-Is the rain holding off for the great Centre county fair ?

-Don't forget that your taxes must be paid by Oct. 3rd or you can't vote. -The campaign is fairly well under way now, but it is too dry for much mud sling-

-Vote for SMITH for sheriff and put a man in office who looks like a sheriff ought to look

-From the tune of the metropolitan papers these days one would infer that HEARST and ROOSEVELT are the candidates

for President. -Seeing that they are only Academy boys the lads that gave State the hook on Saturday had a right to celebrate a little Monday evening.

-DUNLAP and WEAVER have been outting down the county debt very rapidly. Keep them at it. Don't swap horses in the middle of the stream.

-It is a little early to make predictions, but you can paste this in your hat right now. MEYER will have a majority of at least eight hundred in the county.

-The way Mr. BRYAN has them all up in the air makes it appear as though that old 16 to 1 Shibboleth might be heard again in November. That is, sixteen BRYAN electors to one for TAFT.

-That Bucyrus, Ohio, farmer-who has reported that it has been so dry and hot out there that his pop corn actually popped on the stalks before he could get it husked ought to be in this Standard Oil squabble. Some of those excited worthies would call him what he is quick enough.

-A few drops of rain fell yesterday morning and for awhile we had hopes, but they were all blasted by ten o'clock when the sun tried to peep out through the smoke that has overhung the county for weeks. Thus even the change of the moon has been as disappointing as was the Granger's picnic.

-Well, it is just as we expected. TEDDY has jumped into the game and now TAFT, HITCHCOCK and all the rest of the fellows who thought they had something to do leaders of his party. They are all hitched with the Republican national campaigo find out that they are mere pin-head politicians when the great swinger of the "big paign four years ago begged HARRIMAN to stick" begins to do business.

-Because the husks on the corn are very thin it is said we are to have an open win- the venal managers of the insurance comter. Because the weeds are so high it is panies. But it served the purpose as well said the snows will be many and deep. as if it had been obtained from the church-Thus do the signs of the times conflict and es and Sunday schools. TAFT probably leave the unweatherwise to abide what knew a year ago that FORAKER was milkcomes with the consciousness that what- ing the Standard Oil company but thought ever it may be it will be best for us.

-Why all this talk about what Mr. TAFT has done? What has TAFT done? He has held office nearly all his life and has never been elected to anything. He comes of an office-hunting family, all of them baving been appointed and none elected. Mr. TAFT has never done anything to arouse even comment except when as a judge he issued the first injunction ever issued out of a court against labor. No, when it comes to having done things, Mr. TAFT has nothing on Mr. BRYAN.

-That proverbial little bird that seems to find out all things told us that chairman HARRY KELLER and the other local tear five thousand of his good round simoleans right out of his inside pocket. But the congested gentleman from Sinnamareally got only four hundred. He told them that he didn't expect much from Centre county, which was very nice of him because it will be so easy to fulfill his expectations. In fact, just as easy with four hundred as it would have been with five thous-

-Are you on Mr. TAYLOR'S special list? While talking with a gentleman a few days ago as to how his chances appeared in a certain district, the young legislative candidate was told that several Democrats were going to vote for him. Then he asked whether any Republicans were going to vote against him. Upon being told that some were, with that characteristic manner of his, he handed his informer a little pass book and said : Here I want you to write down in there every ---a Republican that is going to vote against me. Are you on any of these lists? Of course it is really none of our business, but it is interesting to know just how Mr. TAYLOR regards those of his party who do not intend supporting him.

-The average man considers his own interests first, especially when the question at issue affects his living expenses. That is the question at issue in the contest for commissioners of Centre county. It is a question now whether the old board shall be re-elected or a new one put in its place. It isn't much of a question, after all, for the prudent man will prefer to take no chances on a change when the present administration of the office is as economical as it is. When Messrs. DUNLAP and WEAVER went into office three years ago the trout in the mountain streams. Many of fact ROOSEVELT has not only shown that which appears the pictures of all the Republic properties run down. They have thousands of trout were left stranded and traducer but that TAFT is little better. served three years, reducing the indebted- died. This was especially the case with ness materially and improving the public small trout from three to six inches in property everywhere. Under such circum- size, the larger ones seeming to possess stances it would be entirely without warrant to make a change.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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The Republican managers are thorough-

ly alarmed. The election in Vermont was

tions were held. In fact the ratio of gains

that but if carried into other States it

electoral votes of Illinois, Iowa, Wiscon

sin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Colifornia,

Jersey, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

Of course the ratio won't be maintained

in all the States named. The Republicans

will flood the country with money and

try to buy the election. President Roose-

VELT can't afford to allow Mr. BRYAN to

be elected. It will be remembered that

by entering the lobby and buying votes

with promises of patronage. It was whis-

pered about that the President had paid

for some of his imperial special trains by

giving contracts to carry mails at exorbi-

tant prices. He choked off the investigation

to prevent the exposure of that iniquity.

He is now afraid that the election of

BRYAN will reveal all the facts. He in-

sisted on naming the Republican candidate

because he wanted to make concealment

With President ROOSEVELT's consent and

connivance there will be a saturnalia of cor-

ruption at the coming election that has

never had a parallel in this country. It is

necessary in order to carry out the plans of

the Republican machine which contem-

plate the election of TAFT this year and

the nomination and election of ROOSEVELT

as his successor. It is necessary to ROOSE-

VELT's personal safety that this programme

be carried out. The people must be im-

poverished by tax burdens. The army and

pavy must be increased so as to make the

subjugation of the people absolutely sure

clean sweep," but a landslide.

Foraker as a Sacrifice.

That Senator FORAKER was an agent of the Standard Oil company in Congress has been proved by documentary evidence. He accepted big fees of the company and favored such legislation as it wanted and opposed such as its officers regarded as inimical. The recent exposure of these facts has driven FORAKER out of the present campaign. He declined to appear with TAFT at a meeting in Cincinnati on Monday on this account. He has practically withdrawn from public life in consequence of this exposure. He even admits his guilt taking himself out of the limelight he end be is faithful to his client, the Standard Oil company.

But Senator FORAKER is no worse than his associates in the leadership of the Republican party. Senator ALDRICH, of genuine Democrats recognize what Mr. Rhode Island; Treasurer SHELDON, of the Cleveland, if living, would have written as Republican National committee ; E. T. STOTESBURY, the financial agent of the party in Pennsylvania, and Mr. DuPont, of Delaware, are quite as deeply involved as FORAKER. Why, therefore, is the Ohioan to be made a sacrifice? Why is FORAKER to be humiliated and disgraced? Because the interests of the Standard Oil company require the election of TAFT and FORAKER ers the expansion of constructive work. as counsel for the company is willing to submit to the operation. As a lawyer he is faithful to his client even though so his enunciation of the Federal duty to stop great a sacrifice is involved.

But the Republican machine is not deceiving the public by the lame and impotent subterfuge of sacrificing FORAKER. While HITCHCOCK, SHELDON and STOTES-BURY are in control nobody of intelligence will be fooled by the abnegation of FOR-AKER. The political morality of Pennsylvania gained nothing by the death of QUAY. The party was as bad after that event as before, and the party will be as bad after FORAKER has been thrown out of the campaign as it was while TAFT and all his iniquities were enticing him into the support of the ticket. A leopard cannot change its spots and a political conspiracy is not likely to appear as a patriotic organiza-

The State is Encouraging It.

When the Legislature passed the ap-State it was done as an incentive to build a thorough organization in watching up such institutions because they are a important end of the business, as it is its good thing. The appropriation has enabled | habit to have in all its departments. Orthe Great Centre County Fair management ganization has been its strong point, and President ROOSEVELT'S last letter in to offer higher premiums for exhibits of costly lobby and cutting out work for it to behalf of TAFT, is probably the most ex- stock and farm products and if you don't do. It is a very important and interesting traordinary incident in the public life of grasp the opportunity that is presented to revelation that these letters make, and the country. It is a vicious and vindictive you this year it will be your own fault. For very little trouble and practically no

pittiful. Senator FORAKER, who has expense a number of people were awarded practically confessed sinister relations with premiums aggregating from twenty to fifty the Standard Oil company, is the subject of dollars last year. The exhibits they made this assault. TAFT himself was more probably did not have as much merit as decent. "If it would win me every vote articles of the same kind that you have led to the establishment of a rate of wages in the United States," he is reported to grown or raised. But theirs were at the here that has greatly enhanced the standard of living of the laboring man." What

The idea of the fair is to promote bound and gagged, if the assault would shop and through this rivalry to improve serve his purpose. He hasn't the vestige of manliness. He is an arrant coward and a bly don't know it but the Centre county workers of New York's East Side? fair has already done more to make chicken But even if his abhorrent methods of raising in this community more of a pleaswarfare were justified his attack on For- ure and a profit, by improving breeds and AKER is weak and ineffective. For examinoiting fanciers on to greater perfection ple he declares that over a year ago TAFT in their strains, than had been accomplishwrote a letter reflecting on the Ohio Sen- ed in an bundred years before the fair

What it has done for the chickens it can be kept in concealment until its publica- do for the cattle, the horses, the farm, gartion became necessary. During all the den and household products. That is, if intervening months nothing was said about the recople become interested. The idea of it until it appeared to ROOSEVELT that a the fair is not to make money. It never fool the people? COCK was big enough for a small job. If quarrel with FORAKER would be more has done it and probably never will. But profitable from a party standpoint than an if it succeeds in bettering the agriculture, alliance. Then he sprung the letter and the horticulture, the domestic arts, the indicated that it served a year as an instru- manufactures of the county it will fulfill ment of blackmail and was used when the its mission to the entire satisfaction of its

Won't you, then, lend your assistan by exhibiting something. Anything you Ever since the nomination of TAFT his have that has merit in its class might help some one else to do his work a little better tion with FORAKER and finally about two if he sees how well yours is done. Think weeks ago a meeting between them was of this phase of the fair. Ponder over it arranged at Toledo. We all remember well and possibly you will come to the how ostentationsly they exchanged pro- conclusion that it could be made the greatest boon the county has ever had if you all

-The Republicans have opened up a July, 1907, to which ROOSEVELT refers in working room on the third floor of Temple his preposterous screed of Tuesday morning Court where Comrade SAMUEL MILLER is the man-of-all-work handing out campaign FORAKER was a political outlaw but was literature, which includes a lot of stale speeches culled from the Congressiona for his own aggrandizement. As a matter Record and that wonderful art poster on the county was very much in debt and the of the small streams have gone dry and he is himself a contemptible and cowardly publican candidates to be voted for in the county, from TAFT down to Dr. HUFF : ome of whose chances might have been better if their mugs were not on the

Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Richard Olney Writes.

From the Pittsburg Post. Mr. Taft has been betraying a necessitous fondness for diverting attention from current issues affecting the people's present welfare by voluminous reference to pas questions that were supplanted or settled by ordinary evolution of events. His

proneness toward the past, his eagerness

modern days ought to find satiety upon his

perusal of the letter of Richard Olney, ex-

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secretary of state under Grover Cleveland. He will find the "ex" the liveliest wire he ver encountered.

Mr. Olney deftly removes the skin from Mr. Roosevelt and his fantasies, and while while protesting his innocence. But in taking himself out of the limelight he pleads for the election of TAFT. To the united party to march onward to a now assured triumph. There are no stragglers

or deserters. Both wings flap together. Mr. Olney does not deign to mention a spurious document foisted by some buck-ster upon the seducible Taft organs, but quickly as they have detected the earmaaks of a now discarded forgery.

One point Mr. Olney makes deserves special mention. To the slur of luck of

constructive promise or suggestion by Democrats, he answers that plunging headlong in the wrong direction must first be checked before traveling in the right can begin. So our constitution provides checks and balances and leaves to appointed pow-Every plea for Mr. Taft receives its quietus mob violence in Chicago.

Foraker in Trouble.

The Republican journals do not like Hearst's disclosures of the Standard Oil's letter to Senator Foraker, which seem to prove clearly enough that he had been in their service in the Senate and in their pay. We may assume that these letters are genuine, both because it would be too dangerous for Hearst otherwise to publish them, and because the Republican press would otherwise have no inclination to overlook them. They show, however, satellites, with the full knowledge of his clearly the close relations between the senator and the Standard Oil official who as succeeded to the supreme direction of that corporation, it is understood, since its circle of ruling elders has been so reduced by physicial decay; and leave no room to doubt that Senator Foraker is a kingpin in the organization's congressional wagon.

They show, furthermore, the elaborate-

ness with which this vehicle is equie ed for the work given it to do, and how closely legislation is watched that touches Standard Oil interests. It manifestly we see that it has not omitted using a their publication apparently will suffice to put Senator Foraker out of public pusiness.

Taft and Wages.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

In his speech of acceptance, Taft says rate of wages does he mean and what standard of living? According to the protective theory, the cotton mill operatives carnage had no such compunctions. He would strike a man if he was down and things of the farm, garden, home and work- workers. Is Taft speaking of the wages of southern and New England cotton mill operatives? Is he speaking of the standard

If Republican protection protects, estab-lishes wages and a standard of living, why are the wages of unprotected bricklayers bigher than the wages of protected garment workers? Why are the wages of highly protected pottery workers lower than the

wages of unprotected carpenters?

If protection fixes high wages, why are wages in the same lines of protected in-dustry different in different parts of the country? If protection insures high wages, why are there so many strikes against wage reductions and why are there so many wage reductions? Is Mr. Taft trying to

Taft's Inconsistency.

From the Rochester (N. Y.) Herald It will have to be allowed that in one It will have to be allowed that in one respect Mr. Taft is inconsistent. In his speech of acceptance he put himself rather forcibly on record in opposition to the Democratic platform proposal for the guarantee of bank deposits, the same plank which the Kansas Republicans subsequently incorporated in their own platform.

"The fundamental objection to the proceed along to guarantee deposits in posed plan to guarantee deposits in national banks," said Mr. Taft, "is that it puts a premium on reckless banking, and is an inducement to reckless banking;" and that with such banks "relieved of the responsibility to and the fear of the depositor, the tendency would be to induce exploitation, manipulation and the use of assets of banks in a speculative way."

Ohio Election Figures.

It is one of the remarkable coincidences of election returns that Mr. Bryan received exactly the same number of votes in Ohio in 1896 and 1900. Both years his vote in the state was 474,882. In 1896 McKinley beat him by 51,000 and in 1900 by 69,000. But this increase was due to McKinley's gain and not Bryan's loss. The figures by counties show that in 1900 Bryan had lost votes in the agricultual counties as compared to 1896, but that he made up for this loss by increasing ; his vote in the centres of population. Spawls from the Keyston

-Four car loads of potatoes were unloaded at Reading on Wednesday and sold at 75

-It is estimated that South Woodbury township, Bedford county, will have a crop of 4,000 bushels of cloverseed this year.

-Typhoid fever, which raged in Hastings' Cambria county, for nearly three months, but was gradually abating, has taken another spurt. On Friday three new cases were reported and it is feared there will be a number of others.

-In an effort to keep a cow from being killed, Brakeman Frank McMullen, of Tvrone, stepped in front of a westbound freight train, just west of the Tyrone station, shortly after five o'clock last Thursday evening, and was instantly killed

-The sixth case of smallpox has appeared in the Enola district of Cumberland county the patient being G. H. Burkholder, an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad. Precautions to prevent further spread have been taken and men are being ordered to be vaccinated at once.

-W. H. Myers, clerk to the county comnissioners, has completed the computation of registered voters of Mifflin county and the books show that there are 7,108 voters in the county. Of this number quite a number will not be entitled to a vote owing to the fact that they have not paid their taxes.

-Edward Morris and Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, each aged 77 years, were married at Titusville on Tuesday evening. They were sweethearts sixty years ago, but became estranged and each married another. After all these years they met again as widow and widower and now are husband and wife.

-When Daniel Crum, of Harrisburg, came to his home late on Friday night he found it in possession of some intruders who had the doors locked so that he could not enter and they laughed at his dilemma. He went for help and when he got back they had fled and carried with them much valuable plun-

-In broad daylight on Wednesday afternoon a sneak thief entered the home of David Smith, a well known carpenter of Latrobe, and walked off with \$84 in cash, which Mr. Smith had allowed to remain in the pocket of a pair of trousers. The robbery was one of the boldest to be pulled off in Latrobe for a long time.

-Following the christening of a baby of a foreign resident near the California quarries, east of Tyrone, early Monday, and because he was ejected from the place, Andy Martini set off eighty sitcks of dynamite in front of the home of his enemy and was himself blown to pieces, various sections of his body being strewn over the road. The house was blown to pieces but the occupants were unhurt.

ing wallet lying on the Main street sidewalk in Monongahela, on Wednesday, each chuckling as he thought he was too smart to be fooled. Then Ernest Milward, a business man, came along, picked it up and found it contained \$237 in bank notes. He left it with a trust company and two hours later the owner came and identified it and left \$37 as a reward for Milward.

-A girl who gave her name as Mary Kelly came to the home of Mrs. John E. Marsden, in West Philadelphia, last Thursday, and this engaged and got to work at once. On Saturday she went out ostensibly to mail a letter. Time passed and the girl did not return and then it was discovered that she had looted the safe and carried away about five thousand dollar's worth of jeweiry.

> -A well was drilled at the Sunshine works in Unity township. Westmoreland county, that, notwithstanding the drought proved a gusher, the flow being sufficient to fill their reservoir and furnish water to start up their string of ovens. The stream is so strong that the water flows out of the top of the well in a stream. The well is 108 feet and the find insures them against drought hereafter as it will not likely ever fail.

> -On Friday DuBois was surrounded on all sides by forest fires that were eating up millions of feet of timber and day and night a thick cloud of smoke hung over the town. Many people in the wooded districts were fighting the flames, several thousand men taking part in the unequal contest against the element that is going on in the surrounding country, but the scarcity of water prevented them from getting any decided advantage over the fire.

> -Through attorneys Lewis, Jones & Lewis, of Coudersport, the Buffalo and Susque hanna Railroad company has filed a bill to set aside the county commissioners' power to fine the company \$1,000 for each passenger the company charges more than two cents per mile for carrying, as stipulated by the Dunsmore two-cent rate law. This is the same mode of procedure as followed by the Coudersport and Port Allegheny Railway company, and undoubtedly will have the same outcome, which will enable the company to increase its rates to those in vogue before the Dunsmore bill came into force.

> -The Monarch machine works at 714 and 716 Green svenue, Altoona, have received a sub-contract from Colclessor Bros. at Eldorado, for the steel die stamping of the initials of the United States government on the head of axes used by the forestry reserves. The axes are forged by the Colclessor Bros., at Eldorado by the thousand and sent to Monarch Machine Works to have the initials stamped on the head. The shape of the axes are unlike those used for chopping wood. The blade is the same but the head instead of being long and blunt is forged like that of a hatchet upon which are stamped the letters

> -Three Clearfield county men were ar. rested last week charged with being members of a gang which has stolen more than 200 head of cattle and disposed of their carcasses to butchers. Thousands of head of live stock are pastured in the mountains in the summer. It is alleged that Frank Hoover, Isaac Hoover and Edward Sallada, who were arrested after disposing of three heifers, made a practice of "rustling" fat cattle, butchering them in isolated spots and taking the meat and hides at night to nearby towns and selling them. Cattlemen estimate the losses at \$10,000. It is believed that the prisoners are only tools and that prominent men are concerned in the conspiracy.

Conspiracy of Fraud.

SENATOR FORAKER'S relationship with the Standard Oil company has been revealed. He was the agent, equal in power and admonitory. The vote in Maine was disauthority, with Senator ALDRICH for that couraging. But that of the special eleccorporation in the Senate. The exposure tions held in Indiana the other day was has put him out of touch with WILLIAM disastrons. The Democrats gained vastly H. TAFT, the story goes. FORAKER was in every section of the State in which electo have presided at a meeting in Cincinnati at which TAFT was scheduled to make his would give that State to the Democratic initial set speech of the campaign. But candidates by something like a hundred when TAFT read the story of FORAKER'S thousand majority in November. Not only connection with the Oil trust, he called the arrangement off. He couldn't speak would guarantee BRYAN and KERN the from the same platform upon which a boodler stood. He became very virtuous and exceedingly punctillious all of a sud- Oregon, Washington, New York, New den. He compelled the managers of the campaign to notify FORAKER of his deter- It will give the Democracy not only "a

As a matter of fact the Republican candidate for Vice President, JAMES SCHOOL-CRAFT SHERMAN, maintained precisely the same relations with the Standard Oil company in the House of Representatives that FORAKER held in the Senate. The Oil trust had lobbyists in both chambers and five years ago he prevented a congressional they were not cheap fellows at that. In investigation of the Postoffice Department the House Speaker CANNON, SERENO E. PAYNE and JAMES S. SHERMAN served them. In the Senate ALDRICH and FOR-AKER were sufficient. But the Senate corruptionists cannot be condemned without aspersing the House agents. In other words if Judge TAFT feigns indignation at FOR-AKER's relationship with the Standard Oil company, he must denounce with equal vehemence the relationship of his associate on the Republican ticket with the same company.

mination. It was a delicate situation.

The truth is that FORAKER is no worse and probably no better than the other up with the predatory trusts in one shape or another. ROOSEVELT during his camraise funds for the purpose of debauching the election and HARRIMAN got it from that it wouldn't be found out. When he and the result of the elections in Iudiana publicly thanked FORAKER for past favors has admonished them of the danger. But he knew as much about it as he does to- the people can defeat this conspiracy of tion then and it was welcomed. Now it involves danger and Taft, like a poltroon, disowns the friend who gave him his first

preferment. Lincoln's Advice Ignored

The panic of the Republican managers has been revealed in various ways, lately. Last week we referred to the danger signal thrown up by the editor of the Chicago Tribune and the fear expressed by President ROOSEVELT. "Something must be done," the Chicago editor said, "to make the Westsatellites had a regular leg-pulling fest ero and Middle Western States safe for when the Hon. BARCLAY was here a few TAFT." ROOSEVELT followed by declaring days ago. They landed on him like a lot that he didn't like the reports he was getof buzzards on a dead sheep and began to ting and supplemented that with an hysterical letter to one of the western cattle barons who has many and large reasons for keeping the government in the hands of his honing fought back in such a way that they friends. That was the dernier resort of a desperate man.

But things have happened since which have multiplied their distress. The cordial welcome with which Mr. BRYAN has been received in the east and the exposure of FORAKER's relationship with the Standard Oil company are equally demoralizing and the Republican machine hasn't in the least underestimated their importance. The first demonstration of this is in the substitution of United States Senator MURRAY CRANE, of Massachusetts, for FRANK HITCHCOCK, as chairman of the Republican National committee. HITCH-Mr. BRYAN had been antagonized by the eastern Democrats as he was twelve and eight years ago, HITCHCOCK would have

been a good enough chairman. But conditions are not as they twelve and eight years ago. When Mr. could hardly be more convincing evidence BRYAN was in Delaware, a few days ago, he dined at the residence of Judge GRAY and slept at the home of WILLARD SAULS-BURY. Last Sunday he took dinner with Judge PARKER, at Esopus, and spent the night with DAVID B. HILL, in Albany. There are no gold Democrats or silver Democrate, this year. They are all just plain Democrats and heart and soul for BRYAN's Delaware, New York and a lot of other States and be elected. The Republicans understand this and in their panie have horses while crossing a stream.

-The prolonged drought is hard on larger creeks and deeper water.

votes BRYAN will be elected. Roosevelt's Greatest Atrocity.

frand. If they will refuse to

attack of a man already helpless and down." But the bully who boasts of his premiums. prowess and delights in tales of blood and

confirmed poltroon. ator and declining political affiliation with started. him, which letter, under agreement was to use of it seemed good politics. There promoters.

of moral turpitude. friends have been trying to get a reconcilia fessions of friendship. TAFT reminded FORAKER that his first public office was a turn in and help ever so little. election and that means that he will carry gift from FORAKER and declared that he would always be grateful. If the letter of ignored LINCOLN's advice to never trade is not a myth, then TAFT knew that willing and anxious to join hands with him

-John A. Whiteman, of Milesburg, has secured the privilege to conduct the poster. enough sagacity to go down stream to the boarding house on the fair grounds during the county fair week after next.