#### Ink Slings.

-The frost is on the pumpkin, And the fodder's in the shock; And "your uncle's" started humpin' To get his ulster out o' hock.

-If HANNA's leg is what is troubling him it will certainly hang on longer than ever, after those Ohio heelers get to pulling it.

-"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good." The government will get two million dollars war revenue tax from the estate of the late CORNELIUS VANDERBILT.

-Notwithstanding the reported stringency in the money market in New York they will be burning it over there when DEWEY comes home.

-If they could only send Tom REED abroad again and have him return on the same boat with PERRY BELMONT perhaps that recalcitrant Democrat would step ashore in New York as thoroughly won back to his old love as was RICHARD and

-If the "Adobe itch" is as bad as it is reported to be in the Philippines it is little wonder that the President has set his heart on those islands. He has had the office seeking form of that virulent malady for years and his hankering for the sun baked home of the Filipino is the best of evidence that he has a light touch of this "Adobe" form of it.

-The latest report is to the effect that Gen. OTIS contemplates purchasing a news-What an expensive and long way around get to work and fight the Filipinos then ministration. you will have no critics to fight. You are employed to lead brave men, not to run newspapers and suppress the truth when it happens to reflect upon your dilatory tac- this administration has great faith in powtics.

-Lient. PEARY is about to start on another trip in search of the North pole. should be fastened about the neck, for that Judging from the number of attempts this would show at once that the present policy young explorer has made to hide himself of Mr. HAY's superior is favorable to the in the ice bound regions of the North the trusts and syndicates that are chaining public can come to but one conclusion: labor to the lowest depths. A shirt front Either the pole is as elusive as the pot of of the star spangled banner would carry gold that is said to be at the end of the out the idea that where the flag is once rainbow or the Lieutenant doesn't know placed it would be disgraceful to remove it. what it is to feel a real severe "frost" right The old style shad-belly coat would be a here at home; such as lots of poor actors very proper caper with ornamental gold

tacked their own names, as well as those of emblazoned on each. The shad-belly cut pay his bills this season. Everything he their solicitor and clerk, onto the hand- would leave no doubt as to the general resome soldiers' monument recently erected lation to the gudgeon family. The trousat Allentown, were rudely awakened from ers should be cut ala Honolulu, so that the dream they must have had that the should any of the foreign establishers of monument was for the perpetuation of their money values wish to fiddle a little Presi- in price, while his products have diminmemories. Judge Albright very politely dent McKinley's representatives could ished. memories. Judge Albright very politely dent McKinley's representatives cound informed them that the real purpose of the informed them that the real purpose of the six sorts would be quite nunecessary.

Can a more dispiriting condition of affairs by publishing that kind of an exhibit, that no one understands, and which, monument is to perpetuate the memory of dance. Socks would be quite unnecessary. names must be removed at once.

-There has been bloodshed at the mines about Carterville, Ill., and six dead negro miners is the record of Sunday's work by the strikers out there. This terribly fatal culmination of a labor problem gives rise to murder among laborers? The answer comes back: Because laws are only a hollow mockery of justice and men can't bear the terrible yoke of oppression that is placed upon them by organized wealth.

-In concluding his letter of thanks to the people of the First Maine congressional district and wording the epitaph for the memorial to his long connection with its politics the Hon. THOMAS BRACKET REED, now of New York, says: "Whatever may happen, I am sure that the First Maine district will always be true to the principles crat should have in party success there are of liberty self government and the rights of other and more important reasons for man." If ever a people have been "true working for the county ticket this fall. to the rights" of one man those of the First Maine have been true to those of ex-speak- bidding fair to surpass in looseness and exer REED. And the rights arrogated to travagance that of the State and unless

-Governor JOHNSTON, of Alabama, doesn't have a world wide reputation for inhumanity but he has lately gone on record with an act, the conditions of which will certainly be the cause of the drowning of one poor negro in his own mouth water. in the history of the party that always pre-The coon had been sentenced to a year in sents the best men for your support. We cultivating the crops. All these items their county affairs? the penitentiary for stealing chickens, when herein challenge contradiction of the asmonth's total abstinence from chicken eat- the office he seeks. Aye, more than coming, whether the fowl be procured by do- petent. For while being qualified for the nation, purchase or theft. Might just as various clerical duties that will devolve upon well have ordered that poor black to stand them they are men of such courteous dison a block of ice in his bare feet for the position that it will be a pleasure to transsame time. The predicament couldn't be act business in the court house with them any more trying.

-If the five million Grangers in the United States could only be brought to realize that the greatest drawback to their prosperity is the trusts how speedily the octopus could be wiped out. If a man is not to vote for his own best interests there is very little use of his voting at all and there is no question of its being to a Granger's best interest to vote with the party that is allied against the trusts. The Democratic party is irrevocably committed to fight any combination of capital that has for its purpose the advancement of prices or commodities which the poor, alone, need. The Republican party is fostering trusts by acts of favorable legislation and exempting corporations from bearing their fair share of taxation, all of which places the burden the heavier on the shoulders of the poor. Choose, ye, Grangers as to which column you should use when you come to vote for your own best interests.

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The Farmer and His Troubles.

The question of a diplomatic dress or

no one has been able to suggest an appropriate uniform. Of course we appreciate the fact that

Only a Suggestion.

when such dress is adopted it ought to be began with the spring plowing and will done for all time; consequently too serious | not end until the corn is husked and in the thought cannot be given to the end that crib. No class of workmen know longer it shall be refined, elegant and while re- hours or more continual toil, or are called splendent enough to compare favorably with that of foreign powers will not be so much so as to appear gaudy. Such conditions are hard to harmonize, but it must be done before we can have just what will be in thorough American taste.

Inasmuch as Secretary HAY is seemingly exercised about the embarrassments to which our diplomatic representatives are subjected on account of their simple funepaper through which to fight his critics. real suits of black we would suggest a dress has only his oats to fall back on and the for temporary adoption. One particularly it. Why, General, all you need to do is to appropriate for representatives of this ad-

> The hair should be worn long and woolly, suggestive of our desire to assimilate the Filipinos; it should be powdered also, as der as an aid to assimilation. Instead of the regulation linen collar a stock or chain buttons fashioned after the dollar mark

closed by the octopus stamped on the soles, immediately under the tail could be suspended a rosette with ALGER and EAGEN where.

as its centre piece. the end of the McKINLEY tenure.

# Why They Should Be Worked For.

Aside from the pride every good Demo-The business management of the county is delude the tax-payers into believing that

affairs in that office are all right. The Democracy presents a ticket, the

as public servants. In addition to this reason, sufficient in all Democrats in the county, there is the to prove that the colors of Democracy in Centre will not be struck before the baleful

lately been injected into local politics. The Democratic party is not ready to acany departure at this late day.

actly "get there Eli" after all with its are striking to readjust our national econom- they always keep themselves in the mid- after him and chased him to the bar-room patients, and the providing of emergency great "scoop" on the SHAW case.

The time of year has come when the uniform for high officials of the United farmer finds the season's work gradually States is being agitated at Washington diminishing, the evenings are becoming again and while it is the consensus of opin- longer and instead of dragging himself ion that something in this line should be wearily off to bed after working in the failure. adopted to distinguish our representatives fields until dark he has time to sit down from hotel waiters and flunkeys, generally, and hold converse with his family or read a little after the evening meal. Naturally his mind will run to estimating the profit he has made during the long hustle that upon to exercise more brain work, if they hope for any return, than do the farmers, yet they are the poorest paid class of all.

The Centre county farmer who sits in his quiet country home these September evenings and looks at his situation soberly will almost shudder when the discouraging facts are laid bare before him. With scarcely half a wheat crop, corn eaten by the worm or dried to nothingness by the drought, he price of the latter is so low as to make it a mooted question as to whether it is not grown at a loss, even when there is a large crop. This is the view he will have of his own productions; the result of all the labor of his family and hirelings for a season. There is no way for his income to be increased one farthing. He has done his best and it has yielded him but little; now comes the despairing work of making ends meet. With the scant surplus of grain he will have to sell, after his needs for family, stock and seed have been taken out, at prices lower than they have been for years, he will try to figure out enough to pay the bills that have been running through the season.

Alas, for the poor farmer. He will find it a hopeless task. Just as reasonably might he try to make five by adding two -The Lehigh county commissioners who and having a miniature of MARK HANNA and two as to try to figure out a living and has used, his plow-shares, binder twine, implement repairs, all necessaries in which iron is used, much of his food stuffs and clothing, as well as his taxes, have increased

the soldiers of the county and that their —JERRY SIMPSON didn't wear any—and as dream when the whole discouraging pano- while claiming a balance in the treasury, for shoes plain United States leather prod- rama passes in review on these long fall and ucts, with the number of small tanneries winter nights. The sensible farmer will shake off the horrible spell and begin to would be just the thing. A chapeau to look about him for a cause. He knows carry on the arm might be made of a stuffed that his work, if expended in any other voeagle in the beak of which could be fas- cation would have netted him something at and collected by them amounted to less tened a tiny black Filipino, in one talon a least, and it does not take a long head to than \$41,000 yearly, while the expenses to live up to this standard it no longer destrikes? Why is there unrest that leads Puerto Rican, in the other a Cuban, and figure out that there must be something wrong with economic conditions some-

> Taking Census Bulletin 378 and the fig-Taken as a whole it is our opinion that ures of the official statistician of the Desuch a dress would be a very proper and partment of Agriculture, he finds that the suggestive one to be adopted by the present | the value of farm | products for the average administration, but let it be distinctly un- farm in the United States was \$538.94. Al- with an acknowledged shortage of over trolling these monopolies. derstood that it must be abolished with lowing 5.64 persons to each farm, as report- \$15,000 a year between the amounts levied ricultural population receives an average ed the balance in favor of the county. annual per capita income of \$93.89. Divida day is all that they have.

something is done at once to halt it we will be plunged hopelessly in debt by a board of commissioners who seem to think will be plunged hopelessly in debt by a board of commissioners who seem to think board of commissioners who can be a commissioner who can be a commissioner who can be a commissioner who can be a commissi that all they need do is reduce millage to ed on the farm as well as that portion sold. Out of this amount the farmer must pay will thus deliberately attempt to deceive his taxes, insurance, interest, the cost of the taxpayers by certifying to a statement sixty days to confer with Mr. Johnson seed, hired help, wear and tear of farm im- that bears such evidence of either incom- and to aid him in carrying out the party make-up of which has never been surpassed plements, repairing of fences and buildings, petency or fraud upon its face, the kind of plans. and feed for his teams for one year while men the taxpayers should choose to manage must be paid out of the \$538.94 before the This is a matter of most serious importthe Governor commuted it to twelve sertion that every man is competent to fill farmer can have anything for himself and ance to every tax-payer. It is due them will the average farmer and his family have the financial condition of the county. for their own support after paying all these This is the one thing they are interested items? Will they have fifteen cents a day in. It is the one thing about which they per capita? No. Will they have ten? should demand the most minute and defiour agricultural population receives a per we are paying out yearly over \$60,000, and itself for arousing a feeling of interest in capita income of ten cents a day, with taking in less than \$41,000. Everyone ter that would have a decisive effect on the which to buy food and clothing, educate knows what this means a county deficit, other and more important one of working the children, and pay incidental expenses." which means a county debt, increasing each

Here is the bald truth confronting him year at the rate of \$19,000. and it is little wonder that the farmer knits and corrupting money element that has his brow in amazement. Here are facts and figures taken from the most reliable source possible to obtain them. The farmknowledge that this county, in which it er is figuring and thinking in his own ulation since 1892 and the consequent inhas had a majority of the voters ever since home. He is not being confused by cam- crease in the consumption of beef that its erection, has become so debauched as to paign distortions, but is where his judg- might naturally be expected the receipts be bought and sold like the pug dog, re- ment is cool and undisturbed and he is of cattle shipments to the four great markpeater precincts in Philadelphia. The par- looking at the matter squarely and fairly ets of the West have fallen off 612,554 ty has and will stand for more than such a for himself. Shall he sit in indifference or head in the year 1898, as compared with debased condition of affairs. Its record for conclude that he is well enough off when 1892. The beef trust has done it and the purity in the past must not be smudged by such appalling facts and figures stand result is an advanced price for the consum--The Philadelphia Times didn't ex- up his mind to join forces with those who trusts are keen to cut at both ends, but ic. and financial systems so that the farmer dle.

shall be called to bear only his equitable share of the burdens of citizenship and that he will be protected against the rapacity of corporate greed, that leeches upon him whether his crops be bountiful or a

He will realize that all he need do is to rally with his fellow husbandmen at the ballot box and the burden will be lifted. But he must strike and strike desperately against the party that is in power and permits such an iniquitous system to exist; that permits the combinations of wealth to rob the poor : that permits the exemption of corporations, brewers and liquor dealers from just taxation in order to curry their favor in elections; that permits school funds to be robbed that useless officials may be retained; that permits the increase of taxation on those least able to bear it.

The interest of the farmer is certainly not with the Republican party now.

#### Are the Taxpayers Being Fooled.

Has any Republican paper given you any reason why you should vote to continue in as important an office as that of county commissioner, the same two men who have been controlling its affairs for the past two and a half years? We have not read, or seen a word, either attempting to justify their management or explanatory of their short comings. We know that they went into office under a pledge of reforming everything about that office. They were elected because the taxpayers believed a change in the management of county affairs would be to their advantage, and now after two and a half years experience with the kind of reforms they have made, and the changes their management has brought about, we ask the people of the county, what reason or excuse has any man to give for voting for them a second time.

Since they went into office both county expenditures and county taxes have been increased. To do this they have put in more days and charged the county higher rates for their service than any other board of commissioners that ever held office in the county. They have not only done this but they have failed to give an intelligent statement of the county finances, and have conspired to cover up the real condition of af-000 a year.

The WATCHMAN last week gave the figures, just as the commissioners furnished them, showing that the total taxes levied over \$60,000. Had there been an available balance in favor of the county at the time these men went into office, such a thing as taking in might have been accomplished, but unfortunately for their statement, that ed by the census, and dividing the \$538.94 as taxes and the amounts paid out as examong them equally, he finds that the ag- penses, they actually claim to have increas-

It don't take any special financial ability, ing this amount by the number of days in to see how false or fraudulent this claim the year (365), and he discovers that for must be. You can't pay \$60,000 with \$41,those who depend on the farm for a living | 000. Yet that is what Messrs. FISHER and an average per capita income of 25.8 cents RIDDLE, certify they have done and then to magnify the deception have reduced the Further investigation of the question tax levy one-half mill, so that their income something is done at once to halt it we discloses the fact that the \$538.94 is the for the present year will be less than \$35,sumed before him or is likely to assume in will be plunged hopelessly in debt by a gross income of the average farm; not the 000, while their estimate for county ex-

In all earnestness we ask, are men who apolis.

family. The question then is, how much that they have the fullest knowledge of Possibly yes, it is a question. For argu- nite information. And yet which one of ment's sake, however, we will admit that them know anything about it, except that

And this is what Messrs. RIDDLE and FISHER have given us.

-Notwithstanding the increase in popstaring him in the face from the pages of er to pay, while statistics show that the the open Census Report? Or shall he make grower receives less for his stock. The

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A Fall Jingle. From the Altoona Times.

Beside the old brass kettle now The country maiden stands. As drips the sweat from off her brow Into the fire's brands. But faithfully she works away

With thoughts too fierce to utter, For she must roast the live long day, And stir the apple butter

# The Grange at Last Waking Up to Fight Its Enemy.

From the York Gazette.

The National Grange has actively entered into the fight against the trusts and if this body, which consists of over 5,000,000 farmers, gets thoroughly aroused something

trusts in limiting production, shutting down factories and crushing out competitors. They believe this stifles enterprise and progress and will, if continued. subvert all the principles fought for and gained by our forefathers. They declare that trust methods are no better that robbery and that the attempts by the trusts to influence legislation and the courts should meet with the condemnation of every hon est, honorable and loval citizen.

In response to questions coming to him from people of all kinds, Aaron Jones, of Indiana, master of the National Grange, has issued the following suggestions to those who desire to organize in the fight

those who desire to organize in the fight against the trusts:

"First. Prepare petitions to Congress and circulate them to have them signed by all the people who favor freedom and the rights of property and forward these petitions.

"Second. Prepare like petitions to your several Legislatures in your respective States and demand strong anti-trust legislation.

"Third. Attend your political caucuses in whatever party you affiliate and demand a strong anti-trust plank in your platform and see to it that every officer nominated shall be in full sympathy with this plank.

"Fourth. Think more of your country and the rights of labor and property than of your party and give all parties to understand that all patriots will stand together on this issue. This issue overshadows all others. What difference whether we have free trade or protective tariff—whether the outlaying islands of the sea, proximate and remote, are made colonies or not—if the individual is deprived of the free use and benefit of his labor and property.

"Fifth Give your party and the cognitive to me."

and property.
"Fifth. Give your party and the country to un-"Fifth. Give your party and the country to di-derstand that resolutions alone will not suffice, but that effective laws must be passed and enforced. "Sixth. Supplement all this by being active in educating the public to the great dangers that menace the industrial interests of our country. We commend these suggestions to every

citizen of any party. The Grange is not a partisan organization and it does not directly enter a political fight in favor of one party or another, but it has very decided and if, in the case of this issue of the trusts. it transpires that the Republican party as is naturally expected, becomes the defenders of these combinations and the Democratic party takes up the cudgels against are owned in Ulysses, Potter county. The them, this fact of the parties thus aligning dog is the property of D. C. Chase. It is a whatever his political views, from support-

ing the contention of the Grange.

It is to be remembered that parties do not exist merely for the purpose of winning victories and gaining offices. They exist to enforce principles and furnish the people good government, and when any party fails claimed to have been met each year was serves the allegiance and support of its

members. However, the question is still open, nationally, and there is no reason, partisan or otherwise, why every member of every parpaying out more money than they were ty should not to the best of his ability follow the suggestions of the master of the Grange and do everything he can to create a sentiment in favor of destroying or con-

# Democratic Headquarters.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Chicago will be the working centre of the Democratic national committee during the campaign in preparation for the next presidential election. This was decided to-day at a meeting of the executive committee held here, thus definitely settling rumors that the head-

quarters would be changed. J. G. Johnson, of Kansas, it was decided, will have charge of the headquarters' office. Those present at the conference were: Ex-Governor Stone, J. G. Johnson, J. M.

It was decided that the members of the executive committee meet in Chicago every

The ways and means committee was called together during the afternoon by chairman John R. McLean, and the present matter of financing the campaign was discussed The press committee was also convened by Mr. Johnson, and plans looking to the effect tiveness of that committee were discussed.

# Hanna Must Look to Ohio.

From the Pittsburg Post. Mark Hanna arrived in New York yesterday on a hurried call from home that the services of the eminent dollarmark statesman were badly needed in Ohio just now to save his friend McKinley from a disas-Republican national convention. Mr. Hanna will have his hands full of money and work for the next six weeks. Every federal office-holder in the United States will be pinched for a contribution. What is left of civil service will go by the boards, and the trusts will be invoked to put their shoulders to the wheel. True, Hanna had his Ohio convention denounce the trusts, but he did it with a wink that the trusts well understood. Mr. Hanna affects to be well satisfied and content with John R. McLean's nomination, but as he could say nothing else without giving up his case the opinion does not carry much weight as a

He Led the Snake Into Temptation.

From the Big Run Tribune.

genuine expression.

Chief of Police Dickey says that while he was riding his bicycle to Punxsutawney the other day he encountered a large rattle snake on the McCracken hill which took of the Washington hotel.

#### Spawls from the Keystone.

-It is estimated that 60,000 people visited the Williamsport fair during the four days and the total receipts were \$12,000.

-George W. Meyers, of Liverpool, Perry county, raised a potato this year which

weighs thirty-two and one-half ounces. -On account of the spread of diphtheria at Sinnemahoning, a representative of the state board of health has ordered the schools to be

-After a lingering illness Henry Paterson, a well-known resident of Johnstown, died at his home in that city on Sunday, aged 51 years.

-A few days ago John Wilett, an employ e of the steel foundry at Burnham, Mifflin county, was so unfortunate as to have one of his feet smashed by an 8 pound weight falling upon it from a crane overhead

-The Coudersport window glass company, with its plant just completed and ready to begin operations, has sold out to the trust. the American window glass company. This

will delay starting up for about a week. -Daniel Pye, colored and aged 31, is now in the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, a sufferer from a knife wound in the abdomen, which he received in a drunken brawl which took place near Morrellville Saturday night.

-The total production of coal in this State for the year up to September 1st shows an increase over the previous year of 5.392.000 increase over the previous year of 5,392,000
The Grangers believe that they are directly injured by the policy pursued by the that district during the year was 29,145,000

> -- Burglars broke into the residence of A H. Borland, at Kane, Monday night and chloroformed that gentleman and his wife. They did not regain consciousness until late Monday, and both are very ill. The burglars did not get any booty.

> -Mrs. Edith C. Rick, wife of the late Chaplain Rick of the Twelfth regiment, who died of typhoid fever, has been granted a pension of twenty dollars a month. The chaplain ranked as captain, hence the pension is in keeping with the rank.

-At Williamsport a few days ago, Martin Weasner, of 1017 Franklin street, was repairing a shed at his home. He slipped and fell, and alighted in such a way that one of his arms caught on a picket fence. The arm was jerked out of the socket, and the ligaments were badly torn.

-His ginseng plantation having been raided by thieves, J. G. Osborn, of Westfield, Tioga county, set guns and strung wires so that no robber could lift any ginseng without shooting off a gun. The job was finished at dusk Friday evening and as Osborn was leaving the field he accidentally ran against one of the wires and was filled with bird

-Morris Conrad, a dairyman, drove over a wenty-five foot bank at Sunbury, Thursday morning, and was probably fatally injured. The horses hung for an hour by their harness to trees which they struck in their descent. The accident was discovered by the victim's wife and son while on their way opinions and it knows how to fight for them to market with a load of produce over the same road.

-The biggest dog and the smallest pony in Pennsylvania, possibly in the United States, half St. Bernard and half English mastiff of imported parents. It weighs 218 pounds and is about four feet high. The pony is a Shetland, stands 371 inches high and weighs 225

-Bishop William Taylor, of the Methodist Episcopal church, is the guest of his brother, Rev. A. E. Taylor, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wrightsville, York county, with whom he will make his home. The Bishop's voice has failed and incapacitated him from active church work. He has preached fifty-five years, most of the time as a missionary on the Pacific coast and in Africa

-An old gentleman walked into the Perry county railroad station in Duncannon on Friday last, and asked if this was the train to Landisburg, saying "it is seventy-one years since I was in Perry county." No doubt he saw many changes. The gentleman was Solomon Dunkleberger, now a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, He was born in Spring township and left when he was 7 years old.

-Frederick J. Shollar, a Tyrone architect, s the successful competitor for the designs for the new hall and library building to be erected at Alexandria, Pa., his designs having been accepted by the builders in preference to those of several other architects, four of whom came from Philadelphia. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000 and, when completed, will be a handsome structure and well adapted for the ises intended

-A Lehigh county jury decided that asessments made on candidates for office are legal. The decision was made in the suit of Dr. S. A. Rabenold vs Joseph C. Rupp. In 1896, when Rupp was a candidate for the Legislature, the county committee assessed him \$125. He paid \$75 of this in installments, but when defeated declined to pay the balance. Dr. Rabenold, who was county chairman, brought suit for the recovery of the balance and won the case.

-Two new and serious cases were admitted Saturday for treatment at the Cottage hospital Philipsburg, the first, Fred Wilkinson, a miner, who was run over by a trip of eight cars in the mines at Munson, sustaining a compound fracture of the leg, injuries to the spine and internal injuries; the other, John Bruno, of Patton, aged about 18, who fell and had his right hand run over by a mine car, terribly injuring the right hand and forearm.

-The state board of health in a circular letter issued with reference to the spread of smallpox in this State gives the information that since the disease was first reported in Bedford county, in the month of November, 1898, it has made its appearance in twentyone counties and more than 100 different localities. The number of cases reported has been about 900 and the number of deaths seven. The board urges that in all communities the proper precautions be taken in the way of general vaccination, isolation of hospitals.