Ink Slings.

-The new postmaster of Bellefonte took formal charge of the office on Wednesday and it was the 13th.

-Taxes are said to be lowest in China and highest in France, but the statisticians haven't heard from Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

-Delaware has had a sensational kidnapping case, which promises to rival that of the memorable CHARLEY Ross and CUDAHY boy disappearance.

-From the action of the stock market right after Mr. MORGAN's visit to the President it must have been a lemon and not a form session. Two years ago the cost of Monday. What the result of the inquiry consulting engineer Green though not the world's financiers.

-If all accounts are true the crookedness in the capitol construction is so glaring Harrisburg was the only bidder and the culpating evidence and there is a chance of to the contractor and the architect as early that the bluntest kind of a probe fetches up enough at each insertion to necessitate countless prosecutions.

be continually increased some one will postmaster of Harrisburg. have to investigate the matter of the by such ponderous displacements.

-From the amount of water the bears managed to squeeze out of the various stocks listed in Wall street Wednesday and yesterday it is not at all remarkable that the rivers and streams rose as high as they

It is only natural to suppose that the big any, the highest bidder, the only compet- his own interests at the expense of the sion. He was aware of the violation of the breweries of the country are already bid- itor, and the contract was awarded to that public. PENNYPACKER is not a fool even law by the architect and remonstrated ding for the privileges of furnishing the enterprising concern. But it is alleged if the antithesis is a knave. war paint.

-We have a great deal to be thankful for. A flood that ran level with our press room floors began to recede at that point yesterday and we have thus far escapedithe unpleasant washouts we have so frequently been subjected to.

mercial men don't know.

-The disposition of the House appropriation committee appears to be very fair to hospitals asking state aid. Let us hope amiable mood when the Bellefonte hospital's application is considered.

-JOHN D. ROCKERFELLER'S brother has just squealed because some one sold him a "salted mine." How different from JOHN D., himself. That pious looking oldaman would have said nothing more than to direct an advance of half-a cent per gallon on

half inch was made. This is getting it looted the treasury in the construction of down pretty close but close don't count, as the capitol is still in control and unregen-

-Since the passes have been cut out the State Legislators naturally are thinking more of the condition of the public | roads and that is probably one of the reasons that they are now considering the appropriation to acquire is worth that much and it is cerof the enormous sum of sixty-seven million dollars for their improvement.

-Mr. JEROME has been having an inning in the THAW trial during the past few days. The case is not looking as rosy for the defense as it had been prior to the time when the district attorney began to park purposes. It might cost a dozen milspring surprises that must naturally have lions and become as great a source of graft considerable weight with the jury.

-The Baltimore physician who has succeeded Dr. OSLER says each raw oyster you eat should be chewed thirty times. Seems to us that a raw oyster that requires thirty is less than when he was at the head of the is easier to get partisan prejudices aroused chaws to work up into a condition to be Board of Public Grounds and Buildings. when the more important officers are to be swallowed ought to be OSLERized before it There is probably not another man in the has a chance to subject humanity to such a State whose notions of right and wrong are trying ordeal.

-The trout at the Bellefonte batchery are suffering with sore throat. A great many of those in the public streams will be suffering from the same malady in just one month from today, but it will be caused by a fish-hook and not, as in the first case, by the presence of too much snow water in the streams.

-The movement to legislate against fast scheduled trains is about as ridiculous as anything can be. If there were no slow trains for the traveling public to use it would be different, but when people elect to pay extra fares in order to ride on faster trains the matter is up to the individual and not the law making bodies.

gating committee can be marked down as day after tomorrow, in fact. twenty-seven thousand dollars. The Harrisburg Trust Co. has just offered to give



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The little plnuge into the State Treasur-

amount of shore lines that will be effaced also publisher of the Legislative Record is majority has other ideas in mind. state printer too. He got the contract for that job in a pecular way, likewise. For ositions in connection with this matter. tion that they are able to withhold." example, the lowest bidder for the work One is that the Board of Public Grounds Mr. GREEN whose reputation as an engiwas CLARENCE M. Busch, of Philadelphia. and Buildings sinned in the light of knowl- neer is world wide was manifestly inclined After the contract had been awarded to edge and that Governor PENNYPACKER was to be as lenient to architect Huston as it ing the conditions required the forfeit of a knows his a. b. c.'s that there was no war- in his oral testimony. He wouldn't say -The names of Senators PENROSE and good." Without charging Busch a cent were made or authorize the work which compelled to admit that "under all the KNOX were roundly bissed when mention- for his default, the contract was offered to was authorized. But he felt that he was circumstances I am unable to regard the ed at a public meeting in Wilkinsburg WM. STANLEY RAY, the next lowest bid- under obligations to the machine for past situation and relations between these two Tuesday night. No one dares even to men- der, who strangely enough had changed favors and knew that he had to look to the parties as above suspicion." The incrimition PENROSE's name in Bellefonte these his mind also and declined the favor. T. machine for future honors and he wanted nating evidence was contained in his corthe order of bidders and he side stepped, the weakness of an innocent. It was the sion which singularly enough, was omitted amusement at the Jamestown exposition. leaving the Harrisburg Publishing Comp- deliberate purpose of a schemer to promote from the public statement of the Commisrake-off from the profits.

racts but otherwise are not valid.

The Capitol Park Question.

There is a suspicious unanimity of sentiment in favor of enlarging the capitol park at Harrisburg, among our metropolitan be taken seriously. It was probably incontemporaries. Every one of the Philadelphia papers has spoken freely and enthusiastically in favor of the enterprise and as usual they have supported their opinions with strong arguments. But they have apparently overlooked one salient point. In -In a survey of the distance between other words, they either forget or disregard Chicago and St. Louis an error of only one- the fact that the Republican machine which post-master HARTER found out when he erate. The proposition to enlarge the captried to remove Mr. CHAMBERS from the itol park, is, therefore, a movement to give the bandits another chance.

The pending bill appropriates something like a million and a balf dollars for the purchase of the land necessary to the expansion of the park boundaries. We have no doubt the property which it is proposed tain to increase in value very rapidly. For chase. But suppose the contractor's combine, of Philadelphia, or some equally rathe contract for preparing the ground for as the furnishing of the capitol was. The danger of that sort of thing is ever present and must be considered.

Of course with PANNYPACKER out of it litical machine. The campaign fund is the danger of such a prostitution of power larger in the fall than in midwinter and it so cloudy. But even with PENNYPACKER in the fall there would be less inclination out of it there is great danger so long as to independent voting which is the princithe machine remains in control. The hun- pal cause of political revolutions such as gry horde is still waiting its chance. The Representative in the Legislature from Mayor a year ago, and has worked similar Harrisburg, Mr. BEIDLEMAN, is still its results on other cities occasionally. mouthpiece on the floor of the House and for those reasons if the park enlargement bill goes through the interests of the people | W. E. Meehan, the state fish commisshould be safe-guarded by rigid restric- sioner, the trout at the Bellefonte hatchery

-An item has been going the rounds of the papers in effect that borough and city Bellefonte hatchery but is depleting the authorities have decided to have hotel trout in the other state hatcheries in such keepers close their bars on St. Patrick's numbers as to cause consternation to the day. In Bellefonte the hotel men are officials and those in charge. Mr. Mechan going to close without any intervention on believes the disease is caused by too much the part of the authorities, and the reason snow water getting into the clear spring -The first saving of the capitol investi- is that St. Patrick's day falls on Sunday, water of the hatcheries.

up that amount for interest on the and all Centre county for that matter, are sheriff, although it is stated that the reason \$400,000 of State funds that were ly- urged not to forget the special meeting of is that there is a fight among the stocking in that institution for several years. At Washington Grange tomorrow for the pur- holders, who have resorted to the law to this rate of going the cost of the capitol pose of discussing seed corn. Remember force a satisfactory settlement. The Beezer could soon be brought down to a reasona- to take an ear of corn with you as the brothers, of Pittsburg, are the largest share- tiller's license, one distillery being held of green we are all struggling for and the Pennsylvania church and has memorized "pass word" at the door.

The Investigation in Progress

The investigation of the capitol graft is

him, he declined to accept it, notwithstand- the chief offender. He knew as well as he was possible to be under the circumstances bond in the event of failure to "make rant of law to make the payments which that there was collusion though he was LARRY EYRE, of West Chester, was next in to make his own ambition secure. It wasn't respondence with the Building Commis-

This is the way that the business of the he has chosen to conduct the inquiry are his energies were wasted. State has been conducted in the past but able and houest. We are almost persuaded In view of this fact it is up to the memwe hoped that under the promises of re- that a majority of the commission hasfin bers of the Capitol Building Commission to form made during the last campaign, they mind the fulfillment of its obligations to show why they permitted the frauds in the would be changed and a better system in- conscience and duty. But there are so light of knowledge. That they knew must troduced. The postmaster of Harrisburg is many reasons why the machine should in- be admitted unless it can be shown that -The commercial clubs of Boston, Chi- a very reputable gentleman and his characterpose to prevent an exposure. The intercago and other cities whose committees ter as an exemplary citizen covers a multi- ests of that atrocious conspiracy and the reach their destination. When they dishave visited the working think that the tude of tricks. But we submit that this late Governor are so identical, that we feel covered the suspicious conditions it was Panama canal can be completed in eight last trick for looting the treasury is a tri- that coersive influences will be invoked to their duty to institute an investigation and years. But there are lots of things com- fle too much. It is not probable that there save the machine managers and the de- stop the frauds. Having failed to do that would be no competition for the work of linguent Governor from the just conse- they were accessories to the crimes commitpublishing the Legislative Record if the quences of their crimes, that we can't bring ted and ought to be held responsible in all though that is what ought to happen.

The February Elections

It begins to look as if the proposition to abolish the February elections will have to tended as a joke in the beginning and it has the appearance of a joke yet. But recent events at Harrisburg indicate that it may assume a different aspect at any moment and actually become a menace to our present excellent system of separating local or municipal elections from the more conspicnous but really less important November elections. That is to say, the friends of the measure have begun to think it may

We can imagine nothing more undesirable than the abolishment of the February elections and putting the choice of local officials into the intense partisan heat of a State election. Possibly we do have more elections than are good for us and maybe money might be saved if there were only one instead of two political campaigns a year. But we don't think that much barm that reason there is no bazard in the pur- is done by good tempered political disputation or that either the time or money spent in political campaiguing is wasted. pacious group somewhere else were to get If citizens should grow careless of their political obligations it would be a much greater evil and that is likely to be one of the

consequences of fewer elections. The obvious purpose of the author of the bill in question was to get local elections more directly under the control of the pochosen. Therefore, it was probably reasoned, if the local officers were to be chosen that which gave Pittsburg a Democratic

-According to a report sent out by are dying in big numbers from some strange disease that always begins with a sore throat. The malady is not confined to the

-The much-talked-of hotel Dimeling, -The farmers of College township, in Clearfield, is now in the hands of the Fraud Clearly Revealed

That there was collusion as well as fraud ry by the postmaster of Harrisburg, in his now actually in progress, the sessions for in the grafting operations in connection capacity as publisher of the Legislative the examination of witnesses and the sub- with the construction of the new capitol no Record, is one of the surprises of this re- mission of other evidence having began on longer admits of doubt. The testimony of melon that TEDDY handed to the king of The Record to the State was \$2 68 a page | will be remains, of course, a subject of conwhile this year it is \$12.00 a page. The dif- jecture, and will depend largely upon those clared it. "They appear to be on good ference is the result of experience and the in charge of the proceedings. It will be terms with each other," he wrote to the absence of conscience. The postmaster of possible to smother a good deal of the in- Capital Building Commission in reference contract was awarded by President pro making the inquiry both searching and as August, 1903, "and to keep everything tem. Woods, of the Senate, Speaker WAL- sufficient. But it is absolutely certain that relating to the construction and actual con-TON, of the House, and former Gevernor so far as the commission is concerned, the dition of the capitol, not visible at the -If the size of modern battleships is to PENNYPACKER. They were easy for the purpose is to conceal rather than expose the building, entirely to themselves. It is apfacts. The Democratic members of the parent," he continues in the same letter, The postmaster of Harrisburg who is body are willing to probe, all right, but the "that they have some mutual understanding and do not intend that either the Com-There are two or three self-evident prop- mission or myself shall have any informa-

against it to the Commission, not once, that each of the obliging bidders gets a We believe that Governor STUART is but frequently. He did his best to keep sincere and we know that the lawyers whom the matter within the lines of the law but

gave the force of his name and official position to the statement that the building was

revealed by Eugineer GREEN?

The Department of Charities.

There was nothing suprising in the statement which appeared in several Philadelphia contemporaries, the other morning, to the effect that former Speaker of the House Phlladelphia, is to become head of the proposed new department of charities. It is an invariable rule of the machine to take care of those who served it as WALTON is a past master in that line. There was never anything too raw for him. He understood the constitution and was aware of the sanctity of an oath. But in the light of knowledge he violated the fundamental law which he was sworn to "support, obey and

defend," whenever the exigencies of the

But the appointment of former Speaker WALTON to such an office would be a shameless prostitution of authority. If such a department should be created, and we are not convinced as yet of the desirability of such an action, it would represent the benevolence of the people of Pennsylvania. Mr. WALTON is the exemplar of graft and vice. As speaker of the House he was literally the head of a banditti in the Legislature which perverted every public benefcience into a source of graft and his selection as head of the department of charities would be equivalent to a public proclamation that the bounty of the State was to be made a source of corruption.

As a matter of fact there is no reason under the sun for creating the department of charities or appointing any man to the office of commissioner of charities. Charity isn't a thing to be dispensed with calculating nicety. Since the Republican machine has come under the control of the McNichols the charity of the State has become a party asset. But it can be used in that way sufficiently without changing it in order to make a lucrative place for a broken down politician. That is the real purpose of the scheme to make a department of charities and fix at the head of it a political mercenary like former speaker of the House WALTON.

-Judge Allison O. Smith held license court in Clearfield last week and of the one hundred applications presented he granted seventy-one hotel licenses, refused four and held seven under consideration. One restaurant license was granted and one refused. Five wholesale liquor licenses were granted and one wholesale beer license, while five wholesale beer were beld over. Three

State Capitol Investigation.

From the Pennsylvania Farmer

The latest reports from the state capitol investigating committee's proceedings seem to indicate that there will soon be music in the air in and around the grand palace of extravagance and graft.

The auditing committee appointed by Governor Stuart to audit the books of the capitol building and furnishing committees has discovered about \$200,000 of duplicate bills that had been paid by the state treasurer before Treasurer William H. Berry assumed his official duties.

Thus far the charges that were made by Mr. Berry against the building and grounds commission and placed in the hands of At-torney General Carson before the late election have been more that verified as cor-

rect by the auditing committee.

The members of the investigating committee are assured that the work to be performed by them is no trifling affair that may be passed over lightly and a whitewashing report rendered to the people of the State. Any attempt of that kind will neither satisfy the people nor relieve the parties accused or the investigation committee from severe public censure. It has already been discovered that the State has not only passed several large bills twice, but it will also be discovered in the evidence that parties who did work for a certain price received the money, but were compelled to sign receipts for several times the amount received. It will be shown also that men who threatened to expose this system of graft were paid for keeping silent.

The committee will be obliged to bave such testimony as will justify all suspicion without a parallel for corruption and extravagance in the history of the State.

Every charge that has been made State Treasurer Berry has been thus far justified by subsequent discoveries and undisputed evidence

The election of Mr. Berry caused consternation among the leaders of the political machine when they realized that the state treasury had passed from their hands. But it was a most fortunate occurence for the people of the State. Otherwise the robbery would have continued.

A Good Movement.

From the Pittsburg Post. A movement has been inaugurated to divert the tide of Italian immigration from a lew large cities to the farms of the West, Northwest and South. The matter is being engineered by some Italian government officials in this country, as well as by leading lettering had been free and open con- ourself to the hope that the investigation that word implies. Former Governor Italians now residents of the United States. will be thorough and the report honest, STONE owes the public an explanation. He It is claimed that the condition of the immigrants will be greatly improved if their vented and they can be put to work on completed within the appropriation. How their own land. Many of them have been tallers of the soil in their native country and could put their knowledge of agriculture to good use here. It is proposed to have many of them engage in raising grapes and other fruit.

There can be no doubt that excellent results would follow from carrying a plan of this kind into effect, not only for Italian immigrants, but for those from all other European countries. The large cities of the country are suffering in many ways of Representatives, HARRY F. WALTON, of from the fact that many more foreigners are settling in them than can find employ-ment at remunerative wages or proper habitations. As a consequence crime and poverty prevail to an undue extent. There is plenty of land in this country awaiting tillage by the new immigrants. Many such would be happier and more prosperous as farmers than in trying to eke out a living in our large cities. The governments of the Nation and of the various States might well assist in the movement to place the immigrants on farms, and a system to that end could doubtless be devised which in the end would repay any monetary expenmachine required such a sacrifice at his diture that might be required to carry it into effect.

> Dowie a Collossal Failure. From the Pittsburg Sun.

The death of John Alexander Dowie puts an end to one of the most remarkable careers this country has ever witnessed. The strength and devotion of the cult he founded shows how utterly the so-called ortho-dox churches fail to fill the religious field or to satisfy human aspirations. Dowie's converts were largely among the lowly and uncultured. It was such as these that the Saviuor came to seek and to save. And Dowie was tremendously successful until he be came drunk with power and sought to coin the faith of his converts into personal advantage in material things and until he arrogated to himself powers and privileges that every humble spiritual man knows spell destruction to his better self. Dowie was a colossal self-imposed failure, but those who wag their heads over the ruin will do well if they see their own responsibility for the conditions contributing to his wonderful rise. Sheep do not stray away from good feeding grounds.

Victors Legislation.

From the Bloomsburg Democratic Sentinel. Of the seventy-five Represenatives in the Legislature who voted against the resolu-tion to put Mr. Garner's bill to abolish the State constabulary on the calender, twenty three are from Philadelphia. It was shown in the debate preceding the vote that the force was not only illegally but criminally created. Governor Pennypacker, according to the statement of Mr. Garner, threatened to veto appropriation bills in which Representatives were concerned, unless they voted for the bill. No more infamous crime has ever been perpetrated by any abandon-ed wretch. It marks Pennypacker as a perjurer and usurper.

-It was quite an appropriate greeting that Mrs. Mary McKee, of North Braddock, sent the WATCHMAN. After saying that "the paper, like a letter from home, is always welcome" she enclosed a little of St. for her long life. Mrs. Freeman was born brewery licenses were granted and one dis- Patrick's green. Of course it was the kind near Connelsville. She is a member of the Irish in us makes it especially to be prized. | nearly the entire bible.

-The Supreme court has rendered a decisian in favor of a Greater Pittsburg. The lower court's decision was affirmed.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-B. F. Demaree will erect a locust pia works in Milford township, Perry county, which will have a daily capacity of 10,000.

-Mrs. Elizabeth Lavelle, of Shenandoah, died on Saturday at the age of 104 years. She is survived by four generations of descendants.

-The last of a dozen of drinking clubs in Altoona was put out of business a few days ago. The charter of each club has been revoked by Judge Bell.

-There is tribulation in Latrobe over some of the assessments of property. In one case a property was assessed at \$28,000 which the county commissioners raised to \$70,000.

-The commissioners of Clearfield county

are offering a reward of \$200 for the arrest of Samuel Lascolla, the Italian who fatally assaulted Wesley Straw, and who made his -J. M. Audit, an employes of a saw mill

company near Williamsport, had his left arm cut off four inches below the elbow on Thursday afternoon last by having it caught in the big saw. -The Lebigh Valley Railroad company

has given the contract to G. W. Beard & Co., of Reading, for the erection of a new depot at Hazleton, to cost \$50,000. It will be the finest in the anthractic coal regions. -Johe Sullivan, an employe in the blacksmith shop at Renovo, was struck in the face

last Saturday by a bolt hurled from a machine near which he was standing. The force of the blow was so great that a part of his nose was torn off, his jaw broken and face mangled. -The large flour mill of A. A. Wilt, near

Cetronia, Lehigh county, which has been driven by a gasoline engine since Allentown diverted the water, was destroyed by fire on Thursday, through an explosion of gasoline. The mill was one of the oldest in the county. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$6,000.

-An 8 year-old son of M. A. Wangle, of Zenith, Columbia county, is suffering from an unusual malady, brought on by general weaknesses. Hundreds of capillar blood vessels throughout his body have burst and allowed the blood to flow out. Five hundred or more of these tiny vessels are ruptured.

-A hosiery mill at Spring City, Chester county, employing over 300 persons, one in Philadelphia employing over 200 and one near Boyertown, Berks county, employing sixty, all conducted by W. C. Urner & Co., have shut down on account of the firm making an assignment for the benefit of credi--John W. Booking and his wife, of

Bloomsburg, got into a dispute over the sale of a bantam rooster, and this, with other differences that followed, led to a separation. After his wife left him he brooded over the matter and several fellow workmen teased him about it. He is now insane and his condition is serious.

-There have been no religious services in the county infirmary in Butler, Butler county, since December, because the ministers of the town have declined to serve any longer without some compensation, and on Saturday the grand jury severely censured the county commissioners for failing to provide for continuing the services.

-Judge Marshall Brown, of Pittsburg, has discharged from custody Dandea Ruggon, charged with murder. Ruggon has been ready for trial at every term of court since the time of the alleged murder, August 24, 1906, but the prosecution was never ready and the court ruled he could not be held for an unlimited period.

-A historic tract of four acres of ground in Beaver, on which the late M. S. Quay had planned to erect a fine residence, was sold on Wednesday to Miss Martha V. Ritchie, of Beaver, for \$7,200. On the tract is located the famous "Devil's Rock" mentioned in General Washington's reports of his explorations in that part of the State.

-William Springer, of Hughesville, is now a stronger believer than ever in larger families. He is the father of eighteen children, and this fact alone kept him from going to jail or paying a fine. William pleaded guilty in criminal court to the larceny of eight skunk skins. The citizens of Hughesville petitioned the court for leniency because Springer was the only means of support for the family. The court suspended

-Harry Bowers, of Woolrich, Clinton county, and a lady friend had an experience last Tuesday night which they will not soon forget. The couple left Woolrich in the early evening to drive to a neighboring town and were crosssing a mountain when the horse suddenly stopped. It was seen that a wild cat was directly in front of the animal. Bowers had no firearms but kept up a continual yelling which seemed to frighten the cat and it made no attempt at attacking the couple. A man with a lantern came along and the wild beast made a dash for the woods and disappeared.

-Aber McGary, a merchant and retiring president of the Vandergrift council, was perhaps fatally injured at the new Appolo skating rink at that place, Saturday evening. Mr. McGary, while skating about the floor, tripped and fell. Immediately behind him was a woman weighing more than 200 pounds. She fell on top of the prostrate man, who an instant later was under a crush of struggling skaters. A physician who was called to attend McGary found his pelvic bone was crushed. The injured man was removed to his home and little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

-Elizabeth Freeman celebrated her 113th birthday anniversary at her home in Clarion county, Friday, having lived during the administration of every one of the presidents of the United States. "Aunt Betty," as she is called by her seven children, 55 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren, has been a devotee of the tobacco habit for the last ninety years. On the anniversary of her birth she called attention to her habit of smoking the pipe, saying that it was partly responsible