has less Ink Slings.

-Incidentally, the sun has been mak ing a sizzle that sounds like bot weather. -The weather man has done the right thing for the circuses in Bellefonte thus far

.- While we have much taith in the nltimate gingering up of our ball players they are not making a noise like pennant winners just now.

-The Boston couple who took their honeymoon trip in a balloon evidently thought it the right thing to get up in the air right away.

-Chancellor Von BEULOW, of Germany, might be disappointed if the Reichstag blaff and call it.

-There was good order, of course, but that didn't keep the thousands who went to the circus on Wednesday afternoon from ple, bitherto, with a fidelity that couldn't having a hot time.

.-President TAFT sends a tariff message to Congress and stocks depreciate seventyfive million dollars in consequence. Fortunately the new President doesn't write as many messages as the former one did.

way. They are reputed to work while a very considerable figure. you sleep. While the ice plant, thus far, FULLER awake as well.

he can secure the support of any honest cattle slaughtered in this country and with newspaper by voting to put paper on the a prohibitive tariff on hides produced in lates industrial activity and gives emfree list and then voting to keep a high other countries, it can fix the prices of ployment to labor. But there is far greater what the honest newspaper is here for shoe factories are thus made slaves of the coal and a vast number of other raw mawhen he comes up for re-election.

papers.

-Roumania is the most illiterate coun. try of Europe. Two-thirds of the population can neither read nor write, yet its Queen has written thirty volumes. She was not the author of Three Weeks, how. ever, else the percentage of the non reading populace would have been materially

-Prize fighting in Bellefonte got what it deserved on Monday night. A good soar plexus in the enthusiasm of the fellows who have been putting up for the game. not only by the amount of the tax, but in we protest that other taxes on raw ma-When that kind of sport is necessary to the ppiness of this community we are glad that its devotees are given such rank exhibitions as will disgust them.

-We are in the newspaper business and always have been opposed to high tariffs, and not worth considering. But the shoe the price of the necessaries of life into the but Congress has no more business to put wood pulp and white paper on the free list than it has to put hides, lumber, wool or ey and take a hand in politics now and other raw materials are placed on the free any other raw material that enters into the then, and they have forced Senator Longe list the tariff tax on wood pulp and white necessaries of life on the free list. It is to take notice. more important that the public get their shoes, clothes and food cheaper than that newspapers be given the benefit of free raw material.

-Of course it is only street gossip, but as there is something in such things, sometimes, it is amusing, to say the least, the way some of the older members of council have played rings around some of the newer ones in the new hydro-electric lighting proposition. Rumor has it that some of the latter joined in the burrah against having a street carnival merely to "log roll" in the larger movement, but when the "log rolling" was begun it turned out to be a regular "eteam roller" and they got under it.

-The sad death of ELSIE SIGEL, a granddaughter of Gen. FRANZ SIGEL, in a Chinese chop suey house, in New York, a few days ago, is another warning against the danger of young American girls becoming too friendly with the semi-civilized men of foreign nationalities. While she was a christian slum worker and had every peril was always present and always will lecherons characters.

-If you are the owner of any kind of an old hammer get it ont and knock on the hospital awhile. Young and experimental as it is the institution has done so much more good in this community than anything else we ever had that the wise (?) ones who wouldn't pay thirty cents to keep it going or devote an hour's time to helping along think now that they must do something so they are in on the anvil chorus with a vim that would make the hospital run as easily as the big spring if their a desire to misrepresent or deceive. As evenergies were applied in the right direc-

-A White House conference has fixed up the tariff bill so that speedy action may be looked for from Washington. The newest earnings of corporations in excess of five only guess at how it will read we feel safe in making a statement in advance to the effect that there will be so many loop holes in it that very few corporations will be unable to show up that they do not have net earnings in excess of the five thousand dol-



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Senator Lodge Forced to Reform.

Senator Longe, of Massachusetts, was severely chided by his protectionist friends in the Senate, the other day, because he indicated a disposition to favor free hides. The real tariff monger wants nothing on ould regard his threat of resignation as a this country. He believes with all the fervor of a bigot that it is the duty of protectionists to stand together, right or wrong. be questioned. But the matter of taxing hides is one which immediately concerns his constituents. A very large proportion of the shoe factories of this country are lotheir product is necessarily outside of that State and to a considerable extent outside -BILLY DOLL's new ice plant can't be of the country. In the trade of this charlikened unto DEWITT's early risers, any acter the matter of tariff tax on hides outs

The beef trust enjoys a practical monophas kept working and kept your uncle oly of the supply of hides under existing conditions. That is to say that colossal -The Congressman who imagines that corporation kills a large proportion of the leather, absolutely. The Massachusetts reason for putting iron ore, hides, wool, beef trust. If the capacity of their factories was limited to the demand for domes--The approach of the Glorious Fourth tio uses, the Massachusetts shoemakers recalls so vividly the spectacular ascent of might take a complaisant view of the subthe rocket and the petered out descent of ject of tariff taxation on bides for they the stick that we can't belp thinking of could regulate their prices accordingly. that great hunting expedition to Africa that | But the capacity of the factories is much drew columns when it started and is now greater than the home consumption and rarely good for a single inch in the daily the owners of the factories must look elsewhere for markets for their surplus or else out down the volume of their product.

> Of course in this tariff tax on hides as in LODGE pays no attention to this aspect of

Still Asleep or Considerably Off.

That Rip-van-Winkle of Philadelphia newspaperdom — the Ledger — awakened sufficiently on Monday last to give evidence of how long and how soundly it has been sleeping, by asserting that since 1906 there "has been no Democratic party in Pennsylvania." In its comatose condition, it seems to have forgotten that in November 1900, there were 424,232 citizens who understood themselves to be and the Democratic candidates : that in 1904 there were 335,430 who did the same thing, and that as late as November 1908, 448,785 of the best people of the State registered themselves as Democrats by the votes they cast.

This body of men-almost one-half million strong-and representing every trade, profession, interest and business in the State, certainly ought to be considered of sufficient importance, when working together for a common purpose, to be consurface reason to trust her slayer, yet the sidered and recognized as a pretty formidable party, or at least a nucleus for the perbe : hence the folly of American women feeting of one. But our esteemed contemexposing themselves to the frenzy of such porary can't see it in that way. Whether it don't want to, or whether it is because of its only partly awakened condition the WATCHMAN would not care to make a

Out of regard, however, to the persistent claims it is always making of its honesty in the expression of its opinions, and the correctness of its statements, we will try to believe that its conclusions on this subject and which wipes the Democracy of Pennsylvania off of the political map, are chargeable more to its want of knowledge than to idence of how little it knows of political conditions we need only read a little farther down in the same column to find that

referred to, is not much of a source to less promising of prosperity because of the company, of Philadelphia, have purchased which intelligent men can turn for either adoption of these BRYANistic ideas. advice or information.

-There has been no great demand for overcoats the past few days.

Concerning Wood Pulp and Print Paper.

The esteemed New York Evening Post has adopted the view expressed in these columns some time ago to the effect that the protectionist newspapers which demand the free list that is made by anybody in free pulp and free white paper are alike inconsistent and undeserving of consideration. A number of our esteemed contemporaries insist on the full measure of Senator Lodge has acted upon this princi- prohibitive tariff tax on all articles of general consumption except wood pulp and white print paper and demand with equal vehemence that those articles be put upon the free list. The New York Evening Post in a recent issue, declares, as the WATCHcated in Massachusetts and the market for MAN declared a year ago that this is hypocritical and absurd. There is less reason for putting print paper and wood pulp on the free list than either one of a hundred other articles which are necessaries of life.

Neither of those articles are that. The only excuse for putting wood pulp and print paper on the free list is that they are raw materials and it is good economic policy to put all raw materials on the free list for the reason that such action stimuterials on the free list than there is for putting wood pulp and white paper on that list. Public intelligence is promoted by cheap newspapers and education is benefisted by the extension of newspaper circulations and influence. But it is quite as important that people should have food to eat and clothes to wear as that they should have information and literature, and for that reason we protest against the bypocrisy that demands free wood pulp and white For this reason they demand free hides and paper and tariff taxation upon wool, hides Senator Lodge must join in the demand and other raw materials essential to industrial prosperity and healthful existence.

We are quite as much in favor of free the tariff tax on all other commodities, the wood pulp and white paper as any of our consumer has the greatest interest and as esteemed protectionist contemporaries. The er in number. Every man, woman and siderable burden upon every newspaper child who wears shoes pays tribute to the and printing establishment, for unlike other beef trust in the tariff tax on hides for the victims of the tariff schedules, our burden reason that the price of shoes is increased, can't be shifted on to the consumer. But an additional cam to ray for the time and | terials are more objectionable for the reathe affair. He said in a speech, several as well as most other articles of commerce weeks ago, that the consumer is a myth, are put upon the consumer by increasing manufacturers of Massachusetts are not a manufacture of which they enter. We myth. They are real men who have mon- sincerely hope, therefore, that unless the print paper will be continued indefinitely.

The Right Time.

It's a long while until the election and tics, but a great many people are wonderlations.

Democrats, and cast their ballots for what still be a Republican majority of five in premises and out the weed wherever it has they believed to be Democratic principles that body and if that party needed any not been attended to. And this is the time special decision it could be had.

> It wouldn't make Pennsylvania Demo and influence to that class of citizens who event, get rid of it. pride themselves on their independence.

It wouldn't injure the credit or good name of the State a particle to place an honest Democrat in the Treasurer's office again, but it might frighten the manipuing cleaner and better men for that place this fall.

it has the Democratic State convention greater portion of his party have come out way. meeting in Harrisburg next week, and a for the Democratic idea of an individual infull half column of advice as to what it come tax, and if things don't soon change feature is a tax of two per cent. on the net should, but what it knows it will not, do. there is no tellin' how long it may be until the spring, a story is started that a trolley Surely a paper that gives no more evi- the Republican papers will be claiming the line is to be built over the Seven mounthousand dollars. While the proposed law dence of thought as to political conditions, Denver declarations as the doctrines of tains from Lewistown to Bellefonte, and has not been framed up yet and we can or has no more reliable political knowl- that party. And what seems strangest of this summer is no exception to the rule. edge than the Ledger shows in the article all is that the country seems to be none the And the fact that the General Utilities

> -Harvest time will be here in about three weeks when the farmers will have their busiest time of the whole year.

Sudden Changes of Mind

During the Presidential campaign last fall President TAFT not only declared the present power of Congress to enact an income tax law bus added that in the event the condition of the revenues required is he would favor the exercise of that power. It is safe to say that no single to the success of the Republican party than that. The piedge that the tariff would be revised downward held a large number of voters of that faith to the ticket it is true, but public sentiment was more fixed in favor of the income tax than in the matter of tariff revision. All other commercial countries have such sources of revenue and thus ealth is made to bear its just share of the burdens of government. In Great Britain, for example, the tax on incomes produces more revenue than any other

single subject of taxation. Now that the campaign is over, however, and TAFT is firmly fixed in his office, he appears to have changed his mind with respect to the authority of Congress on that subject. In a special message, the other day, he asserts the proposition that no such law can be enacted unless the constitution is amended. No such sudden change has been made in the mind of any public official since Judge SHIRAS, of the Supreme court reversed, himself on the same subject. With a majority of his colleagues on the bench that lorist declared on one day that the income feature of the WILSON tariff bill was constitutional and the next day he decided the same question on the other side and again made a majority of the court. It has always been believed that the rich men's lobby had been laboring with him during the interval between the two decisions.

It is not easy to conjecture why the multimillionaires of the country are so much opposed to an income tax. It would take a considerable part of their surplus money to colleges or other institutions. But an son that they derive larger benefits from TAFT since his election.

-The attention of the WATCHMAN editor has been called to the large amount of Canada thistle allowed to thrive in various places in Centre county, especially through Bald Eagle valley. This is one of the worst pests that farmers have to contend with and it is surprising that the people are not bothering much about poli- noxious weed is allowed to thrive as it does. Once it gets a good start it is one of ing why it wouldn't be a good time to the bardest of weeds to exterminate and show the bosses and their gang followers a for this reason a law is in force imposing a thing or two in the way of upsetting calou- fine on all property owners who wilfully allow Canada thistle to thrive upon their It wouldn't burt the State nor lessen jus- premises. It also makes it obligatory upon tice a bit, to have two Democratic judges constables to cut the thistle along the pubon the Supreme court bench. There would lie highway and even go on another man's of year when the thistle ought to be out as it will soon be in blossom and then it takes oratic to place a Democrat in charge of the it but a short time to seed. In fact a bet-Auditor General's office for a term or two ter way to treat the pest is to pull it out. but it would lessen the power and control The ground is quite wet now and on ordi-

-- It has become very apparent that the Republican Senate and House don't propose giving any relief to the country through Tariff revision. The same high lators of Republican conventions into pick. prices for every necessary of life is to be maintained and the poor devil who has to in the future than the creature they have dig every day for enough to fill his belly put up for the reputable voters to support and cover his back is to be kept on digging if he is to earn enough to live on, while Altogether it is about as good a time to the few who have always been the benegive the bosses such a trouncing as would ficiaries of the system are to go on accumuinduce them to be good, for a little while lating wealth to untold amounts. But most of the fellows whose dinner tables have the least upon them, and whose backs -Mr. TAFT may be President, but will blister these hot days through the outside of the tariff deception that is being | holes in their thin shirts, voted to have it practiced upon the people, there don't seem that way, and we presume it is right that dential chair. to be much going on in his party other than it should be so. At least it will be no its attempt to get onto the Democratic fault of the Democratic voter, if high prices platform. Since November last four States for everything but labor, and tough times have adopted the Democratic proposition for every one but the tariff beneficiary, of requiring a state guarantee for bank de- should continue indefinitely. There is positors. President TAFT himself and the that much satisfaction in the situation any

-At least once a year, generally in all the stock of the Mifflin county gas and electric company is given as almost a certain reason why it will be built this time.

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Spawls from the Keystone

-Thirty-three cattle, on the farm of John DuBois, at DuBois, have been killed by state authorities, on account of being infected with tuberculosis

-The officials of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal corporation say that the machinery being installed at Clymer, will enable the operations to keep abreast with the most successful in Western Pennsylvania.

-The campaign for \$20,000 which has been waged by the Young Men's Christian Association at Williamsport for some time past closed at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, when the subscriptions amounted to \$21,414.67.

-At Barnesboro, every dog appearing on the street anmuzzled is shot. Some dog owners are very indignant over this state of affairs, but the drastic measures are considered necessary on account of the spread of hydrophobia.

-The farmers who peddle their produce in the streets of Pittsburg, are very indignant over the new license fees they must pay. Some of the sons of the soil are taxed as high as \$75 per annum for privilege of selling to Pittsburgers.

-Rather than run down a number of women and children, Harry Naylor, a fireman of Harrisburg, drove his horse and apparatus through a plate glass window. Neither of the men on the carriage were hurt but the horse was badly cut.

-Dr. D. L. Buffington, of Johnstown, was found guilty of embezzlement, by the county court, at Ebensburg, of \$735 of the funds of the Patriotic Order of Americans. The jury in the case returned the verdict in ten minutes after they left the court room.

-So weak from typhoid fever that he could not rise, J. Clayton Gable, of Felton, near York, when he saw a fox which had stolen forty of his chickens in his yard, had

Haven, run on the same plan as a trolley line, may be extended to Avis, to connect with the Jersey Shore and Antis Fort electric railway. Quite a number of residents along the line are booming the project.

-The contract was let for the buildings, machinery and sidings for a milk condensary to be erected at Mill Hall, not far from Lock Haven. The new industry will give employment to a number of people, and the Mill Hallers are enthusiastic over the pros-

-A gas well with a pressure of 11,000,000 feet was lately drilled on the lease of G. C. Deemer, near Punxsutawney. The pressure was at first not believed to be near as great as it is. The Standard Oil company is said to have offered \$90,000 for the well. Deemer

-The company taking over the leases of J. W. Hooton and Dr. H. H. Thompson, in connection with the 900 acres of valuable

-At Montgomery, near Williamsport, last government. The same influences that that every one else's should be made highlaunch, fishing. Near the breast of the dam the boat became unmanageable, and Hull, becoming freightened, jumped into the water. He was unable to swim, and was carried through the chute by the current and drowned. Persons on the shore saw the whole catastrophe, but were unable to help the unfortunate young man.

> -John Krell's big gypsy outfit was camping lately at Irwin when one of the band who was kicked by a horse and had developed blood poisoning, died. Krell nurchased an expensive coffin and gave out that the man would be buried on Sunday afternoon. A large crowd went out to see the funeral, but the body had already been interred. The most vigilant search failed to discover the whereabouts of the grave.

-At Williamsport, Mrs. Albert S. Munro. a bride of a week, ate a hearty meal and then took a warm bath. This caused diptheritic heart trouble, and resulted in the woman's death. Her husband on finding her dead, fell in a swoon and his face being he was smothered to death. At first there was mystery about the case, and before postmortem examinations were held the poison in food theory was advanced.

-A novel wedding occurred at Williamsport last Thursday, when A. S. Speece, aged Anna E. Reich aged 63, of Lewistown, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives from the two counties. Among the attendants were the thirteen sons and daughters sweethearts. Mr. Speece is a prominent brick manufacturer and the bride is a well known teacher. They met two months ago.

-It is not altogether probable the Coder run viaduct, a steel-girder bridge of over 800 feet in length on the Jamestown, Franklin & Clearfield railroad, will be completed by the first of July. Preparations are now being made for the placing of the deck, and in two weeks' time it will take on a practically finished appearance. This is the last bridge to be completed before the connection is made with the Pennsylvania railroad at Rose siding, two miles west of Brookville. By the 10th of July the road will be completed, as far as the track laying is concerned, after which time trains will be able to run over the entire distance of sixty miles.

-The coming annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Educational association at Bethlebem, Pa., June 29.30, and July 1, promises to be the greatest held for many years. This convention will be the fifty-third annual meeting, and during that period of time many important changes have been wrought in the sphere of teaching in this state. The greatest of instructors have shared this body of teachers the benefit of their rare experience and through their labors Pennsylvania owes its present standing in the advancement of general education. The executive committee has strenuously The farmers are now busy making worked to make the program strong and in-

From the Altoons Times. Many causes have been advanced as reasons for the business depression which was usuered in a couple of years back, but it remained for the framers of the Republican platform at last week's state convention, to make them absolutely ridiculous by as cribing it to a fear of Democratic success that power. It is safe to say that no single in capturing the presidency. That the incident of the campaign contributed more to the success of the Republican party than millions of members of that party who were unable to see anything but the defeat that overtook their candidate.

A Platform Asininity.

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Of course, it was manifestly impossible for the Pennsylvania Republican leaders to be honest, even in the perfunctory task of writing a platform in an off year. Every intelligent person knows that the panic was precipitated by wildcat speculation and excesses of market manipulators, plus a determined effort to compel President Roosevelt to desist in his effective crusade against "malefactors of great wealth." As far as we know, no decent Republican

newspaper, no matter how hidebound, has had the effrontery to ascribe the business setback to any influence that the Democratic party exerted, and for the Pennsylvania convention to advance such a pre able disregard for fairness on the part of those who dominated Wednesday's gathering.

The many workmen who read the platform declaration will not be able to reco its pretensions with actual conditions that exist today. The statement that husiness halted until the identity of Mr. Roosevelt's successor had been determined is really humorous in view of the fact that there has not been any appreciable improvement six months after all uncertainty had been clear-ed away. It will be a difficult matter to convince idle workmen, and others who are on shortened time and reduced pay, that the spectre of possible Democratic is responsible for their misery.

The Selfishness of It.

From the New York Evening Post. We do not often agree with Senator Tillman, but confess to a certain sympathy with his blunt characterization, yesterday, of a high-tariff press now demanding free refused. wood pulp and printing paper. The South consumer has the greatest interest and as it happens the consumer is vastly the great. tariff tax on those commodities puts a consumer is vastly the great. The doubt and possibly the power to give Carolina Senator declared that newspapers away books and make large contributions which advocated high duties on everything that the people eat, wear and use, yet at tariff tax on hides for the price of shoes is increased, amount of the tax, but in mot to ray for the time and ting the tax. But Senator mitted, while consenting or stipulating changed Judge Shiras' mind over night er. The press campaign for the lowering must have been operating upon President made to support duties cannot be made to appear respectable, except as a part of a general movement to free all forms of industry and consumption from needless tariff burdens. That was one reason why President Roosevelt's appeal to Congress to take off the duties on wood pulp and printing paper got so little response. It pleased the newspapers, just as a proposal to put a duty of \$50 a ton on steel rails either, standing by itself, would be a piece of favoritism. In the common benefit to be had from a general cutting down of the tariff, newspapers are entitled to their share; but to demand that they be favored. while advocating that others be mulcted.

Taft and the Tariff.

is enough to stir bile more sluggish than

Senator Tillman's.

From the Dover (Del.) Index.

Many Republicans are coming to believe President Taft a political trimmer and time server, and some Republican Senators are openly saying so. What are Democrats and real tariff reformers to believe? During the campaign Taft emphatically de- pressed against the bed clothes and his hands clared and reiterated the declaration clear up to the calling of the extra session of Congress that he favored real revision and downward and not upward. Aldrich and of the bosses and rings to an amazing ex- nary land it would be an easy matter to the few other bosses of the Republican partent, and thereby give more importance pull the thistle out, roots and all. In any ty let him work his mouth so long as it answered their purposes. They knew their man and they knew they could shut him 65, of Speeceville, Dauphin county, wedded up when the time came. Since the tariff bill has been in the hands of Congress, though duties have been increased on almost every article of necessity and the general average of duties is above the average of the Dingley bill, President Taft has not of the bridegroom and also two former opened his mouth. The Republican Senators who took the Republican promises seriously and could not sacrifice conviction and honesty at the behest of Aldrich, have done everything possible to call the fat President from his apparent stupor. He seems either doped or scared into silence, or his loud professions were political lies. Now he is playing into the hands of his masters on a new-fangled scheme of income taxation. Either the Republican bosses are playing with dynamite and are to be

Democracy.

From Bryan's Commoner.

Senator McEnery, of Louisiana, in making an argument for a duty on sugar says:
"It is gratifying that at this session of Congress we notice a great change of opinion among Democrats who are voting duty on raw material, although at one time raw material was considered a cardinal principle of Democracy." If Senator Mc-Enery will listen closely he will notice that the sound which emanates from the throats of the Democrats of the rank and file when they read of this charge does not resemble rejoicing. And if the Senator happens to look in upon the Senate a few years hence, t may not be gratifying to him to notice so many new fa

treated to an awful awakening, or William

H. Taft will go down in history as the big-gest fake that has ever occupied the presi-

hay and the hum of the mower is heard on teresting, and a very helpful gathering is all sides as one travels through the country. assured.