-The snow, the snow, the Let us give FREDERICK ROBB every Dem

ocratic vote in the county. -It is the duty of every good citizen to attend the election next Tuesday.

-If this is a Republican off year it is a good one for Democrats to catch on.

-What vegetable does the new Bellefonte fish hatchery most resemble. An egg plant.

-If you believe in a free and untrammeled press vote against those who tried to muzzle it, when the opportunity comes next Tuesday.

-Tom Johnson may not be elected Governor of Ohio next Tuesday, but up to this time there is every appearance of Mr. MAR-CUS AURELIUS HANNA having "too much JOHNSON."

-There are two billion, three hundred and eighty-two million dollars in circulation in this country. There is a chance for you to get it all and you can start in whenever it suits von.

-Next Tuesday will be election day and election day in Centre and Clearfield counties means very different conditions. Here all is quiet and peaceful. Over there all is rum and turmoil. -There are said to be ninety-eight thou-

sand six hundred and twenty-six holders of in infancy and located in Wayne county Auditor General is virtually the arbiter Unit ed States steel stock. If such is the case there are just that many persons on the anxious bench.

-Senator FOCHT's construction of the ballot law is strictly in harmony with the idea of the Legislature that passed it. When it does not meet the requirements of the machine why --- make it meet

-Don't imagine that the election next Tuesday is not important enough to demand your attention. Any election is that, for the right of franchise is the freeman's richest inheritance, barring the right of worship, and he should never fail to exercise it properly.

-The report on the Post-office Departm ent scandal, which President ROOSEVELT has decided to withhold from the public until after the election, is said to contain m ore than one million words. It must e ither be something awful or else it takes so me awful explaining to demonstrate that there is no scandal at all.

-The inexorable decree of death is witnessed in the hopelessness of the fight that three of the country's greatest scientists are making to save the Life of WILLIAM L. EL-KINS, the Philadelphia millionaire. With everything that medicine, science and wealth can procure at his command he m ust die, just as any one of God's humblest

were to pass a law under which you would not be allowed to vote. Why, you would he marching out to the polls next Tuesday with a gun onvour shoulder to se who would dare keep you from it. Wouldn't you? and violated public confidence in every compensation enough. Now, just because there is no such a law, the chances are you won't think about going at all until it is too late.

-It now turns out that the New Yorkers are mad at Dowle because he won't put them "next" to his process of separating people from their money. How foolish. Poor old fake ELIJAH III isn't the only keeper of this secret. For instance, there is CHARLEY SCHWAB and that ship building trust, and that consolidated Lake Superior and that "U. S. Steel common and a few other past master separators that the New Yorkers ought to know all about.

-Practical business men are observing that there is a falling off in trade. Naturally they talk about it with one another and discuss the probable causes. This is only the result of good business training that prompts such men to get to the bottom of things. It is all right now, but next fall, if trade conditions remain unchanged, men who divulge such curious interest in their own welfare will be called calamity howlers.

-The contract for the armor for the five new battleships authorized by the last Congress has just been awarded and discloses that sixteen thousand tons of it will cost the government something over six million dollars. This is a mere bagatele in the total cost of these new boats which will hardly be completed ere their models and armament will have been made obsolete by some new discovery in the building of battleships. It is sinful to waste money in this way. Especially when it has to be taken from the masses who could use it to much better advantage than in building up a Democratic voter should strive for the recworld defying navy for which there is no

-The machine is noising abroad that there are \$17,000,000 in the treasury; the largest sum ever stored up by the State before. The day this item was given publicity the Philipsburg papers published an account of how seriously the Cottage state hospital in umph will be for them if they deserve the that place was embarrassed because the appropriation made to it by the last Legislature was not forthcoming. That's machine practices for you. Keeping the money due district has been polled. The older men the hospitals and schools as long as possi- like to see the younger ones active. It is a ble in favorite political banks and then sign of zeal and fidelity and attracts favortrying to make the people believe the State is exceptionally well off because this balance is shown. Will you vote to endorse



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Our Excellent Ticket.

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The Democratic party never in its long and lustrous history appealed to the people Its candidates are admirable in every respect. ARTHUR G. DEWALT, the nominee for Auditor General, is a lawyer of splendid ability and the highest character. He has not been much in public life for the reason that he has always preferred the private attorney of Lehigh county he gave his undivided attention to the practice of his profession until a year ago, when he was nominated by a practically unanimous vote for the State Senate in which body he soon among the ablest speakers in the body.

JOEL G. HILL, the candidate of the party for State Treasurer has his training in busi- vote. ness pursuits. A native of New York State he came to Pennsylvania with his parents, where he has since resided except during of the relations between the corporations the period between 1863 and the close of and the people. He levies the taxes on the the front line of the Union army and his tion which they shall pay and the ratio and in 1899 was elected Associate Judge of ly, a friend of the people be installed in the county, receiving the largest vote of that office. For so long a time almost that was elected to the State Senate by a large trary," the occupant of that office has been majority and in that body was conspicuous by his fidelity to the interests of the peo- that the people should have a chance to be

Our candidates for Judge of the Superior RAYBURN has served a term on the Com- subservient creature of the corporations mon Pleas bench in his native county, Armstrong, with the highest distinction. During the ten years of his service he gave entire satisfaction to the public, but because nia is Democratic we do say in the sober of his fidelity to duty he was fought with and thoughtful moments of the close of the extraordinary energy after he had been campaign that with a reasonably full vote His associate on the judicial ticket, JOHN

- Suppose the machine in Pennsylvania and ask their support. There are abundant the entire Democratic ticket. With the and see all of the numberless attractions, moreover, why the political majority in the State should be reversed this year. The Republican machine is entirely discredited. It has betrayed every pledge conceivable way. Its candidates have been chosen not because of their fidelity to duty but as a reward for political perfidy and devotion to the bosses. Under such circumstances there can be no two opinions as to the duty of good citizenship. The rescue of the State from the party pirates is the highest duty and the election of the Democratic ticket will achieve that result.

Get Out the Vote.

Get out the vote. There are enough Democrats in Pennsylvania to elect the ticket by an overwhelming majority. The proselyting is ended. Voters have made up their minds how they will vote, if they vote at all, except such in the cities as are purchasable. But there are voters in every election district who have not determined to go to the polls. There are various reasons for this. Some think it is of no use. Others protest that it is too much trouble. But if a systematic and energetic canvass is made on election day many, if not all of those careless voters could be brought out. Spurring up has a splendid effect, an appeal to civic pride is po-

Every Democrat in Pennsylvania ought to take upon himself the duty of urging his neighbor to vote. The presidential election next year is practically certain to result in a Democratic victory. Those who contributed to success this year will deserve the party favors then. The party leaders will keep in mind those who deserve to be remembered. The rewards will go where they belong. That being the case there is a reason for activity this year. Every ognition which faithful service will bring. If they do that the success of the Democratic ticket is as certain as that the sun will

set on election day. The voung Democrats of the county should be especially active and vigilant. The honor of victory and the value of trilavor. They are strong, active and can endure the labor. No young Democrat should be satisfied until every vote in his election able attention in politics. Nobody cares to have drones about him. Practical men of affairs prefer active assistants and the young Democrat who is energetic on elecsuch practices when you go to the polls tion day is commending himself to the favor of those who may be most useful. The Last Words.

The last words in a campaign are always the most serious and they ought to be the with greater reason than it does this year. most sincere. There is nothing to be gained at such a time by misrepresentation or falsification. When the next issue of the WATCHMAN reaches its destination the the fact that other places and people, election will be decided and the verdict rendered. It would be folly, therefore, for us to claim impossible things now. Pennstation and after serving a term as district sylvania is a Republican State by a large majority. We have said hitherto, and we repeat to-day, that the Democratic nominees for the several offices to the filled are worthy men and that their election would conserve the best interests of the public. won distinction as a legal reasoner. With But we do not claim their election except his first speech on the floor he took rank as on the hypothesis that every Democrat votes. Even then we couldn't win unless a vast number of Republicans failed to

The most important office to be filled this year is that of Auditor General. The the civil war when his residence was on corporations and determines the proporemployment the most bazardous service in which shall fall upon the people. That defense of his country. He has served two being true, and no rational man will disterms in the office of County Commissioner | pute it, we submit that at least occasionalany candidate on the ticket. Last year he "the memory of man runs not to the cona creature of the corporations. It is time heard. This year the Democrats have nominated a representative of the people court are worthy associates on the ticket of in the person of ARTHUR G. DEWALT. the gentlemen above named. CALVIN The Republicans have named the most who has ever filled the office, Senator WIL-LIAM P. SNYDER.

While we don't claim that Pennsylvaunanimously nominated for re-election. the Democratic candidate for Auditor General can and will be elected, and we say A. WARD, Esq., is one of the leading that such a result would be more a triumph young members of the Philadelphia bar. of the people, as against the corporations He is a lawyer of profound learning and and favored classes, than the election of a ability and a citizen of the highest char- President of and for the people. We say acter. Of judicial temperament he has this because the office is closer to the long been regarded as eligible for the people and more nearly related to their homes and firesides. Therefore we would With such a ticket the Democrats can implore every Democrat in Centre county come to the people with absolute confidence | to come to the polls next Tuesday and vote | gurdy and, everything else that can, play the Republican ranks such a vote will commed to Columbia county but includes secure the election of ARTHURG. DEWALT. this and every other State. One hundred If it achieves nothing else that will be

> -There is some very interesting reading on state issues and the new ballot, that is to be voted next Tuesday, on page 2 of this issue that every tax-payer should read.

The Steel Trust Bunco Game.

The most interesting disclosures of recent years are those in relation to the ship building trust, in which Mr. SCHWAB was the principal figure. A more complete bunco game was never organized by professional crooks. It has been shown by the testimony of those concerned that the enterprise was a deliberate swindle, organized for the purpose of fraud, and maintained only long enough to enable Mr. SCHWAB to gain a vast fortune and put three or four millions of dollars into the pockets of Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN and his partners. Even the associates of those gentlemen in the crime were fleeced.

We have, heretofore, referred to the wat-

ering of \$300,000 worth of Bethlehem Steel and Iron company stock until it had been swelled to the proportions of \$30,000,000, but according to the evidence brought out down during fair week. in the investigation that wasn't the worst of it. The managers of the enterprise agreed to hold back from the market all he stock until SCHWAB and MORGAN bad disposed of theirs at nearly par after which the vast amount thus held in reserve was thrown into the teeth of the public, which caused an enormous slump in the value, with the result that those who purchased from SCHWAB and MORGAN lost nearly the full amount of their invest-

The average bunco steerer beguiles some nnocent backwoodsman into the purchase of counterfeit money or deludes him into a game in which he is mercilessly robbed. But when he is caught he is tried, convicted and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment, as he ought to be. But bunco steerers of the SCHWAB and MORGAN type suffer no such penalties. They are simply canonized as "Captains of Industry," or 'Leaders in Finance' and are encouraged to persevere in their benevolent enterprises. But we can see no material difference between the methods of the average operator and that of SCHWAB and MORGAN.

-The election will be held next Tuesday. It is your duty as a good citizen to

Success has come to so many people and to so many enterprises and undertakings in Centre county in time past that perhaps we, as a people, now overestimate our ability to make anything go and lose sight of through indefatigable perseverance and progressiveness, are pressing us hard for first place in things that have been ours naturally or by assumption, rather than really earned

Years ago we had a county fair which everyone attended and where everyone tried for first honors in displaying good exhibits. Gradually interest waned, for we are a county people easily sated and always desirous of something new, until finally the fair was abandoned and one of the finest natural amphitheatres in the country was given over to become a slag dump. Then we regretted and exclaimed, "If we only had a Fair !" Four years ago a new association was formed with the expectation of winning back and adding to our pristine glory. Money and efforts were spent lavishly and although it is impossible to ever again have grounds desirable as our former ones, the best site available was secured and improved until it compares favorably with any in the State. Fortune has lavished tears rather than smiles, as it always has rained, but weather cannot make or unmake a fair. It is only an accompaniment to the enthusiasm and interest of exhibitors and patrons. The exhibits were better this year than for any preceding one, but not what our great county should be satisfied with. Ashamed we surely would be to have an outsider judge of our resources and talents by our exhibitions here the past three years. It is no presumption to say we are a great county, but it would carry greater conviction if proven. If member of the board, said that Drs. Batt farmer, merchant, artisan, artist, would

In contrast to our pride and loyalty is

that of Columbia county to the fair held two weeks ago in Bloomsburg. This has been an annual celebration there for fortynine years and each year gets bigger and are closed for one or two days and business practically suspended not only there but in adjacent towns while everyone goes to the great Bloomsburg Fair-for it is great-to native and foreign, as competition is not and twenty-seven privileges were granted. but not a gambling game was allowed and no licensed drinking. Each one of the 127 attractions was generously patronized, for there is nothing stingy about a Columbia county crowd. It will pay fifty cents for an advertised turkey dinner and good naturedly be put off with baked beans and cold ham. Spend money it will, just for the fun, whether there is any return or not! Exhibits of all sorts are in profusion and excellence beyond description-embroideries, laces, drawn work, drawings and paintings alone well worth a trip there. Two hundred sheep, one hundred hogs etc. ! Either Columbia county has industry, talent and enthusiasm to far excel Centre county or is more generous in wishing to give the public the benefit of it. It would be of inestimable value to every citizen in this county to see what other counties call a fair! Ours is an embryo one as vet, but even forty-nine years will not make it a success unless we co-operate in generous patronage and desire to show what great things we can do in agriculture, stock raising, industries and fine arts. Then perhaps nature will be kind to us as Columbia county, for it is said that a bucket of water if thrown up there would not come

-If the present rate of slumping in business is kept up in Pittsburg the next national Republican convention will want to get far enough away from that city.

-Next Tuesday will be a strengous day in Clearfield county.

----According to a news dispatch sent out from Lewistown the Mann Edge Tool Co., of that place, has secured an option on the trust ax works at Mill Hall and on January 1st will take over the property. According to the stories that have been current for some time the Lewistown concern, which is practically Mr. Joseph R. Mann, who is outside the trust, intends building a new factory at Mill Hall and the trust, seeing his determination to do so and knowing how successfully he is competing with them at Lewistown, has agreed to sell out to him; rather than have the same small town would occasion.

-The next President of the United States will be a Democrat.

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Land Scandal Begins to Give Grave Concern.

Huge Frauds in the West are Alleged to Have Beer Committed by Congressmen and Railroads. Trade Poor Lands for Good.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The Washington correspondent of the "Tribune" sends the following: "There is grave concern in the Department of the Interior over certain evidence just reached Washington relating to land frauds of gigantic proportion in the western country.

"Allegations so startling as to require the most absolute confirmation are advanced. It is maintained by persons presenting these charges that several great railroad systems and many members of Congress have engaged in a system of conspiracy by which they procured title to worthless lands, induced the Government to make reserves for forest purposes, including their holdings, and secured the right-under the lieu land forest reserve act to select in lieu thereof valuable lands, not so reserved, thus effecting the exchange of practically worthless land for that worth rom \$5 to \$6 an acre.

"It is worthy of note that the lieu land act never came up for open discussion by Congress, having been introduced by Senator Stewart as an amendment to an ap-

propriation bill, and so enacted.
"As 44,000,000 acres have been reserved for forest purposes in the last five years, the opportunities for fraud have been enormous, but more convincing evidence than has been thus far presented must be produced to establish the validity of the esational allegations now being made."

City of Allegheny Not yet Locked Up. Officials Have no Notice of the Proposed Wholesale Quarantine. Charge It to Politics

PITTSBURG. October 28 .- Dr. Wilmer R. Batt, quarantine officer-at-large, of the State Board of Health, did not return from the East to-day, and there is some doubt as to whether the proposed quarantine of the city of Allegheny has been ordered. Dr.

and Lee would have authority to order a present proof of this superiority of skill quarantine against any city if they deemed the course necessary. Dr. McClelland had not heard from Dr. Batt since he left Pittsburg and he did not know whether it had been decided to institute a quarantine against Allegheny.

It was said in a dispatch from Phila-

delphia that the quarantine had already been ordered. Neither the city officials of better. All manufactories in Bloomsburg Allegheny nor any of the railroad or ex-

Allegheny city officials declare the quarantine talk is a political dodge and hear the bands, the orchestra, the hurdy that there are not over a score of smallpox cases in the town.

Mines Closed Down

tions in Shamokin District Stop Wark uni After Election and 80,0000 Men Are Idle PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Oct. 27.—The eleven collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company in the Shamokin district, employing about 7,000 men and boys, shut down tonight and will remain closed until the day after the election. The remaining collieries of the Reading company, all the mines of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, the Dela-ware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company and some of the operations of the other companies will close to-morrow for the week. More than 60,000 men and boys are affected by the shutdown. The action of the companies in suspending op-erations is due to the fact that two holidays fall within the next week. These are Mitchell Day, Oct. 26, and election day. Thursday will be the third anniversary of the ending of the great strike of 1900 when the miners were given a 10 per cent. increase in wages. The day will be generally celebrated by the men holding parades in several large towns of the authra-

Pope gets an Ovation. Addresses 2,000 Venetians at Rome in the

cite region.

ROME, Oct. 25.—The Pope appeared be-fore 2,000 Venetians resident in Rome in the court of San Damasco to-day and was enthusiastically received. He took to the Venetians most affably, saying he enjoyed hearing the Venetians dialect spoken round him, as it made him feel younger, and reminded him of his entire life from childhood to the Patriarchate in Venice. Hymns were sung and addresses were de-

livered, and the ovation given to the pontiff was notable.

After it the Pope admitted the leading personages of the Venetian colony to the Hall of inscriptions.

The Pope sent his apostolic benediction to a woman 104 years old, who lives in a small village in the department of Venetia, who is supposed to be the only person in Italy who has seen three centuries.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis of Washington, D. C., have been received by the Pope with marks of especial consideration.

Common and Preferred Stock of the Steel Combine is Held by 98,626 Persons.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 .- The tenth quarterly dividend of 13 per cent on the pre-ferred stock of the United States Steel corporation will go to 40,128 shareholders of record, as against 24,938 preferred shareholders three months ago. Of the new shareholders, 34,360 are employes who bought stock under the profit-sharing plan and who have paid for it outright. the labor annoyances that rival factories in present number of common shareholders is 34,058, which, compared with 28,987 three months ago, makes the total shareholders of record in both stocks 74,086.

Counting 24,540 employes who hold preferred stock, but have not fully paid for it, there is a grand total of 98,626 persons holding common and preferred shares of United States Steel corporation.

Spawls from the Keystone

-John Taylor, of Muncy valley, Lycoming ounty, died of cancer of the stomach. That he lived as long as he did was due entirely to his wonderful vitality, no food having passed his lips for forty-nine days.

-The judges of the superior court have made an order changing the time of the sitting of the court in Williamsport from the second Monday in February to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March at 10

-George Scott, the young man who was so seriously injured in the Dickinson Seminary-Treverton A. C. foot ball game at Williamsport a month ago, will probably be insane for the balance of his life, as a result of the injury.

-The ministers and delegates of the United Brethren church in session at Chambersburg last week resolved that the conference set the minimum salary at \$500 per annum and use of parsonage. They say that the ministers are paid entirely too little.

-The Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to eliminate the summer vacation among a large percentage of their employes, says the Renovo News, and hereafter they will be given a day off each month and during the summer will be expected to continue their work without interruption.

-Ralph Erb, an 11-year-old lad residing in Johnstown, died on Wednesday last of a disease which the attending physician, Dr. W. J. George, pronounced gangrene of the lungs. While gangrene of the limbs is not an uncommon disease, frequently attacking aged persons, gangrene of the lungs is said to be very rare.

-The Pennsylvania railroad company's new telegraph pole line, built between Trenton and Pittsburg, a distance of nearly 400 miles, to replace the destroyed Western Union line, is nearly completed. The Postal company is stringing wires on the new poles on a fifteen year contract. It will string thirty wires between Philadelphia and New York and twelve between Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

-M. A. Kindt, a traveling salesman, on Monday called on business at the home of Oliver Mosser, in Washington township, Lycoming county, hiching his horse to a crib forty feet long and nine feet high, that was partly filled with corn. While in the house the corn crib blew over, completely covering the horse, and smashing the buggy. The horse, however, was miraculously saved and only slightly injured.

-A large new bank barn on the farm of Joseph Gauntner, near St. Augustine, Cambria county, was destroyed by fire, Sunday, together with all the contents, including fifty tons of hay. All out buildings near the barn, including a pen of seven fat hogs, were destroyed. A number of calves were also burned to death. The fire originated from a hot journal on a windmill, used for pumping water and other work. The loss will be about \$5,000.

-The Penusylvania railroad's retrenchment policy has reached the Sunbury division and over 150 trackmen, car repairers and trainmen have been laid off. A number of these men were employed at the terpress companies received any notice to that minal in that city and vicinity. Track re-effect from the State Board of Health topairing and improvement is restricted during the winter and the normal condition of freight traffic and the curtailment of the coal output makes the business on the road less heavy than during the summer.

-The Potter county Enterprise says: "Some days ago Instice Calkins of Cross Fork went to Clintontown in Clinton county, and read the words of a marriage ceremony. The principals of the affair were C. M. Stebbins a respected young man of Wellsboro, and Miss Hattie Karhan, an estimable young woman of Cross Fork. After the young couple had departed on their wedding trip the justice learned that he could not legally perform a marriage ceremony outside of his jurisdiction, and it will be necessary on the return of the young couple to have the ceremony performed again.

-A cow that was attracted to the kitchen of the O'Brien home at Janesville, near Hazleton, the other day by the odor of newly baked bread, during the temporary absence of Mrs. O'Brien, committed as much havoc as the proverbial bull in the china shop. When Mrs. O'Brien returned to her home she found the kitchen in ruins. The cow had eaten nine loaves of bread, overturned a cupboard, smashed all the dishes it contained, and was starting in to devour the tablecloth. It took Mrs. O'Brien and a dozen of her neighbors nearly an hour to force the bovine to quit the premises.

-On Saturday night at about eleven o'clock in an alley near McCarthy's livery stable in Huntingdon, Jonathan Hoffner was assaulted by George Ballantyne and George Lagle taking from him a double barrel. hammerless shot gun, a pair of new shoes. and a valise containing various articles. Mr. Hoffner was on his way to the livery stable to procure a team to take him to his home at Williamsburg. These men were accompanied by another who took no part in the robbery. The two men were arrested on Monday. They were placed under \$\$500 bail each for their appearance at the next term of court.

-At 2 o'clock on Sunday morning a destructive fire occurred in the business portion of McVeytown, four buildings being totally ruined and several others damaged. The fire originated from some unknown cause in a general merchandise store, conducted by S. E. Rhine, which was entirely destroyed, together with McClellan's tin shop, McWilliams' implement house and Wooding's blacksmith shop. The residence of Dr. B. C. Steel, Gottlieb Sides and Miss Mollie Horning were more or less damaged by the flames. The total loss is estimated at about \$10,000, part of which is covered by insurance.

-There are ten Cuban students at the Normal school at Lock Haven who are as much interested in seeing and experiencing a northern winter as they are in their studies. The snow squalls of the past day or two have been a great curiosity to them, but they will be awe stricken when they find themselves up against the earth covered with its white companiments to a genuine old-fashioned winter. When Lewis Sanches, fresh from Porto Rico, first saw the earth covered with snow in the Warriors-mark valley as he arose from his bed one morning in the winter of 1898 he expressed his surprise by crying, "O, the salt, the salt."