Ink Slings.

-Have you contracted the habit of writing it 1906 yet.

-ODELL's days of bossism in New York appear to be numbered.

-By the way has anyone heard that name J. LEE PLUMMER mentioned since early last November? -The Bellefonte Republican is awake a

last. It sees breakers ahead for the Republican party in Pennsylvania. -Stocks are jumping now but the man who doesn't have money to lose should be

wise enough to let them alone. -Sunday will be Russia's Christma day, but our dear word "Merry" can

scarcely be used in connection with it. -A New York minister wants to know if the coming man will marry. And we rise to remark that he will scarcely get

here if someone doesn't. -The advent of 1906 loaded the water wagon to over-flowing and that is probably the reason that some of the good resolvers fell off so easily.

-Bellefonte did not have a New Year's parade of Mummers, but it had enough ooting to put the whole San Domingan army to rout.

-Just to keep some of the other fellows from getting it three of the recently ventilated insurance companies have decided to give Mr. GROVER CLEVELAND \$12,000 a vear.

-The cruise of the good ship Lithia, that began so hopefully Monday is already nearing an end. Desertions have been so frequent that there are scarcely enough men left aboard to man the pumps.

-It is estimated that JOHN JACOB AS-TOR's income is only \$30,000.00 a day. Poor man. Possibly his friends could get him a job as president of one of those New York life insurance companies.

-After being assured that he was honestly elected Mayor McCLELLAN, of New York, declared "this is the last office I expeet to hold." From the closeness of the contest he had the last one came very near being the last one.

-A Chicago newspaper is fitting out an air-ship in which WALTER WELLMAN, the explorer and writer, is to make a try for the North pole. We are glad nothing more than WALTER and air is to be risked on the venture.

-Now that that very onerous duty of disbursing railroad passes has been lifted from the shoulders of our Legislators the fellows who didn't get any will think about as much of our worthies as the fellows who did.

-The Bellefonte public school teachments of the law in regard to vaccination Every teacher and every one of the 713 pupils in attendance at the public schools

-It is quite probable that there will be enough lieutenants at home hereafter to look after the political armies. Passes having been called off so many of them will benceforth not feel so frequently VELT not only approved of the bargain but called upon to travel.

-The spring election is scarcely six weeks off and very little talk of candidates has been heard up to this time. The Republican bosses have decided to run WM. SIDY for tax collector, so that much is settled.

-Judge Endlich, of Berks county, has just handed down an opinion in which he declares that suckers are not game fish. Of course this applies only to the piscatorial tribe because every one knows that the other kind of suckers are anything but

-Things are never so bad that they couldn't be worse. Even the political grafters whose business seems to have gone to pot since the last election may be able to find consolation in the fact that there are still some hen roosts in the country that are not under lock and key.

-Governor PENNYPACKER bas just apappointed editor W. A. KINSLOE, of the Look Haven Express, to the position of as- sion will be a stultification. sociate judge of that county made vacant by the death of JAMES W. BRIDGENS. The appointment is a meritorious one and inasmuch as the appointee is an editor it contemplated will be worth the money for of those participating in it and if the local is really a notorious one for PENNYPACK- the reapportionment of the State into leg- elections next month should indicate a

-Dr. Harrington, of the Massachusett's board of health, says "the majority of the people are going pure-food crazy" and that is no joke. Just take a look at the breakfast food, vegetarian, two meals a day cranks and compare them with their granddads who ate sausage and pie for breakfast, back-bone and boiled cabbage for dinper and any old thing that would swim in grease for supper and you will see what is coming of long life and happiness.

-IOHN A. McCALL, president of the New York life insurance company, on Tuesday paid back to the company \$235,-000,00 of its funds that he had wrongfully applied. Vast as the sum may appear it is a step in that direction for the recent elecprobably a mere bagatelle in proportion to tion proved that in the absence of repeatpolicy holders of that company by similar processes during the years it has been doing business. While the credit of the New York life has never been questioned it and such legis New York life has never been questioned it is probable that had its affairs been honestly administered the value of every policy it has issued would be far in adplicable. It is a well thus, for the banditti which compose the present body wouldn't be likely to give us a very substantial vauce of wlat it is today.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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rom the Senate.

We are in cordial sympathy with the novement of the women of America to have REED SMOGT, of Utah, excluded from the floor of the United States Senate. SMOOT is an Apostle of the Mormon church the doctrines of which are abborrent to moral impulses and principles, and the fact that the women have prepared a memorial signed by a million mothers is most encouraging. The constitutional rights of the individual must be preserved, of course, in the matter, however. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," is a mandate of the fundamental law of the land and SMOOT can't be expelled because of his religion. But plural marriages are prohibited alike by common law and the statutes of all the States and if SMOOT is guilty either of bigamy or an accessory to that crime, he is ineligible to a seat in either branch of Congress and may be properly expelled

But there is a good deal in the doctrine of a "square deal," and the people of this country have learned, not lately as some people imagine, but long ago that equality under the law, which is the basic principle of our government, requires that all men he treated alike. There are plenty of sinpers and few Saints in this "vale of tears." and one must be used precisely as the other in this as well as other affairs. In other words, if SMOOT is not a polygamist, but has offended against the moral, the common and the statutory laws as an acessory, a "square deal" will require that others equally guilty be just as severely punished. In other words, if SMOOT is expelled from the Senate ROOSEVELT must be cast out of the White House for he has done as much to promote the practice of polygamy and enhance the influence of the ormon church as SMOOT. In fact it may be said that the President has done more than SMOOT could if he lived a thousand years and married a hundred wives.

The Mormon church was in pretty hard lines when the late MARK HANNA took it under his wing in 1900. It was having what might justly be called a tough time, because its last Representatives in Congress had been expelled from the House and the lines were being drawn perilously pychological moment the Republican National committee went into partnership with the Mormon church and guaranterd a seat in the Senate to a Mormon Apostle in exchange for the electoral vote of the State of Utah for the Republican presidential ticket of which Mr. ROOSEVELT was the tail. It will be remembered that ROOSEratified it by a personal visit to that section of the country. In 1904 the bargain was renewed, and so far as the Mormon church is concerned, was carried out in both cases and consequently if SMOOT is expelled B. RANKIN for treasurer and W. C. Cas- for aiding and abetting the Mormon church a "square deal" will require the same treat ment of TEDDY.

Unique Legislative Session

The extra session of the Legislature which will begin work in Harrisburg next Tuesday week, will be a unique body. All or nearly all of the Senators and Representatives will pay their way to the State capitol and presumably they will sit away. But such organizations don't yield opening to the close of the session. The triumph of right is supported by constant pusiness of the body will be to correct the faults of those who compose it, for with be a relapee which will bring a worse conthe exception of a dozen or so to be elected dition than existed before. next Toesday to fill vacancies, the membership will be the same as that of last session. It may be said, therefore, that every act of the majority during the ses-

The session will cost the people of the lars. It may be hoped that the reforms enactment of a personal registration law the time to have performed both these in Pennsylvania yet. obvious duties was during the regular session when the majority refused to act disappointed. though urgently requested to do so. The cost of the new session, therefore, may be regarded as a fine on the people of the State for creating and maintaining the atrocious QUAY machine, now happily extinct.

But the most important reforms will be left for a new Legislature to perform. That is to say, under the call of the Governor the extra session will not have authority to consider measures looking toward honest elections. Personal registration is ers there is no enormous Republican ma jority in Philadelphia. It is a fact, however, that honest primary and general elections can be secured only by legislation and such legislation must be deferred until Let Us Step Forward

By the Rev. F. E. Lauffer Ph. D. pastor of the formed church, at Aaronsburg.

[Through some miscarriage of the mail the ollowing contribution reached us too late for understand the many valuable articles hat proved such an interesting feature of the ast issue of the Watchman hence we publish it When we are nearing Christmas, when

we shall see and hear more of the incarnate Christ, it is a splendid time to "take stock" that we may be better equipped for the winter's campaign in the service of the We all desire to have the New Year open with opportunities for greater usefulness and more efficient service. If Christmas

brings nothing more to us we can be sure that if it brings Christ nearer to us we will be stronger to walk with and to work nobly with the greatest of all heroes. If we open our hearts and admit the Christ to dwell there and be central it will encourage us to foster new plans and

methods to solve the leading questions of

the day. I believe, with the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, who when he was solving the great questions of national interest and shaping the policies of a great Empire, when talking of questions his ringing utterance voiced the glistening truth. He said : "Talk about the questions of the time, -there is but one question-how to bring God's word into vital contact with the minds and hearts of all classes of the people."

The editor of The Christian World says: 'How difficult it is to keep the needle of life's compass pointing toward the north star of that truth of truths!"

The noblest life work is that of him who plans, and prays and pleads with the one great purpose of bringing the prodigal back to his father's home.

Think of JENNY LIND sitting out on the sand of the seashore with the Bible in her hand and looking out on the glory before her. When asked why she left the stage at the height of her success she said: "When every day it made me think less of this" laying her fingers on the Bible, "and nothing at all of that," pointing to the sun, "what else could I do?" Oh! may we be quickened to action and walk in the steps of the Master.

Entering upon a New Year with hopes high and confidence strong it is fit that we hould cast a retrospective glance over the incidents of the year which has gone into history. It was a year of vast prosperity and splendid activity. In commerce and manufactures this country has advanced rapidly and substantially during 1905. The crops have been abundant and if labor has not been compensated as liberally as wealth has increased it is because faulty systems have worked discriminations. In other words, in the midst of plenty the fruits of industry and intelligence have not been justly divided.

In politics the year has marked a revolution the good effects of which will be enduring or not, according as the people adhere to the purposes asserted in the recent elections. In Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and other States the spirit of reform surged forward with evelonic force and swe pt the atrocious machine that had been despoiling the public for years completely every day, Sundays excepted, from the to the first adverse blow and unless the and vigilant effort in the future there will

We look back upon the political achievements of 1905 in this State with intense satisfaction. Since the election every agency of reform has been actively at work to improve the public service and the interests of the people will be necessarily State something like a half million dol- promoted by that fact. But the improvement is not a willing service on the part islative and senatorial districts and the relaxation of purpose the reform work will soon be dropped, for the machine managers for the cities will be of great value. But still think there are years of good stealing

This expectation can and ought to be

The Difference.

Up in Potter county the court and a of their county commissioners for "neglect of duty and wasting the county funds," by the letting of an iron bridge 70 feet span and 16 feet roadway for the sum of \$1,680. Down here the Republican voters, at the last election came within a few votes of reelecting to office two commissioners who had paid \$6,800 for a bridge 35 feet span and 80 feet roadway. Evidently there is considerable difference of opinion between the taxpayers of Fotter county and the Republican voters in Centre as to what constitutes a careful administration of county affairs or what bridge building should

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The Right Thing at Last

We are unable to subdue a thrill of pleas ure at the announcement that the Isthmian canal commissioners have determin ed to employ a bunch of musicians and organize a brass band. It is impossible to imagine why this feature of the enterprise was delayed so long but on the principle that it's better late than never the past neglect may be forgiven in the greater delight which attends the tardy coming of an essential incident. It is true that the work may have been held back for months, even for years, by the absence of the melody which not only soothes savage beasts but injects activity into lazy bones. But let the dead be dead, the future work on the canal will be cheered and the completion of the enterprise expedited by the inspiring cadences of the trombones in rendering the

musical masters. The art of canal building is progressive and while our forefathers may have got on fairly well with no other accompaniment civil life. than the swish of the pick and the sound of the shovel, it is easy to see that in this period of advanced civilization something of a more mephing and refining nature must be provided in order to keep things moving. The canal construction of the past long antedated the musical development of the present age and we may easily helieve that a mouth organ skillfully operated in the shanty after the work of the day was completed amply satisfied the untuned ear of the simple-minded toilers of those days. But most of the dirch diggers of the present time are graduates of musical conservatories or schools of symphony and nothing less than brass bands will move them to action.

Besides the main purpose of the I-thmia canal commissioners appears to le to "eat up" money and they must have been stupid indeed when they failed to previously discover the efficacy of brass bands in promoting this result. It is a well established fact that the greater the expense of an enterprise the more numerous are the opportunities for graft. According to reports no chances for loot have been everlooked by the commissioners thus far. The purchase of material, the buying of machi and even the employment of labor have been made yield a profit to somebody associated with the work but there wasn't creating and maintaining a brass band has been invoked.

It is a scheme of measly promise but every little helps and we are glad that it has been adopted.

Pennypacker Favors the Victors,

Obviously the Governor still cherished the hope of the restoration of the machine to power in Pennsylvania. He still clings tenacionsly to the schemes of "the most influential political leader" in Philadelphia now happily in disgrace. In other words,' the Governor proposes to so shape the legislation of the extra session relating to the "government of cities of the first class," as to perpetuate the salient feature and most vicious provision of the Philadelphia "ripper." In an interview the other day Governor

PENNYPACKER most emphatically condemned the policy of vesting too much power in the bands of the Mayor of a big city. It will be remembered that the exercise of the authority to control the police department by Mayor WEAVER last spring was the instrument by which the mawas overthrown. The purpose of the "ripper" was to take away that power from the Mayor and if the provision could have been invoked when the political revolution begun the reformers would have been everwhelmed.

Governor PENNYPACKER's sympathies go out toward the vicious. He would canonize QUAY and when the public conscience drove DURHAM out of the office of Insurance Commissioner the equally iniquitous DAVE MARTIN was chosen for the ce. As a matter of fact the Governor delights in honoring men in bad repute. He takes pleasure in outraging decent public sentiment by thrusting into public life persons of doubtful reputation. DURHAM, DAVE MARTIN and DAVE LANE are ex-

amples of this reprehensible practice. The Legislature is not likely to follow the advice of Governor PENNYPACKER on that or any other question, however. There jury of taxpayers have just convicted one has been quite an awakening among the Senators and Representatives in the Legislature since the adjournment of the regular session last spring and the influence which carried the QUAY monument, the Publ bill and the Philadelphia "ripper" will be impotent in the future. The city government legislation of the extra session will be a repeal of the "ripper."

> -When the auditor's statement of the receipts and expenditures of the county for the past year is published everyone will be wondering what would have happened to the county if the rascals had not been turned out just when they were.

Spawls from the Keystone

-Samuel E. Turner was chosen Mayor of Chester, to succeed State Treasurer-elect

-Owing to a slump in the window glass market the Altoona glass factory was closed down last week for the season

-A fire occurred at Ramey, Clearfield county, Thursday night, resulting in the destruction of the dwellings of William Krug and Robert Hazelton.

-Major B. Frank Breneman, one of the most prominent business men in Lancaster and well known throughout the State, died on Sunday at the age of 69 years.

-Judge H. M. McClure will not be affected by the abolition of free transportation on the railroads. He has been on the bench since 1891 and always has refused to accept passes. -At the prayer service of the Baptist church, Barnesboro, Cambria county, Wednesday evening, the pastor, Rev. L. B. Un-

derwood, announced that he had received a

call to the Baptist church of Brookville, Pa.,

and had accepted his new field for Feb. 1st. -About 9 o'clock Sunday evening a \$1,500 mortgage and a paper representing \$750 in interest, all of which had been paid and cancelled, were burned at the Third street M. E. church in Williamsport, while the worshippers joined heartly in singing the

doxology. -A dynamite bomb was thrown against the front door of the Giovanni Lazzi macaroni factory at 228 Franklin avenue, Scranton, at 1:15 o'clock Sunday morning. The whole front of the building and half the store room were wrecked. The Arlington hotel, adjoining, was badly damaged.

-A nine-foot vein of fire clay has been discovered two miles east of Cammal and a movement is on foot to take substantial steps toward working the vein. The clay is on lands owned by John B. Hall, of William port. "Uncle Davy," the discoverer of the clay, says that to every house torn down in Cammal three new ones will be built.

-To see three teams in midwinter plowing in one field is a scene not often witness yet such was the case one day last week on the P. B. Crider farm in Bald Eagle valley. Many other farmers have taken advantage of the fine weather during this open winter to turn the soil for spring planting.

-Lying face down where he had shot him elf by accident while hunting rabbits on Thanksgiving day, the body of John Cross man was found Wednesday of last week in the woods near his home, at Patton, Cambria county. Young Crossman had been missing since he started on the fatal rabbit hunt on Thanksgiving day.

-John Hayes Ammerman, of Altoona, while on his way to Tyrone on Saturday night to spend New Year's day with his sister, Mrs. Emma Ricker, was struck by an engine near the red bridge and instantly killed. He was aged 45 years and is survived by his wife, three sons, one daughter, three brothers and four sisters.

-Cornelius D. Bowers, for half a century deputy prothonotary of Blair county, s ninent citizens of Hollidaysburg, dropped dead in his office in the court house shortly after noon Thursday. His death was due to a blood clot which had formed in the

-Plans of Beezer Bros., architects, of Pittsourg, were approved and accepted by the board of directors for a new hospital building to be erected during the coming summer at Lewistown. The building will consist of a three-story administration building, flanked by medical, surgical and operating pavillions one story in height, and will cost \$50,-

-Jacob Hauser, the double murderer of Johnstown, who, with Stephen Fellows, is to be hanged at Ebensburg on Feb. 15th, has a deeply-rooted conviction that he will never be punished for his crime, and that the Supreme court is going to save him. To everybody who mentions his impending doom, or even suggests it. Hauser declares that the rope to execute him has not yet been made and that he will escape the extreme penalty.

-Having a slight wound dressed with turpentine cost Homer Switzer, a 15 year-old boy, of lower Yoder township, Cambria county, his leg Thursday afternoon. Four weeks ago the boy received a slight wound, a mere scratch, on his leg while cutting wood at a sale in the upper part of the township. Friends of the lad undertook to dress the wound and poured turpentine upon it in copious quantity. It is said that this treatment cost the boy his leg.

-Charles Shearer, whose bome is at Mill Hall, Clinton county, is wanted in Ridgway for the crime of forging two checks, one for \$40 and another for \$20, says the Ridgway Advocate. Shearer had been employed by J. H. Secor for some weeks as a blacksmith, and it is claimed he forged the name of Mr. Secor to the checks, which were cashed by Ridgway business men. Shearer at one time lived in Bellefonte and followed his occupation as a blacksmith here

-F. A. Dewalt, a veteran railroader, of West Newton, cannot be convinced that thirteen isn't unlucky. His thirteen-yearold son has just returned from McKeesport following an accident on November 13th, whereby he lost an arm. On November 13th, 1904, the elder Dewalt had an arm crushed on the railroad. "My son," he said, when the latter came home, "they say there's nothing in the unlucky thirteen sayingbut just look at us."

-John W. Steele, known all over the United States as "Coal Oil Johnny," is lying critically ill at his home on a farm near Franklin. Physicians who are in attendance declare he cannot recover. He is 64 years old. "Coal Oil Johnny" made half a dozen fortunes during the early oil excitement in Pennsylvania. He has always spent noney like water. Though known everywhere for his lavish extravagance, he is well

-An answer from the authracite coal operators to the request of the officers of-United Mine Workers of America for a conference is said to have been received by Secetary John P. Gallagher, of the miners' committee. Mr. Gallagher, of the miners' committee. Mr. Gallagher forwarded the letter unopened to President John Mitchell, who is at his home, in Illinois. It is believed that the answer is favorable, and a conference will be had in time for the miners to make a report to their national convention, at Indianapolis, January 11th.

Pennypacker's Cossacks

NO 1.

From the Johnstown Democrat. It is somewhat surprising to find the Lancaster Intelligencer giving at least a qualified approval to Gov. Pennypacker's

That paper ordinarily is soundly Demo ratic and not given to approval of militaristic tendencies. Yet in this instance it seems to have been taken in by the false plea that the constabulary is designed to furnish police service in rural neighborhoods where such service has not hitherto en available.

Of course no such design was behind the bill under which the Cossacks have been

The civil arm of the government has ample protection to life, property and order; and in times of unusual stress the militia has been equal to every demand. But here is a new and strange body that

hitherto has been unknown to America soil—a body organized on military lines under military direction and composed wholly of officers and men whose military training and ideals have separated them widely in sympathy from the ordinary civil life.

ican precedent and it found its model in the constabulary forced upon Ireland by the British government. It is impossible in the nature of its composition and its methods that it should be in accord with the civil authorities. It is not a police organization. It is a

military establishment. And to actuated governed by military rules and actuated by military impulses.

This is the thing that cannot and ought not to be overlooked. It signalizes the departure that has been made from Demo-

cratic lines. It marks a long step away from the old landmarks of civil rule. And no purpose could be clearer than that which lies behind this creation of a Gang Legislature at the behest of a Gang Governor who was carrying out the wishes or demands of the coal trust, the railroad trust and steel trust.

Common Sense on the Quay Statue. from the Somerset Standard (Rep.)

In view of the sentiment that has devel In view of the sentiment that has developed throughout the State against the project, it is hardly conceivable that the real friends of the late Senator Quay will further urge the erection of a monument to his memory at the State's expense, and on State ground. The conception of such an ill-advised project when his disciples where mad with the lust of power, and the brazenness of appropriating State money with which to carry out the project, were enough; but now to press for comple of the proposed memorial, in the face of fostered, would be an exhibition of mad-ness, and would bring only obloquy where honor was intended. Surely Quay's po-litical heirs have made swift and complete shipwreck of his system, and they should be satisfied without holding his memory up

What Did It?

to lasting reproach.

Philadelphia Ledger. Before the late election there had been Before the late election there had been no reduction of the state debt for many years, although the sinking fund contained cash enough to buy up nearly all of the outstanding bonds. The officials preferred to keep the money in political banks, while the State went on paying interest on its debt. Since the election these officials have seen a light. They realize that the debt. Since the election these officials have seen a light. They realize that the purpose of the sinking fund is to sink the debt, and not to be sunk in speculation. They are not waiting for Berry to come in, but are buying all the bonds they can get hold of at fair prices. No legislation has been necessary to effect this change. It required only a single manifestation of independent public sentiment. When a independent public sentiment. When a majority of the people of the State, instead of voting blindly for "party," vote for honest principles, politicians will pay heed to their demands.

Has Many Companions. From the Helena State.

Governor Pennypacker says he is poorer into office. Other then when be went into office. Pennsylvanians are in the same fix.

Making Prosperity.

From the Chicago Record Herald. Russia has contrived to make this one the most prosperous years the powder and bomb manufacturers have ever enjoyed.

Two Big Brutes from the Mountains are Coming East

Two jolly, wholesome bears from the mountains of Colorado, "Teddy B." and "Teddy G.," started E. this week to see the big towns of the Cen. al and Atlantic States. They telephoned President Roosevelt's family before they left Colorado, asking an appointment with the junior Roosewill he heard from all along ing an appointment with the junior Roose velts, and they will be heard from all alon the line on their trip East.

The two bears are good fellows, and know something of the world—even though they were brought up in the mountains of They chopped down trees and hunters

And bossed their ranch and panthers

And preached to goats and big-born And ordered that they the laws should

Keep— They boxed with chums and umpired

And generally led a strenuous life.

The story of the adventures of "The Roosevelt Bears" will be told in the Pitts-Roosevelt Bears' will be told in the Pittsburg Sunday Dispatch, beginning next Sunday, by Paul Piper, who has had a good deal of fun with the bears already. There will be plenty of pictures of the two animal tourists in various kinds of scrapes, and the story of their trip will all be told in rhyme. Grown-ups as well as children will enjoy "The Roosevelt Bears," in the Dispatch next Sunday.