Ink Slings

-Philadelphia is wonderfully anxious to secure the trade that about forty years ago she was just as auxious to drive away.

-If the new Phoenix pumping station works the present council will go down in history. If not it will likely go down in February.

-The rottenness of the Post Office Department in Washington seems to have reached out into the service in the rural districts.

-The woman who has just started the scare that we eat too many eggs must have been hard up for something to cackle about. Besides, what are all the hens of the country layin' around for ?

-When the "M. S. QUAY," the Philadelphia harbor master's new cutter was launched on Saturday "she wabbled when she struck the water. It isn't any wonder that she did, with such a name.

-It took two prayers to get the Senate started off right in the fifty-eighth Congress. The good Lord alone knows how many it will take to get the Senators fixed up right again after the session is over.

-GORMAN is starting in to shake up will probably arouse that body to a sense of some other duty than merely allowing old millionaires.

-As a grafter the New York surgeon who has just grafted an ear from one man to another and prophesies that soon legs and arms will be grafted in the same maner is a "shine" when compared with some Philadelphia councilmen.

-Why is it that months after the price of commodities went soaring skyward the producers of such were given an increase of wages, yet the very instant there is a sign of depression wages go down? At this end of the game there is never any

-HERBERT SPENCER, the Englishman, the greatest philosopher of the day, is dead at the age of eighty-four. While he was left an impress, ethically and psychologically, that will be oberished by mankind throughout all ages.

-If that lecherous old scamp, the Sultan of Sulu, should have to fall a victim to Gen. LEONARD WOOD's strenuous struggle for a military record will Uncle SAM have to pay alimony to each one of the sundry dusky dames who will be deprived of his

in his message as to the kind of immigrants there are any on the other side anywhere who would make worthy successors to Mr. PERRY HEATH there would be no objection to their coming in.

000 to the Oil City Y. M. C. A., which, by the way, is the first donation of the sort he has ever made to Pennsylvania. It is to be hoped that President HARPER and the this, but the public wont care much how mad they get if the price of oil isn't pushed up another notch as a result of it.

"-The Presidents' message to Congress, being about six columns long, will have to be omitted from this issue. Taking it for granted that all our readers will feel very sorry not to have an opportunity of reading it for themslves we do the next best thing by stating that it contains about five thou sand good English words coupled together in such a way as to read beautifully but mean little.

- If the North American and other Philadelphia papers want to kill all the survivors of the typhoid epidemic in unfortunate. Butler with ennui all they need to do is continue a few days longer those silly articles nurses Philadelphia sent." There is no doubt of their doing a good work in But- again. ler, but then there is some doubt as to their doing it all.

-The Governor PENNY denies that he appointed SAMUEL GUSTINE THOMPSON, a Democrat, to serve out an unexpired term on the Supreme court bench so that he can be nominated and elected to the bench next fall, when his term as Governor is about over. He denies "the soft impeachment" of his intentions, but adds that if the "party nominates me for the Supreme court, I shall return to the bench."

-The Cincinnati girl who wedded Washington, Pa. man a few days ago and after the ceremony disclosed to him that she was really an heiress and not the poor girl he thought her to be, is a jewel in more ways than one. The satisfaction he must have had in knowing his wife's ability to keep a secret was enough pleasure for one day, without the half-million unexpected fortune and other little things that went with her.

-Prof. LANGLEY's second airship took au ignominious tumble into the Potomac on Tuesday. The professor is reported as having been greatly chagrined because his flying machine wouldn't fly, but then the Professor ought to have known better than to call it a flying machine. Had he called it a submarine boat or an aquatic fowl the papers would have been full of his success. All of which goes to show that there is a great deal in a name after all



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Under the advice of Secretary of War Root the President has construed the fraced dhis willingness to temporize with crime tion of a minute which intervened between when such a sinister course will promote the adjournment of the extra session of the his political interests. That is to say the United States Senate and the opening of question of the dismissal of PERRY S. the session as a "recess." Webster's HEATH from the secretaryship of the Redictionary defines recess as an intermission in proceedings of a legislative body. The brought up squarely before him, he has reports of the proceedings of the Senate on | consented to permit him to remain in the Monday show that the body met at 11.30 office. The alternative was the open o'clock and soon after went into executive opposition of Senator MARK HANNA and he session. At 11.50 the doors were reopened | hadn't the courage to encounter it. Thereand with Senator PLATT of Connecticut in fore he consents to a compromise with the chair a resolution thanking President crooks rather than prejudice his chances pro tem FRYE for his fairness during the of election. A man of finer fibre would extra session was considered and adopted. have adopted the other course. One of Thereupon Mr. FRYE resumed the chair genuine courage would have throttled the and declared that the hour fixed by law evil and conquered or sustained a manly the dry bones in the Senate in a way that for the beginning of the regular session defeat. having arrived, the called session is" adjourned without day." He immediateitself to become a resting place for sleepy ly called the regular session to order and ways. It not only disclosed the fact that

TYMAN. There was no intermission in the proceedings there so far as can be discovered. Yet upon the advice of Secretary of War ROOT President ROOSEVELT has assumed that there was an intermission long enough for him to nominate Dr. Wood to the office of Major General in the army and 167 other persons to other positions in the civil and military service of the government. his retention in the office of secretary of Accordingly he has made the nominations and reports are to the effect that the commissions will be issued at once. In that event Dr. Wood will draw the salary of a Major General until whatever time the senate confirms or rejects his nomination or failing to do either during the present sestoo profound for most minds his life has sion until the day of adjournment, when fessing to abhor every form of fraud in another "recess" appointment can be legally made. That will enable ROOSEVELT al and official criminals for personal to juggle the affair until his term of office reason. We say criminals in this connecexpires which, happily, will not be later tion because in his memorandum the than the fourth of March, 1905. But that

will be long enough. The constitution authorizes the President to issue commissions in order to fill vacancies in public offices which happen high character and just reputation. After during the recesses between sessions of the such an exhibition of lax morals what more Senate. In another clause he is authoriz- can be expected of ROOSEVELT than that he ed to nominate "and with the advice and will consent to any other form of crime to ful but true. consent of the Senate," appoint, other guarantee his election. Having done that we would like to have; stating that we officers of the government. But he has no of course during his subsequent official life auth ority to commission men nominated he will be the slave of his companions in during a session of Congress until after crime. they have been confirmed by the Senate and doing so is a usurpation of power the most dangerous and destructive in its char--JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given \$10,. acter. Such a usurpation is the gravest crime against the Republic and if Congress LEONARD WOOD a Major General not withwere animated by the spirit which has made the American Congress great among the institutions of the world, he would be might have saved the country from that Chicago University will not get mad about impeached before a week had elapsed. If this outrage is permitted to go unchalleng- Dr. Wood, no doubt. When he was a ed it will establish a precedent which may lead to something worse.

Philadelphia Congressmen.

Philadelphia, brings into public notice result of an amiable disposition to indulge again the peculiar methods of selecting an erratic youngster or the fact that it was Representatives in Congress in that city. safer to remain in seclusion while within the In fact it has become the richest plum of range of Spanish rifles might have been the the politicians and as vice and crime have cause. In any event he has been amply been used by what DAVE LANE calls "the paid for his part in the affair. organization" for years as a political asset, it may be said that of late death has be- his mind to square the accounts in another come an agent in the collection of funds. way. In other words ROOSEVELT has de-That is to say within a comparatively brief termined to over pay Dr. Wood by giving period of time two of the new Congressmen him an appointment far ahead of anything have died and the two who probably paid he deserves. There are people so peculiarabout "Dr. FRENCH and the twenty-five the highest prices for their seats. Their ly constituted that they are profiigately death makes the seats available for sale generous with other people's money. If

The plan there is to sell the seat to the to pay exorbitant wages. In the event highest bidder, regardless of his character that they are commissioned to make a puror fitness. When a vacancy occurs all the chase for another they pay the most exwealthy men in the district are invited to travagant prices. ROOSEVELT appears to join in the competition or rather the bid- be of this type. Paying his personal debt ding. Whoever seeures the prize holds it to Wood in coin which belongs to the as long as he lives unless he grows tired of people he is liberal beyond reason. After the position. That being the case the having paid it ten times over by favors alprice asked is high. It is estimated that ready given he wants to make it a thouas high as \$75,000 has been paid and the sand fold by this last nomination. money is divided among the "Ward Leaders" in the district. Upon the death of Dr. Wood concerned in the affair there Representative FOREDERER a few months | wouldn't be much harm in this purpose of ago the seat was offered to JOHN WANA- the President. Dr. Wood would have a MAKER for \$75,000 but he declined it. position that he is unfit to fill, according Representative Moon got it at a somewhat to the evidence of numerous witnesses

lower price. In the case of BURK Commissioner DUR-HAM has announced that DAVE MARTIN shall have the disposal of the seat. There FOERDERER's successor it will be in one nation but rebuke the President. lump. Still the people in that district may take a notion to select their own Representative in Congress. It is the RAN -DALL district.

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Roosevelt's Yellow Streak.

President ROOSEVELT has again revealpublican National committee having been

Assistant Postmaster General BRISTOW'S report inculpated Mr. HEATH in various prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. PRET- he was directly concerned with the "rakeoff" in the Department, but that he had association with the corrupt stock operations which have so scandalized the postal service. In his memorandum the President declared, emphatically, that every man connected with those injunities must be promptly and fitly punished. But he has since consented not only to immunity from punishment for Mr. HEATH but to the Republican National committee. The scurviest politician couldn't possibly have shown the yellow streak more completely. Even lobbyist PAYNE couldn't have done

> President ROOSEVELT has simply written himself down an arrant humbug. Propublic life he embraces and coddles politic-President declared they were guilty.. Yet he doesn't spurn HEATH as an honorable man would. He consents to political association with him as if he were a man of

> > Dr. Wood Renominated.

The President has reappointed Dr. standing the evidence of his unfitness and in spite of the injustice it involves. He humiliation. He is under obligations to subordinate to Dr. Wood in the Rough Riders, he was given every opportunity to make himself conspicuous. In thus obliging his subordinate Dr. Wood may have been influenced by one consideration or The death of Congressman Burk, of another. That is it may have been the

> But President ROOSEVELT has made up they employ a man for another they agree

If there were no others than himself and heard before the Senate committee, but in times of peace there isn't much for a Major General to do and one man can do it as well as another. But in the case in point are a good many rich men in the district it is vastly different. In promoting Dr. and he will probably get a large sum for WOOD to the rank of Major General he the place. This will be MARTIN'S first elevates him over the heads of more than prize since he left the organization with a hundred veterans who have earned the QUAY'S brand of a dollar mark on his fore- favors of the government by actual, hazardhead eight years ago. But it will make ous and efficient service. That is an inup for the long wait, for instead of going justice of the proportions of a crime and to balf a dozen as happened in the case of the Senate should not only reject the nomi-

> -There are some very timely and Christmas entertainments on other pages of this edition. If you an interested you will appreciate reading them.

The President's Message.

President ROOSEVELT'S annual message to Congress is a unique public document. As the New York Times states, "the time will come when just-minded men will wish that that part of President ROOSEVELT'S message in which he explains and defends his course upon the Isthmus of Panama might be expunged from the national records." Our metropolitan contemporary might have added that from start to finish the message is a travesty on stategraft. It vania now has five chairmanships, as folreveals the operations of a mind qualified to write posters for a circus but absolutely destitute of the qualities which measures and masters questions of moment. No intelligent American will read the message without blushing in shame.

The obvious purpose of the President was to puff his administration with the view of promoting his chances for election to succeed himself. To quote again from of President ROOSEVELT is so clouded and his reasoning so disturbed by the fires of his ambition," that he actually makes himself ridiculous. He opens with the declaration that "the country is to be congratulated on the amount of substantial achievement which has marked the past year, and then proceeds to exploit the organization of the new Department of Commerce and Industry as the sum and substance of benevolent achievement. Nothing more absurd has ever been asserted.

But the follies of the message might be over-looked if it were not for the vices which it expresses. For example he undertakes to justify his Panama policy by reciting a lot of iniquities which have occurred on the Isthmus during the past half a century. There have been a number of riotous demonstrations, he asserts and nobody denies his allegation. But these demonstrations have been of the people of Panama against their rightful government and any foreign interference ought to have been in behalf of the government and in the interest of order. Hitherto interferences have been in that direction but in the present instance the President of the United States has taken the opposite course and interfered in behalf of rebellion. It is shame-

When the question of referring the tes timony taken by Assistant Postmaster General BRISTOW in relation to flaude in the postal service to Senator PENROSE's committee came up in the Senate on Tuesday. Senator GORMAN protested. "Fraud and corruption has been admitted;"he declared, "and the country is not satisfied with the investigation." He added that "those who had been accused had said that others higher up were as guilty as they," and under those circumstances Mr. GORMAN thought that there ought to be a real inves tigation. In this view the public is likely to concur.

No more absurd proposition was ever nade than that to refer charges of fraud to Senator PENROSE. When he was a candidate for mayor of Philadelphia, a few years ago, the public conscience literally revolted and the clergy protested that his life was so atrociously immoral that his election to the office would be an outrage. He has been for years the intimate friend and close esociate of all the ballot box stuffers and political criminals in that city of vice and the reference of any charge of fraud to his committee would be equivalent to a declaration of endorsement of it.

Senator GORMAN knows the purpose of PENROSE committee. He understands that the object is not to secure an investigation but to prevent such a thing. If the evidence were so referred within a week every inculpated rascal would be spirited tal by a miscarriage of justice. Senator GORMAN was right in his protest against such a miscarriage of justice. It is to be hoped that he will persist in the course he has taken until an investigation is forced, which will uncover all the guilty rascals.

-While the butchering was going on at the home of Jacob Royer, near Colyer, recently a rifle that had been used in knocking the hogs down and then stood aside, was picked up by one of the party. shoulder and drawing a bead on poor old sookey, the joking marksman exclaimed : "Were that cow a deer, what a delightful shot." Then the gun-just like every old gun that isn't supposed to be loaded-went off and the good family cow fell dead in her tracks.

-In Lycoming county a judge recently sentenced a boy to six years and six months in the penitentiary for stealing satchels at helpful hints on Christmas buying and the railroad station. In this county they don't get that much for killing people.

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Our Congressmen.

Assignments to Places on the Standing Committees. Representative Evans, of Nineteenth District, Gets a Place on Two Additional Committees.

WASHINGTON, December 5.-In the committee assignments announced to-day in the last Congress. She has secured two more chairmanships, that of Representative Sibley to be chairman of the committee on manufactures, and that of Representative Wright to be chairman of the expenditures in the agricultural department. Pennsyl-

Mahon, of war claims; Olmsted, of elections No. 2; Sibley, of manufactures; Wanger, of expenditures in the postoffice department, and Wright, of expenditures

in the agricultural department. Pennsylvania retains her influential position on the more important committees of the House by having Representative Dalzell as member of the committee on rules, and the committee on ways and means; Bingham as a member of the comto succeed himself. To quote again from mittee on appropriations; Acheson, on our New York contemporary, "the vision rivers and harbors; Adams, on foreign affairs and immigration; Butler, on naval affairs; Olmsted, on insular affairs and elections number 2; McCreary, on banking and currency; Palmer, on judiciary Wanger, on interstate and foreign com judiciary; merce; Sibley, on manufactures, and Morrell, on District of Columbia.

The rearrangement of the committees to accommodate a large number of new members in this House necessitated changes in the assignments of some of the Per vania members. Mr. Adams gave up his place on the military committee and Mr. Bingham declined a reappointment on the postoffice and post roads committee. Both of these gentlemen have their full share of work and responsibility on other committees to which they have been appointed. Mr. Bates has been put on elections No.1, instead of the committee on expenditures in public buildings. It had been hoped that the speaker could see his way clear to appointing Mr. Bates on the committee of public buildings and grounds, but the ituation would not permit of the assign-

Representative Cassell, who had rather nsignificant committee assignments last Congress, has been appointed to the committee on accounts, census and elections No. 3. Representative Evans retains his place on the two committees he was attached to last Congress, the revision of the laws and private land claims, and in addi-tion has been assigned to the committee on immigration and naturalization. Of the ribly burned from the hand to the shoulder. new Republican members Mr. McCreary, of Philadelphia, has received probably the best appointments, having been assigned to the committee on banking and currency. Pennsylvania has had a representative on this committee for many irman for two or three terms.

The four Democrats from Pennsylvania were at the mercy of the new Democratic leader, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, who mmended minority appointments, and they cannot boast of any very fine assignments. Mr. Dickerman got a place on the nines and mining, Shull on railways and canals, and Kline, who comes from the rock-ribbed Thirteenth district, drew a ooby prize in being assigned to ventilation and acoustics

The following is the list of Pennsylvania members and their assignments. Acheson, rivers and harbors, expendi-tures in the navy department; Adams, immigration and naturalization, foreign

affairs, expenditures in the state department; Bates, coinage, weights and measures, elections No. 1; Bingham, appropriations; Brown, coinage, weights and measures, pensions; Butler, claims, naval affairs; Cassell, accounts, census, elections No. 3; Cooper, railways and canals, levees and improvements of the Mississippi river, irrigation of arid lands; Dalzell, ways and means, rules; Deemer, railways and canals, invalid pensions; Dickerman, patents; Dresser, coinage, weights and measures, patents; Evans, revision of the laws, private land claims, immigration and naturalization; Howell, mines and mining, levees and improvements of the Mississippi river; Kline, ventilation and acoustics; Lafean, election of President, vice President and Representatives in Congress, expenditures the motion to refer that testimony to the in the navy department; McCreary, banking and currency; Mahon, war claims; Moon, revision of the laws, education, Morrell, District of Columbia, expenditures in the treasury department; Olmsted; election No. 2, insular affairs; Palmer, judiciary, Pacific railroads: Patterson, mines and mining, expenditures in the interior away as SALTER was concealed until ardepartment, pensions; Porter, alcoholic rangements could be made for their acquitiliquor traffic, industrial arts and exposijustice; Shiras, public lands; Shull, railways and canals; Sibley, postoffice and post roads, manufactures; Smith, reform in civil service, militia; Wanger, interstate and foreign commerce, expenditures in the postoffice department; Wright, agricul-ture, expenditures in the department of

Is a Bird Herself.

Mrs. William Robbin, of Louisville, Ky., Wednesday was married to David Buzzard. It is her fourth matrimonial venture. She The family cow was passing the house at best known Bourbon county families.

the time and, throwing the gun to his She first married Robert Crow. He died She first married Robert Crow. and she married John Sparrow six months afterward. She and Mr. Sparrow did not agree, and a divorce followed. Mrs. Sparrow became Mrs. William Robbin, but again a divorce was found advisable. After a year of lonely life, Mrs. Robbin has become Mrs. David Buzzard. She has two Crows, one Sparrow, one Robbin and a Buzzard at her home. She says she pre-fers "birds" for husbands.

The Century's Five Great Men

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, said in a recent speech of Baltimore that the pineteenth century produced only five soldiers who could be called great: Napoleon, Wellington, Von Moltke, Grant and Robert E. Lee. the mountain. Any person knowing anything as to where Mr. Chilcote is will confer a favor by notifying Isaac Dell, at Latta Grove, Pa.

Spawls from the Keystone. -Graduates of the Petersburg, Huntingdon county High school have set on foot a movement to organize an Alumni association.

-Huntingdon county is the first county in the State to begin the construction of road building under the Sproul road law. A section of 2800 feet is being built in that county

-A boy by the name of Noll jumped off the eastbound flyer on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, as they were passing Vail, about 12:40 Saturday and was seriously injured. The train at the time was running 40 miles an hour.

-The First Presbyterian church of Lewistown has extended a unanimous call to Rev. William L. Mudge, pastor of the Pheonixville Presbyterian church, to succeed Rev. William Harrison Decker, who accepted a call from Homestead.

-The excitement over the big strike of gas at Hyner continues. During the past week Pennsylvania fares fully as well as she did thousands visited the wells. The Renovo borough council will be asked within a few days for permission to lay the pipes and the gas will be taken there

-Sam Pawich, an Austrian aged 18 years, was stabbed at his boarding house on Branch street, Johnstown, Saturday night and died at the Memorial hospital Monday morning. There was a quarrel among his countrymen and during it he was stabbed. -Three new cases of small pox have de-

veloped in Johnstown since Saturday and there has been one death-Michael Egan, aged 22 years. He was a native of Gallitzin and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Stella Passmore, of Clearfield. His parents are also living.

-During the christening exercises at a Slav home near Grass: Flat, Clearfield county, Sunday afternoon, George Hudok, of Pleasant Hill, shot and instantly killed a young man of the same nationality by the name of Thos. Korencick. The entire party had been drinking heavily and after the murder Hudok disappeared.

-The DuBois Courier says George Slimmer, young man living at Slimmer's school house, located between Big Run and Troutville, returned home from Anita last Thurs day suffering from what was supposed to be typhoid fever. The doctors have now diagnosed the case as small pox. Slimmer was employed in a hotel at Anita.

-The thirty second annual convention of the Pennsylvania state grange convened in Wilkesbarre on Tuesday. Headquarters were opened at the armory. Besides the 1,000 delegates to the convention 500 more guests were present as well as many prominent Grangers from other States including the masters of the New York and New Jersey state Granges.

-One day last week while Miss Pearl Epsen, of Nippenose valley, was going about her labors she fainted and fell directly on top of the red hot coal stove. Immediately she returned to consciousness, and upon examination it was found that the hair was burned off one side of her head and her one arm ter-

-A Pottsville, Pa., employment agent believes that he has solved the servant problem. He has entered into negotiations with several immigration societies in the south to Representative Brosius, of Lancaster, was girls, it is said, will be used not only as do mestics, but also as operatives in factories. New Orleans is to be the central point of sbipment.

-Fire Sunday night destroyed the clubhouse of the Mohawk club, a three story frame structure, together with its contents, at Jeannette. The place was unoccupied when the fire broke out. The firemen found an overturned stove, which is supposed to have originated the fire. The club lost all its paraphernalia and the uniforms of the foot ball team. The loss is placed at \$1,500.

-Rev. Henry Evans, a muscular DuBois parson, who got his dander up and knocked two small men out in short order and was arrested for assault and battery, waived a trial and pleaded guilty at the Clearfield county court on Monday. Judge Gordon after giving the parson some very pointed advice on what a cultured, educated gentleman and minister should do, sentenced Rev. Evans to pay a fine of \$25 in each case and cost of prose-

-A. Williamson, a well known lumberman of Bellwood, has purchased from heirs of John Rohn estate over 1,000 acres of excellent timber land, lying along the West Branch railroad in the vicinity of Karthaus. The tract contains over three million feet of lumber. The consideration was \$7,000. John Rohn is the man who mysteriously disappeared about four years ago, and no trace of him was ever found, it being the general supposition that he was murdered and his body hidden.

-Saturday afternoon a stranger was talking to another man at Mill Hall denot when the train pulled out from the Bald Eagle Valley railroad station. Noticing it the stranger made an attempt to get on, but in doing so he tions, expenditures in the department of lost his hold and was thrown under the moving train about half of his body being on either side of the rail. By supreme presence of mind he threw himself quickly around out of danger. It was a close call and caused the spectators to hold their breath for a moment.

-An order has been issued from National Guard headquarters announcing another change in officers' uniforms to conform with those of officers' of the regular army. The orders require the change from light blue to white stripes on trousers for infantry officers after February 1st. 1904. The return to white stripes makes the uniforms the same as they were before the order adonting light blue stripes was issued some time ago. Some of the infantry officers had not yet changed from white to light blue and will not be required to make any change by the new edict.

-Humphrey Chilcote, aged 85 years, left his home in Hares Valley, about October 25, to visit friends at Three Springs. After spending a few days there went to Shirleysburg, where he tarried about a week at the almshouse, leaving that institution without informing anyone as to where he was going. He has not been seen or heard from since, not having returned to his home, it is feared he might have taken ill and died while crossing