luk Slings.

-Public baths are great things for a community, but private ones are better for individuals.

-The Tyrone base ball club now seems able to do quite bandily what it could never do in the days of the old Mountain

-There is everything to be proud of in the ticket the Democrats have named for the support of the voters of Penusylvania in November.

-What "Uncle" JOE CANNON will do to the insurgents in making up the new House committees is a foregone conclusion. It will be plenty.

-The new LINCOLN cents are in circulation. They are quite artistic but it requires just as many to make a dollar as of the old Indian heads.

-The next hig event for Centre county will be the business men's pienie in two weeks, then the Granger's pionic, the fair and- winter. My, how time flies.

-Already the new LINCOLN penny has met its critics. They object to the fact that the designer, VICTOR D. BRENNER, has placed his initials on it. The public however, don't care a cent about it.

-It is estimated that ten million words are on record as having been used in the tariff debate in Washington. Five million are likely ALDRICH and the balance PAYNE ; for they are all there is to it.

-The Jackson cocktail is a new drink in Missouri. Three parts oider and one Jamaica ginger. It is said that two drinks will make a hen pecked busband as big a bully as ROOSEVELT. Here is the panacea for a few of them in Bellefoute.

-With a hospital, a new court house enough for winter quarters for a circus, all ere going until the snow-flakes fly.

-Tue burning of the Nittany Country club has effaced not only a delightful pleasure resort, but one of the old country seats that was famous for its hospitality in the early part of the last century and the home of one of the families prominent in the early history of Centre county.

-Manager MITCH CUNNINGHAM is feeling very well, thank you. His team won a great game at Jersey Shore, on Wednesday, and as RODGER BROUSE and HEN KLINE have consented to become mascots for the rest of the season there is nothing

town in force yesterday and much interest- circumstances. In any event TAFT has ed in the good roads meeting. But some proved a recreant as well as a weakling of the members of the Bellefonte Motor and there is no excuse for his failure to club are puzzled to know whether there keep faith with the people. If he had inwas anything hidden in the expressions of sixted on tariff revision downward all the a few of them, who, when leaving, said : "Thank-von-mam."

-HARRY THAW'S feelings these days must be sadly mixed up; first he saved his neck by making it appear that he was insane, now he is just as busy proving that he is not. The learned alienists who are passing on his case seem to be about as mixed as HARRY is so the casual reader can scarcely be criticised for thinking the whole pack of them "on the bug."

-The Philadelphia Public Ledger is authority for the statement that the policemen of that city are to be assessed thirty dollars each for the machine's campaign expenses in November. This will mean a fund of about seventy-one thousand dollars alone. The Philadelphia machine must anticipate some trouble with its ticket in the fall. A needless alarm, to be

-The Historical Society of Pittsburg to which has been assigned the duty of select- to three dollars on every thousand feet of ing names for four hundred streets, is, like lumber used in the construction of a home. most bodies of that sort, so deep in the It puts a prohibitive tax on glass used in past that it has overlooked the present. As the windows of a home, on the nails used a result of absent minded abstraction-if in assembling the lumber and on the tin or there is such a thing-the greater city is other material used in the roof. It taxes likely to have streets named after prize the pots and pans, the china, cutlery, the fighters, base ball favorites and, we pre- carpets and furniture and in fact every sume, the blonde dollies who have led so single thing necessary to the securing and many of the wealthy Pittsburgers astray.

-The action of the Democratic State convention yesterday in nominating C. LARUE MUNSON Esq., of Williamsport, for Justice of the Supreme Court ; ex-Congressman GEO. W. KIPP, of Bradford county, for State Treasurer, and J. WOOD CLARK, of Indiana, for Auditor General, cannot but inspire confidence and hope in the party. The men are all so eminent for their integrity and fitness and so far superior in equipment to the candidates PENROSE has named in opposition to them that there should be no doubt of their receiving the support of every conscientious voter.

-Congressman WILSON, of the Tioga-Lycoming district, says that the reduction of the duty on coal from sixty-seven to forty-five cents the ton is really an increase. He ought to know because he has been a coal worker all his life and the facts bear him out. Under the DINGLEY law the such institutions could accomplish in twen- Matilda to Stormstown, giving them mail "slack" which is about one-third of the ty. product is admitted free, while the new rate of forty-five cents covers both coal and "alack." In addition to this after March 31st, 1910, twenty-five per cent. advalorem is to be added, which will make the new rate considerably higher than the old.

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the Steel trust would not have prevented

An Inconsistent Contemporary.

The esteemed Philadelphia Bulletin

wisely observes that "whatever assists

men to secure homes of their own in which

they may dwell with their families in self-

respecting independence, is an aid to good

citizenship." Unquestionably that is true.

economic fact reconcile himself to the sup-

port of the iniquitous tariff bill which has

just been enacted in the House of Repre-

sentives in Washington and is practically

certain to pass the Senate within a few days

That measure does all that is possible to

prevent men from securing homes, "in

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The so-called PAYNE-ALDRICH tariff

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ting revenue to support the government,

but in order to multiply the profits and in-

The encouragement of home building is

the highest duty of citizenship. A com-

munity in which the greater proportion of

the inhabitants own their homes not only

but the highest measure of contentment

and happiness. But the policy of the Re-

publican party is, and always has been, to

discourage rather than encourage such a

that our esteemed Philadelphia contempor-

tariff system. Building associations have

accomplished much toward home building

are holding meetings two and three times

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the achievement of that result.

Taft a Miserable Weakling.

The flunkies of the press and the syco-

BELLEFONTE, PA., AUGUST 6, 1909.

Duty of Democratic Senators. An esteemed metropolitan contemporary | The Democratic State convention gave phants about Washington have been giving gravely announces, in a Washington dis- the people of Pennsylvania a superb ticket. themselves great pains, lately, in trying to patch, that the Democratic Senators will As one of the craters of the convenmake it appear that President TAFT has debate the tariff bill when the conference tion said in reference to one candishown great courage and revealed vant report is presented in that body. "A de- date, each of the nominees represents the relation to the tariff question except a dispatch states. "The principal speech- CYRUS LARUE MUNSON, is the most widestupendous ignorance of the subject and a es will be made by Senators DANIEL and ly known of the three because he has been complete and contemptible servility to the BAILEY," the correspondent continues, conspicuous in his profession for many machine politicians of his party. He was "but many other Democratic members are years as lecturer in the Law Department

fulfilled that obligation at any cost. But tion which would justify the Democratic INGTON KIPP and J. WOOD CLARK are TAFT permitted Senator ALDRICH to Senators in remaining silent when the con- favorably known to a wide circle of voters wheedle him about like a piece of putty in ference report is presented. That report is and contribute materially to the strength the hands of a glazier and forced him to not only as CHAMP CLARK declared in the of the ticket. accept a revision which upon every essential of life is a vast increase on the DING-history of mankind," but it is a colossal so far as they conserve the public interests. fraud and false pretense. The Democratic In the nomination of a ticket of the high-Probably President TAFT's weakness Senators, representing the Democratic peo- est merit the political organization fulfills lies in his ignorance of the subject. Ac- ple of the country are morally bound, not its greatest obligation. In the nomination customed to the luxuries of a perpetual only to protest against the perpetration of of its ticket this year, the Republican orand high-salaried public official, Mr. TAFT such a fraud but to expose to the deceived ganization did not attain this full measure has given his mind to culinary studies and betrayed public the iniquities of the of usefulness. Its candidates were chosen and like all over fed creatures he has neg- measure. Failure in this will be recre- not because of fitness, the compliments

lected the intellectual development which ancy. qualifies men to master the sciences of But spokesmen of the party might have service, but for the reason that sinister regovernment and the intricacies of state been chosen with wiser discrimination, sults had been achieved by their efforts in craft. A three hundred pound body is not than the dispatch in question indicates. usually fretted by an active mind and AL- Both Senator BAILEY and Senator DAN- The Democratic convention was influenced DRICH found TAFT an easy victim to the IEL contributed to the perpetration of the by no such considerations. Its candidates confusing consequences of juggled figures. fraud against which they are now prepar- represent political morality and civic and a new public school building large The President's final and absurd demand ing to protest. If the Democratic Senators righteousness. for free hides as the ultimatum of his tariff had consistently opposed every feature of Four years ago in what might justly be under way at the same time there ought to reform aspirations, is the best evidence in the ALDRICH bill it would never have designated as a paroxism of political virtue trifling concession made on coarse and cheap shoes are of about as much value to been reported in the form in which it was been reported in the form in which it was the commonwealth and temporarily the Australian ballot on their heads. be plenty of work to keep Bellefonte build- the world of this fact. Free hides with the been sent to conference in the form it the people of Pennsylvania revolted against the country as sprinkling a Bellefonte accepted in the House the other day and is overthrew it. But the reform was only of lawn would be toward moistening the practically certain to be accepted by the transient character and it is no exaggeration Senate sooner or later.

The tariff campaign in Washington, during the special session of Congress, has simply revealed the deliquencies of Presi- DANIEL and BAILY that the measure is an CLARK the Democracy of the State have dent TAFT's character. NERO fiddled while outrage. But they both voted for certain offered the people an opportunity to again Rome burned and TAFT played golf while provisions contained in the conference re- throw off the yoke of the political corrup-Rome burned and TAFT played golf while the agents and emissaries of the trusts and predatory coporations in Congress were fastening the thongs of slavery about the wrists and ankles of the people. It may be wrists and ankles of the people. It may be wrists and ankles of the people. It may be provides for. As a matter of fact the rea- ought to avail themselves of this opporand probably is true, that he didn't know son given for the purpose of Senators DAN- tunity. more to it than the pennant for Bellefonte. any better, but NERO was drunk or else he IEL and BAILEY is that they are displeased might have acted differently under the "over the failure of the conference to retain cotton bagging on the free list."

Corruption in Schuykill County.

The patriotic orders in Schuylkill county will make considerable progress toward justifying themselves if they will succeed in minimizing ballot frauds in that neighborhood. We have hitherto referred, regretfully, to the amazing prevalence of corruption in the politics of Schuylkill county. For years it has been notorious and honest men in all sections of the State have blushed with shame at the details of such criminality. But we hardly expected the patriotic orders to undertake the correction of the evil. The corrupt politi-But how can one who realizes this obvious cians responsible for the frauds have been so much in the habit of using those orders to promote their selfish purposes that nobody expected anything else, of late.

Judge BRUMM who appears to be the central figure both in the movement to eliminate frauds from the elections and in the effort to enlist the patriotic orders in the work of excision has not always been a champion of honest or even clean politics. In fact there are those who question bill levies a tax of from one and a quarter his sincerity in the present instance, though we believe that in that they are unjust to him. It is bad manners as well as bad policy to "look a gift horse in the mouth," and Judge BRUMM should be encouraged in his work against this evil of our day and generation. Whether he is influenced by one consederation or another, he will be serving the public well if he extirpates maintaining such a home and it does these

ballot frauds in his county. The late Mayor ASHBRIDGE, of Philadelphia, was one of the products of the patriotic orders. But for the activity of those societies in his behalf, he never would have attained the cdious conspicuity in politics which he acquired. But if those societies, conceived no doubt in the spirit of patriotism and maintained for wholesome purposes, are willing and able to attack the hydra-headed monster, ballot frauds in Schuylkill county, they will deserve the good opinion of the electorate of the State and popular forgiveness for the ASHBRIDGE episode. Meantime they are condition of affairs, and we regret to say entitled to the benefits of any doubts which may arise in relation to their purposes in ary has invariably given its moral and material support to the iniquities of the

the present. -Residents of Halfmoon township, west of Stormstown, have at last succeeded but putting building materials on the free in securing an extension of the free rural list would achieve more in five years than delivery service on the star route from Port four times a day direct from Port Matilda. -Philipsburgers are making great The route starts at the Centennial school preparation for their Old Home week, and house on the main road and runs from there to Miller's corner, thence to Shaner's corner thence to Way's corner, on the main road, serving about sixteen families.

> -You miss a good thing if you don't take the WATCHMAN.

The Democratic Ticket.

pledged, unequivocally, to tariff revision expected to take part in the discussion."

of Yale University and author of widely downward, and a man of honor would have

It would be difficult to imagine a condi-

were bestowed, not in reward of public behalf of an atrocious political machine.

to say that the political iniquities of to-day There are no two men in the Senate who are vastly greater than they were then. In understand more clearly than Senators the nomination of MUNSON, KIPP and

Our State Platform.

The platform adopted by the Democratic State Convention held in Harrisburg on party is arraigned for its sine of omission question of taxation is discussed with cordial approval by all thoughtful men.

The demand for ballot reform legislation The demand for ballot reform legislation trary they have generally been found on should likewise meet with the enthusiastic the side of the Big Interests. endorsement of the public. Our present ballot system encourages rather than condemns ballot frauds and offers temptation to the desperate political knave to false hoped for after the party responsible for the frauds and infiguities has been driven from power. The ensuing election will afford opportunity to begin this work.

Upon the tariff, the pension and other relevant issues the platform is clear and positive. The tariff law recently passed by the House and likely to be concurred in by the Senate before this issue of the WATCH-MAN reaches its destination is condemned in unsparing terms. It is "framed for the benefit of special interests and against those who purchase the necessaries of life." The proposition to appoint a tariff commission offers a certain method of remedying the evil and though not encouraged by party traditions nevertheless has the merit of expediency.

-Col. H. S. Taylor and staff, company B, the hospital corps, and the bugle corps returned about eight o'clock last Saturday morning from the annual camp of the Second brigade at Somerset and none of the soldiers were any too jubilant over the good time they had had. In fact a number of them had no hesitation in declaring that that was the last encampment they would ever attend. While the place was all right in a general way for the encampment the water was very poor and as a result the soldiers came home sick. The

-The second annual reunion of the Tressler family will be held at the Belle-Friends and relatives are all invited.

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A Little Ballot and a Second Cho

From the Pittsburg Sun.

The investigation into the uniform primade up mostly of Slavs.

mary laws of this State by a committee from New York brought out strong, if indirect, arguments against the big ballot shown great courage and revealed vast stability of character, in his fight for tariff revision downward. As a matter of fact President TAFT has revealed nothing in President

rule, the chances are that a man who is the choice of but a considerable minority will win. Had each voter the power to name a county. A new sixty-barrel-a-day well was second as well as a first choice for each office, then a majority could be required to on Saturday a new gas well giving out 5,000, nominate or elect, no matter how many 000 feet of gas a day was struck. This is the men were running. As has been shown, the failure of any one of a group of candi-dates for the same place to get a clear ma-jority would result in the throwing out of

that the people pay no attention to now are made appointive and responsibility is clearly fixed, voters will give more atten-tion to what they vote for.

Opponents of the primary system are fighting the same losing fight that the opponents of the Australian ballot did and for the same reasons. They are the same type of men precisely.

And in most cases it is their manipulation of conventions that is forcing the pri-

tion of conventions that is forcing the primary system now just as it was their un-blushing frauds at the ballot box and pur-

The Tariff Bill.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The cowardice of half a dozen insurgent Republicans and the utter hypocrisy of two Louisiana Democrats made possible the passage of the Aldrich-Payne-Taft tariff bill soes to the senate and what its late will be there remains to be seen. It is probable, however, that it will safely pass that body through the treachery of Democrats and insurgent Republicans, just as it passed the Up to the last hour of the fight on the

State Convention held in Harrisburg on bill it seemed to be doomed to deteat and Wednesday, leaves little to conjecture and that would have been its fate only for the nothing to uncertainty. The Republican power of the president, who cajoled revolting Republicans into supporting the measurement is arraigned for its sine of omission party is arraigned for its sine of omission or by the application of the party whip and commission and the responsibility for and the making of promises of a flattering the failure to enforce the XII article of the nature. That only two Democrats were constitution is unequivocally fixed. The finally found in the wind-up in support of the blunder is not only a great surprise but equal candor and conciseness and the demand for a cessation of the graft incident to loyal, and that is saying a great deal in vast treasury surplusses will meet with view of the fact that Pennsylvania Democrats have not been in the habit of opposing high protective tariffs. On the con-

But whatever may be the final fate of the vicious conception of the tariff gang, this ment. The large Republican vote against the bill shows that there is a growing sentiregistration, fraudulent voting and bogus ment against high tariffs and the time may returns. Such legislation can only be not be far distant when there will be an up rising in this country which will mean the overthrow of the infamous principle. The campaign of education is on and it will not ease until the fetich of protection is destroyed.

Berry and Henry George.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The single taxers assured themselves of a ringing blast upon Henry George's old bu-gle horn when they got Former State Treasurer William H. Berry to deliver that ad-dress in Philadelphia. Many will be sur-prised to find that the redoubtable paralyzer of the state capitol graftere is an enthu-siastic supporter of the teachings of Henry George, but the discovery will hardly be so surprising on further consideration our former state treasurer is a man of the enthusiastic and fearless type that might be expected to champion such a cause if convinced of its reasonableness.

There is a very general impression that the Henry George ideas of taxation of land value to a degree that would discourage the holding of unused land are ideas too revolutionary for present use, but will be put to trial by another and remote generation, but we are reminded that we live it

an age of impetuous progress.

Nevertheless there is little cause for uneasiness here among those who mistrus the experiment, for it is altogether prob ble that it will be tried out in the Old World, where land monopoly is a more evident evil. long before the movement in this country gains any formidable strength.

-In the personal column of last encampment, however, was considered a week's WATCHMAN was an item telling of success in every way, the conduct of the a visit to his old haunts in this county of soldiers and visitors being more exemplary Mr. Baker, of DesMoines, Iowa, and we than is customary. The only unfortunate referred to him as "Joseph W. Baker," affair so far as the Centre county centin- when it should have been "Samuel W. gent was concerned was that a number of Baker;" a very ludicrous error considering the members of the bugle corps refused to the fact that Mr. Baker is not only an old go out on a hike and the result was that and esteemed friend whom we knew long eleven of them were discharged from the ere he went west, but that his name has service, but it is probable that they will be appeared a dozen times in the WATCHMAN in the past few months in connection with his very interesting letters.

-The Bellefonte lodge of Rebekahs fonte fair grounds on the 13th of August. held a festival at Axe Mann last Friday evening.

spawls from the Keystone

-On Labor Day, at Osceola, the Red Men of Centre and Clearfield counties are arranging to hold a reunion. A fine program is being prepared.

-In the Pennsylvania's classification yards st Northumberland five hundred men have gone to work at night, for the first time since the hard times began.

-John Roumanis, of Lewistown, has fifty times paid the fine of \$6.87 for infringement of the blue laws. He is prosecuted regularly every week. and smilingly pays his money, which altogether has amounted to \$347.50.

-An epidemic of scarlet fever is on in Braddock. There have been ten deaths in the last twelve days and fifty-two cases have been reported. Forty seven of the cases are in the First ward where the population is

-Eight-year old Minnie Dresher, of Bethlehem, felt something protruding from her and to give voters at a primary or even at palate and pulled it out. She found that it

ing, responsible faction of a party and a dozen free lances might put themselves forward, and that where the alphabetical order is followed with the candidates 20 per cent. of the vote would be cast for the first man by citizens too ignorant or lazy to know what they were doing, or why. In such a field, too, under the present rule, the chances are that a man who is the

oil and gas fields near Harmony, Butler county. A new sixty-barrel-a-day well was second gas well of the same pressure struck by the Wellesley company in two weeks.

-The eighteen members of the state conthe low man and the redistribution of his votes as the second choices on his ballots signified. This process would continue until some candidate had a clear majority.

Whenever there are fewer names on the ballot, that is, whenever the minor offices that the meaning of the strike of the employees of the Standard Steel Car company, have returned to the barracks at Punxsutawney. The output at the plant, thirty-five cars a day, now equals that of before the strike, which was declared on July 16th. Many men and boys are applying for work.

-Two residents of Somerfield, Somerset county, Jerry Hunter and Solly Lancaster, recently performed a surgical operation on a cow that is as odd as it is uncommon. They amputated a leg of the bovine, which had been hurt, and skillfully placed a wooden substitute in its place. The cow is getting better and no doubt looks queer enough to be featured in a side show.

-Asking for \$10,000 damages, the Thompson Ice company, of Williamsport, has brought suit against the Keystone Glue company for the alleged pollution of the Susquehanna river, from which the company harvests its ice. It is alleged that the ice company's product is so tainted by refuse from the glue company's plant that it is unfit for many domestic purposes.

monestrosity in the house Saturday night.

Without their votes the bill would have nance which provides for a mile of firebrick. -The Gallitzin council acted on an ordi-

roads that are to be improved are now known. Engineers are at work and the only thing that remains to be settled is the action of the grand jury on a bond issue. The highways in question are those connecting Ebensburg and Cherrytree, Barnesboro and Carrol lown, Ebensburg and Blandburg.

-A test train of 108 cars, starting from Clearfield and going beyond Lock Haven. was hauled over the New York Central road. This was the largest train ever hauled on the road and though at times the locomotive was strained to its utmost, never once was there any danger of it's stopping. J. W. Johnson was the engineer and the officials are very much pleased with the success of the trial.

-Max Morgan, of Philadelphia, was escorting two young ladies, Rebecca and Ann Abrams, home when the party was surrounded by six men, three negroes and three Italians, who demanded money. The thugs would have made short work of Morgan but the young women beat off the assailants by blows from parasols and by the vigorous use of hatpins. Morgan had over \$200 on his person, none of which was stolen

-The city of Pittsburg is going to acquire the Peabody property in Home wood for the site of a new asphalt plant by condemnation proceedings. The site is said to be the best located in the city for the proposed plant and the owner says he will be willing to abide by the award made under the proceedings. Mayor George Guthrie contemplated the purchase of the same site for \$175,000 but the sale was never consum-

-The postoffice at McElhattan, Clinton county, was entered and robbed of between \$15 and \$20 in cash. Frank Rall, the postmaster, runs a general store and consider himself lucky to have escaped so easily. Two strange men were seen in the vicinity in the evening and they were seen the next morning near the station where they are thought to have boarded a freight. About half of the money taken was from receipts of the

-The Natural Fuel company, parent company of the Johnstown natural gas interests, has just effected a compromise with H\_ W. Storey Esq., who had been awarded \$25,.. 000 by the arbitrators in Allegheny county about a year ago. It is said the company pays Mr. Storey a handsome sum. Mr. Storey secured the Johnstown franchise upon the payment to the city of \$10,000 down, \$1,000 a year and the agreement to limit the price of natural gas to 35 cents per thousand

-Justice John P. Elkin and T. L. Eyre were sued by the Denver Engineering works company and judgment was directed in favor of the plaintiff company for \$12,536 83. The action was based on a claim for mining equipment furnished the Ferrenates Consolidated Mining company, of which the defendants were officers. The mines are located in Mexico and Justice Elkin says that the case mexico and Justice Elkin says that the case in issue was to try to hold Eyre and himself responsible for debts contracted by former owners of the property. An appeal will be made from this decision and the defendants are confident of winning their case.