lnk Slings

-Did you catch a fish? -Don't worry, perhaps you will have better luck next time.

-Didn't BERT skip the people on Saturday. Now for the skinning of BERT.

-There were more suckers out on the banks of the streams than trout in them. -The primaries passed off pleasantly

enough in Centre county-that is, for the fellows who won out. -Philadelphia is getting very much wrought up over the King's business, but

what do you suppose the King mustjthink of Philadelphia's business. -About one more week is all the time that will be given to those who have as yet

arrearages to this paper. After that-the lawyers. catching escaped hatchery trout is about as

a rabbit in its "squat." -There are two hundred and seventyformidable legal presentation, no doubt, to yield. but there must surely be a million reasons why they should not have one.

-Strange! LEWIS V. EMERY wasn't considered to be a good enough Republican | the "filibuster" until the full purpose for yet he is good enough to represent his It is important that a bill remitting the which is not liberal compensation. It which has ever looted a community. But district at the Republican National convention, where the party platform must be be passed; that a bill for the modification built.

-The New York delegation to the Democratic national convention will be uninstructed, as it should be. New York has no favorite son to boost and will be in position to throw the weight of unprejudiced judgment into the contest to se oure a candidate who can be elected.

-The date for the adjournment of JoE CANNON et al has been postponed until May 16th. Six days longer will be a matter of little consequence for following the plan that JoE has adopted there is little probability of more being done in the extra the majority to allow legislation to prosix days and nothing added to nothing makes nothing

-Congressman RICHARD PEARSON HOBthan the Philippines if he wants to scare its passage. But CANNON, PAYNE and tion runs until the 4th of March next year the American people into building a large navy. To our way of thinking there would be no great regret on any side were some venting the vote. They imagine that they Meantime it is worth while to stave off foreign power to steal that Asiatic sink can fool the public in this way. They starvation. hole away from us.

nor the re-election of PENROSE need figure still. But the majority have intelligence to stave off starvation are expected, of in the campaign for Legislature in Centre enough to know better and will express it course, to vote for the continuance of the county this fall. Local option has been beaten and PENROSE assured of re-election by the cities and larger counties of the State so that the vote of the Member from Centre will not be needed.

-At the primaries in Centre county the Republicans polled 2433 votes while only favorable to the President's big naval pro-2119 Democrats turned out. This result gramme, but they may for tactical reasons simply confirms the early belief that the vote for four battleships in order to incountry districts, which are largely Democratic, would not turn out, while the leaders." We can imagine nothing more centres of population largely Republican, would make a better showing.

-The New York woman whose house was blown up by dynamite she had concealed in her stocking has no explanation to make as to why she had it there. We have heard of women carrying money and, in some cases, cotton or sawdust in their stockings but this is the first time that we have ever heard that dynamite is a part of their treasure.

-If you have not paid your arrearages to this paper or if you have not written with a view to making some settlement of them we advise you to do so at once. The publisher has been as considerate as possible with everyone who has made the effort. He will be so with you, but the effort must be made and made soon. You know the time always comes when patience ceases to

-Col. JOHN A. DALEY was 286 votes behind WOODRING the lowest man of the two Republican Commissioners! nominated. WEAVER defeated PLETCHER for Register by 82 votes. MUSSER had 441 votes over HOWLEY for Recorder and BROWN had 299 over HOLMES. For Treasurer MILLER had 215 over CARLIN and FINK had 102 over COMLEY. TAYLOR defeated FOSTER for the Legislature by 311 and MEYER had 627 over ROBT FOSTER.

-Talking about bard luck AL DALE certainly looked like the short end of the wish-bone Wednesday morning when, after fishing in rain for hours, he finally got a another tack and return to reason the betbite and pulled out to find two beautiful trout dangling at the end of his line. That is, it felt and looked as though they were on his line until the boy on the other side of the stream discovered that AL's line had become entangled with his and that he was the owner of the trout.

-Why should it be necessary for President ROOSEVELT to announce that after his term of office expires he expects to spend a in selecting candidates for the different is the only hope. year in travel abroad? It is done, of county offices, This fact should be a recourse, to help TAFT ; that is, with ROOSE- minder to chairman ZERBY of the neces-VELT away from the scene the public is sity of getting his organization shaped up Easter number of the New York Herald, presumed to infer that TAFT would be left and to work at once. We should win, this issue of Sunday, April 12th, sent us by our to run the presidential office, bimself, should fall, an out-fashioned victory in this coundle fall, an out-fashioned victory in this coundities ranging is a word bardly expressive enough to deto us that this very announcement stamps from 500 to 1,000 for every man on the soribe the size of the paper which is comenough to be President of these United ticket. But it's going to take work to do posed of 122 pages. In fact it is just so big being big enough to be his own boss.



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The Minority Doing Well.

The so-called "filibuster" in the House of Representatives in Washington has already resulted in the passage of an employers' liability bill, which is something. It was begun, as Democratic leader JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS declared, for the purpose of forcing the consideration of that made no overtures about paying their and four or five other Democratic measures recently espoused by the President. At the outset, however, Representative -After Wednesday's experience the PAYNE, of New York, the Republican floor writer has come to the conclusion that leader, protested that his party would not be coerced. "The Republican majority," satisfactory to a true sportsman as shooting he declared, "will consider what measures it pleases, when it pleases," and then it proceeded to change the rules to five reasons given in the convicted grafters suit the exigencies and make good the application for a new trial. Quite a boast. But it has already been compelled

We hope, therefore, that leader WIL-LIAMS and his intrepid associates on the Democratic side of the House will continue Only about one-fourth of them can be ac- reasons why Senator PENROSE should be of the injunction laws in the interest of measures including the bill providing for ployers' liability bill indicates that these things may be achieved, and they should be. The majority of the members favor such legislation and the majority should

control the proceedings of the body. As a matter of fact the action of the favors the wood pulp bill, for example, tion of the term of the present adminstra-DALZELL are opposed to the bill and by so that it will be nearly a year at best behave succeeded thus far and there are some The 200,000 idle workmen in Philadel- give it a bath of adversity. before long.

An Absent Proposition

The Washington correspondent of an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary writes that "the Democrats generally are not crease the embarrassment of the House absurd than such a course. The embarrassment of the House leaders is all right so long as it is conducted on sane lines. But ever. to involve the country in an expense of say twenty millions of dollars for such a purpose would be worse than idiotic. It would be downright criminality.

RICHARD PEARSON HOBSON, a crank, wants four battleships for the reason that he imagines Japan is preparing for a war with the United States. No man with "enough brains to grease a gimlet" can be fooled with such rubbish. Japan was compelled to give up the war with Russia on the eve of a most decided victory because her credit was exhausted and she is financially no better off now than then. She wants war with nobody at this time and especially not with the United States. Such an encounter would rob her of all the military glory acquired during the wars with China and Russia and that is her entire stock.

The United States are in no danger of a war with anybody at this time and unless they provoke war by criminal jingoism cannot possibly have such trouble within a quarter of a century, by which time, unless lunatios get into control of the civilization of the world, war will be a thing of the past. Even the provision for two big battleships in the pending naval appropriation bill is an inexcusable profligacy against which the Democrats in Congress ought to set their faces. The time for bullying is past and the sooner we take

Let the Work Begin at Once.

The Democrats of Centre county have polled as high as 4,500 votes at times when the organization was perfect and the vote all gotten to the polls. At the recent pri- Least said is soonest mended and those yet this fact and the sooner we get down to weary before he got half through it.

honest and sincere effort the more certain we are of the victory. The chairman, members of the committee, candidates and Democratic voters generally, should remember that the party cannot afford a falling off in the Democratic vote in November next, such as has been experienced during the past three years-and the preliminary work to arouse and interest our people and to insura a good result should be begun at once. Don't let us count on what the dissensions and troubles among our opponents may result in, but te prepared to have our of them determined to be at the polls.

Labor Conditions in Philadelphia.

The 200,000 idle workmen in Philadel- prevent his election. phia have been offered employment by the municipal authorities at a dollar a day and they are uncertain whether to accept it or ever disappointing it may have been. were wisely used, of course, and that is organization and his associates are the enbe inadequate wages.

"It's time enough to cross a bridge when you come to it," and it seems to us that they are no better than he. the labor leaders are borrowing trouble for future use. One dollar a day is certainly

ple sufficiently ore lulous to be deceived | phia who are offered charity work sufficient policies which have brought them to the starvation rates of wages and they will that Mayor REYBURN would not care to provide them employment at any rate of wages unless they will agree to be "solid for the machine" even at the risk of continuing the pauper wages for another presidential term. The solution of the problem will therefore be watched with interest and the chances are that the couditions will extend to other cities. The laboring men appear to hold the key, how-

The Capitol Grafters.

There is a constantly growing impression in the public mind to the effect that the convicted capitol grafters will never be sentenced. The other day a hundred or more reasons were filed for new trials and it is said that arguments on this point will not be began for a month or more. No doubt these arguments when they do come will be prolonged as much as possible and by the time the questions in dispute are disposed of the people will have forgotten the graft and the prisoners will be allowed to disappear into; oblivion. There is a good deal of foundation for this gossip.

We own to considerable surprise at the conviction of the grafters. It was never intended by the party managers that they should be convicted. Public sentiment forced that result, however, and it couldn't be checked in time. If the election of last fall had come six montus sooner and with the same result, the plan of procedure would have been changed. The election of SHEATZ inspired the machine managers with courage and courage is inventive. Some scheme would have been discovered to secure immunity for the grafters if the managers had had courage to think.

BURD CASSELL, whose trial is scheduled for next month, is a member of Congress but though the session is over, he has not qualified as yet. It is said that he is afraid to take the oath of office because some Democrats have threatened to raise the question of his competency and thus prejudice his case. It may be assumed, however, that the real deterrent influence is the desire to have the incident forgotten. maries less than three thousand voters to be tried as well as those already con-

-The WATCHMAN is in receipt of the

Penrose Endorsed at the Primaries.

The Republican primaries indicate the From Colliers Weekly. renomination of Senator Bois PENROSE by the practically unanimous vote of the cau-from the Naval Affairs Committee of the ous of his party. Here and there his opponents nominated a candidate for Senator or Assembly, but in every district in which the lines were clearly drawn, as in Washington and Blair counties, the Senator's friends triumphed, and his victory is so which said that John Doe or Richard overwhelming that the utter and absolute collapse of his opposition may be safely own vote, interested, active and every one predicted. Half a dozen Legislators may vote against him in the caucus but not a man of those named as Republicans on Saturday will vote against him for the

Republican primaries is surprising, hownot. The conditions are not enticing. There are abundant and overwhelming commodated at a time and that would retired to private life. He is the head of which it was organized has been fulfilled. limit the wages to two dollars a week the most iniquitous political machine would stave off starvation, if the money he is no worse than his associates in the something to consider. But the labor tire body of the Republican party of the labor be enacted and that one or two other leaders profess to be afraid that the wage State. MAHLON KLINE, VIVIAN GABLE, rate will become the standard, if they ac- WILLIAM TILDEN and others rail against the publicity of campaign subscriptions be cept it, and after industrial activity re- him at intervals because they imagine that considered. The experience with the em- turns, they reason, one dollar a day would he doesn't give them a fair share of the plunder. But there is no difference between his political morals and theirs and

That a stream can be no purer than its source is axiomatic and the success of an inadequate wage rate for a period of Senator PENROSE in the party leadership minority is in no sense a filibuster. It is industrial activity with prices of food of the Republican party is ascribable to a movement to advance rather than to stuffs and raiment at present rates. But the fact that his morals and methods are retard legislation, moreover, and to compel there are no signs of industrial activity. the morals and methods of the rank and The present industrial paralysis is the re- file of his party. It is absurd to say that ceed in an orderly way. A canvass of the House shows that a considerable majority be no change in policies before the expiration of the term of the present adminstration of the term of the present adminstration of the highest type of citizenship he would restigation shall be real? men of high minds and pure purposes will son will have to conjure up a better bogy and a vote on that measure will result in tion. The term of the present administra- of the highest type of citizenship he would have been repudiated last Saturday by a vote as emphatic as that by which he was special rules and other expedients are pre- fore any material improvement occurs. endorsed. The only way to correct the olitical morals of Pennsylvania is to vote the Republican party out of power and

In his utterly absurd speech in support of the President's proposition to authorize four battleships this year, Representative probably do it. It is reasonably certain Hobson, of Alabama, said the other day that "if we would simply hold our present, relative position, we will have to authorize six great battleships this year and four more each subsequent year until further developments." In ten years that would create an aggregate of forty-six battleships at an expense for construction of \$4,610,-000,000, in addition to what we now have. In another part of the same speech Mr. Hobson admitted that we have only officers and men enough to man the ships already in commission and those approaching completion.

The complement of men for a battleship of the Dreadnaught type is estimated at 1.000. Therefore in addition to a construction expenditure of nearly five bilions of dollars within the next ten years Mr. Hobson would create a maintenance occount, in addition to that of the present amounting to the enormous total of about \$46,000,000 a year. That would entail an additional expenditure within the next ten vears of nearly ten billions of dollars, a burden which would send eighty per cent. of the people to the poor house within the time limit, if there were poor houses for them to go to. Could it be possible to

imagine anything more preposterous? Obviously Hobson was sent to the wrong clace. Instead of occupying a seat in Congrees he ought to be filling a ward in some nsane hospital. Such rubbish misleads the public and creates false impressions not only of our necessities but as to our resources. At present seventy per cent. of the revenues of the government is disbursed for the expenses of past wars and the preparation for future wars. Hobson would increase the cost so that it would be necessary to double the present revenues and use the entire amount for such purposes. Happily it is not likely that many of his colleagues will agree with him. A majority of the American Congressmen are

--- Last Thursday a small urchin sat on a stone near the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad trestle fishing for suckers. Boyd Nolan happened along and undertook to teach him the true piscatorialist art. His first attempt resulted in breaking a hook. but the second was more fruitful of results attended the election or took an interest victed may escape through oblivion which as he pulled out a carp which measured twenty inches and weighed five pounds. Both Boyd and the boy were quite proud of their prize until they learned that carp were about as deliciods to eat as a piece of

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Light Wanted.

Every little while, as it strikes a memory

House of Representatives with a cry of graft. In 1903 the scream of Congressman Lessler was more shrill than that of Congressman Lilley now. It created more alarm. The cohorts of the whitewash got to work, and, in the end, returned a report had played a little joke on Lessler, and Lessler had not seen the joke. The report went on to add that Lessler was now fully oognizant of the joke, and that he did not was asked to forget the testimony which brought in the name of Lemuel Eli Quigg, of Mr. Dobin, or Doblin, who swore tha election or refrain from voting in order to what he swore to first was a sworn lie; and of "Doctor" Kerr, who was once Health Commissioner of Chicago, and later was interested as a member of the Third House in pneumatic tube appropriations. But the light was soon shut off, and the committee lapsed again into its oustomary gloom. If the present investigation is thorough we shall hear new disclosures as to the method of the Holland boat concern. Somebody should tell of the activities of their genial Mr. Frost, who was wont to take out parties on the "President's yacht Sylph," and to feed sandwiches and sparking wine to the members of the House of Representatives and the press. And will any tell the tragic story of poor Baker, who in-vented the first diving boat, and who trudged day after day about the lobbies of this same committee room until an appro-priation had been voted to build a trial poat-an appropriation which, for some mysterious reason, eliminated Baker and turned over his invention to the Holland hoat concern? Better no inquiry than another flash of light followed by another weilding of the whitewash brush ; but let there be no understanding about this-the lack of a complete and exhaustive investigation must justly leave with the public a cynical and undiscriminating thought concerning not only the Holland company but every Washington correspondent and every member of the Naval Affairs Com-Truth About the Filibuster

From the Johnstown Democrat. While there is much talk conserved the Democratio filibuster, the real fact of the matter is that the systematic filibuster has been conducted by the Republican majority in the house of representatives and aided of adjourning on the 20th of May ; and yet not one committee has reported any legislation of general importance. What the Democrats in the house are trying to do now, and what they are being denounced by ignorant critics for doing, is to stop trivial legislation by the majority and to compel important legislation. John Sharp Williams has offered to the Republican majority the support of the Democratic side of the house to put into effect the presidents program for legislation. ceiving no response, he and his associates have declared that unless important legis-lation shall be effected nothing shall be

What is the answer? Not that the Re publicans under the leadership of Speaker Cannon and the Messrs. Payne and Dalzell will bring in any important measures, but that by their control of the house they will bring in a rule of order which will prevent the Democrats from interfering with trivial business the Republicans are willing to transact. That is a very insufficient response. As Mr. Williams said : if they do not wish delay, do they not dis charge business?

Want Tariff Revision Now.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

The more Vice President Fairbanks letter to the Indiana Republicans is studied the clearer it becomes that the cocktail statesman is fully persuaded in his own mind that if the Republicans of the present congress do not revise the tariff they will not have a chance to revise it at all. the vice president bluntly alludes to the possibility that the Democrats will control the next congress and he manifestly believes that it is much more than a possibility. He must feel it as a moral certainty or he would boldly have made the same assumption that Roosevelt and Taft and all the rest have made when they have prom ized revision by the next congress. If they do not control the next congress they cannot revise the tariff. That will be done by its enemies, not by its freinds. Hence sitting congress do the work. He believes that if a revision were made before March 4th next the Democrats would feel con-strained by political considerations to let it stand even though they should be in full control except in the senate; and so the protection graft would be safe for another wo or three or four years. It is a great scheme and there is some likelihood that it will find wide favor among both stand-patters and revisionists. For once Fair-banks has set the pace. Now let us see whether Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Taft and Mr. Cannon will fall in.

Newspapers as Business Ventures.

Considered as a manufacturing business newspaper making is enormously hazardo aurdly unremunerative. With other manufacturing concerns, the rule is that if they don't make profits they quit, but that is not the rule with newspapers. They always have moral and political reasons for clinging to life long, long after there has ceased to be any pecuniary warrant for it. A newspaper in these days is about as likely to declare a dividend as a church is. Competition between papers is intense, the the West Susquehanna Classis of the Re. price of nearly all of them is too low, the cost of white paper and manufacture too formed church will be held in St. Andrew's high, and they give a great deal too much States there should be no question of his so; there is no use of shutting our eyes to that an ordinary individual would grow church, Coburn, May 6th to 10th, inclufor the one meager cent that most of them

Spawls from the Keystone

-Ground has been broken for a large open air theatre in Latrobe with a seating capacity of about 1,700 persons.

-Philipsburg reports the finding of a fine deposit of fire clay near that town which is promised to surpass the Morgan Run deposit in quality and quantity.

-The Central Pennsylvania Light and Power Co., of Clearfield, on Wednesday filed an increase of stock to \$100,000 at the State Department. The total increase was \$70,000.

-The Huntingdon Grange Trust company closed the first year of its organization on Wednesday with over \$100,000 on deposit. The company has, however, only been doing business since January 2nd.

-Announcement was made Monday that several departments of the Cambria Steel company will resume operation this week, following a three months, suspension, afford. ing employment to 1,500 men.

-The county commissioners of Lycoming county will soon begin the erection of nine bridges throughout the county. Nearly all of them will be one-span structures across small streams in the country districts.

-Big fires are devastating miles of woodland on the mountains near Wilkesbarre and are now threatening Oliver's powder mills, at Laurel run, and the summer cottages of a number of Wilkesbarreans on top of Wilkes-

-The elders and trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Jeannette on Sunday asked the congregation for \$3,750 to pay for a lot for a new church and in twenty minutes \$4,360 was subscribed. The plan is to erect a church next year to cost \$30,000.

-Saxton furnace No. 2, of which Joseph E. Thropp Jr., is general manager, has resumed operations. The big furnace was banked on January 23rd and at 11 o'clock on Friday night the blast was again put on. The Earlston furnace is still out of blast.

-In the craw of an old chicken which Mrs. Robert Sprankle, of Hanover, York county, was cleaning on Monday, she found a silver dime worn quite smooth, no doubt by the part it had played for a long time with a few pebbles in aiding the fowl to grind its

-The gentlemen who own and operate the Juniata Extract works at Mount Union are about to begin the erection of an immense modern tannery in connection with their extract works. It is intended to work 200 hides a day and will employ 100 to 125 men when built.

-The Bilger brothers, at Arctic Springs, will put in a portable mill this spring and saw the balance of the timber standing on the lands of the estate, embracing about 400,-000 feet. The lumber business is not a new thing to the Bilger boys, who will be able to cut, saw and market this timber to the very best advantage.

-A mass meeting of all the labor unions of Harrisburg is to be held in that city on the evening of April 20th, at which the Hepburn amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law will be discussed. Prominent labor leaders ill make addresses. It is said simila meetings will be held in different parts of the State on the same day.

-Jacob R. Ritter, a well-known cabinet maker, of Reading, who about a year ago completed his coffin and exhibited it at the Berks county fair, has now completed all arrangements for his demise. He received his shroud, a white one. Monday. It was made by a friend of Mr. Ritter's, and is of white silk and of the best material.

-The heavy wind storm which passed over the State Saturday evening did much damage. In Schuylkill county many barns and small buildings were blown down. At St. Clairsville a house in course of construction went to bits. In the vicinity of Norristown thousands of dollars worth of damage was done, including the unroofing of houses and churches.

-Gettysburg has been selected as the site of the next division encampment of the National Guard by a committee of the Shigh officers of the guard who spent a day at the battlefield. The site will be on the scene of the third day's battle on the historic field, the infantry occupying the same sites as in 1904. The date will be selected later, but it is certain that the encampment will be held the latter part of July.

-The miners who have recently been employed in the Scootac region and who dig clay for the Lock Haven brick works, but have lately been idle, resumed operation Monday morning and a full force went to work. This, like several other mines and industries in that section that have within a fortnight commenced operations, will give employment to about all the men who have temporarily been out of work.

-It is now stated that the Lake Shore will actually proceed this year with the construction of the Franklin & Clearfield road. The line intended to effect a short cut between the Lake Shore and other New York Central lines and the authracite territory of the Reading. In case traffic arrangements are made with other roads between; Brookville and Clearfield, it will be only necessary to build a line from Du Bois to Clearfield.

-The State armory board Monday evening opened bids for construction of buildings in Williamsport and Pine Grove. Bennett & Woodnut, Williamsport, were low; bidders on the Williamsport building, which will be a drill hall, at \$25,675. Samuel Larrivee, of Williamsport, was next at \$26,704.26. David Buffamoyer & Son, Lebanon, was low bidder on Pine Grove, at \$12,210. The members took the bids under consideration and will make awards later.

-At the meeting of the ex-members of the Fifth regiment of Spanish-American War veterans, held in the Altoona company's market house Monday night, the \$different committees reported that the affairs were progressing favorably. The committee that is looking for a hall where the meeting is to be held during the reunion, reported that it had several in view and called upon the owners Monday to see what arrangements could be made. Replies are being received daily from the different members of the regiment, saying that they will be present at the reunion on April 27th.