Ink Slings.

-Strange as it may seem the Loup bill is about the quietest thing in the present Congress.

-Fusion seems to be getting in its work in great style. Even the mud and ice have got together.

-It is to be hoped that Mr. SANTA CLAUS' coming campaign will be highly

-Just about a week and two days from this morning will be the time to plant your new resolutions.

-The weather boss' efforts to make the country roads navigable seem to be meeting with promising success.

-Some of the Greensburg grocers have become soured on pure food commissioner POWELL because he wants them to stop selling impure vinegar.

-Because Germany and this country are about having another discussion over the hog question is no reason why there should be any bristling up about it.

-Its a wonder that the Republicans are not claiming it as an evidence of prosperity that the darkness manufactories are running on full time at this season of the year.

-There is nothing so very strange about President McKinley's anxiety to have fusion between the blue and the gray. Its only a precautionary measure against an attack of the blues in November, 1900.

-As yet there is no appearance of a white flag being displayed from the ramparts of the supreme court. Attorney GRAMAN'S charges may have shattered some of its defenses but up to this writing to the lowest figures possible. In fact, for there is no indication of a surrender.

-The belief that there is dauger in keeping one's mouth open must hereafter be placed among other fallacies of the kind. As yet we have not heard of a single ill the rail-roads of the country. As a consebefalling one of the expansionists and their quence their lines run down, their equipmouths are never shut.

-The Spanish cabinet has fallen. It is not a great calamity, however, as cabinets can be raised much more easily than sunken ships and beleaguered cities. Wind is about all that is necessary for a Spanish

-If judge DAY and WHITELAW REID are each to get \$100,000 for their work with the peace commission at Paris we will be very apt to have a horde of judges and newspapermen praying for more war, so that they can get peace commission jobs.

-For a man with as many trials on his hands as Senator QUAY now has, to be confronted with the fact that no caucus will be given him until he submits to another one, is a tough situation to be in, when all the rest of us are enjoying these merry

fellow, where have you been keeping yourself? I have been around here all week and haven't saw you yet."

Second school teacher-"Why I seen you half a dozen times already still."

-The telegraphers of the Grand Trunk seems to us that wages ought to be a matany class of men in the world know how to get along on tick they do.

-All Philadelphia is happy. From every corner of that city bouquets are being thrown at its Congressmen. They have succeeded in securing out of the public treasury \$350,000 for their Museum, and Philadelphia is never so shoutingly joyful as when having a good time at other peoples' ex-

-Mrs. JOHN VAN RENSSELAER has undertaken to climb the family trees of the smart set in New York for the purpose of ilies amounts to six hundred and eighty-

well to throw bouquets at himself and our condition of the body, as to allege that beother law-makers in his speech against the cause the banks have more than they can necessity, or excuse, for asking assistance anti-expansion resolution which Senator use, the country is prosperous. No condi- in marking the ticket. A voter who can- disposal of Mr. QUAY'S Beaver country VEST has offered. But notwithstanding the distinguished gentleman's assertion that "the United States has shown a great plainly or effectively the lack of business he desires to vote, without assistance, culprit saves himself when he breaks jail capacity for government" there are a few and the want of prosperity in a country, would make a sorry plight of picking out and avoids the penalty of the law by keep- dress by Prof. W. W. Deatrick, on the subpeople who are willing to admit that the than its idle money. Money begging for from forty or fifty names, all printed alike ing out of its clutches. It is beginning to ject "Quick Wires of Intelligence." 'capacity'' isn't abnormal, at any rate. They are the ones who haven't forgotten dustries, silent mills and abandoned busi- intended to vote for, and placing his mark the Senator can find, is the point that he and how is made possible the intelligence death. the force bill, the tariff tinkering, the currency contracting, war taxing, bond issuing | will be kept busy keeping them running. | be it the Australian system or what it may, short comings of comparatively recent

and playwright, has returned to his native panies will be in demand, to manufacture away with entirely. heath and, like all other tourists who visit and supply those things that the necessities our shores, has been having himself intersays he failed to find a reciprocal enthus- country is enjoying prosperity. iasm among the Americans over the proposed Anglo-American understanding or alliance. Mr. KAINE might have told his fellow Englishmen, had he been keen enough to read us thoroughly, that we all feel kindly towards England for the firm and friendly stand she took during the Spanish war, but we don't propose to act like the effervescent French in the matter of a disease breeder as physicians and sour- lately tested in Western New York, every pers. of expressing our pleasure. He might also faced mothers of pretty daughters would thing good and safe and reasonable is claimhave added that we realize that England have one believe, Hobson ought to be had an axe to grind, when she made such afflicted with every trouble to which State needs. It might prove just the re- description the WATCHMAN office is the a parade of friendship for us.



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False Signs and Fake Reasoning.

the country.

Its a queer kind of prosperity that comes and people don't know it; that is here and is the kind we now have—if we have any.

For months past a class of newspapers, that seem to believe the people dont know a good thing when it is about, have kept themselves busy telling the public what good times are upon us, and what an overpowering business boom is sweeping over

Ordinarily we are not much of a pessimist, but look as we may, imagine as best we can, it is impossible to either see or believe that there is any particular prosperity around, except that which resulted from the unprecedented crops of the past two 1897, as a consequence of the grain famine

That there is a little boom in iron is true. the prospects of an improved condition of affairs for the future. Since 1893 rail-road and the expenditures for equipment and the betterment of existing lines reduced the past five years, and up to the later part of the past summer, not a penny, except what was absolutely necessary to keep them in passable order, was expended on ment wore out, and when the large crop of '97 was to be moved they were found to be short of cars, engines, sidings and other facilities to meet the demand. The situation showed that five years of neglected tracks and of used but unrepaired rolling stock, left our rail-roads with worn out rails, with rickety and insecure bridges, and cars unfitted for the long and heavy hauls that the moving of a bounteous harvest required. Something had to be done and that something was to make good the wear and tear of the past five years. It is that work that is now going on, and it is it alone, that has made the boom we have in that profitless prices has secured for a few of our mills. Of course the efforts of the a large standing army adds to the general | be conceived and enacted into law. demand, but that part of a business boom First school teacher—"Hello there old that exists only by public taxation, is neither to be credited to prosperity nor does it add one whit to the wealth or welfare of

the people generally. So that when we get down to the bottom pointing as proof of new business, of wid- best thing for — DAVID MARTIN'S needs is a chance for its accomplishment, there lines have about decided to go on a strike ened opportunities, of awakened hope or in politics. unless their wage rate is increased. It increased wealth, it is merely the necessary effort to make good that which we have ter of supreme indifference to them, for if had and used, and worn out, and which must be replaced and repaired, or the countless millions it represents be allowed to go to waste.

One might as well believe that an individual was prosperous, becaused necessity compelled him to patch his pants or go naked, as to claim prosperity for a country, when conditions require its rail roads to replace their worn out cars, repair their unbattered rails.

Another claim that we have prosperous nine households is evidence, quite con- people prosperous money is busy. It is not es to vote for. vincing, that in one line of business the allowed to lie idle. It is needed and it is elect are just as common as the rest of us. used. As well might one say that a surthe ballot—one desirable improvement— -Senator PLATT, of Connecticut, did feit of blood in the head indicated a healthy but it would neither simplify the manner to the quarter sessions for trial, that the tion of affairs, not even crowded alms- not now go into a booth and place his mark court. This might save Mr. QUAY, but it houses or regiments of tramps tell more in one of the rings at the head of the ticket, would save him in the same way that the ness enterprizes. Start them and money opposite each name. In fact such a ballot, can reach farthest from justice. Start these and give us even a taste of gen- would only increase the evils we now have eral prosperity, and every dollar that can -HALL KAINE, the Euglish novelist be spared from the banks and trust comand comforts of the people require.

A surfeit of money in the banks is only viewed on American institutions and cus- evidence of a lack of demand for it in busitoms. He speaks pleasantly of us, but ness. This condition never exists when a

-In a year from this time the present board of county commissioners will be preparing to bid a final and regretful adieu to the seats they are wearing out, and the salaries they are paying themselves for watching each other do nothing.

----If the osculatory exercise is as much human flesh is heir.

Time for Danger Signals.

There is no doubting the fact that the demand for ballot reform has taken root. is not recognized or appreciated. But that There is no questioning the truth that the people are aroused to the lameness and iniquity of our present election laws and phia, Boss-of-the-eastern-ring-of--Republican--Roosters, Dictator--General--for--the-Quaker-city and Secretary of the Common wealth of Pennsylvania, sees the storm and runs to cover crying for ballot reform.

If there is one man anywhere who knows what true ballot reform means it is DAVID which the following note appeared: MARTIN; if there is one man living within the confines of the Commonweath who knows where the weak places of our presyears, and the fair price paid for wheat in ent laws are it is this same Mr. MARTIN; if there is any one man on God's foot stool, who could, if he would, point the way to honest, intentional, effective reform it is he. But this is not what he wants. The But it is not based on present prosperity or adoption of such reforms as the people need and the welfare of the Commonwealth demands would be the undoing of Mr. MARbuilding has been practically abandoned, IIN. It would leave him on his political uppers and with but little more influence than the ward heeler who now takes his

orders and does his bidding. It is under the pretense of being for ballot reform that he expects to have a voice in such changes as may be effected. The present law was passed as a ballot reform act. It is one of his kind. He has used it as a cover for every conceivable crime against the purity of the ballot. It has served him in ruling off the ticket the names of those he feared to have on; it has enabled him to organize and use his bands of repeaters wherever conditions made it necessary; it has protected his padded registry lists and given the stamp of legality to his fraudulent tax-receipts at every election in the city of Philadelphia; it has assisted and emboldened bribe-givers and bribe takers in every precinct of Pennsylvania; it has even allowed pug-dogs to be voted at Mr. MARTIN's house, and has made effective and safe the false counting and fraudulent returns his necessities, at iron, if we except the little export trade times, required. In fact it has served DAVID MARTIN's needs and purposes so well that it is doubtful if another law so government to build a big navy and equip fully beneficial to him and his kind could

> And yet with all its weak points and his knowledge of how to "beat it," Mr. MAR-TIN has declared himself for a change. He sees and understands that the present

Centuries ago the Romans were warned against the "Greeks, bearing gifts." It might be well for the people of Pennsylvania to beware of the ballot reform, that is offered by such reformers as Mr. MARTIN.

Should Be Considered Carefully.

it looks very much as if there would be an overhauling of the election laws by the coming Legislature, and it looks equally certain that when this overhauling is safe bridges, and relay their broken and through we will be in the same fix we now are, only a little more so. So far every proposition made begins and ends with the suggestion that the size of the ticket be deciding who are the real bon tons of times is based on the fact that money is reduced by grouping the names of all can-Gotham. She announces that there are plentiful in the banks and trust companies didates, for any one office, under a single only twenty families who are high born of the country. In place of this being an head, and placing all the candidates for enough to associate with one another. The evidence of good times, and a condition of all offices to be filled in a single column, fact that the progeny of these twenty fam- prosperity among the people, it is exactly and then requiring the voter to place his the reverse. When times are good and the mark opposite the names of those he desir-

This, of course, would lessen the size of and create additional excuses for asking assistance—just the evil that should be done

If we cannot get a simpler ticket, no matter what its size may be, than the one we now have, it would be better to endure the evils we already suffer than to adopt another that will be full of the same complications and objections that make it a failure. There are honest methods of voting that are simple to understand and Lock Haven looked resplendent in a dash- proving our school systems, building betwhich insure honest results. Let them ing Christmas cover. It was a departure of our calculations the teacher. This is the be looked into. Let us, as far as possible, from the regular style of the paper and one most important factor in the school system, be sure we are right before any change is that was quite attractive, besides furnish-

ed. It might prove to be just what this verse. But there could be nothing lost by a place to come.

full investigation of its merits, and if it is what it is claimed to be, it will fit the situation here exactly.

In trying to better matters, don't let us jump out of the "frying pan into the fire." Let us know that what we are going to system of voting. Even the Hon. DAVID adopt is better than that which we now MARTIN, Pooh-Bah of the city of Philadel- have. The changes so far proposed would be no improvement on our present system.

> Not Caught With that Kind of Chaff. On Wednesday of this week the Adams

average country pedagogue. For if there is one person who has become inured to rain, storm and wind more than another it express company delivered to this office, is the professor of everything from A B Cs up to mental philosophy and social economics in the district schools of our county. charges prepaid, a small box, upon opening Often times they have to walk several miles to their school every day and as the

To the Publisher:—

We are commissioned to ship to you, free of harge the plates contained in this box, which you are at liberty to print in your paper, if desired. You will note that the matter is Democratic AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Fearing that this might not reach the proper person, an envelope was also enclosed, addressed to the "Foreman," and marked 'Important," in which was written a request that the "publisher's attention be called to the receipt of this box at once." It was, and upon examination, the shipment was found to be two columns of plate matter, purporting to be written by a Democrat presenting the political situation from a Democratic standpoint; showing the opportunities the party may have of electing a United States Senator; setting forth the merits of the Democrats who are spoken of as candidates for speaker of the House, and a lot of stuff about how Democratic Members can secure such legislation the sinking institute, and it is now estabas they may be interested in, providing they refuse to have anything to do with

While the article is dated at Harrisburg, and pretends to voice the sentiment of Democratic leaders, it was written in Philadelphia, by a reporter who is in the pay of time. Prof. Waring was then the princi-Senator QUAY, and is nothing more or less pal instructor, and well understood his than an effort to line up the independent and wavering Republicans in the interest the Legislature to pass a law providing for of the state ring, by attempting to leave superintendents, but most of the people the impression that there is no hope for fusion in the organization of the House, and that efforts in that direction have been practically abandoned.

This attempt at deception may fool some, but it will show to others the desperate straits in which the state ring finds itself: the fear it has of the success of the efforts at fusion, and the means to which it will to defeat that effort.

district, to be principal of the public schools then held in the old Academy." law must go, and wanting to get the best It is the most hopeful sign we have seen he can falls in with the multitude in the of the success of the fusion movement. If of the boom in iron, to which so many are hope of leading them to adopt the next the QUAY adherents did not feel that there The work of the week has been taken up would be no cause to resort to such disreputable and dirty expendients.

Let who will be fooled by this effort of announced: the ring, the WATCHMAN is not to be caught with such chaff.

-The Bedford papers are so mad at Dr. W. B. ATKINSON, of the state board of health, because he reported that he had visited one hundred and thirty cases of small pox in that place when there were not more than a dozen in the entire county, that they are charging him with having been drunk. They are very specific in their charges, too, for they say he was drunk on whiskey. Not Bedford water. But they forget that it was necessary for Dauphin county schools. The former the doctor to stimulate his system against spoke on psychological subjects and the the small pox virus and how did he know how much stimulation he would need. He hadn't learned the number of cases before he started out to examine them.

---It is now stated that if the Supreme court sends the QUAY conspiracy case back of venue, that will place the case at the

The commissioners have been busy verse our body. all this week watching the school marms, and trying to impress people with the belief that there is a necessity for their daily by firmness and kindness could mould the appearance about the court house. In the lives of their pupils. mean time the tax-payers are kept busy working to pay the \$10.50 a day it costs to remunerate this body of county managers for the days they spend doing nothing.

-The Monday Daily Democrat of ing a splendid vehicle through which Lock For the method of voting by machinery, Haven merchants traveled to holiday shop-

—If you want fine work done of every you most needed help. You will find that the most successful teachers owe their

Spawls from the Keystone

-The Senate Wednesday confirmed the nomination of C. W. Scott to be postmaster

-The postoffice at Radaker, Indiana county, will be discontinued after December 31st, and mail sent to Rochester Mills.

-Mrs. John Douthett, of near Indiana, recently fell down the cellar steps in her home, breaking her neck, almost instant death resulting. She was alone in the house at the time of the accident, and her body was not found for several hours.

-Daniel Martz, of Sunbury, a brakeman running between Sunbury and Renovo, was applying a brake at Nesbit a few days ago when his foot slipped, and he was thrown on the track. The toes of the right foot were severed and the left was mangled. He was taken to Sunbury.

NO. 50.

The Fifty-Second Annual Institute of the

Public School Teachers of Centre

Disagreeable Weather Does Not Detract from the

Teacher's Work.—Nearly Three Hundred in Town

of the public school teachers of Centre

county has been holding here all week.

The weather has been anything but agreea-

ble, but such trifles have no effect on the

vagaries of the weather man are just as

town you can imagine the conditions under

which the walk is frequently made and

are not dismayed in the least by the

sloppy weather we have been having.

The Centre county institute has more

vania and had rather a fitful inception.

William G. Waring, of Tyrone, furnishes

the following interesting historical sketch

of the first session held and the work that

of was organized at Oak Hall, Harris town-

ship, Centre county, the first week in Oc-

of its powers for good. The next session

was a failure, and hope was falling when some friends of education in Howard town-

ship, who had met at an examination of

lished 'strong in the hearts of men,' and

bids fair to realize all the expectations that

have been so long deferred. The present is highly favorable."

"It was our pleasure to preside at this

ession of the Centre county teachers' in-

stitute commencing December 27, 1852.

Its sessions have been regular since that

business. Teachers and directors in but a

few localities were at this time petitioning

'The districts above mentioned-Howard

and Harris, were the first in Centre county

to become interested practically in public

instruction, and became so principally

through the exertions of Samuel Baker and

Nathan J. Mitchell, of Howard, and Wm.

The reputation of the schools at Howard

Of the 286 teachers in the county 281 are

present at institute. The five who are absent

being detained by sickness from coming.

in about the following order: All of Mon-

day morning was taken up with the work

of the enrollment and the routine of organi-

zation. The following committees were

Elections-S. M. Weber, E. A. Hampton,

E. R. Hancock, J. T. Garthoff, Lillian

Auditing Accounts-J. Frank McCormick

Legislation-D. M. Wolf, D. O. Etters,

G. W. Andrews, A. R. Rutt, H. C. Roth-

Memorial-J. Victor Royer, Lucy M.

At the afternoon session the teachers got

down to real institute work and listened to

latter on school government. Both are

interesting talkers and worked hard

for the teachers this week. The sing-

ing is under charge of P. H. Meyer and has

en one of the most entertaining features

J. B. Strohm, T. L. Crust.

Rowen, J. M. Barnhart.

of the sessions.

became so well known that the undersigned was solicited, as early as 1849, by H. T.

were not prepared for it."

G. Waring, of Harris district.'

Mechanicsville school, rallied around

"The first one that we have any account

led up to a permanent organization:

All Week .- Growing More Staid Year by Year.

County.

-One of the members of the Joshua Simpkins company, C. L. Jackson, had an experience in a Potter county "pig's ear" that cost The 52nd annual session of the institute him \$175 last week. While enjoying a glass with new found friends, he was relieved of the roll of money which he intended to send to his mother at Christmas.

-The Pennsylvania rairoad has made a rule that hereafter no person will be employed as fireman who is over twenty-four years of age. As new men are usually obliged to fire for three years or more before being competent to run an engine, their age is considered to be of some importance.

-The Odd Fellows of Johnsonburg offer a inscrutable in the country as they are in reward of \$25 for information that will tell of the whereabouts of John Neilson, if living or \$50 for the recovery of his body if dead. understand why a majority of the visitors Mr. Neilson left West Johnsonburg on November 10th, and although diligent inquiry has been made, nothing has been heard from than had its golden anniversary. In fact it was the first held in Central Pennsylhim up to the present time.

-County commissioners Bubb, Sanders and Smith, of Lycoming county, Monday brought suit against register and recorder Keller to recover \$7.50 each, claimed to be due them for services in computing the official returns of the election last fall. Recorder Keller questions the right of the commissioners to receive pay for their services. tober, 1850. "It was not numerously attended nor long continued, but it was gratifying to all present, and gave evidence

-While a threshing machine was in operation in the barn of Thomas McConnell at Pennsdale, Lycoming county, Monday, the cylinder blew out. The flying piece struck Mr. McConnell on the right temple, driving the bones into the brain and rendering him unconscious. His recovery is doubtful. What caused the cylinder to blow out is not known.

-Private J. E. Moore of the Rocky Mountain Rough Riders regiment, who was sick at the Altoona hospital during most of the summer, left for his home in Cripple Creek, Col., on St. Louis express Monday night. Moore has been visiting his sister, Mrs. W. S. Lee, for the past month. He expects to resume his profession as assayer at Cripple Creek upon his return home

-Albert Diffenderfer, a former inmate of the Huntingdon reformatory, who while serving out a parole on July last burglarized several Lancaster county residences, and in attempting to evade capture shot and seriously wounded an officer and several citizens, was on Monday sentenced by Judge Brubaker at Lancaster to twenty-three years in the Eastern Penitentiary, being given seven years on each charge of felonious assault and two years additional for larceny.

-The Bedford board of health reports the following persons in that town as having small-pox and varioloid: Charles Cessna. three children of A. J. Troutman. Fred Deenbaugh, daughter of Joseph Hemming, Geo. Carbaugh, son of A. Hughes, Charles Fletcher, Harry Earnest, Jerry Stiffey, Maud Spidel, Ross Earnest, George Wagner. In the above list it is claimed there is not a serious ease. Nearly every patient is getting along nicely, and there is no apprehension felt regarding their recovery.

W. S. Chambers.

Resolutions—E. S. Latshaw, J. C. Morris, -The town of Bedford is reported to be rapidly freeing itself of the disease called small-pox. There has been no deaths and very few patients have been sick enough to be confined to bed. As a result of the scare, however, over 1,500 persons have been vaccinated in the last four days. Under the direction of the local board of health a houseto-house investigation is conducted each day. and all sickness reported. Such of an eruptalks by W. W. Deatrick, professor of tive nature is quarantined and regarded as psychology at the Kutztown Normal, and Prof. R. M. McNeal, superintendent of the small-pox until proven not to be. Officers have been employed to keep suspected cases in-doors and prevent outsiders from visiting them. The public schools and all Sunday schools have been closed until the disease shall have been eradicated.

-Last Thursday morning nearly opposite the depot at Huntingdon, the body of James B. Miller was found between several large rocks some distance down the river bank. He was aged twenty-four years and the son of David Miller, who at one time was a resident of Huntingdon, but now of Lewistown. The young man was a member of Company A. Fifth regiment in the volunteer service. Wednesday evening he was known to be under the influence of liquor, and was last seen alive about 1 o'clock Thursday morning. It is supposed that in his bewildered state he wandered across the railroad tracks and fell over the bank among the rocks, cutting himself about the head and breaking his lower

-Last Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock John Taylor, Sr., a farmer, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, had about as close a call as often falls to a man, Mr. Taylor and his nephew, John Taylor, Jr., were in the woods not far from home making square timber. The younger man's hands became numb and cramped with the cold and when his ax struck the log it slipped from his grasp and the helve struck his uncle, who was directly opposite, just under the chin. the anatomy of the human body.

Prof. McNeal then discussed "The PerIt then swerved, and the sharp blade cut a gash three inches long on the right side of the neck, laying open the jugular vein, the glands, etc., in a horrible manner. The unlucky cause of the accident was paralyzed with horror, but his uncle, with rare presence of mind, quickly bound his handkerchief about the wound, held it tightly, and with his nephew made his way to the house, and from there was taken two miles to the personality that made this possible. Some- doctor's, where the wound was sewed up. how he impressed himself upon you when It had bled very little, as the blood was chilled with the cold. No serious consequences are anticipated, but it was about as near to death as a man would care to come.

The first hour of the morning session was given to the discussion by the teachers of the following topic: "Special Exercises for Friday afternoon." The subject was ably handled by W. L. Musser, W. H. Ott, Mary Warde, W. T. Leathers and A. R. Rutt. The Friday afternoon exercises were shown to be of great value to the young, in removing timidity and preparing them for the battle of life.

This was followed by an interesting adinvestments is but a finger board to idle inand in a single column, the five or six he look very much as if the safest place that the nervous system of the body is made up jaw. In this condition he slowly froze to of man. The sense of smell and taste was also shown to be due to our nervous system or live wires of intelligence, which tra-

> After more singing Prof. McNeal continued his interesting talk on "School Government." He showed how a teacher

At the afternoon session, after the usual service of song, led by Prof. Meyer, Prof. Deatrick resumed his interesting talk on

sonal Elements in Teaching." He said, among other things, we are constantly imand his personality is very important. There are many people to-day who know that they are better people for having learned under certain teachers. It was their