not been there

the day previous. All these whis-

We may have more snow, more

The backbone of Old Man

players for the an-

howling winds, more low tempera-

Winter is in sore need of an osteo-

tures, but these will be merely

sult that Butler seeks.

on the lawn.

had appeared.

mustering their

vacation.

are not.

ture is to be commended for the promptness with which it ran out of Pennsylvania those who were sellpays a price that ought to guarantee fered also as a result of restricted purchases due to many people being out of work or apprehensive of that misfortune. When one buys butter he has a right to expect just that. gress. The Rapidan river is being nothing else. There are many pure restocked with trout for his benefit. and palatable substitutes on the

Mayor Mackey, of Philadelphia, is willing to return to the Vare alleged illegal liquor dispensers, who gang in consideration of a seat in failed to furnish bond and was commit--An esteemed contemporary Congress, which may be all right ted to jail by U.S. Commissioner wants to know what's the matter for Mackey and Vare but it's tough Schools. At noon on Tuesday, four of

-The Senate Slush Fund com-Now that it is known that the mittee has properly defined the na- declaring he likes his new environment; State loses millions on gasoline ture of the recent political activities is without a job, and prefers to remain taxes the Legislature may take steps of Bob Lucas. The penalty is a in jail until his hearing on March 28. big fine and imprisonment.

Hoover's term is ended and every referendum on the liquor laws is city council as associate counsel to apobligation to the Power trust has not likely to get very far, but it pear before the United States Supreme may give the Prohibitionists a few court and seek authority to intervene in anxious moments.

General Assembly, but that seldom Commissioner Cameron resigned A. A. Cochran. The State and city of would be interesting reading. But New York proposes to take from the it will not be revealed unless some- Delaware river some 440,000,0000 gallons

Governor Pinchot is perfectly National committee might say to backing up beyond the city limits and in peace.