

## BY P. GRAY MEEK.

### Ink Slings.

There ain't no mills to close up now They're all a standin' still There ain't no banks to bust or run For they've all filled their til There ain't no lambs for shearin' for They lost what fleece they had, In 1907 when Wall street went So crazy sellin' mad. So why this break in the market when All was lookin' good And everything a stand in' still Except the price of food Unless it is another scheme To hustle out the band And cable off for Morgan to

Come home and save the land. -Six more days of TEDDY.

-There are lots of jobs that cause less oonneilman

-The TEDDY bear will have to crawl in its hole next Thursday and it might as well pull the hole in after it.

-The fellow who has been out of work for the past six months isn't as enthusiastic about the TAFT inauguration as he was about the TAFF election.

-Another little touch of winter yesterday-just enough to make a person realize that the balmy days of spring are not yet here by long odds.

-Senator SPROUL has introduced a bill in the Legislature looking to a good road movement almost exactly along the lines of January 22nd.

wasn't a foreign title that caught this prospective heiress.

-It will be gratifying to many Pennsylvanians to know that PENBOSE has been heard from on the floor of the Senate ; even if it was only a torrent of execration and abuse that flowed from him.

-The Englishman who died recently and just after completing for himself a coffin made entirely of empty match boxes must have had some notion that matches wouldn't be found in the place he was going to.

-If the spirits of GEORGE WASHINGTON and ABRAHAM LINCOLN . have been sorapping lately in the Glory Land it might be ause the Bellefonte banks closed in honor of the latter's birthday anniversary and didn's on the former's.

-The tumbling stock market might mean that another scare is being manufacturned to tell Mr. TAFF where to get off at or it might mean that the voters made a mistake in getting off at the TAFT station last fall if they expected it to start business up with a boom.



# STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Amend or Defeat It.

### Reformer's Who Don't Want Reform.

There will be no change in the election The WATCHMAN last week called the laws by the Legislature now in session. attention of its readers to the manner in At least this is what we are told by the which it is attempted to place the State Col-Philadelphia papers that speak for the lege under the supervision of those having Philadelphia machine. The reason given charge of the common schools of the State, worriment just now than being a Pittsburg is that the "Committee of Seventy," a through a provision it is proposed to enast prowd of gentlemen who parade themselves into law by the passage of the new school as reformers, and voice the purposes of oode. Great as this wrong to the College those who talk so much about, but do so would be, and much as it would cripple its committee and was based on the facts little for reform-it is alleged, has asked of work and usefulness, we doubt if it would the machine, and entered into an agree- equal the general wrong that would be ment with it, that nothing be done in the inflicted upon the people of the State by the way of a change, either in our defective pri- adoption of other sections in this code in mary election law, or the abortion of a which the expenditure for school purposes ticket we are compelled to use at the gen- can be so greatly increased ; in which the eral election, until the session of 1911. public officials connected with its enforce-And this agreement is to stand. ment are so greatly multiplied; in which so For both the primary and general elec-

tion laws, as they now are, suit the ma- ple in the management of their own local ohine to a dot. Under the safe guards given affairs; in others that places it in the power by them, to all kinds of rascality, it can of a commission to practically dominate commit what wrongs and deviltry it desires and control matters which properly belong suggested by the WATCHMAN in its issue behind the curtain of the booth. It can to the people of the different localities, and buy the purchasable and know that it gets others which undertake to furnish prac--The daughter of HETTY GREEN, the what it is to pay for, before the ballot is tically free, to those who have been gradureported richest woman in the world, has cast ; it can brow-beat and bull-doze the ates at the Normal schools, educations fitjust been married in New York but it dependent without fear of exposure; it can ting them for College professors, and promark the ticket of the illiterate as the fessions other than those properly belong-

bosses demand, and it can have its whole ing to the common school system. horde of heelers, rounders and roughs voted by an assistant just as its needs require. At the recent primary this same machine,

with which this so called reform committee be increased in the State should this meashas entered into an agreement, placed its | ure, as it now stands, become a law. Nor own candidate on the ticket of the reform- do they conceive of the manner in which ers and forced them to adopt another party the power to control their own local affairs name, or vote for a nominee of the gang would be abridged, should it be adopted. they were opposing. At the general election it had seventy per cent. of the Republican vote in one ward and eighty per cent. in another ask for "assistance" so that of our public schools. But unfortunately their votes could be split and divided

among the other candidates, in such a manner as to defeat the reform nominee and elect accomplish, and leave us in a worse condiofficials to places to which, under the laws, the minority party is entitled. In this way one of the two magistrates to which the "reformers" and the Democrats, had the legal visions, then it would be better, for the right, was stolen by the machine majority, cause of education, for the purposes for

and the friends of this "Committee of which the measure is supposed to have been Seventy" left without any representation drafted and for the public generally, that it bulk of the corruption funds for the Reon the board of city magistrates. And after this wrong is perpetrated this

"Committee of Seventy" asks that the sys-

be defeated.

is advertised to lecture in Clearfield, early

Certainly Unconstitutional.

The report of the sub-committee of the Senate committee on the judiciary on the given to the public the other day. The report was signed by one Republican and the two Democratic members of the subbrought out in an investigation conducted under peculiarly annoying circumstances Two of the Republican members of the subcommittee refused to attend the hearings or participate in the proceedings and the labor of the inquiry devolved upon the three members who have signed the report. The other members dissented and are likely to prepare a minority report, based upon many restrictions are placed upon the peoparty exigencies.

The Tonnessee Merger.

The report of Messas. KITTREDGE, Republican, and CULBERTSON and OVERMAN, Democrate, denounced the merger as a violation of the law and a conspiracy in restraint of trade and declared that the President had no authority to authorize it or to promise the conspirators immunity from prosecution. It declares that the Tennessee Coal and Iron company was forced into the merger and that in the transaction the purchasing company paid The people of the State have little idea more than the market price for the shares of the extent to which the expenditures for of the absorbed company. The President school purposes could, and doubtless would, is also sharply censured for having "assumed full responsibility in the matter." and "taking it upon himself to confer with representatives of the Steel trust and subsequently giving instructions to the Attorney General that no prosecutions he instituted." In this proposed new law there are many Of course this report will be smothered axcellent provisions calculated to increase in the committee on the judiciary. The the efficiency and better the management party can't afford to have it brought before the country for the inevitable result would there are others, which if accepted, would be a prosecution of the Steel trust and the ont-weigh all the good the former would revocation of the agreement. The Republican party is under too many obligations tion than if no change at all were made. to that corporation and those who compose If the measure cannot be amended so as it to permit such an issue of the conto rid it of some of its most obnoxious protroversy. Public interest will suffer vastly. monopoly will be strengthened materially, but the corporation which supplies the publican party must be taken care of in

Stapendous Cost of the Navy.

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From the New York World. In the debate on the naval appropria-Senate committee on the judiciary on the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron com-pany and the Steel trust created quite a sensation when the substance of it was

steadily falling. Last year, when there was a treasury deficit of \$60,000,000, for the navy alone congress appropriated \$122, 000,000 in one year. This year, when the deficit promises to reach \$135,000,000, con-gress is about to appropriate for the navy \$137,000,000, an increase of \$15,000,000.

Next year, Senator Hale predicts, the navy will cost \$160,000,000, and in 1911 probably \$200,000,000. "This means," he concludes, "that it will soon he the un-escapable duty of congress either to bormoney or greatly to increase the row

taxes Of course, the jingoes will resent Senator Hale's carping economy. For in pointing out the plain consequences of heedless ex-travagance the chairman of the senate com-

nittee on naval affairs was doing what Mr Roosevelt has described "hampering us in the upbuilding of the navy and acting against the real advocates of the navy." Did he not admit that it was "mighty hard work" last year to prevent the authoriza-tion of four of the new battleships, a cause to which Mr. Roosevelt devoted pages of barning rhetoric in a special message to congress full of myterious hints of foreign

indeed, has not the senate itself, in load ing the bill with an amendment advising the equal division of the fleet between the Atiantic and the Pacific, played into the hands of the jingoes and the enemies of

The eight years of President Roosevelt have witnessed a series of mounting expen-ditures for the navy. For that period the appropriations will amount to \$859,000,000 as compared with \$401,000,000 for the preceding eight years, including the extraordinary expenses of the war with Spain. The year Mr. Roosevelt became president the navy cost \$69,000,000; the year he leaves office the cost has risen to \$137,000,000,

practically double. With the continued agitation at the With the continued agitation at the White House for more and bigger battle-ships the country bas suffered from a suc-cession of violent attacks of jingoism, ac-companied by ounningly fomented war rumors, and the inheritance left to it is a top heavy navy and a depleted treasury.

### The Secret Service Dispute. From the Altoona Times.

With the admirable courage that has in-variably characterized his course when deal-

#### Spawls from the Keyston

-At Lewisburg, Union county, burglars blew open the safe in the store of J. F. Groover & Bro., and secured \$1,200 cash and negotiable papers.

-The pupils in the Jersey Shore public chools are being given fire drills and have learned to leave the buildings in a minute's time in good order

-Out of a total of 425 votes cast at Greencastle last Tuesday, there were only twentythree straight Republican and twenty-eight straight Democratic

-The members of the Jaffa Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Altoona, with which a number of Philipsburg Masons are identified, will build a temple to cost \$50,000.

-At the Mahler glass factory, DuBois, the Alliance sliding scale, a compromise measure has been signed and it is expected that the plant will soon be running full handed again.

-There are upwards of 125 cases of measles in Greencastle, and schools have been depleted and Sunday schools deserted. The epidemic has been prevailing for two months.

-A row of half a dozen brick tenement houses in Powelton, Centre county, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night and three of the tenants lost nearly all their household goods.

-Small-pox has broken out in the little town of Redmond, a short distance from Butler. The schools have been closed and mining operations have been interfered with by reason of the quarantine.

-Fifty-one ministers have made application for the pastorate of the Oak Lane Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, made vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. Robert Hugh Morris, who accepted a call to Chicago,

-Miss Sarah Bitters, of South Bethlehem, or nearly forty years a local public school teacher, on Saturday brought suit against the Lehigh Valley Transit company for \$7,-750 damages for permanent injuries sustained in a trolley accident.

-The Knights of Pythias hall at Morris. dale, Clearfield county, the largest building in the town, and the place where the majority of the public entertainments were held, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday night about 10 o'clock. Total loss about \$1.-

-Receiver R. G. Armstrong, of the troubled Stahl Glass company, at Greensburg, on Saturday announced that the works will resume on Monday. Within thirty days it is expected the receiver will get the affairs of the concern in such a shape that the receiv. ership will end.

-For years George Walk, of DuBois, followed the extremely hazardous occupation of a steeple Jack and painter and repairer of high stacks of all kinds. He had a number of narrow escapes but was never seriously in-jured and died peacefully at home in his bed on Tuesday afternoon.

-Six members of one of the most prominent families in Erie have been sent to a Pasteur hospital in New York, having been bitten by a pet Boston terrier, which was any event. All the Republicans are not as ing with congress, President Rosservel re-found to be affected with rables. The injurposition that the orippling of the secret Sarah, Susan and Helen; her son, Griswold, of its and a maid. -George W. Vernes, the well known inpector of the Pennsylvania railroad police, has been re-appointed to an important Masonic office, that of district deputy grand high priest of the Eleventh district. This district takes in Lycoming, Clinton and Centre counties, Troy chapter in Bradford county, and Wellsboro chapter in Tioga county. -President Judge J. M. Woods and associates Bell and Swyser on Monday refused all the sixteen liquor licenses applied for in Mifflin county and after the old licenses expire on Saturday that county will be "dry." Last fall three fourths of the voters declared for no license in the election of an associate indge and there were nearly five thousand signatures to the remonstrances presented on Monday. -The contest over the application of the Indiana brewery for a license for the ensuing year was ended on Thursday by the court refusing to grant a license. There were petitions presented favoring a renewal of the license, signed by about 2,000 residents of the county, and remonstrances signed by about 5,000, of whom 3,000 were women. The unfitness of the applicant was the strongest point made by the remonstrauts, in the opinion of the court. -At a banquet of the shareholders in the Milton Fair association at Milton, on Wednesday evening, it was decided to go into liquidation and thus forever close the famous Milton fair. The association owned half of the fair grounds, the other owners demanding an exorbitant rental for their share and as the patronage of the annual fair was not reassuring last fall the stockholders decided to abandon the project. The buildings will be removed and the estate sold, the proceeds and surplus in the treasury to be distributed among the sharehold --The Pennsylvania Railroad company has awarded a contract to S. R. Geyer for the planting of 250,000 oak trees on its farms west of the Conewago station. This is in addition to the work that will be carried on along the low grade freight line during the summer months. During the past four years the Pennsylvania has planted in the neighborhood of 133.000 locust trees in the groves near Conewago and the oak trees will be planted among the locust. The work of planting the trees will be started some time during the latter part of next month or as oon as the weather conditions will permit. -Dr. Joshua Cooper, of Meadville, who died last week, was the victim of a hard luck career. He lost his only two children within a week, through scarlet fever; his father about the same time dropped gdead of heart disease; during the Johnstown flood his house, valued at \$10,000, and his horse and buggy were swept away by the raging waters and his wife only escaped in her night dress. her only property except four hairpius; he built a home in Meadville which he lost because of the failure of the Delamater bank at the county seat, in which he had a large deposit, and then his health failed and he lost his practice through becoming an invalid.

-Anyway the appropriations committee will be splendidly entertained at State College today and at the Country club tonight whether it sees fit to do what it ought to do for the College and the Bellefonte hospital or not. Ours are not the kind of people whose hospitality has a string to it.

-The court has refused to grant any liquor licenses at all in Mifflin county because the expression of the voters, as recorded in one of the contests last fall, favored the abolition of the saloon. Hotels and all must close their bars finally tomorrow and thereafter the tipplers of Mifflin will have to depend on "boot-leggers" for their spops.

-The new borough officials will be sworn into office next Monday. It will government purpose that is to enhance the also be the date for the organization of the welfare of the people, but when it comes to new council and naturally there is more or throwing that sum away, it looks like a less wire pulling being done this week in recklessness that needs to be rebaked. regard to the new officers, etc. So far as Twenty millions is now estimated to be the connoil.

-Cultured, æsthetic, refined Bellefonte sent a special train carrying sixty people to a sparring match in Snow Shoe, on Mon day night. But the BEN GREET players in their acknowledged superb productions of SHAKESPEARE'S masterpieces at State College tomorrow night will probably not have the same attractions for this supercilions, but queer old town of ours.

-There are fourteen million women in France and a contemporary asserts that a majority of them earn their own living. ANNA GOULD is probably not earning hers in the strict sense of the word, but so far as her husband's keeping her is concerned it is almost a certainty that she would be taking in washing were it not for the GOULD resources on this side of the pond.

-Congress and the President are both in a peck of trouble. The way the Steel trust gobbled up Tennessee Coal and Iron was illegal. Congress has proven that the President sanctioned the illegal transaction. Now the President wants it investigated and Congress doesn't. It seems to be a two edged sword the one side of which has already out the President and the other side now threatens to draw blood from Congress.

-Insiders at Harrisburg say that the leaders have fixed it all up for GEORGE F. OLIVER, of Pittsburg, to be made United States Senator for the unexpired term of Senator P. C. KNOX, who is to resign to enter President TAFT's cabinet. Of course the Senate and House have not been told of this decision as yet, but as they are merely an executive branch in this particular direction there is nothing left for them to do but formally declare him elected when the bosses give them the word. when TEDDY leaves for Africa.

to be committed against them, be con- most cowardly and cold blooded political ing to the future and know where the tinued ! Verily one might as well expect to find virtue in a baudy house, as reform that of Governor GOEBEL, of Kentuckyin such reformers.

--That ever increasing and lengthening would invite or welcome, to any decent or procession of Pittsburg bankers and council- law respecting community, a thrice conmen, who are on the way to the penitenvicted murderer, who had escaped the galtiary, is creating the suspicion that a conlows only through tricks of the law and spiracy has been formed in some way, to the manipulations of political courts. The lessen the Republican majority in that place for assassins-sneaking and cowardly city. And really it seems to be working that way.

The People Pay It All.

Twenty millious of dollars may not be a big sum in the eyes of Republican officials, on the gallows or in the penitentiary. nor is it a large amount to expend for a

-The fleet is home again, so the coun-

knows or can tell any good that can or may officials assisted by the heads of the State the pockets of the people. We are rapidly be expected to result to the American peo- Normal schools, are attempting to revise drifting in the direction of bankraptoy. ple from that show, it would be the proper thing for them to come to the front and let as will give to each graduate of a Normal \$135,000,000 this year and if the naval apthe public have some light upon it.

Twenty millions of dollars, when a goverament is ranning in debt over a hundred the state colleges of education, which it is exhausted before the end of the present and fifty millions a year, ought to be con- also proposed to establish. sidered as worth saving, but jingo states-

men and world power wind bags, that control things in this country now think other- what would be.

wise-and away it goes. And the rest of us To provide that the children of those stand round with swelled heads blathering who are able to meet the expenditures necabout our great Navy and how we can awe essary to secure a Normal school education, the world by an exhibition such as was shall have their tuition paid by the State, made on this twenty million dollar trip and in the State's higher colleges, and that other investment was not of their initiative. Left then go home and growl at our wives be- children of the Commonwealth are to be cause they pay such prices for the things denied these benefits, is certainly that kind preferred the ordinary routine duties of that must be purchased for our daily living. of an "exclusive privilege" that the con- their service. There are long ornises to

And how many of those who glory over stitution intended to prevent. If not, it take and arduous services to perform even our big navy and growl about their living would be very difficult to indicate what under the most auspicious conditions in expenses, know or care to know, that every | would be. cent that the government wastes or throws

away comes ont of them. It is from tariff and revenue taxation that the public in- modest demand on the present Legisla- sicial, sufficiently. ,But ROOSEVELT come is derived, and it is the people who, ture by the lawyers and courts of different pay those tariff and revenue taxes. It is localities in the Commonwealth. And this give the powder trust and the shipbuilders these that make the prices of what we wear, 1 too in a State that has more Judges on the an opportunity for graft and succeeded in what we eat and what we use so high, and bench now than it takes to run all the doing so. so long as the government goes on wasting courts of England, and has thirty-six

its income as it has been doing under the judicial districts in which the work of the rule of the Republican party, we may ex. presiding Judges does not require fifty pect a continuation of high prices on everydays attention during the year. Surely thing that a tariff protects or a revenue there is something wrong, if not offensively rotten in this judicial question. stamp is attached to.

And it is just such senseless work as this ----- Its kind of strange but nevertheless 'great naval demonstration" that makes it necessary to increase and continue our Republican party the greater our educahigh tariff and operous revenue taxes. tional facilities become the bigger our

penitentiaries have to be made and the try will not be without proper protection more of them we have to have. Queer, ain't it ?

murders ever committed in any country- sinews of war are to come from.

Our Battleship Fleet.

in March. It should be a slim crowd that The return of the battleship fleet is a matter for popular felicitation and the generous welcome bestowed upon the officers and men at Fortress Monroe on Monday was none too cordial. The fleet had achieved an extraordinary task. It had circumnavigated the globe without damage -as were those who conspired with this to the ships or injury to the men aud man POWERS, to shoot down from the proved that the modern battleship is a safe window of the office he occupied the execuvehicle of travel. It has flattered the pride tive of the State, in order that the terms of of some of the jingoes in the country, morethe offices they were holding might be ex- over, and given the world to understand tended, is not upon the lecture stage-it is that we have a naval armada that is worth at least a passing notice. But it has accomplished no other good under the sun.

No living soul was benefited by it except The constitution of Pennsylvania in its those who supplied the ship's stores. prohibitions says : "The General Assem-The cost of this enterprise to the country bly shall not pass any local or special law, is variously estimated at from \$20,000,000 known at this time W. T. Kelly will have cost, outside of the maintenance and pay of granting to any corporation, association or to \$25,000,000, and that is vastly more no opposition for the position of olerk of the officers and men, of the late naval individual any special or exclusive privilege than the good amounts to. The difference parade around the world, and if any one or immunity"-and yet a crowd of state is a waste whoh necessarily comes out of the school laws of the State in such a way There is likely to be a revenue deficit of school-and to those only-free tuition, or propriations increase next year in the ra-"immunity" from paying tuition fees in tion of the recent past the surplus will be calendar year, which will be five months

If this is not the rankest kind of special before the close of the fiscal year. Then or class legislation, we would like to know increased taxation will be inevitable and our taxes are already almost intolerably high.

> But the officers and men who compos our magnificent fighting force in the navy are not responsible for that. The bad to themselves they would probably have the navy. There are the usual practices at target and the ordinary drill exercises

----Sixteen additional Judges is the and they tax the energy, mental and phywanted something more. He wanted to

> ---- The general appropriation committee of the House of Representatives went through here at an early hour this morning, on their way for a visit of inspection to The Pennsylvania State College. They

will spend the day there arriving here to visit the Bellefonte hospital some time this true, that under the benign rule of the afternoon and later be entertained at a chicken and waffle supper at the Country club.

> -Will it be the lion or the lamb for the neoming of March ?

ctuated by the activity operatives in running down and punishing oriminals who were "influential because of their wealth or their social or political prominence." In his reply to attacks made upon this branch of the goverement by Senator Hemenway, of the senate committee on appropriations, the president de-claree that the report emanating from that committee is "inaccurate aud misleading in various important respects," and the senator is gently, but none less firmly, con-

signed to the Illustrius Order of Ananiases Inasmuch as the secret service is employed solely to ferret out and punish trans-gressors of the laws of the land, the bitter hostility of congress to the suggestion that its effectiveness be increased is incomprehensible unless we accept as true the presi dent's charge that its members fear an investigation of their private and official conduct. Right or wrong, this is the view that is taken by an overwhelming majority of those who have followed the controversy between the president and the legislative branch of the government.

Any curtailment of the opportunities of oriminal-bunters can be in the interest of oriminals only. That congress has manifested such solicitude for the welfare of malefactors can only be accounted for by one of two hypotheses —a desire to humili-ate and checkmats the president, for whom there is very little love among many congres-men and senators, or the very human inpulse of self-preservation.

# Homes Better Than Warships.

From the Mexican Herald. In the last week of December 30 house

of the 200 under construction in Bueno Ayres for the working people of the city were inaugurated. These houses were de-signed and built as model dwellings for the respectable and industrious among the toilers of that great southern city, and it is believed that a step of much importance has been taken in the direction of giving decent and hygenic house accomm

to poor people. The model dwellings are being erected The model dwellings are being erected under the auspices of the progressive city government of the Argentine capital which is growing so fast in population that the poorer classes, as well as a large part of the lower middle class, are most inadequately housed, and at rents so cut of all propor-tion to their means as to have, in the re-cent past, caused disturbances of the public peace on the part of the conversed tenuits. cent pass, caused disturbances of the public peace on the part of the oppressed tenants. The spread of diseases till they assume the proportions of epidemics is, in large measure, due to the unhygenic bousing of the poor of this big town. Argentina, which should do much for her poor, is now committed to a most extravagant naval program ; and when one reflects that a huge modern battleship costs money, sufficient to build 6,000 houses, sheltering in all 30,-000 persons, the folly of the prevailing militarism in many countries is but too apparent. Luckily, Mexico is not a partic-

ipant in the current crime against civili-

# Would Certainly Help.

From the New York World. There is a movement afoot to take the tariff out of politics. Wouldn't it answer just as well to take politics out of the

-Just two more days and March, the month of high winds, will be with us.