Ink Slings.

-Next Thursday we will all be a wearin' o' the green.

-The broader a man's knowledge becomes the fewer things he actually knows. -We wonder if the Russian battleship commanders ever heard that old "Down Went McGinty" song.

-Old Winter will give Miss Spring a pair of very sore knees unless he lets up very soon in this lingering in her lap busi-

-Real estate transfers in Centre county last Thursday and Monday were very numerous. All the little creeks had a hand in the business

-Yellow journalism is not likely to come into popular favor with the ascend ency of the yellow Japs. Because they are of different shades of vellow.

-And this is the winter of our discontent made inglorious spring by the nonappearance of American dollars-From one of PATTIS "farewell" muses. -If scientists succeed in their efforts to

provide some very cheap substitute for coal let us hope their next job will be to discover a good cheap substitute for the plumber. -The Republicans have a campaign is-

sue at last. The President removed a postmaster out in Ohio the other day because commercial transaction.

-It is to be hoped that the next time "Little Egypt" and her twenty beauteous (?) burlesquers come to town there will be a sufficient stock of antique eggs on hand to do "the bunch" justice.

-In 1892 the population of Western Australia was fifty-eight thousand. Today it has grown to two hundred and twentyfour thousand. Can it be that they have a Mormon colony in Australia also?

-The SMITHS needn't feel so grand. In the light of recent developments there would have been just about as many people of other names if they had been fortunate enough to have had a Mormon elder in their lot.

-French astrologers having agreed that the skies portend many horrors during throughout the length and breadth of the 1904 all we have to do is wait and see. Of course we would be far more anxious had we not already heard that the Delaware peach crop is a dead one.

-The truant officer is at work in Boggs township and one parent, at least, who thought the law of no account is languishing in jail because he thought it best to permit his children to grow up in ignorance; rather than attend school.

-Though there were only sixteen thougrown in numbers until they aggregate and he has committed every other politicforty-one thousand now. It is a wonder there is room for them to talk in the narrow dent, who formerly professed to be a civil streets of that ancient city.

-We wonder if shoes out in Utah are free, like school books in Pennsylvania. Brother JOSEPH SMITH has acknowledged being the father of forty-two little SMITHS and if he really has to provide for them all what Joe needs is sympathy, not persecu-

-Se nator HOAR got brother SMITH, of the "Latter Day Saints," badly tangled up on Tuesday. After the old Massachusetts lawyer got through with SMITH the Mormon head had practically acknowledged that he considered himself a more omnipotent head than the Lord.

-The lynching of "a poor helpless negro" at Springfield, Ohio, on Tuesday, would have been 'one of the most atrocious outrages ever perpetrated in defiance of law and order" had not Ohio given the largest Republican majority ever piled up in that State at a very recent election.

-The negro who was sentenced to one thousand years in prison in Texas for an attempted assault will hardly have reason to feel grateful for the commutation feature of the law that allows him two hundred years off for good behavior, unless he takes the time off before the beginning of the regular sentence.

-If the report be true that Mr. BRYAN is to present Mr. HEARST's name to the next Democratic national convention it is certain that the New York journalist will have all the advantage of oratory. Oratory, however, has figured too fatally in the last two presidential campaigns for rease nable Democrats to have much confidence in it as a means to success next fall.

-JOHN T. SHOENER, of Pottsville, has been sent to jail for three years for fee-taking. He was clerk of the Luzerne county courts, a Senator of the State of Pennsylvania and at one time sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives. He claimed all these honors should militate against his punishment, but the court very rightly answered that a man who had been thus trusted by the people should suffer all the more for a violation of such a trust.

-The Bellefonte council has dignified its old "Nuisance" committee with the rather high sounding and more pretentious title of "Sanitary committee." In objecting to the change member KIRK from the West ward remarked that "a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet.' All of which the committee in question will discover for itself when ruminating among the dead cats and dogs, pig sties and polluted gutters that are its particular reason for being in existence.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., MARCH 11, 1904.

Pennsylvanians Digging In.

our readers if we failed to give the names

of those from this State. Of course QUAY

stands at the head. Ever since he has been

in conspicuous public life he has been mix-

ed up in every scandal within his reach.

\$90 clerkship raised to \$800. It didn't last

PENROSE also "got his feet wet." He in-

terfered in a case at Edinboro and also at

got a \$40 job scheduled at \$600 a year.

It wasn't much, but it revealed an

The Representatives in this State who

figured in the looting operations were

WAGNER, of Montgomery; BATES, of

Crawford, EVANS, of Cambria; ACHESON,

of Washington; SIBLEY, of Venango;

Chester. BATES needed help very badly

BEAVERS" all about it. BUTLER was im-

portunate and had numerous friends to

take care of and all of them were energetic

enough. But none of them came forward to

to resign and serve the purpose of a scape-

goat. They remained silent and let their

to the affair increases the necessity for a

Dr. Wood's Case.

The consideration of the nomination of

Dr. LEONARD WOOD for the office of Major

General is scheduled for this week and by

the time this paper reaches its destination

mated. Wood is no soldier. Shortly be-

fore the beginning of the Spanish war he

was commissioned as surgeon in the army

ing out of that war he was commissioned

inferior officer being Lieut. Colonel ROOSE-

quency that has no parallel in the history

set a squadron in the field." He had never

participated in a battle. He had never

planued a military campaign or conducted

a manoever. But he was jumped over the

heads of hundreds of real soldiers, gallant

first colonel and then brigadier general. In

each case it was said to meet the require-

ments of some civil emergency and there

was comparatively little complaint. But

this last promotion was without such ex

cuse. It was plainly to pay the debts of

If Senator HANNA had lived this great

outrage might not have been consummated.

To his great honor let it be said he was op-

posed to such a base prostitution of power.

But ROOSEVELT has no such respect for

justice and decency. He imagines that the

noblest use of the public service is to pro-

mote his personal purposes. He appears

to have no appreciation of right or wrong.

His oath binds him to obey the constitu-

tion and the laws, but like the fatuous and

vain Governor PENNYPACKER he pays no

attention to his oath and recognizes no law

but his own will. If the country escapes

from him without violence it will be fortu-

nate. His ambition is greater than that of

ing for several weeks an able expurgation

of the international Sunday school lesson.

-The WATCHMAN has been publish-

more searcheng inquiry.

danger.

the President.

A Bogus Reformer.

"Pennsylvanians Delved Deep in the When JOHN WEAVER was nominated by Postal Pie," is the alliterative headline the Republican machine for the office of over a Washington dispatch giving details Mayor of Philadelphia, the WATCHMAN of a report of the postoffice committee of took occasion to question the sincerity of the House concerning congressional influ- his pleages of reform. He had previously ence on the postal scandals which appeared served the purposes of the machine by acin a Philadelphia contemporary the other cepting a nomination for district attorney day. Fourth Assistant Postmaster Generagainst a man who was to be punished for al Bristow said in his report at the open- prosecutiog with zeal and intelligence the ing of the extra session in November that charge against QUAY for misusing the some Congressmen were involved. To funds of the State and every lawyer of conavoid a genuine investigation of that acsiderable ability in the city had been asked cusation a motion for an inquiry was reto take the nomination. One refusal folferred to the house committe on Postoffices lowed another, however, until finally Durand Post Roads. That committee reported HAM thought of WEAVER and he consented yesterday the names of the Senators and to become a stalking horse. He was elected Representatives involved. They are a by fraudulent votes and his first public performance was to acquit SAM SALTER of It would require too much space to give ballet box stuffing, notwithstanding his the entire list, but we would be upjust to practical admission of guilt.

Subsequently, and as it now appears, with the consent of the machine managers, he convicted three or four miscreants who had been levving blackmail on school teachers and deceived the general public He just had to "butt in" to the affairs of into the belief that he was a capable and the postoffice at Curwensville and he got a conscientious official. About that time it was necessary to find a man to run for long but it showed that QUAY was willing. Mayor who could fool most of the people and WEAVER was chosen. The impression was diffused among the voters that Houtzdale. In our neighboring town he the object was to get him out of the office of district attorney and put him into one in which he could do less harm. But we saw through the transparency and declared that the real purpose was to get another machine man into the Mayor's office, Ash-BRIDGE having been so bad that it was

necessary to get a man of a different type. Soon after entering upon the duties of his new office WEAVER began asserting in-DALZELL, of Pittsburg, and BUTLER, of dependent and reform policies. DURHAM in his last campaign and he told "Dear was away at the time and the new Mayor would acknowledge no other master. But when DURHAM came back WEAVER changed his tone. He said the Insurance Commissioner was the peerless leader of the save "Dear BEAVERS" when he was forced party and accepted his dictation in everything. Since then the commissioner has gone away again and the Mayor began victim suffer. Meantime this glimpse in- splurging. But when he went a trifle too far the other day he was reminded that the record of the SALTER trial was accessible and unless he promptly "got off the perch," as QUAY would say, the details would be WEAVER has since accepted responsibility for the infamous conditions which brought out a rebuke of the grand jury and has practically given up his pretences of reform. He will obey the rules of the bosses

that crowning outrage may be consumto the end. Concerning the Unit Rule, Those of our esteemed contemporaries, and became the physician of the President and a favorite of the family. At the breakmostly Republican, by the way, which are attacking the unit rule with as much as Colonel of the Rough Riders, his next vehemence and energy as the late DON QUIXOTE assailed the windmill are making VELT. In that position he gave TEDDY a mountain out of a molehill. There is no every opportunity to exploit himself. In danger to the Republic or sacrifice of any sacred principle in the unit rule. It somefact, it looks as if he was glad to be out of times puts needed restraints on cranks and As a reward for this service to TEDDY circumscribes the opportunities of crooks. Dr. Wood has been promoted with a fre-But there is small cause for complaint in either of those results. As a matter of of our army. We say for that reason, befact, to our mind, both are deserving of cause there was no other. He bad "never encouragement. Cranks make poor guides

and crooks indifferent followers. Every time Pennsylvania has "ont any figure" in National conventions the delegation operated under the unit rule. In that way it made itself felt and in the comveterans of numerous battles and made ing convention, with seventy-two votes cast together, it will be more powerful than ever. Why should we throw away the opportunity to exercise a considerable, if not a controlling influence in the convention? We can see no valid reason and challenge any man to present one. The cardinal Democratic doctrine of majority rule is expressed in that policy. It disfranchises no fully justified every charge of head-strong and head-long trouble-seeking that had right to express his preference. But after ever been brought against the present the choice of the majority has been ascertained it gives the voice of the State

volume and potentiality. If the Pennsylvania delegation had not adopted the unit rule in 1856 the State would never have had a President, for the least break in the delegation would have defeated BUCHANAN'S nomination as he had enemies, subsequently Republicans, who were ready and anxious to make the break. If the unit rule had not prevailed in the convention of 1880 HANCOCK never would have been nominated and the great campaign of that year would thus have been made impossible. Four years later, after the withdrawal of RANDALL from the contest, the delegation divided and got no credit for the nomination of the first Democrat elected to the Presidency

HEARTS COURAGEOUS .- With the next issue the WATCHMAN begins the publication of Hallie Ermine Rive's successful novel "Hearts Courageous." It is a pretty story, intensely interesting and was one of the most popular books published.

since BUCHANAN.

It will extend over a period of from twelve to fifteen weeks and if you want to read it remember that it begins next week.

Democrats Plan to Get an Inquiry. Revelations in Postoffice Department Warrant Searching Investigation

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WASHINGTON, March 8 .- The Republifor adjourning Congress three or four weeks at least if a movement now under way among the Democratic Senators is carried This movement has for its object the forcing of a general investigation of all the executive departments by committees of Congress, and especially an investigation of the postoffice department without delay, in accordance with the resolutions intro duced in both the House and Senate.

An all-around agreement among the Democratic Senators has not yet been reached on the matter, but the leaders are generally in favor of the move and it is nearly certain that it will be made. The dispos ition of the Democratic Senators who are talking the matter up is to take the position that the revelations in the postoffic department not only justify but urgently require an investigation of that depart ment by a committee of Congress, and that the extent of the irregularities already proved in the postal service, the Indian service and the land office point with equal emphasis to the necessity of a congressional overhauling of all the departments of the Government.

WHEN THE TEST WILL COME. If the fight is decided on, it will be made when the postoffice appropriation bill comes up for consideration in the Senate, which will not be for a week or ten days The failure of Senator Penrose's committee to take any active step toward making an investigation of the postal scandals will be made the immediate occasion of the Democrats for a showdown by the Republicans. The debate on the matter will take up a good deal of time and finally, if the Republicans vote down the Democratic resolutions calling for investigations, there will be a still more prolonged debate attacking the Republican position and calling the attention of the country at great length to the scandal that has been un-

have been mentioned above. Democrats say that in any event the debate of the postoffice appropriation bill will run along for a month, unless the Republicans speedily consent at least to an investigation of the postal service. If this plan is carried out, it is more likely to be the middle of June than the first of May when adjournment is reached.

earthed in the various departments that

Election Frauds in Cuba Nationalists Accused of an Attempt to Tampel

With Returns. HAVANA, March 4 .- A serious situation has developed here as a result of allega-tions of attempts at fraud in the official Provincial Electoral Board, which consists entirely of Nationalists, has been debarred from the room in the provincial government building in which the ballots and the returns are recorded by an order issued by a Judge of the Primary Court. This action was taken in response to Republican complaints that the members of the Board

were destroying tickets.

The Nationalists disclaim any intention of interfering with the returns, and point out that there was no temptation to fraud, nasmuch as the average Nationalist major ity in Havana province was 2000.

made against the Nationalists of Santiago province and the Republicans, who swept anta Clara province.

Good Sense Has Prevailed.

From the Wilkesbarre Union-Leader.

Everybody has seen at some time a horse 'pulled up' so suddenly and powerfully by his driver as to throw the animal off its feet. This experience has just befallen the administration at Washington. Last week it was announced that orders had been given for the Third United States Infantry, now stationed in Kentucky, to sail at the earliest possible moment on the transport Summer for the Isthmus of Panama. Sev eral hundred United States marines are now in Colon and Panama with nothing to do, and it is proposed to send them to Guantanamo, where the conditions are more healthful. No necessity for sending a large force of soldiers to the Isthmus now exists, so far as the public has been in formed. As soon as the news of this mili tary movement reached the capitol building Senators and Members by the dozen hurried to the President and implored him to cancel it. They realized that it ful to be resisted, even by a Colonel of Rough Riders, and the regiment of soldiers will stay in Kentucky some time longer.

The Church and the State.

From the Johnstown Tribune It appears from the evidence of Prophe head of the Mormon church, be the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections that Senator Reed Smoot was compelled to receive permission from the church authorities before announcing his candidacy for the office. This settles Smoot. There is no place in the United States Senate for a man whose allegiance to a church is paramount to his country God and country first; church organiza-tions, creeds, and isms next.

Politics in the Licenses. From the Clearfield Republican.

In the granting of the wholesale liquor license opposite Osceola Judge Love must have traded the real thing for expectation. Several years ago he swapped a hotel license at Sandy Ridge with Judge Gordon for a wholesale down in Cooper. Love's Osceola man will have to run his business pretty close to Judge Smith's rules or he might be in the Clearfield jail about the time Love will need him most.

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Spawls from the Keyston

-Governor Pennypacker has designated April 8th and April 22nd as Arbor days for Pennsylvania.

-Clearfield had a fire scare on Friday evening. The livery stable, near the P. R. R. station took fire and before the flames could be extinguished, had burned the roof entirely.

-The last Legislature passed a law increasing the appropriation to be paid by the county commissioners for the burial of a soldier from \$35 to \$50. This new law may not be generally known to old soldiers.

-H. E. Kirk and J. H. Helfright have eased the Huntingdon Journal. Mr. Kirk will have active charge of the paper. He has been foreman of the Journal office for a number of years and afterwards held the same position in the Monitor office.

-The large barn belonging to M. T. Ferguson, below Lumber City, Clearfield county, was struck by lightning and destroyed by fire Monday. The stock had all been driven from the burning building, but the cows ran in again and were consumed. The loss is a

-Dewey, the valuable pacing horse, owned by I. A. Snyder, of Bloomsburg, was poisoned Wednesday morning by someone who placed a bottle of strychnine in the animal's feed box. The horse was valued at \$500 and Mr. Snyder is determined to ferret out the man who is guilty of the crime.

Some time ago a pot of gold, buried under his grist mill by the late Christian Weidler, was found by relatives. While members of the Weidler family were cleaning house, they found \$600 in bills, which Mr. Weidler had sewed up in the mattress and bed-clothes used on his bed.

-The three little children of Mrs. Wert Smith, and her brother-in-law and sister-inlaw, Calvin and Gertie Smith, of near Mackeyville, are all very sick with typhoid fever. Calvin and Gertie contracted the disease while nursing their brother Wert. who died and was buried at Rebersburg last Friday.

-The town of Wallaceton, on the line of the Beech Creek railroad, suffered a heavy fire loss Tuesday morning when the large general store of Frank Kramer and several residences were destroyed. The store loss was total, but many articles were saved from the surrounding residences. The loss will reach \$15,000.

-George E. Koepp is a member of the Second ward school board, Pittsburg, although only 16 years of age. John G. Koepp. his father, was a caudidate on the Citizens' and Orphans' tickets for a three-year term. The Republicans thought they had indorsed him for the one-year term, but they made a mistake in the name and indorsed and elected

-The Pennsylvania railroad constitutes a coporate empire, as remarkable for its administration as it is for its size: but, great as its gross earnings are-\$132,626,416-outtopping the Southern Pacific, the next largest, by \$30,000,000 and the New York Central by \$45,000,000, the broad currents of trade and transportation are more powerful; than any railroad, however big.

-Typhoid and scarlet fever are vieing for predominance at Latrobe. The condition in the family of Dr. J. L. Lemon, in which four members, including the doctor, are ill with typhoid fever, is equaled in the family of S. A. Bingham, in which Mr. and Mrs. Bingham and two children are ill with scarlet fever. Two children of the Rev. Ebenezer Flack, of the First Presbyterian church, have scarlet fever, and a number of others are sufferers from one or the other of the diseases.

-Fish commissioner Meehan has been notified that about two-thirds of the Fish Protective associations in the State will send delegates to the convention of Fish Associa tions and Fishing clubs to be held in Harrisburg on March 24th and 25th, under the auspices of the Department of Fisheries. This convention will be held to devise means for the bringing into closer relations of the various organizations and with a view to organizing fish protective associations in every county so as to equalize the distribution of fish by the State. Papers will be read on matters of interest to fishermen.

-The first accident on the Jersey Shore trolley line since traffic began last fall occurred at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening when John, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Flook, who reside at Jersey Shore Junction, fell under a car and the wheels passed over his left leg near the knee, terribly crushing the flesh and bone. The injured boy was removed to his home, where it was found necessary to amputate the leg above the knee. It is not known just how the boy came to fall in front of the car. The motorman standing in the vestibule did not see him. In fact, nobody saw the accident.

-Frank B. Mattern, who was the son of the late Jacob Mattern, and was born and reared at Hollidaysburg, died at his home in Pittsburg very suddenly early Sunday morning. He was aged 41 years. He was an electrician by occupation and was the first superintendent of the Hollidaysburg electric light plant. He had been engaged in the electrical supply business in Pittsburg for the past ten years. He had relatives and friends in this vicinity, who will regret to learn of his early demise. He is survived by a wife and three children-Margaret. Frank and Stanley, and a brother, Robert Mattern, delinquent tax collector of Pitts-

-It was a smooth trick, but a contemptably mean one that a man who gave his name as Samuel Hill played on undertaker Alfred Simons, of Mount Union, Thursday of last week. He bought a casket for \$60 and paid for it with a \$65 check which was drawn by Reuben D. Rohrer and endorsed by Samuel Hill on the First national bank, Huntingdon, receiving five dollars in cash as change. The undertaker, as directed, sent the casket to Mapleton, and followed himself on the next train, expecting to find the body of the wife of Hill. But no corpse could be found and Hill was not there to help arrange for the funeral. Then the undertaker discovered he was short five dollars, besides the express charges for the casket to and from Mapleton and whatever his time was worth.

curious lot.

"infloonce."

We learn through the medium of the Washington correspondent of an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary that Senator QUAY is the most intimate and trusted friend of the President. "ROOSEVELT formerly had an antipathy against the Pennsylvania Senator." the correspondent in question writes, "but since he has learned to know him and appreciate his splendid ability as a political manager, he consults him more frequently and with more implicit confidence, than any other man in public life. As a matter of fact," continues this enthusiastic but it may be somewhat prejudiced political historian, "the President never makes a movement of importance in politics without first consult-

Quay and Pennypacker.

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ing QUAY." How nice this is for QUAY and how promptly he utilizes the opportunity it affords. The threatened opposition to the nomination of Cousin SAM for the office of Justice of the Supreme court was portenhe had secured his appointment through a tious of trouble. It was a comparatively easy matter to dispose of that of Justice J. HAY BROWN, whose acquaintance is limited and influence circumscribed and he simply wrote the manifesto previously referred to in these columns. But the upwards of a hundred distinguished Philadelphia lawyers were different and their proposed endless chain perplexing. The Senator was equal to the emergency, however. He has simply made requisition on the President for help. He proposes to get PENROSE appointed chairman of the Republican National committee and that accomplished every recalcitrant will be dropped outside the breastworks, not for a brief season, but forever. That will bring

them to terms. But how different for the President. MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY is known land as the most notoriously corrupt politician who has ever debauched the public service of the country. By his own confession he extracted funds from the State while acting as commissioner of the sinking fund, lost it in speculation and borrowed from his friends to make restitution when Colonel BUTLER, of Chester county, became State Treasurer. Subsequently he was obliged to plead the statute of limitation to escape conviction and punishment al crime in the catalogue. But the Presiservice reformer and still claims to esteem honor and decency, has tied up with this arch-conspirator and corruptionist and permits him to use the public service for further debauching the politics of the country.

## The Matter of Big Navies.

Mr. BALFOUR, Premier of the British empire, appears to have adopted President ROOSEVELT's idea of the notency of a "big stick" as an agency of peace. In advocating a vast increase of the British navy, the other day in the British parliament the Premier declared that "the British navy is the greatest power for peace in the world." The inference is that according to his judgment, the vastness of the naval power of Great Britain is the only thing which keeps some envious or ambitious power from making war against it. We are not able to take that view of the subject and though every now and then Great Britain needs chastisement it isn't the strength of her navy which prevents the administration of it.

Absolute adherence to the principles of justice is "the greatest power for peace in the world." When Great Britain sent her fleets and armies for purposes of conquest into the Transvaal Republic she deserved such a castigation as would have taught her better manners and greater regard for justice for a thousand years. It was a crime against civilization, an outrage upon human liberty. But it wasn't her great navy which restrained the decent impulse to interfere which must have been felt by every justice-loving people on the face of the earth. Germany or France could have easily landed sufficient force on her soil in that emergency to have swept her from the

face of the map. But even if Great Britain does need "a big stick," in the shape of an expensive navy, to restrain the impulse of other powers to attack her that is not true of this country. So long as we behave ourselves, obey the advice of WASHINGTON to avoid foreign complications, and deal justly with those who have international relations with us, we are as secure against attack without a single warship as we could be if a thousand battleships armed to the limit were plowing the deep inviting attack by shak-Big navies are for for the purpose of keeping the people poor by overtaxing their resources in times of peace and the fewer of them there are in the world the better.

-It would be singular if the Senate were to recognize plural wives.

As it is a feature exclusively controlled in this section by this paper it involves con-

ing "a big stick" in the teeth of the world. siderable expense. If it is appreciated it will be continued. If our readers do not care for it we could devote the space to something else, therefore we would like to have an expression of opinion from any who have found it of use and are learning to rely on it.

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