#### Ink Slings.

-Autonomy is too big a word with too little in it to please the Cubans very much. -Luck to the Dutch, so that they will send us more orders for \$400,000 bridges

-The fool who stands with his chin rest ing on the muzzle of his loaded gun seldom lives long enough to jeopardize any other than his own life.

-Senator HANNA is in bed with the grip. How contentedly he would lie there if it were only a dead sure cinch on that Buckeye Senatorship

-Lives of married men oft remind us. that in marriage you'd better go slow, for after-days, with affections minus, they always have a tale of woe.

-The way they are carrying on over in for attractions for the "Nights in Bohemia" gotten up in this country.

-Is it possible that Hawaii with her 3,000 American population, is to be hauled into the Union, while Oklahoma, with her 300,000 Americans, will be left outside the gates?

-Next week Washington will become the garden in which ambitious Congresswill grow the flowers for their political

-Bellefonte has a colored individual that his widow can have the satisfaction of telling her old-maid friends that she had husbands to burn.

-It has been a matter of personal observation with us that the man who is "tight across the chest" rarely walks with that erect, buoyant carriage so noticeable in whole-souled, active livered manhood.

-The story of the recent hold-up near Zion leads us to believe that there is a farm boy.

-Yale's innovation of giving her football team champagne with every dinner, as part of a dietetical system for perfecting their physical conditions, is likely to give her more foot-ball candidates next season than her coaches will know what to do

-The two LEBOS, who were convicted of selling hard cider down in Lycoming county, are in limbo for thirty days and will pay fifty dollars fine in addition. They effect a gigantic method of political bribery. will hardly imagine that their cider was as Another object is to create a vast expendi- this matter for the benefit of the gold in- ence. The government should then be nishing free books, the ultimate result of hard on its victims as is justice on the West ture of public money that will necessitate terest. This has been a breach of the

-The Ridgway miner who got drunk and froze to death beside an old tipple evidently had some idea of the eternal fitness of things. Being a tippler, himself, he laid down beside an old tipple and let his tipple put him to the sleep from which he never woke up.

-The first chill winds of November made the shivers run up and down the naked limbs of a Lemont mountain-ash and from out the tree's spacious trunk came a new suit of clothing of the kind that EVE used, when more serviceable ones were unheard

-Georgia's three year old boy preacher must be the advance agent of BELAMY's new theory advanced in his latest work, to pensions, but the true friends of the "Equality." When we reach his ideal of enlightenment the children will do all the keep off the rolls those who are not entitled work and everybody over twenty-years to government bounty, and confine it to old will rusticate all the time. The veterans who really served their country thoughts of it makes us envious of our in the field. posterity.

-For the cause of justice in all parts of guilty in the first degree of manslaugher. from Mrs. NACK, the paramour of MARTIN "peached" and told how THORN and she of notice. had horribly killed and dismembered her former lover. The immunity that is granted State's-evidence witnesses should not, in justice, be extended to this case.

-- DANIEL BROADHEAD is the name of a traveling salesman from Waverly, New York, who distinguished himself, in Williamsport, on Saturday night, by catching a buxom colored girl and giving her a right hearty smack on her big, thick osculatory organs. Of course DANIEL was full, else he would not have done it, but his condition had no effect upon the magistrate before whom a patrolman hauled him. It cost him \$4.75 for that off color kiss.

-The cold weather seems to have no effect on the busy candidate and the Republican local slate is already fixed up. Col. REEDER is to run for Congress, so they say, sively, and is one of the repulsive phases all of them by AL and CLEMENT DALE; of the overbearing power of corporations. E. R. CHAMBERS is to make a dash for the State Senate, so everybody has decided the Chicago courts, the circumstances of without JIM McClure's consent; the the prosecution from which the black-listed Hon. John Dally, of Curtin township, and men suffered, they having been driven C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, are to go to from every job over which the unrelenting Harrisburg as Legislators, so every body corporations could exert an influence, apbut the voters say; HENRY C. QUIGLEY, pear almost incredible as happening in this is to be put up for district attorney again, republic, and as actual occurrences are a so everybody but HENRY, himself, says libel upon American freedom. and C. F. DEININGER, of Centre Hall, and If there is any law that will protect op-FRANK CLEMSON, of Scotia, are to be com- pressed people surely no class have a strongposited into one candidate for pro- er claim to its protection than those who thonotary. What do you think of it all? perform the labor of the country.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., DEC. 3, 1897.

## The Pension Enormity.

It became customary to impugn the patriotism of those who objected to making the pension system a means of swindling worthy claimants to the bounty of the government a clamor was raised against him as being no better than a rebel.

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As a consequence the pension manipulators have been allowed to have their own Bohemia will suggest some new features way. Honest objection to their proceed- its payments in gold could give rise to the policy and the inhuman character of the ings has been stifled by a mistaken idea of patriotism, and the result has been that the American pension system has been perwas ever practiced upon a nation. It has become so great an abuse that the want of gold. patriotism may be charged against those who refrain from representing it in its true color and denouncing it accordingly. From no other evil is the republic sustaining so men will sow the seed of discontent that great an injury as from the fraudulent perversion of a system that was intended for the benefit of those who fought for the Union.

There is really something startling in who wants to be cremated when he dies so the interior's report that, with the pension rolls already containing more names than were enrolled as soldiers during the war, there are 200,000 claims awaiting adjudication, a majority of which the secretary silver. says will be admitted, with an increase of \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 to the pension account; and this, it should be remembered, will happen after more than thirty years have passed since the close of the war.

It is not difficult to understand the processes by which the pension rolls are made young man in Centre county who was cut to contain, as reported at the end of the out for a story book writer-of the Jules last fiscal year, 976,014 names with ma-VERNES order-and not for the life of a terial in reserve sufficient to add thousands to the list, annually, for an indefinite period.

This frightful abuse which last year was attended with the enormous expense of \$141.990,936.75, not including the cost of the service, has been practiced for two special objects, either of which is a public imposition and a menace to our free institutions. The one object is to attach to a particular political party a large body of voters who are made to look to it as the source of this personal benefit, which is in of monopolistic interests.

a degree of perversion that renders it a their nefarious designs. Instead of its being what it was originally intended to be, a means of justly compensating those who had rendered their country real service in its time of peril, it has been converted into a colossal scheme of public plunder for the political benefit of the Republican party and the personal profit of the pension ring.

The rascals who have profited from pension abuses are sure to represent opposition to their methods as springing from hostility pension system are those who desire to

# Corporate Oppression.

A Chicago court and jury is to be creditthe country the district attorney, of New ed for having at last done something for York city, has no right to accept a plea of the protection of humble people against corporate oppression. It is so seldom that courts make a record that is not favorable THORN. To save her own neck she to the corporations that this case is worthy

In this particular instance the victim of black-listing by railroad companies brought suit for the injury done him and recovered damages to the amount of \$21,666.

There is not a more oppressive, unjust or cowardly practice than that of a set of corporations, which band together to punish a working man, or a party of working men, who may have offended them. The victim may be an individual who resisted some oppression and arbitrary rule or regulation of the corporate tyrants, and as a punishment he is put on their black list which, so far as they are able to effect it, will prevent him from getting employment and earning bread for himself and family.

That this wrong and oppression can be practiced in a free country is simply atrocious, but it is done frequently and exten-

A number of other cases will be tried in

## Misconstrued Law.

### succeeded in creating the impression that resented this government at the Spanish the credit of the government is involved in court during the CLEVELAND administrathe government. If any one objected to gold payment, and upon this false repre- tion, entertains positive views in regard to swelling the pension list by admitting un- sentation the humbug has been worked off the methods of the Spaniards in their war on the public that payment in silver would with the Cuban rebels and concerning the be a breach of faith and a violation of the policy which our government should pur-

national honor Nothing but the incorrect impression report that among other measures of currency reform which the President will recommend in his message will be one adverted into the most gigantic fraud that vising "the passage of a law repealing the fensible character, and convinced him of act requiring greenbacks to be redeemed in

> There could not be a more misleading oughly false assumption. There is no law requiring the payment of greenbacks in repealing act. There is no law specifically tions, whether notes or bonds, in gold. and as an unmistakable interpretation of the meaning of the term "coin" in this connection Congress has made a specific declaration that it means either gold or

> At any time when the speculative cormorants were raiding the treasury with the presentation of greenbacks for payment in gold the treasury authorities could have lawfully paid them in silver. There would have been no breach of the public faith in such payment, as the government was not pledged to pay in gold.

Secretary FOSTER, under the HARRISON administration, commenced this unlawful system of exclusive gold payment, even going so far as to decide that treasury notes, specifically payable in silver, should be paid in gold if the holder required it. CLEVE-LAND betrayed his Democratic faith by of the Cuban question. The occasion for continuing this unlawful system, with the result that gold payments, unauthorized by law, necessitated the borrowing of gold, and occasioned the issue of bonds which imposed upon the people an increase of the national debt amounting to \$262,000,000.

the continuance of taxation through the national faith pledged to the payment of agency of tariffs required for the promotion the public debts with the lawful coin of But can it be expected that President public duty to denounce the abuses con- make the outrageously impudent charge

# Boomerang Effects.

and national honor.

The cotton manufacture of New England is not in prosperous condition. It suffered a slump when the business depression struck the country in 1893, but its trouble at that time was conveniently charged to the WILSON low tariff, which was rather a singular cause for a break down that came on a year before that tariff bill was passed.

It was expected, however, that after the higher duties of the DINGLEY bill should begin to show their effect the New England cotton manufacturers, whose claim to increased protection was well looked after in that measure, would find a great improvement in their business. This expectation is not being realized, although the DINGLEY act has been in full play for nearly four months.

As a remedy for this defective situation, which the high tariff has failed to correct. a general cut in wages is recommended as the only expedient that will maintain the profits of the mill owners. Following closely upon the passage of a tariff bill avowedly intended to benefit labor this would be a most remarkable result of an alleged protective measure.

But the great trouble with the New England cotton mills is overproduction. They are producing more goods than they can find markets for. Under the lower WILSON bill trade conditions were such that foreign markets took a considerable part of this New England product. In 1896 nearly 20,000,000 yards of these cotton goods were sent to Canada, which, in 1897, were increased to 30,000,000 yards, but the discrimination of the DINGLEY tariff against Canadian products has driven Canada to retaliatory measures, the effect of which is shown by the fact that the Canadian importation of American cotton goods, which, in July, the month before the DINGLEY bill was passed, amounted to \$1,447,538, fell to \$809,865 in September, the month after that measure went into

effect, a falling off of nearly 50 per cent. The New England mill owners are experiencing some boomerang effects from the high tariff policy. Foreign markets, which were being opened to their goods under a lower tariff, are now being closed against them, and with a diminished demand for the output of the mills they will the wages of their workmen.

Is this what was promised the laboring people as the effect of a Republican pro-

# A Probable Do-Nothing Cuban Policy. The Sixth Annual Report of the State

## The gold-bug journals and speakers have Ex-minister HANNIS TAYLOR, who repsue on the Cuban question. The ex-minister had exceptional opportunities of obthat the government is obligated to make serving and understanding the Spanish operations for the suppression of the insurrection, and what he saw and understood impressed him with their thoroughly indethe imperative duty of the United States to take some action that will put an end to the barbarous proceedings that are going statement than this. It is based on a thor- on in Cuba, and restore peace to the island. He has been giving free rein to his views on this subject, both in speech and writing, gold. Therefore there is no occasion for a and from his expressions, which his superior knowledge of the situation justifies him requiring the government to pay obliga- in making, it may be inferred that the present administration is pursuing a course the information given in the secretary of The law calls for their payment in coin, in regard to Cuba that will be no more effective in putting an end to Spanish outrages and securing the rights of the Cuban people than was the course adopted by its

predecessor. If Mr. CLEVELAND showed too great a that bake shops be subject to factory in-spection, all of which met with your apdeference to Spanish influence there is an appearance of President McKINLEY being under that influence to a still greater dework and expense, the benefit that will accrue to the working people, the cleaner and more healthful conditions under which gree. Spanish minister DE LOME is credited with being able to wind this administration around his thumb, and it is said much of the bread and clothing will be made, justify all the additional cost and that the imbecile diplomacy of secretary SHERMAN is no match for his superior

It is positively declared by ex-minister TAYLOR, as the only policy that can be pursued by our government in this matter, both for its honor and its interest, that it should take decided action in its treatment such action has existed ever since it became apparent that Spain was incapable of putting down the rebellion and that her continuing the war was nothing more than a prolongation of ineffectual butchery. He would have Congress not merely recognize It was by the arbitrary ruling of treasury the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, officials that the law has been violated in but acknowledge their national independprepared to meet the consequences of so

the country, silver equally with gold; and McKinley will recommend such a course? The pension system has been brought to yet these violators of the law, backed by It is suspected that he will ask Congress to the supporters of gold monometallism, do nothing in regard to Cuba, neither in recognizing belligerency or acknowledging nected with it, and to expose the purpose that the advocates of silver entertain a independence, and that he will imitate of those who have made it the medium of terrible design against the public faith, CLEVELAND in his Cuban, as well as in his monetary policy.

# The Austrian Method of Legislation

Foreign critics have been severe in de nouncing the disorderly character of American Legislatures. If their pictures were correct the American law-maker would be but little better than a rowdy. But of authority to require of those who use boilcourse this is in line with the European disposition to exaggerate the defects that appear in the institutions of this country. This often amounts to down-right mendacity, as in the English misrepresentations that in the triumph of TAMMANY in the recent New York municipal election its provisions to family workers, will that city was handed over to the rule of the that city was handed over to the rule of the

Foreign carpers have had their fling at uproarious proceedings of the Austrian Parliament, the legislative body of the oldest monarchy in Europe, which for some weeks past has discounted Donnybrook fair as an example of irrepressible turbulence?

MARK TWAIN, who is in Vienna on another voyage of innocence around the world, was in the Austrian Reichsrath, last Sunday, and eye-witnessed one of its daily scraps. For a first-class row in which everybody took a hand, it could not be surpassed by the liveliest Irish shindy with all the blackthorns in vigorous operation. A conception of the scene, as described by TWAIN, may be formed by imagining the Democrats in the House at Washington making a rush at speaker REED with the object of throwing him out of the window, and the Republicans making a counter charge to prevent so unparliamentary a proceeeding, with the district militia coming in eventually and restoring order by running them all out.

This has got to be the Austrian method of legislation, and in view of its highly exciting character, and the amusement it affords outsiders, the Americans have the laugh on the effete foreigners.

-The dose that GILHAM, the Philipsburg wife shooter, got at the hands of hotel bills, car fare, postage, telegrams etc. Centre county justice wasn't the kind that of the inspector and 20 deputies. On the animal fell. An examination showed that he said he was most used to having, but it endeavor to make up their loss by cutting sufficed to put a dangerous man in a place

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

#### Spawls from the Keystone.

-James Forrester is in custody at Costello for passing counterfeit silver dollars and

-Charles Fitzimmons was killed at Pittsburg by the sides of an excavation falling

-Ex-Congressman E. M. Womer is critically ill at his home at Lebanon and may

not recover. -The first national brewing company will shortly begin the erection of a \$ 25,000 brewerv at Pittsburg.

-In a rear end collision on the Lebanon Valley railroad, near Palmyra, five freight cars were demolished.

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Factory Inspector.

5th section of the factory law, approved June 3rd, 1893, I submit the 8th annual

report of the factory inspection depart-ment, and in doing so, I am pleased to in-

form you that mills that were idle for two

and three years, are now in operation.

Others have increased their capacity, new ones in course of construction, and a large

increase in the number of persons employed

over what there were at this time last year.

The inspection work has been satisfactory

and the orders issued, generally complied

with. There have been 3,317 orders issued

of that number, 3,044 have been complied

Those not reported are largely due to

the fact that all but three deputies have

been inspecting bake shops since July 8th,

and were unable to look after their orders.

There is no doubt but what the most of

them have been complied with, and will be

ACCIDENTS.

There were 940 accidents reported; 94

less than last year. 50 of that number be-

ing fatal; 27 less than last year. A ma-

jority occurred in the iron and steel works

in handling the product where machinery could not be used. Machinery, as a rule,

is well guarded with safety appliances, and

In the annual report for 1896 I recom-

nended a number of changes and additions

to the factory and sweat shop laws, and

proval, were enacted into law, and are now in operation, and while it will increase the

"SECTION 1, prohibiting the employ-ment of girls and women for a longer period

than twelve hours in any one day, nor for a longer period than sixty hours in any one

week," has met with some opposition, on the grounds of interfering with the right of

contract. A similar law, passed in Massachu-

setts, met with the same opposition, and

was carried to the supreme court where it

was decided that women are wards of the

tween the age of 13 and, 16 years to be able to read and write the English lan-

guage, or attend school sixteen weeks be-fore they can be employed," goes into effect January 1st, 1898. As the State ap-

propriates a large amount of soney in sup-sport of the free schools, in addition to fur-

women, and permit the use of such by

in their active duties for which they are

employed," will result in protecting the

health of the girls and women so em-

SECTION 10, enlarging the powers of the

department, in the question of erecting and

locating fire escapes, will remedy the diffi-

SECTION 11, giving the department the

ers for the generating of steam, evidence of

their safety, has resulted in a large number

of boilers being inspected and put in a safe

condition that were in use for two and

three years without an inspection. Under

such condition:, it is marvelous that so

few boiler explosions have occurred. The

changes in the sweat shop law, extending

countered in the enforcement of the law.

flour and meal food products, approved

ments, and subjecting them to factory in-

spection, has received universal approval, outside of Philadelphia, and the only ob-

jection raised there is to Section 1, which

prohibits Sunday work before 6 p. m.

Section 1, and in almost every case an ap-

peal was taken on the ground of interfer

ing with the right of contract. From the

bitter opposition manifested to the law by

no doubt but what the question will be

carried to the supreme court. Many of

the bake shops are kept in good condition,

but the 2,604 bakeries inspected since July

8th, resulted in the issuing of 4,882 orders.

requiring ventilation and better sanitary

arrangements, a majority of which have

been complied with, all goes to demonstrate

the absolute need of the law. Much credit

is due to you and the members of the last

General Assembly for the wholesome legis-

lation enacted for the protection of the

I desire to extend my thanks to the law

Remembering your instructions, on re

department for the State for the prompt

and able assistance they have rendered this

ceiving the appointment of factory inspec-tor, to enforce the law and allow no money

to be extravagantly expended, I have en-

deavored to keep the expenses down to the

the successful administration of this office.

There was appropriated for the fiscal year,

ending May 31st, 1897, \$14,000, as a con-

tingent fund for this department. From

this fund is paid all the traveling expenses,

The last General Assembly enlarged the

scope of this department by making all the manufacturing establishments, factories,

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working people of the State.

department in the past year.

the state treasury over \$4,500.

ter bakers of Philadelphia, there is

Thirty master bakers have been prose

The law, regulating the manufacture of

culties that we have had to contend with

them when they are not necessarily engaged

ever situation they may be placed.

ployed.

under the old law.

"SECTION 2, requiring all children be-

State and the law constitutional

are often the

accidents from that source

result of carelessness

reported in due time

In compliance with the provisions of the

-The alderman and justices of the peace of Berks county have organized, with William F. Weber as president.

-Governor Hastings reappointed Conrad B. Day, of Philadelphia, an inspector of the eastern penitentiary.

-A surgeon saved the life of W. B. Donely, who shot himself at Luzerne on Monday be cause of domestic trouble

-Bangor capitalists will hold a meeting this week to consider a project for erecting a silk mill to employ 400 operators. -John Leither Rankin formerly of Nova

Scotia, was on Sunday installed pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church at DuBois -Sarah Moore, of Pittsburg, has been

committed to prison on the charge of murder for fatally shooting her husband. -If Laurence Coleson survives injuries re-

ceived in an explosion in a mine at Mahonov City he will be left totally blind. -The Miller organ company is running its factory at Lebanon 13 hours a day, with an

increased force, to fill holiday orders. -John Mullin, aged 34, was killed and four were injured by the explosion of a boil-

er at the Soho blast furnace Sunday. -Henry Fasnacht, tax collector of Union township, Lebanon county was kicked by a horse which he was driving and will die

-Mrs. Hastings, wife of the Governor, is recovering from a severe cold that confined her to her room at Harrisburg several days.

-William Trout, an Indiantown Gap poultry thief, in whose possession 17 stolen turkeys were found, is in jail in Lancaster.

-A stranger found unconscious on a road

near Brownsville lived long enough to give his name and address as Leon Lennox, Bridgeport. -At Montgomery Monday morning W. C.

Adams, a Susquehanna River ferryman walked off the end of his flat in the darkness and was drowned -The Shippensburg branch of the needlework Guild, out of an ingathering of over

Philadelphia charities. -The management of the Womelsdorf orphan's home has appealed to the churches that maintain it for \$7000 in contributions

600 garments has made donations to several

during the Christmas season. -Jerry Welsh was instantly killed and August Hohman was fatally injured by being struck by a Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad train at Pittsburg Monday.

-Observing a burglar in the yard adjointhat provision will be to establish a higher standard of education, and better fit them ing her residence on Sunday night, Mrs. George Witmer, of Lebanon, shot at him sev to become useful citizens and capable of turning their talents to account in whateral times and frightened him off.

-By means of a decoy letter postoffice in-"SECTION 4, requiring all establishspectors entrapped John C. Hutchinson, a letments, subject to factory inspection, where ter carrier at Pittsburg since 1889, and have girls and women are employed, to provide him in custody for robbing the mails. suitable seats for the use of the girls and

-A farmer's institute at Vork Monday was addressed by Aera Agee, of Ohio; Professor George C. Butz, State College, and Dr. C. E. Goldsborough, Adams county, Pa.

-Over 1,000,000 bushels of coal left Pittsburg on Sunday, for Southern States, and it is expected that during the present rise over 50,000,000 bushels more will be shipped.

-The two vagrants arrested in DuBois the other night for disorderly conduct were put to work on the street. Their duties consisted of cleaning the brick paving. Each man wore a pair of manacles attached to his ankles a la southern style. They appeared to be good workmen and paid no attention to the curious people who found in them objects of interest. Burgess Knarr proposes to put all professional 'bums' caught in town through the same mill.

-James English, of White Pine, met death on Thanksgiving day while attending a shooting match at Brookside school house. American Legislatures for their alleged dis-orderliness, but how will they explain the proper ventilation, good sanitary arrange-cident occurred about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. James had arrived at the scene of the match only a short time before and was standing behind an outbuilding. His cousin, Jacob English, was not far off, having a Winchester rifle in his possession. In some manfor working their employes in violation of ner the weapon exploded. The ball carried away the top of James' head and left the brain exposed.

-A strange story has come to light through the Pennsylvania railroad excursion to Gettysburg, says the Jersey Shore Spirit. On the first of the recent excursions two Muncy veterans boarded the train at that place. They had not seen the field since the battle in 1863. On the last day the one hid his musket and the other his canteen under a ledge of rocks on the field, and they were going down to hunt for them. After a short search the rocks were found and under them to the intense surprise of the veterans were found the canteen and the barrel of the musket, the stock having almost entirely rotted away. The prizes were secured and are now in possession of the owners in Muncy.

-One of this season's fortunate hunters is George Lipp, of Huntersville, Lycoming county. Friday, Mr. Lipp was hunting on the mountains near his home and was returning from the hunt with the usual small game lowest minimum amount, consistent with that generally falls to hunters thereabouts. As Lipp was descending from the mountain there appeared before him a pure white spike buck. Lipp shot, but the deer, instead of falling, ran a considerable distance. Mr. Lipp was again preparing to shoot when the first day of June, 1897, I turned back into the bullet had entered the front shoulder and pierced the heart. The deer weighed 108 pounds and was a yearling. Mr. Lepp feels justly proud of his game, as a white deer is a scarce article of game. The skin was taken to Williamsport and offered for sale.