# Democratic Hatchman

### INK SLINGS

-Wednesday evening's slight fall of "the beautiful" was probably "the onion snow."

-Mayor Jimmie Walker, of New York, denies the allegation that he is incompetent and offers to lick the allegator.

-We wish some of these fellows who are so persistently telling us that good times are just around the corner would be a bit more specific and tell us which corner.

-The employment situation around here is evidently improving. We know a fellow who has been paint- William D. Mitchell, of Minnesota, a ing his own house who put himself Democrat who had voted against the on a nine hour shift yesterday so he candidate of his party, to the office will get through quicker to get back of Attorney General, he imagined to fishing again.

burg the more certain it becomes chance and in the light of recent dethat all the State is to get out of velopments, a rather grave mistake, the many Pinchot campaign promises Mr. Mitchell may have voted against is the rural roads building program the candidate of his party because of and even the Governor has admitted religion or on account of fanaticism that there will be no money to carry of some other sort. Or he may have

standings put the Athletics and the Phillies in the same class as baseball aggregations. And neither Al Simmons nor "Chuck" Klein would have been missed much had they both been left to "hold out" as long as they wanted to.

it's back and believers in signs as- ocratic party. That is, he has decidsure us that that means a dry one. ed aversion to giving unrestrained If there is anything in it farmers power to big business to violate exare going to have another short hay isting laws in order to promote crop. Right now is the time when their selfish interests. Influenced by cool and very wet weather is needed these ideas of government, in a to produce good grass.

-The Japanese Prince who is being royally entertained in this country just now is doubtless a fine young man, but he is in no danger of being sought by American cigarettee manufacturers to permit the use of his picture on the bill boards advertising their products.

announcement, through local agencies, good of the "scholar in politics," conthat part of the forty-five million ceived the idea of limiting the prodollar drought relief fund appropri- duction of oil by an agreement among ated by the last Congress is avail- the producers, in order to "stabilize able to farmers in Centre county the industry," or in other words, to who need it. What a joke the pro- jack up prices to the consumers and posal is. In the first place every profits for the producers. President this spring is already at it. In the to this scheme and Secretary of "He always wants to give n thing when I don't want it."

-It ill becomes the Watchman to question Col. Henry W. Shoemaker's statement of facts concerning the history and legends of Central Penn- one of those Central American Re- to "the gayety of nations." sylvania. Col. Shoemaker's hobby is publics might be better understood digging into musty records and in- if one stops to consider that thirteen terviewing "oldest residents" to the Sandino men captured a big town in end that he might compile and put Nicaragua the other day. Thirteen in lasting reference form the interest- gansgsters capture a night club in this section of Pennsylvania. For twenty-four hours and nobody thinks years he has devoted his leisure of calling that a rebellion. time to converting the unwritten foreign countries don't line "the Batlocal history, the word-of-mouth tery" and the "Gold Coast" with printed sketches. Through his ef- who are fearful that they might be forts many facts that might other- captured in another night club. wise have died with the present generation have been preserved for posterity. In a recent article on The Pennsy's Transportation Museperiod from 1886 to 1892 and have the only reapportionment measure at Washington are to blame. no recollection of a wood-burner having been run on it during those sion, though Senatorial, Representating been run on it during those sion, though Senatorial, Representating to be an eminently just and Practices Act will be amended, which years. We think if such had been tive and Judicial reapportionments fair proposition. For some years will make Senatorial primary camthe case we would have noticed it are due. The decrease in the delegation the government at Washington has because we recall our consuming tion from thirty-six to thirty-four been trying to run the government dangerous. interest in the first wood-burner we made the reconstruction of the Con- of Nicaragua, not as the people of ever saw and it was an engine that gressional districts imperative, and Nicaragua wanted it conducted but Florida, in 1895.

the present depression is that it is Following the lines of least resist- a message to Congress, after referish sly." -Our theory as to the cause of due more to labor saving machinery ance the bill makes no changes in ring to what might happen to a proand women in other than domestic Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. There posed canal and "obligations arising occupations than to any other cause. Now that the stimulus that brought these cities who would have prefer- citizens in Nicaragua," placed the to the cause, he tried to flirt with about the intensive production that red an alteration of the district boun- United States "in a position of pe- the wets but with little success. began in 1914 is withdrawn and the daries but the machine managers are culiar responsibility." What Mr. world is getting back to supplying a satisfied and nothing else matters. Coolidge really meant was that ago only wives of husbands who Congressman in Pennsylvania prac- Soon afterward American marines greatest power of endurance. homes. Today there are probably of an extraordinary upheaval the essary, the election of a President of homes. Today there are probably of an extraordinary upheaval the millions of them filling jobs that the head of another family might have head of another family might have homes. Today there are probably of an extraordinary upheaval the essary, the election of a President of another the head of another family might have homes. Today there are probably of an extraordinary upheaval the essary, the election of a President of movement to eliminate plant pests. What that city really needs is the of "real wages" as opposed to dolong mortgage issues except \$500,000 non-ing mortgage issues except \$500,000 n were it not that they prefer other to Pinchot as to the Mellons and Genthan domestic pursuits. In addition eral Martin.



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Attorney General Mitchell Makes Trouble.

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When President Hoover appointed that he was simply recompensing a -The further they go at Harris- personal service. It was taking a long absorbed the absurd idea that Herbert Hoover is a great business gen--At this writing their respective ius who could and would steer the Ship of State into a high tide of prosperity. Some men normally intelligent and well meaning had such foolish notions then.

It appears, however, that notwithstanding that mental aberration Mr. Mitchell still cherishes some of the -The new moon is lying flat on principles of Jefferson and the Demspeech delivered in Minneapolis, the other day, he expressed a purpose to prevent a scheme carefully concocted by President Hoover and Secretary of the Interior Wilbur to regulate, by collusion, the production of oil palpably "in restraint of trade" and directly in opposition to the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Secretary Wilbur, who seems to be -This week "Uncle Sam" makes exemplifying the evil rather than the farmer who planned any seeding Hoover had given cordial approval second, by the time he went through Commerce Lamont promptly exthe red tape necessary to procure pressed his sanction. But Attorney any of the fund it would be too late General Mitchell has now completeto start. This thing of government ly wrecked the enterprise by anhelp reminds us a lot of a story the nouncing that he will resist it with these facts the recommendation of late Al Roberts loved to tell about all the force of the Department of the Senate committee is a wise one. one of our leading citizens. Al said: Justice as a violation of the anti-trust laws. It may cost Mitchell his 10b but it will end a dangerous conspira-

## The Congressional Gerrymander,

The new Congressional apportion-

to this, unmarried daughters and In our own district Bedford and were bandits. In supporting this vey of the industrial equipment of the Twenty-third district which may nearly a hundred American marines Labor to his appointment. United States would show that there cause a contest between Representa- have been sacrificed and hundreds is a productive capacity now that tives Chase and Kurtz for the seat of millions of dollars wasted. The could supply the normal needs of a The shifting of Northumberland counsudden change of policy now adopted ture advances the chance of the fulpopulation three times as large as ty from the Seventeenth to the Shoewe have. If such is the case how string district and Huntingdon coun- may plunge some American citizens recedes. foolish it is to think we can keep ty to the York district will throw and a good deal of American capital our mills and mines and farms going either Magrady or Beers out of a in grave danger, but that can't be to capacity without foreign markets job or set Haines, of York, outside helped. It is a proper change of not be exactly "a chip off the old State Senate, on Monday, by Sento take up the surplus. And foreign the breast works. Altogether the bill, mind and has been too long delayed. block," but he is certainly a humcountries, being worse off than we which is said to have been written our tariff walls prevent them from paying for it in products that they manufacture, mine or grow.

——Secretary of State Stimson as complete, not to say vicious, a takes a good deal of pains to show that the new Nicaragua policy is that the new Nicaragua policy is posed on a helpless people.

——Secretary of State Stimson as complete, not to say vicious, a takes a good deal of pains to show the steel min when it was auctioned in its entirety on Monday. The bids of a score of Junk dealers when the plant was offered piecemeal did when the plant was of

The majority report of the Senate committee investigating the Public About the fiftieth time within a Service Commission recommends leg- year Roger Babson assures the pubislation providing that the power of lie that "this month for the first time appointing members of the Commissince the summer of 1929 revealed a but from the supposedly sophisticasion be vested in the Superior court, definite turn for the better in the ted citizens of New York. Salesmen "so that the Public Service Commis- business situation." The only practi- peddling wild-cat stocks cost the vicsion shall be an independent and un- cal difference between this statement fettered agency." There are substan- and those previously issued by Mr. tial reasons for this solution of a vex- Babson, is that this one was deliverthe Tariff Commission made a deci- way of Wall street where the inforsion adverse to the President's views mation was obtained and the prepathe body was reconstructed, thus ad- ration and publicity paid for. monishing the members that their Roger Babson is one of those protenure of office depended upon obedi- fessional figure jugglers who confuse ence to the appointing power. This the average man and woman by paaction perverted the Tariff Commis- rading percentages, speculating on sion into an agency of injustice.

questions brought before it upon mer- was approaching and ever since has it and according to the judgment of been promising the return of prosits members it cannot render valua- perity to the great delight of Presifulfill its obligations to the interests of the vast army of job hunters. in contention before it, complete With the opening of Spring life freedom of thought and action is es- naturally brightens up. Agricultural sential. The fault of the Public Serv- activity sets in, building operations ice Commission of Pennsylvania, in begin and industrial enterprises dewas under duress to serve the inter- year Mr. Babson and most of the ests of the Republican machine rath- other professional wizzards of finer than those of the people concerned ance told the people that "prosperity in its decisions. Appointments were is just around the corner," and that ate." made with that understanding.

miss certain members of the Com- But it dismally failed to materialize. decided. His practice in making ap-pointments justifies the belief that he in either branches of Congress by

## New Policy in Nicaragua.

ing incidents of the early days of New York or Chicago about every The other day Secretary of State Clearfield, would have to pitch penout that country with American for- bill should pass in its present form. stories of our communities, into warships to take off their subjects ces." In other words, those adventurous Americans who undertake busium" he says that a wood-burner en- ment bill, prepared at the headquar- own business, they will probably from Howard just as soon as the gine was run on the Lewisburg and ters of the Republican State machine, need no other protection. If, on the building is completed. The Moun-Tyrone railroad, between Montandon was introduced in the Senate by Sen- other hand, they misbehave, or the tain Times, which was recently reand Lewisburg, as late as 1889. We ator McClure, of Delaware county, government at Washington provokes vived, will continue to be published traveled that road much during the on Monday evening. It is probably resentment, they or the government with a Howard date line.

wouldn't worked outside their own tically impossible, and in the absence procured by such force as was necthose opposed to the government

A Wise and Proper Recommendation. Disappointing Promises of Business Improvement.

possibilities and pretending powers No matter what name the Public Service Commission is called, and no matter what type of men compose it, time in advance of the Wall street stock that does not even make good since the shorting down of the tempted to bring it out from its hiding operations that naturally follow stock that does not even make good hoped it means all summer work. unless it is absolutely free to decide panic of 1929 that such a disaster wall paper ble service to the public. In order to dent Hoover and the disappointment

within a surprisingly brief period it

alized deserved the punishment. They had been adopted a year ago the ramay have been delinquent in their diant predictions of Mr. Babson and service and unfit. But that wasn't of his type might have been fulfilled the reason which influenced the Gov- in part, at least. But the administration in issue as he wanted to have it ures that might have encouraged in- handled. invariably employs the power as an Democrats. The records of the last asset in his purpose to organize a per- session of Congress plainly prove

not contribute much to the interest The new arrangement would make -The importance of a rebellion in of the public it will add considerably the District more overwhelmingly Republican, but that will not worry From the Pittsburgh Press. Democrats half as much as it will some of the leaders of the favored party. In other words, Congress-The administration policy with re- men J. Banks Kurtz, of Blair, and spect to Nicaragua has been reversed. Congressman J. Mitchell Chase, of Stimson announced that "this gov- nies "or sumpin" to determine ernment cannot undertake the gener- which one goes onto the congres- things good for children. al protection of Americans through- sional scrap heap in the event the

Washington attends strictly to its printery, which will be moved there are 18.

-Senator Davis' announced pulled our train out of Jacksonville, political expediency was the only as the President of the United States speech-making itinerary would indithing considered in framing the imagined it ought to be managed. cate that he is a candidate for re-In 1927 President Calvin Coolidge, in election. But puddler Jim is "devil-

may be a few voters in each of from the investments of American tribute to President Hoover's fidelity

----A contemporary suggests that normal demand there are really too The main purpose of the bill is to American capital in Nicaragua should money is the greatest sufferer from the Harrisburg Telegraph. many producers. Twenty-five years make the election of a Democratic be protected by the American army. unemployment, But it also has the

sons in the same families are work- Blair counties are added to Clear- policy during the years which have doing his best to justify the opposiing as well. We believe that a sur- field and Centre, to make up the new since elapsed the promising lives of tion of the American Federation of

-As the session of the Legisla-

-Barclay Warburton Jr. may dinger.

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Fight Against Stock Swindler. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Booms and slumps may come and go, but the fake stock swindler is always among us. The immediate complaint now is not from Philadelphia, tims half a million dollars in the month of March alone. This is a low average. It is safe to say that the tial reasons for this solution of a vexed problem. During the administration of President Coolidge, whenever the others were detoured to him by that this should be possible during a period when speculators and investors are mighty cautious about what they buy in the legitimate securities market. But when plausible agents come along to "let you in" on something that is sure to return big dividends on the investment, men and a number of men in the woods and at women who have laid away a sum of money for a rainy day are often tempted to bring it out from its hid-

of racketeering; but there are holes in it, and there is a scurrying now to try and plug up the leaks before the adjournment of the Legislature. Attorney General Bennett says "we need nie Kreiser, of his decision to try a preventive measures in the law. At present we lock the door after the horse has been stolen. What we need head. recent years, lies in the fact that it velop, as a rule .About this time last in order to protect the public against -Edawrd Decker, well known retired the depredations of the fake stock business man of Lock Haven, was killed, raiders are laws which keep them un- on Monday evening, when he was crushder constant watch and make it in-creasingly difficult for them to oper-wife. The two had returned from a

During his previous term of office would blossom and bloom from one swindling has been greatly minimized back in. In doing so she turned on too Governor Pinchot attempted to dissea coast of the country to the other. by the passage of what is popularly miss certain members of the Com-But it dismally failed to materialize. known as the "blue sky law." The mission. Probably the men thus pen- Probably if intelligent methods Securities Commission is part of the Banking Department, and it has a staff of investigators whose business it is to run down suspected stocks and bonds. No firm or salesman has authority to do business until registerernor to discharge them. The reason tion at Washington preferred to "play ed; and after that the Commission for his action was that they had dis-obeyed his orders to decide a ques-lieve distress and opposed all meas-file a list of the securities being

But no law-no matter how airtight-can protect men and women against themselves. Gullible persons will always be the prey of promoters. This applies particularly to clergythese facts the recommendation of the Senate committee is a wise one.

The new apportionment bill promote that they are ignorant of the complications of finance. The safe rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to aputs Bedford and Blair in with the safe rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to aputs Bedford and Blair in with the safe rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to aputs Bedford and Blair in with the safe rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses and to apput the salesment of the contribute rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses are rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses are rule is to deal only through reputable and well-established houses are rule is to deal only through rule rule is to deal only through reputable and rule rul

## Child Health Day.

President Hoover has proclaimed May 1 as National Child Health Day. We should like to visualize that day as one in which the nation's Tuesday, when a jury acquitted William 45,000,000 children all would be dancing about May-poles chanting happy verses about the virtues of spinach, carrots and certified milk and other

The Sheetz family broke proportion of whom are children, ago.

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according to last census, spend their charge remaining to be served. Budy was time between 10 and 16 in gainful freed. employment, that 40,000 of them are mill-hands, 11,000 are shop workers, ticket seller and former high school bas-6.000 are miners!

-The dry women having paid 10,000,000 lack the things that go to --With the making of a public offering make perfect childhood.

Do we need a child health day? We need 365 of them every year.

## Living Expenses.

"Living expenses are lower now Washington. Yes, but what good does that do if you have no money lar wages, but most of it comes from those who believe they would Secretary of Labor Doak is his best to justify the opposition of the American Federation of ditions improve-if, indeed, they did improve under the handicap of wage reductions. There are few who would not prefer to have high wages and high prices to low wages and slightly reduced prices.

> portionment bill introduced in the in local circles that the new owner of District, composed of the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Cameron and Mc-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The Salus bill amending the child labor law by reducing the hours which minors under 16 years may work, from 51 to 48 hours a week, has been passed finally by the Senate. The vote was 28 for and 19 against.

-Martha Jensen, aviator who dared the dangers of transpacific flying sucessfully, refused to permit himself to be lowered into an anthracite mine while on a visit at Ashland, Pa., because he admitted he thought it too dangerous.

-The New York Central Railroad company has applied to the Public Service Commission for permission to change three stations from an agency to a nonagency basis. The stations are Kerroor and Dimeling, Clearfield county, and Arcadia, Indiano county.

-While one of his five children looked on, John Z. Oksek, 45, a miner of Acosta, Somerset county, on Monday, atfached two sticks of dynamite to his belt, set them off and was blown to bits. Police said Oksek was out of work, and was despondent and had threatened members of his family.

-An unidentified man riding the New York Central freight train which left Newberry Junction for Corning, N. Y., fell from the top of one of the cars while the train was passing Jersey Shore, on Monday, and was instantly killed. The man was well dressed and carried a wrist watch with the initials M. M. D.

-The Mill Hall brick works, which suspended operation some time ago, resumed with full force and capacity on Monday. This will give employment to the mines, many of whom have been idle since the shutting down of the mill. With the advent of spring and the building operations that naturally follow, it is

-Thwarted in his purpose to take his They have a law in New York own life two years ago, when a self-in-which is supposed to cover this form flicted wound in the head failed to kill

drive and Mr. Decker alighted to open In Pennsylvania this form of the garage doors and told his wife to much power with the result that her husband was jammed against the doors with such force as to fracture both hips.

-The second and final shipment of the largest vault in the world, which was built by the York Safe and Lock company, for the Bank of Japan, has been shipped on the first leg of its destination to the Orient. The shipment weighed approximately 3,000,000 pounds and was transported on 51 railroad cars hauled by two large locomotives. The parts were loaded on the steamship Tokai Maru, at Baltimore, which set sail for Japan yes-

-David Floyd, a Benton farmer, knows today what it is to have a tractor run over his head and live to tell about it. Floyd is recovering from severe bruises suffered in the accident, when soft ground in which he was working saved his life. While plowing with the plow hit a stone and threw him from the machine. A rear wheel of the tractor went over his head, but mashed it down in the soft ground and did not crush his skull.

-The first woman lawyer in Pennsylvania to defend a person charged with murder was victorious at Lancaster, on "Indian" Craig, a half-blooded Cherokee Indian, of slaying Jack McNeal, a Safe Harbor dam worker. Craig was defended by Miss M. Edna Hurst, one of three women now practising before the Lancaster bar, who is also prominent in In the desk lies a dispatch that beet workers of Colorado, a large properties of whom are the same than the bear about two years

gua or elsewhere will have to take Roost" for the erection of a two is good for children but not for beet ette county jail. A trusty in the jail. care of themselves. If they behave story building, 24x32 feet in size, as workers' children, 28 per cent of he found the money in a pocketbook in themselves and the government at a new home for their Bee Hive whom are said to die before they the courthouse, and returned it to the Another dispatch tells us that 70,000 more children worked in 1929 "Surely," he exhorted, "this man is too
than in 1928, and that new census figures will reveal another increase.

The courthouse, and returned it to the owner, Mrs. Linn Phillips, wife of an attorney. Philips hustled into court.

"Surely," he exhorted, "this man is too honest to remain in confinement. Judge in 1930. We learn that 1,060,858, month of his year's sentence on a liquor

> ket ball star, frustrated an attempted President Hoover says that 6,000,- robbery of the Park theater box office at 000 American children are improper-ly nourished, 1,000,000 have damaged Howard Jones, 27, of Pittsburgh, and hearts, 382,000 are tubercular, 300,-000 are crippled, 50,000 are partially blind and 14,000 are in total dark-demanded all the cash she had. She ness, 342,000 have impaired hearing, retorted: "I won't give it to you. You're 1,000,000 have defective speech, 200,- afraid to shoot." The man dropped his bandana mask and ran. Five minutes tally retarded, 500,000 are dependent, later bystanders and police captured him.

> of \$100,000,000 Pennsylvania Power & Light company first mortgage, 41/2 per cent bonds, by the Guaranty company of New York city, steps toward the consummation of the plans to erect one of the largest power plants in the world at Herndon, Pa., have become a reality. It is planned to use the proceeds of the than a year ago," says a dispatch from public offering to provide for the retirement of all exsisting mortgage debts of the company heretofore incurred in concallable bonds are to be retired by redemption.

-Resumption of work at the Eastern steel mill at Pottsville was assured on Tuesday after Alexander Luria, of Reading, had purchased the plant. Although Luria refused to comment on the situation, a message from his attorneys in Philadelphia notified 700 former employees to report at the mill May 2. At that time, the message intimated, a reduction in wages and resumption of work will —Under a new Congressional ap- be discussed. Confidence was expressed in operation by Monday, May 4. Luria bid \$512,000 for the steel mill when it