-A woman's reflections mostly come out of her mirror

-Possibly it is named "the stormy March" because Congress comes to its end during the early days of the month.

-Possibly it was to give him a chance to spit on his hands and get a tighter grip that CASTRO let go his hold for the mo-

-Some body must be taking a vacation or neglecting his duties. We have not heard from the peach-crop failure prophet ROGERS WOODRUFF, chairman of the comthis spring.

-Minister Squires alleges that Cuba is the dirtiest and worst governed place he has ever lived in. But then Mr. SQUIRES never tried a residence in Philadelphia.

-After all the operator will have the last word in the award of the strike commission. The people will hear what that is when the next coal price list is furnished.

.- The more a Frenchman reads of the "Shame of St. Louis," under its Republican bosses, the greater will be his reasons Louisiana sale.

on great reforms in Congress from the the subject. abolishment of the bar in the capitol. Well, we wouldn't wonder if it would shorten the session considerably. -With Mr. ROOSEVELT'S post offices

and Mr. HANNA's promises of pensions both pointed at them it is not strange that faithfully fulfill this pledge; the newspapers ing him, suggested that probably the reathe Southern Coon can't exactly determine which road 'am de bes' to run.'

-Philadelphia has two men jailed for robbing citizens on the streets. Foolish fellows that they were, not to know that to be safe at that business they must get into the council, or join one of the city rings.

-You need not get excited already. The fight between "Col." REEDER and "Col." CHAMBERS, about who is to be delegate, will have to get much hotter than it now promises to be before war ships will be ordered here.

-Word has gone out already from "Col." REEDER's office to his followers, that "youneedtogeta hustleon," while "Col." CHAMBERS has instructed his friends Greek to a street gamin, or talk of the time and must be paid out of some fund of to "Shlog him on de kop." And with all filthy condition of its wallow to a razor- the government. Thus the President's the country's safe.

-Governor PENNYPACKER may be, as he alleges, trying to "do the best he can" but there are those, who boast that it was form." They don't mean to give the State through their efforts he was elected, who any. They never did mean to do so, and have come to the conclusion that his principal desire is to "do" them.

-If Mr. Rockefeller's contributions to his bible class were as profuse and frequent as are his advisory talks there would he one moral agency in this country, a least, that wouldn't need wear out the contribution basket to keep itself going.

-After all there must have been some mistake in the February election returns from Pittsburg. At that time we understood that a Mr. HAYES had been elected recorder. Subsequent facts, however, lead to the belief that it was Mr. E. M. BIGLOW.

-Since the Buffalo authorities have failed to find any clue to the BURDICK murderer they have turned their attention to the discovery of how many and the kind of kisses Mrs. BURDICK accepted from other men. This ought to condone the failure to turn up the criminal, in the eyes of that Elmwood set.

-It was Mr. CLEVELAND who coined the expression "inoccuous desuetude." It is Mr. CLEVELAND who could occupy that condition politically just now to great advantage to the party that has twice honored him, as well as to the lasting peace and the wearing down of the wire edge on the memory of the Hon. W. J. B.

-The Buffalo police are in their own estimation making amazing strides in unraveling the BURDICK murder mystery. Last week they proved by the corpse that BURDICK was dead. They have since come pretty near showing that the crime was committed by either a man or a woman. Evidently they have a lot of "hot tamalles" in the sleuth business up in the Pan American city.

-We merely remark, in a suggestive way, that it might be in order for the Brotherhood-of-Boodlers, now known as the Great Disappointed at Harrisburg, to apply for an injunction to restrain the PENNY-PACKER vetoes. Injunctions have proven a powerful specific for Republican needs, and the woods are still full of Republican judges who have had them on tap whenever these necessities were presented.

-Since coming to think about it, it stri kes us that neither of our Republican contemporaries have had a boastful word about Republican prosperity since the Glass works closed down or the Scale works concluded to pull up stakes and move. Evidently there must be ice in their bugles, or a shortage of wind under their belts, else why this dense silence about the prosperity of our workingmen?

-It is to be hoped that his serene altitudinosity, commonly known as the Czar of Russia, will consider that a promise of "reform" means that some reform shall follow the promise. If such should be the case it might be the proper thing for the subjects of Czar QUAY to borrow a little of the same kind of seed and see if it is possible to grow a fulfillment of some of the reform promises given the people of Penn-



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Only a Waste of Time

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We have received from Mr. CLINTON mittee for the Promotion of Election Reform, a circular letter requesting "editorial to take action on the ballot reform measures that have been presented to that body, in the hope," as Mr. Woodruff says, "that an expression of public sentiment through the newspapers will bring the committee to a realization of the situa-

With a full appreciation of Mr. Wood-RUFF's efforts in this line, and with as earnest a desire to see a change in the ballot of his rambles. But it is surprising, neverfor thanking his ancestors for making the laws as he can have, the WATCHMAN theless, that a civil service reformer should can conceive of no benefit to be gained be willing to neglect his duties for so long -Our temperance friends are counting through any expression it could make on a period.

Republican leaders and voters from one day to show his contempt for the superend of the State to the other promised the stition that Friday is unlucky. Some people that their representatives would friends, no doubt for the purpose of flatterguaranteed that it would be carried out to his bear hunt in Mississippi, last November, the letter. They have since made up their than to have honest elections throughout the State, and all the "expressions" that all the honest newspapers in the Commonrealize the shame of the situation they are placing themselves in.

Mr. WOODRUFF, and other honestly disposed Republicans may as well make up President Roosevelt will draw upwards their minds at once that there is to be no "ballot or other reform, while the majori- any return in service. Besides that he ty that party has is as great as it is in will probably be at an expense of \$500 a Pennsylvania. One might as well jabber day which will amount to \$30,000 in the backed pig, as to bandy words with the holidays and campaign tours are expenordinary Republican, or his pledged representative, about the "necessity of ballot re- enjoyable to himself, though they smack any efforts to bring them to a sense of the shame that is on them is but a loss of time and a waste of energy.

advice to give the present Legislature on political interests and beyond that he never

The Republican Ticket.

That the Republican ticket has been chosen for the coming campaign the public has been informed through the Sunday newspapers. The candidates have been equally divided between the Eastern and Western sections and to make the parallel more complete two are from the Southeast and the other two from the Northwest. The judicial officers are to be taken from the West and the political offices from the opposite section. The judicial candidates are HENDERSON of Crawford, and MORRIson of McKean. Both these gentlemen have recently been appointed to fill vacancies by the Governor and if elected will ucceed themselves

The political offices to fill are Auditor General and State Treasurer. They are equally important for through one of them the machine "holds-up" the banks for campaign corruption funds, and, through the other, it bleeds the corporations for the same purpose. The candidates are, for Auditor General, State Senator WILLIAM P. SNYDER, of Chester county, and for State Treasurer, Prothonatory MATHUES, of Delaware. These gentlemen were chosen last

Saturday by Senator PENROSE and Contractor McNichol, of Philadelphia. It is said QUAY had nothing to do with it and DURHAM wasn't even in telephonic communication with the gentlemen.

The significance of this is simply the fact that the councils of the party are drawing into closer lines. Hitherto a dozen or more so-called leaders were brought together when so important a question as selecting the party candidates was to be determined. But recent experiences have shown that there is no necessity for going to so much trouble and PENROSE and Mo-NICHOL have been appointed administrators of the party. Probably they represent QUAY and DURHAM and it is possible that the Senator is still in that careless mood that characterized him during the closing hours of the regular session of the Senate and doesn't care how things go. In any event PENROSE and McNichol constitute the party convention.

-There will be few tears shed by the country Democracy over the "ripping" out of office of the Democratic members on the Board of Revision of Taxes in Philadelphia. A set of officials who seek place, as Democrats, and after getting it refuse to either contribute, work or vote, for their party, as these men have done are not of sufficient importance to bother about what comes of them. From all the, so called, Democrats who have filled these positions for years back, the party has not received enough, in contributions, to man the polls on election day in a-half a dozen divisions, nor to buy tax receipts for the voters of a a single block. The party owes them nothing-not even regrets that they are to lose the salaries they have been drawing. good judgment of its publishers.

Roosevelt's Western Trip.

Next week, if present plans are carried out. President ROOSEVELT will start on his Western campaign tour and renew the jabbering which he was forced to abandon attention to the failure of the Legislature during the last campaign. His coming junket contemplates an absence from the capital of two months during which time the affairs of state will be under the direction of department heads or clerks, or understrappers of one class or another. The chances are that no material interest will suffer on account of his absence and that there will be no deterioration in the character of the administration on account

The President's Western trip is sched-The present Legislature was elected on a uled to begin one week from to-day, platform pledged to ballot reform. The Friday, April 3rd. He has choosen that of that party endorsed this promise and son of his failure to get any game during was because he had started on Friday. minds that they would rather be written Thereupon he promptly determined to down as liars and deceivers of the public make the start for his Western trip on the same day and prove that such things have nothing to do with success or failure in such affairs. It is a boyish resolution conwealth can make can not bring them to ceived in superstition and carried out in mock bravado, but it is essentially Roose-VELTIAN and conspicuously idiotic.

During the two months of his absence of \$8,000 on salary account without giving sive luxuries to the public even if they are somewhat of dishonesty in that it is compelling the people to pay expenses not contemplated either by the constitution or the law. But ROOSEVELT doesn't mind little things like that. He cares for his own No, Mr. WOODRUFF, this paper has no pleasures and strives to promote his own

Rad for the Miners Unton

When the questions in dispute between the striking coal miners in the anthracite regions and the owners of the mines were referred to a commission selected by the mine owners, and appointed by the President, we suggested that the award would probably be bad for the miner's organization. The report made public on Saturday fulfills this prediction. It recommends an increase in the miners' wages, a decrease in the length of their working day and some other concessions which they demanded. In fact it may be said that the comissioners were fairly generous to the miners as well as just to the operators. But they have signed the death knell of the miners'

As every one knows, the incentive to join unions is the hope that such action will give those who do it some sort of an advantage in the industrial life about them over their fellows who have not taken the step. Unions like everything else of value cost money. Every member must pay an initiation fee at the time of entrance and monthly dues which in the course of a year amount to anywhere from three to five dolars. These burdens are assumed for the reason that, as a rule, those who bear them have a preference in getting employment. In fact when the union is in control only union men can get employment at all and the advantage in that respect is worth what it costs.

The injury to the miners in the award of the commission, therefore, is in that feature of the report which forbids union men from discriminating against non-union men in the matter of employment. In other words a union man is prohibited from objecting to the employment of a non-union man in the same mine. That of course will rob the union of its advantage and remove the incentive to join which induces men to pear the expense of the union. No man pays money for nothing and when the union eases to afford any advantage men will cease to pay dues so that it will cease to be self-supporting and must in a short time cease to exist. While the award benefits the miners in some respects it may prove fatal to the union.

-Greensburg is to have another Democratic paper. The Clipper which for the past seven years has represented the independent element of Westmoreland, and which shows a degree of enterprise not usually found in the country press, has come out forcefully for the Democracy and promises to be a power in politics of vestern Pennsylvania. Its espousal of the Democratic faith is a straw showing the drift of sentiment among the voters of that section, as well as emphasizes the

No Ballot Reform

Whatever delusions have been held hitherto concerning ballot reform, during the present session of the Legislature, may as well be dismissed. They were jolted mies, the Locusts. So they told off certain out of existence by the action of the House of their Number to act as Sentinels; who, as well be dismissed. They were jolted of Representatives last Monday night. On that occasion Representative IKELER, of Columbia county, offered a resolution discharging the committee on elections from the further consideration of the ballot reform bill introduced by himself about six weeks ago. He supported his motion in an eloquent speech quoting the platforms of both parties for several years and the speeches of leading Republicans including Senator QUAY.

But his resolution was defeated by the overwhelming majority which is represented by the ratio of Republican to Democratic votes in the House. Not a single Repub lican voted for the resolution. Representative PLUMMER, of Blair county, chairman of the committee on elections, defended his party against the accusation of bad faith. He said the party intends to give the people a new ballot law but declared that it will not represent reform. It will be measure in the interest of practical politics and if the people don't like it they can go hang. It was probably the boldest notice, that has ever been uttered that the people are held in contempt by the managers

of the machine. The plain inference is that there will be no ballot reform legislation enacted during this session of the Legislature. Mr. PLUM-MER in his strangely constructed speech referred to the question of personal registration and declared that it will not be adopted. "The ballot reform organization take to revolt and exercise the privilege of choosing their own candidates for Auditor choosing their own candidates for Auditor Legislature adopted it and the people ratified the action." "But we don't want personal registration," he continued "and won't have it." Then he expressed his belief that there have heen no election frauds in Philadelphia and thought he had answered the demand for ballot reform.

Struck the Wrong Spot.

A "Mr. ARCHIBALD C. JONES," who is advertised as 'a former prominent politician of New York City," is said to be in the authracite coal region of this State "booming GROVER CLEVELAND for the starting "a movement to re-organize the party." While Mr. ARCHIBALD JONES, or any other of the Jones family, has a perfect right to boom whom he pleases for presidential nominee and start all the movements he has a mind to to re-organize the party, we have every reason to believe that it will take a bigger Jones than Mr. ARCHIBALD has ever shown himself to be, to accomplish the purposes he is said to have in view.

The Pennsylvania Democracy may be "down at the heel," to a very discouraging extent, but there are still over fourhundred-thousand of them left who believe they know their own mind, and who have an idea that they are abundantly able to take care of their own affairs without interference or dictation from outside

Mr. ARCHIBALD JONES might better save his wind and his work for some other field.

New Political Philosophy.

There are two ideas and only two in the legislation of the present session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. One of these is the levying of taxes and the other the spending of money. Scarcely a day passes that some new object of taxation is not discovered. In the matter of developing new methods of disbursing funds there is about an equal fertility of intellect. These things are the logic of a new political philosophy which is expressed in the theory that everybody is content ed as long as he gets a share of the loot. Senator QUAY is the author of that notion. He has applied it in all his political opera-

More new offices will be created during the present session of the Legislature, if the bills pending are passed, than were ever created in any half dozen previous sessions. The same is true with respect to objects of taxation. Heretofore when there was danger of an exhaustion of the revenues the statesmanship of the Common wealth turned its eyes in the direction of a curtailment of expenses. That idea never occurs to the party managers now. They simply seek out some new subject of taxation and make ends meet by increasing the revenues. Strangely enough it appears to be the popular method. The average man thinks it is all right to rob everybody else and give

him a share of the plunder.

Singularly enough this new political philosophy is predicated on public credulity. That is to say it is based on the false notion that the producers of the taxed article pay the taxes. There is nothing pay and whether the tax is levied on mortgages, receipts of corporations, bank capital or money at interest, the result is the same. The tax on a mortgage is taken out of the unfortunate who borrowed the money through the medium of an increased rate of interest, and that on receipts of corpora-tions on the fellow who pays the freight and he is the consumer of the article ship-

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A Fable That Fits Us Closely. From the London Truth.

it against the Depredations of their Enein Consideration of their Services, were billed upon the Wheat Pile.

But, by and by, the Ant Leaders were seized with an unreasoning Fear lest the existing Sentinels should prove too few to repel the Locusts. Indeed, so great was their Panic that they promptly doubled the

"We must," said they, "at all Costs insure our Wheat Pile against any possibility of Attack."

And this Result they effected. also effected something else—less satisfactory. One fine Morning, upon going to inspect their treasured Wheat Pile, they found-to their Dismay-that it had total-

ly disappeared.
"Halloa!" they ejaculted, in great Agitation, rubbing their incredulous Eyes with their Antennae, "what the Proverbs of Solomon has become of our Wheat Pile?"

"Why, just what was to be expected," rejoined an observant Lady-Bird, who happened to be passing at the Moment. "Your own Sentinels have eaten it up." Moral: Down with the Army and Navy

How It Is Done For Them.

from the Philadelphia Record. It appears that the Machine (by long distance telephone from Israel W. Durbam) has selected W. L. Mathues, of Delaware county, for State Treasurer and W. P. Snyder, of Chester county, for Auditor General. Judges Henderson and Morrion, who are now on the Bench of the Superior Court by appointment, will complete the State ticket. The Republicans of the interior of the State have nothing to do but quietly acquiesce in the selection of Snyder and Mathues. Should they under-General and State Treasurer the Machine would bring up its banditti in solid ranks from Philadelphia, and these, with such delegates, as could be picked up in other quarters, would make the nomination in spite of resistance. The Republicans of Pennsylvania are just beginning to realize how completely they are in the grasp of a tyrannical and remorseless Machine.

How a Great Industry Was Destroyed.

From the Hot Springs (S. D.) Times-Herald. In 1873, perhaps \$500,000,000 in silver, worth \$1.29 per ounce, was owned by Uncle Sam. The silver industry was a paying proposition and on the well known rotection to American industries, should have been fostered. Adverse legislation was demanded by the goldgreedy few, who desired to monopolize the wealth of the land, and silver has fallen to 39c per ounce, entailing a loss of \$360,000,-000 in the value of Uncle Sam's holdings, and that loss is but a fraction of the entire loss to the whole country. The Republicans railed against flat money in '96 and 1900, yet today our country is full of flat money, and the same obstructionists now point with pride to the unstable prosperity we now enjoy as a result of the increase in the money of the country. When will the people get their eyes opened?

But That Ox Belongs to Another Fel-From the Pittsburg Post.

It has not been a long time since the Republican Press was much distressed because W. J. Bayan was alleged to be charging Democratic campaign committees for his speeches. Mr. Roosevelt is now billed for 200 addresses within 60 days.
During that period the people of the United States, Democrats and campaign com-mittees all included, will pay him the sum of \$8,333. But of course Mr. Roosevelt's oratory is not for himself, but for the enlightenment of the country.

Kind Word for a Deserving Repre sentative.

From the Clearfield Spirit.

In the House Monday, Representative J. W. Kepler, of Centre county, introduced a bill making it unlawful for persons of either sex of pure Causasian descent to be joined in marriage with persons of negro descent, and declaring all marriages contracted after January 1st, 1904, in viola-tion of the proposed act. The measure is one which should become a law, and no doubt will. Representative Kepler is gain ing a reputation as a legislator. Although ler has been heard from frequently.

Imperialism at Work.

From the Detroit Commonwealth. The editors of Freedom, the Manila newspaper which dared to criticise a native member of the civil commission were found guilty of libel and each of them has been fined \$1,000 and sentenced to Bilibid prison for six months. They were denied jury trial, were forbidden to attempt to prove the truth of their charges, and their attorney was disbarred. If we support a government that denies justice to people, can we expect it very long for our-selves?

How Peace Is Getting Along In the Philippines.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

Peace is again whooping it up in the Philippines. The patriot army, which is now described by the press censor as a now described by the press censor as a band of thieves, has just captured a town in Mindanao and killed one American officer and several soldiers. The situation is said to be critical at Jolo. The bodies of 500 American soldiers have just been brought to Manila from that place. They have paid the price of imperialism.

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Higher prices are now being obtained for horses at public sales in Lancaster county than for many years past.

-Just eleven years ago the snow was as high as the fences at Baumstown, Berks county, and now the people there are gathering dandelion and four leafed clovers.

-On Tuesday of last week over seven hundred cars passed Lewistown Junction, making the biggest movement for a day. The best previous record has been 6,900.

-During the year just closed forty new rural free delivery mail routes have been added to those established in York and Adams counties. One hundred and fifteen in all are

-Snakes have made their appearance in Sugar valley, Clinton county, much earlier The Ants, having accumulated a vast in the season than usual. Chester Schwenk Pile of Wheat, found it necessary to guard killed a blacksnake last week that was five feet long.

-Merle Rowe, 13 years of age, of Reedsville, Mifflin county, died Saturday morning from poison, he having eaten laurel in mistake for wintergreen, while roaming among the mountains in the vicinity of his home

-Orders have been received at the local passenger car shops at Altoona, for construction of six dining cars and four combined buffet cars of the latest model and finish. These will be the first cars of this class ever built at

these shops. -The body of John Crobie, of Barnesboro, who went out hunting early last winter and never returned, was found less than a mile from the town on Saturday. His gun lay a considerable distance away. It is not known how he met death.

-The women of the Mite Society of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wrightsville, will build a new church by selling mittens. They held their first sale last week. The receipts amounted to \$82, more than enough to cover the cost of laying the corner stone of

-While attempting to rescue Frank Wil son from beneath the wheels of a a train near Uniontown Saturday, Robert Maxwell, aged 52 years, received a bullet in his side from a revolver falling from Wilson's pocket. The shot caused him to fall under the wheels, and

both Maxwell and Wilson were killed. -Lock Haven has two cases of smallpox the victims being Mrs. Grace Newell and her son who is between 2 and 3 years of age. They are at the home of Thomas Allen, a relative, and the house has been quarantined Mrs. Sewell, with her husband and child went to Lock Haven from Dunlo, Cambriacounty, about a week ago, and it is though t

she contracted the disease at the latter place. -Gov. Pennypacker, Tuesday night, in Harrisburg, removed Col. Thomas G. Sample, of Allegheny, and in his place appointed ex-Representative A. Nevin Pomeroy, of Chambersburg, as Superintendent of Public Printing. Col. Sample's term would not have expired until July 1st, 1905. He refused to resign when asked and his removal followed. The office pays \$2,000 a year.

-William Baker, who makes his home with his son-in-law, John F. Ayle, in Centre township, Perry county, broke his right leg recently. Mr. Baker is 94 years of age and is blind. In attempting to sit down on a chair he missed the chair and sat down on the floor with such force as to ca ing to his great age it is feared the broken limb may have serious consequences.

-A large assemblage had gathered at the home of Mrs. William Ream, of Lambertsville. Somerset county, to celebrate the 76th anniversary of her birth. The aged woman was not feeling well, but she insisted that notwithstanding her illness all should enjoy themselves. The serving of dinner proceed. ed. but toward its close Mrs. Ream was taken violently ill and died before a physician could be called.

-Because J. M. Furey, a teacher in the Maynard street, South Williamsport school building, administered corporal punishment to a son of Lewis Pfirman, and later suspend. ed the boy, the father became angry, made threats to do bodily harm to the teacher and has made a nuisance of himself at the school. Mr. Furey, who was a former resident of this place, has caused a warrant to be issued for his arrest.

-It is believed that Samuel Myers, of Hepburnville, has been accidentially drowned in Lycoming creek, near his home, and the suposition is that he met his death in the swellen waters of that stream Monday afternoon. Searchers have been looking for Myers in the vicinity ever since he disappeared, but without avail and the finding of his hat in the creek near dark Tuesday evening only strengthened the belief that he had met with a watery grave.

-Home remedies were successfully brought into use by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dugan, of Summerhill, Monday, to save the life of their four-year-old daughter, who had drank some carbolic acid in childish ignorance. Dr. Hess, the only physician boasted of by Summerhill, has shaken the dust of that borough off his feet and Mr. Dugan made vain efforts to secure the immediate attendance of physicians from Ehrenfeld and South Fork. As a last resort the parents, with the aid of neighbors, did what they could to save the child's life and with a favorable result.

-At his home in Chambersburg a week ago, Henry A. Smith was preparing to build a pavement when he came on a nest of seven well grown "moccasin" snakes. They were hidden in a pile of stones which Mr. Smith was tearing down. As he removed the stone that covered their rocky abode the snakes tumbled out and surrounded him, hissing ominously. For a few minutes Mr. Smith watched the coiling reptiles, then fell upon them and slew them with heavy blows. It was a lively mix up of Smith and snakes, but

-William Dress, the fireman at M. M. Motter's saw mill at the head of McElhattan run. ter's saw mill at the head of McElhattan run, in Clinton county, met his death in a frightful manner on Wednesday morning. How he was killed none of the employees know, as the first intimation they had of the accident was when they saw his mangled and bleeding form on the floor of the engine room. Many of the bones in his body were broken and his clothing was torn into shreds. broken and his clothing was torn into shreds. Hence, there seems to be no doubt but that while oiling the machinery or adjusting a belt, the unfortunate man's clothing was caught in the shafting, and no help being at hand to shut off the steam, was whirled around until his body was torn and pounded to a bleeding mass and dropped to the floor, where fellow workmen found it just as the last spark of life was leaving.