Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings

-The hail stones most effectually boxed the ears of much of the corn in Centre county on Monday afternoon.

-Well, Bellefonte is playing some baseball these days. In truth we hear a noise almost like the pennant flapping on Hughes

-Philadelphia has really been showing signs of getting awake since the Athletics have jumped into the lead in the American League race.

-Bellefonte pulled the school board out of a hole on Tuesday and some of the pullers are mad now because the Board bas construed the vote as one of confidence.

-Manager CUNNINGHAM has canned another pitcher. It is getting late in the season and that is the only wise thing to do when they show signs of getting over-

DOAK stands on the corner for a day at a their presence has been achieved. In other one or two days of the celebration. Such er fails to repress enthusiasm and hope of time without even hearing the tinkle of a words the Roosevell propaganda is to be an event would be a very laudable one and victory combined with admiration for our the sources of its fund they become doubly copper in his tin.

says the Milwaukee Journal. And, we ROOSEVELT's future ambitions. might add that no one seems to love it for Closer inquiry into the subject confirms the enemies it has made.

the other day that it partially disrobed a terest of the conservation of the watersheds terrific when you come to consider what ROOSEVELT. It is true that the Secretary some of them wear at the shore.

-Little else could have been expected in the Surron case than a verdict that the young naval officer took his own life. As we said when the investigation was begun. The navy and the army bny their secrets.

that isn't a circumstance to what some of the fellows lost in 1907 through taking his Interior. dope on the market.

bunch of peach-basket hats yet.

-TAFT's golf scores are improving, so solation this will be to the poor devils who have to pay more for everything they eat and wear because Mr. TAFT was practicing golf when he should have been making that promise of his to see that the tariff was revised downward.

-Dr. McCormick, of Chicago, recommends pie for breakfast as a cure for statement of the crops of this country for dyspepsia. It is getting him the laugh in several years and the statement was amaza great many quarters but Pennsvalley has ing. For something like ten consecutive which eat up taxes and drain the resources of her earliest settlers and --- come to think of it-we really never heard that seven billion dollars a year, making a grand dyspepsia is prevalent over there.

-Considering the amount of discussion before the event Tuesday's election was a very tame affair. Due, probably to the fact that there was nothing for the average voter to do but support the new school been without proper school facilities and, any age. It is simply astounding. loan. Without it the children would have knowing this, few persons felt like using the little ones as a club to get after the

about as much of a "fixed" affair as if it beyond the necessities of the people poverty had been between two crooked pugs in a instead of wealth appears to be the reward twenty-four foot ring. When they held of industry and the recompense for thrift. back one side because the other couldn't The people are generous livers but indiget there in time to attack it before it vidual extravagance could not absorb so might have gained a vantage point they much within so brief a period. The fault made a farce of a mimic war and convinc- must be found somewhere else. It must ed the public that all they are after is be traced to some other source and that is burning up millions of dollars in blank not difficult of achievement. Vicious legis-

-Think of it! Is costs \$55,000 to make a to compass the evil consequences.

"Historic Pennsylvania" at the Alaska- lief for the present at least. But the next Yukon exposition at Seattle was exactly congressional election will give opportunity what might have been expected from such | to solve the problem. The vicious policies a cultivated and scholarly lawyer, but we may be changed by altering the complexion fear it was optimistic even beyond the of Congress. orator's evidently hopeful view. When | Half Century Memorial Celebration. Pennsylvania fulfills MILTON's ideal of a republic and "rousing herself like a strong man after sleep and shaking her invincible locks "even as an eagle mewing her youth and kindling her undazzled eyes at the full mid-day sun" it will be when the coal and stone and ores of her hills bave been fused in the mighty furnace that will consume all at the end of time. Then she may of which no man knows. For then she ing the half century anniversary of LIN- rebuke this delinquency by turning out of there yesterday. The Undines are not atwill be purged of the evil ones that control her now and her indifferent good will be forced to take their proper place in government or answer to one whose law will it a national event of next year.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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tions.

It has been practically decided that Mr. NEWALL, chief of the reclaimation service of the Interior Department at Washington, between Chief Forester PINCHOTT and to make it the big event the occasion war. convention met in Harrisburg and nomi-Secretary of the Interior Ballinger. It is also predicted that Secretary of Agricul- week and a celebration of the fiftieth an earnestly supported during the impending ture WILSON and Mr. PINCHOTT are being prepared for the tohoggan. In fact the indications are that all the ROOSEVELT ad--HORACE wrote that "there is a sure herents in the public service will be put reward for faithful silence." Poor BILL out of commission before the purpose of broken up before it can possibly accomplish -The new tariff measure begins its ex- its mission which is to make the present istence without a single sincere friend, administration a campaign agency for

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our conjecture of last week to the effect -The wind at Atlantic City was so fierce that PINCHOTT's object was less in the inof the Interior had restored to public uses had, just before the expiration of his term of office, reserved under pretense of conserving the forests. It is equally certain that corporations operating in electrical enterprises have been trying to acquire water--Mr. HARRIMAN is coming home from sheds in some of the territory in question. Europe a very sick man. Reports are to But it is not certain that the chances of restoring order of the Secretary of the

We have no apology to make for the -"The average woman has much better blunders of the TAFT administration and taste than the average man," said Sir WIL- no sympathy with any act or policy which LIAM RICHMOND during an address at New- may interfere with the conservation of the castle, England, recently. We presume timber which remains a part of the public that event the lesson of vigilance as well as which is performed quietly by the earnest Sir WILLIAM hasn't been up against a domain. But the right way to conserve the value of energy and promptness would men of the party in the school districts. A the timber on public or private lands is to have been conveyed to both sides. But distinguished Senator of the opposite party -Greensburg has planned a clam bake remove the tariff tax on lumber and open General LEONARD WOOD, who never had once said of a leader of the Pennsylvania and the Connellaville Courier says "it may the vast areas of Canadian forests to the any experience in real war, called a hait Democracy that "he never hunts with a be well to explain that the clams and timber users of this country. Besides, as upon the activities of the other side in or- brass band." Neither excitement nor lobsters will be imported." The Courier we said last week, there is vastly more der that the mistake might be corrected parade is necessary to get voters registered evidently thought the world sould imagine danger to the country in the usurpations and the victory awarded to the force which or see that the taxes are paid of voters who that Greensburgers were about to become of the Roosevell administration than in had been agreed upon in advance to win. are sick or absent from home and the time the spoliation of the timber by the TAFT Nothing could be much more absurd or to attend to such matters is that interval administration, even if the charges made useless. by PINCHOTT are true. According to the best information attainable the reservation order of ROOSEVELT was not only without authority but in violation of law.

Our Wealth and Poverty.

of the soil has averaged something like for every man, woman and child in the scheme of subjugation. country. Such a multiplication of wealth is without parallel in the history of the world. It is an accumulation of resources far beyond the dreams of the optimists of

But notwithstanding this marvelous increase of national wealth the people of the country have been suffering for nearly two years from industrial and commercial -The mimic war about Boston was paralysis. With a productive capacity far lation and public profligacy have combined

twelve inch gun for our government and In the excessive tariff taxes the root of that amount would reclaim fifteen bundred the evil is planted. The late president of and seventy-one acres of arid land, mak- the National Manufacturers' association ing homes for one bundred and ninety-six estimated, in a statement to a committee people. What would you sooner do: Buy of Congress, that the DINGLEY tariff law guns and battleships to blow your money robbed the industrial element of the counaway or make farms for the people? We try of a million dollars a day. A careful know what answer common sense tells you investigation of the subject leads to the to make, but you are afraid to make it, Mr. | conviction that his estimate is under rather Republican, because you are afraidjof your than over the actual figures. The new tariff law increases instead of diminishes -The Hon. W. U. HENSEL's address on this burden so that there is no hope of re-

But Centre countians have a double rea- ty to fulfill the obligation.

Taft's Blunders and Roosevett's Usurpa- son for holding such exercises because of it being the anniversary of Curtin's election and it is none too early to begin considering such a proposition. The most auspinever been quite as eager to get into a cious time would be about regular Memorial political scrimmage as they are at this time. The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee was courting scandal when after the elections in 1908, it failed to issue a day, which will fall on Monday. In order It is little more than three weeks since the etatement of the contributions to its fund. niversary of Curtins's election combined. campaign and yet we hear on every side in the new tariff law the Republican ma-As the latter is also of State importance importunities to get to work. Usually the As the latter is also of State importance importanties to get to work. Usually the rect charges of corruption. The retention neighboring counties, or people all over hot weather drives the thoughts of political of the old schedules was suspicious. The the State could be invited to join with contention out of the minds of men. But tacties employed in keeping those schedules Bellefonte and Centre county in at least in Pennsylvania, this year, even hot weath-unchanged were suspicious. Taken tois well worth considering by the people of candidates urges party workers to activity. suspicious. H. J. Hamill, of Philadelphia, Centre county.

The War Game Folly.

The "war game" which occupied the at-

are the "velvet" of the other and if the nated. real purpose had been to tustruct the troops | But much of the more important work of in tactical maneuvering, those who had the campaign may and ought to be perproved delinquent would have been oblig- formed before that feature is begun. After ed to pay the penalty of their fault. In all the most effective political work is that

The real purpose of the conflict, however, was not to teach the troops partici- hope no Democrat in this county or State 672,000,000 bushels last year. And yet we pating in the affair anything. It was to will fail of his duty in this respect this "burn up" money, and that result was year. achieved with all the "pomp and circumstance" of war. The trusts and predatory The Gospel of Reason and Patrtottsm. will be the increase in price to the ultimate An esteemed contemporary of a statistical corporations which are directing the affairs turn of mind published the other day a of the government understand the advantage, to them, of an impoverished public and are ready at all times for enterprises been eating pie for breakfast since the days years the aggregate value of the products of the people who pay. The war game cost several millions of dollars, it will be necessary to reimburse the treasury in some that "this country needs what our foretotal for the decade of seventy billions of way for this loss and every additional bur fathers used in laying its foundation a lot dollars or a per capita of over \$700 a year den put upon the people helps along the of old-fashioned common sense," Mr. Yoa-

The Great Evil and the Remedy.

platform adopted by the Democrated State into bankruptor. * * * We would better the 4th instant and nominated the admira- powder in making new farms." the 4th instant and nominated the admira-ble ticket that should be elected in Novem-ber. "We favor the enlargement of the some of our follies, either. "It costs \$55,ble ticket that should be elected in Novem- Mr. YOAKUM doesn't fail to point out the general government, and if all the and smoke \$150,000. This would reclaim at Washington will have no occasion to homes to more than 500 families. The concern itself on the subject.

for corporate discrimination and rebating ten years, so it does not cost the governwas in the criminal courts. The prosecu- ment anything to build up the country by tion and punishment by imprisonment of beiping the farmer. We should make more from which he has been deposed because one railroad president or corporation manager guilty of this offense against the pub- chines." lic interests, would work more reform drastic the fine might be. Yet the Repub- idea that the greatness of the country is lican party has invariably resisted any and measured by the number and size of her all attempts at legislation looking toward battleships is the product of a diseased that result. ROOSEVELT himself refused to brain. Building battleships keeps the prosecute PAUL MORTON, though he had people poor and dependent but contributes publicly confessed his culpability, and nothing toward the glory of the country punished the innocent stockholders of the or the happiness of a rational people. The

Santa Fe railroad by fine for his crime. ed more than twenty-five years ago, placed; the people come to the views expressed by in the hands of the Legislature the means Mr. YOAKUM and abandon those which Next year, or in 1910, it will be just of correcting this great evil. Yet the are characterized as the policies of Roosefifty years since ABRAHAM LINCOLN was Legislature, always in control of the Re. VELT the better it will be for the country. elected President and Andrew G. Curtin, publican party in one or both branches, has Thrift and industry should be fostered inof Bellefonte, was elected Governor of refused or neglected to perform this duty stead of taxed. Pennsylvania and the fact has been sug- to the people. The result of this neglect gested by a friend of the WATCHMAN that is that hundreds of millions of dollars have it would be very opportune to celebrate been drawn from the earnings of the peo- in Jersey Shore attending the annual conthe dual events with special memorial ex- ple to feed the rapacity of corporations. veution of the Central Pennsylvania Diseroises next year. The matter of celebrat- We submit that the time has arrived to trict Firemen's association, which convened COLN's election was brought before the power the party responsible for it. The tending in a body but are represented by a recent session of Congress and it is likely Democratic party stands pledged to this number of individual members. The Lothat some action will yet be taken to make | legislation and if the people are just to gans left here in fine shape yesterday afterthemselves they will give it the opportuni- noon and were headed by the new City

The Coming Campaign

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have It may be predicted, therefore, that the director of the Carded Woolen Manufacturcampaign will begin early and be waged with unusual energy and warmth.

There are certain preliminaries which bave been produced, no proof presented, necessarily delay active operations in poli- clearing the committee, and the tariff deal tention of the country for a week recently, ties. Custom requires the formal notificaaccomplished no good but achieved its pur- tion of the candidates and arranging a tection had no trouble in financing its campose, nevertheless. The pretense is that meeting for that purpose consumes consid- paigns. Although by law the corporations woman. It couldn't have been such so of the country than the desire to exploit such siliy performances educate the citizen erable time. But the arrangements for this were then barred from contributing, there soldiery in the art of war and the National function are practically completed now and their will the members of the National Re- head of the state forestry department, went Guardsmen of New York, Massachusetts before another issue of the WATCHMAN has some of the public lands which Roosevelt and the District of Columbia participated been taken from the press the meeting will in the sham, the regular troops assigned to have been held. Immediately after that names of contributors and the amounts of the contributions. With what excellent the coast defence being the antagonists. event the active work of the campaign will The folly of it all was shown in the fact be inaugurated. That is to say public an organization of quite as much importthat in a critical moment the proceedings meetings will be arranged and eloquent ance in some respects, preserved secrecy there promises to be a bountiful supply of this vegetable, which is one of the hardest the Sunday World yesterday. Did it re-ceive and apply moneys which the other committee did not care to account for in to convey the assailing force from one point population to present the issues of the to another met with a mishap and failed to campaign so that all voters may underthe effect that he has lost ten pounds. But their success have been improved by the reach its destination at the proper time. stand. It will be a campaign of energy its public report? Did it handle the stand. In actual war the mishaps of one side worthy of the admirable candidates nomi- patters' slush fund?

Mr. B. F. YOAKUM, chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island wholly incompatible with economic laws. railroad system, gave the farmers of Okla. It is hard to believe that the demand for homa some wholesome truths in an address before the Farmers' Union of that State, at before the Farmers' Union of that State, at in the world's population is given as the Shawnee, the other day. After declaring reason for the advanced price of wheat, it KUM proceeded to describe some of the modern follies that produce misery, poverty and ruin, and adds: "The same disre-The solution of the problem of corporate gard of value of money would send the regulation is plainly pointed out in the strongest private business in this country higher price of flour is due to the inability convention which met at Harrisburg on spend more of the money we burn up in

powers of the Railroad Commission and the | 000 to make a twelve-inch gun," he says. passage of penal laws which will enforce "The money that goes to pay for this gun respect for its decisions," is the language would reclaim 1,571 acres of arid land, of that platform. If this duty is performed providing homes for 196 people. When by the Legislature of Pennsylvania there all the guns on all the battleships are shot will be no necessity for the intervention of one time the government blows off in noise States pursue that policy, the government more than 4,000 acres of land, giving money consumed in powder is lost to all More than ten years ago the WATCHMAN future. The farmer who buys the reclaim-

That is the gospel of reason, of underprofligacy of the recent administration is a The constitution of Pennsylvania, adopt. orime against the country and the sooner

> --- The Logan fire company are down hand.

Spawls from the Keystone

-An average of one incane person is taken to the insane asylum every two weeks in Clearfield county. This indicates an increase in this most horrible of all diseases.

-A New York Central train running from Philipsburg to Muuson, last Friday, was wrecked and the baggage car and a coach overturned when the engine struck a cow. Nobody was hurt

-Charged with having stolen unwards of \$50,000 worth of brass valves from railroads in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre. Edward Mc-Cornick was arrested Wednesday and held for a hearing. He is said to have taken almost 3.000 valves, valued at \$17 each, and sold them to various junk dealers.

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Can They Check it Out?

The Republican Congressional Campaign

Its persistent refusal to publish any state-

ment has kept alive and aggravated the

In connection with the woolen schedules

jority in Congress is confronted with di-

Republican Congressional Committee as to

ers' Association, challenged the Congres-

sional Committee to disprove the charge by

Until last year the party of high pro-

forced to make public a statement of the

results the Republican Congressional Com-

When a political party has two commit-

tees collecting and disbursing money, one of them recognizing the principle of publicity and the other adhering to the old

secret methods, the worst evils of cam-

paign corruption have not been cured. The

Repulican Congressional Committee has

long been under suspicion. It is now openly accused. Do the party managers believe that they can check it out?

The Price of Flour.

consumer has not been announced.

The two facts, the largely increased crops

and the largely increased price of flour, are

wheat has increased more rapidly than the

increase in the supply. When the increase

must be remembered that this is to be bal-

not alone by the increase in this country's

economic laws, but the infraction of them,

is responsible for the advance all along the

line-in wheat, in flour, and in the poor

man's loaf. The explanation that the

meet requirements is not in the least satis-

factory. If wheat prices had not been sub-

From the Pittsburg Post.

From the New York World.

-Indiana and Cambria counties are excited over another big strike of oil. It is on the farm of F. B. Williams, part of which is in both counties, and the gusher produces 225 barrels a day. Williams owns 667 acres of land in the vicinity of the strike. Preparations are being made to sink other wells.

-Albert Kinert, the Perry county desperado who was captured by the aid of his own brother, who receives a rewardlof \$50 for his deed, was discharged from the Harrisburg hospital where he had been removed to recover from his wounds and was immediately taken in charge by the Perry county authorities.

-The story about the big oil strike on the border of Indiana and Cambria counties is a big fizzle. The strike was said to be on the land of B. E. Williams, but if he is a millionaire by lucky oil strikes, he knows nothing about it himself and denies the whole tale. Wells being drilled furnished the basis of the wild reports.

-A site in Huntingdon county in the vicinity of Barree or Alexandria may be chosen for a state sanitorium for consumptives. Dr. Samuel E. Dixon, head of the state health department, and Robert S. Conklin. publican Committee found themselves over the surrounding territory looking for a suitable location.

There is at least one crop in the vicinity of Williamsport that is not suffering any as the result of the drought. It is ginseng and on the market to raise. Ginseng sells for \$8 a pound so that the growers feel sanguine of good returns for their troubie.

-Heilwood, Indiana county, is a new town, which, instead of showing effects of the recent depression in that section growing out of the miners' troubles, is very prosperous. The Penn-Mary company has been running operations day and night and every house in town is occupied, with tenants to snatch up new ones just as soon as they are completed.

-N. G. Cole, a farmer residing near Franklin, owes his life to a cat. He was sleeping beneath a tree when a four-foot rattlesnake approached him. The cat fought Reports from Chicago are to the effect the reptile and kept it away from the man. comes to moving the bumper crops of this tion of a daughter, who aroused her sleeping father, who killed the snake. The cat reharvest. It expected that this crop will coived a death wound in the contest.

ill amount | -New yards and shops are to be located along the Franklin & Clearfield railroad. to more than 710,000,000 bushels, as against being built through the coal fields of Pennare facing an increase of a very considerable sylvania by the New York Central, and Duamount in the price of flour. The price of Bois may get them. Officials of the Lake this commodity was increased 25 cents a Shore have made several trips over the new barrel Saturday by local middlemen. What the yards and shops, but it is not likely that definite action will be taken for several months

-Even if Altoona does get natural gas some of the little towns along the route of the pipes may not. Ebensburg, Cresson, Gallitzin and Patton expected to get it and any one may be disappointed. The reason is that the farmers ask such enormous anced by the world's crop and its increase, amounts of money for the privilege of the right of way across their lands. Some want \$2,000, so that if the company does lay pipes One is forced to the conclusion that not it will take the shortest possible route.

-Benjamin M. Snyder, Jr., of Elmira, N. Y., and Wallace Brockman Porter, of Youngstown, O., have been announced as the successful candidates for the Frank Thomson scholarships. With the addition of millers to get sufficient cash wheat to of these two young men, there will be six holders of these scholarships, which amount to \$600.00 annually, and which are awarded upon a competitive examination, to sons of employes of the Penusylvania Railroad sysman? Does any person believe that if the price were regulated in normal fashion, in tem accordance with the law of supply and de-

-Following a fight of three women in the suburbs of Shamokin before daylight Monday morning, people gathered up almost \$100 which the women evidently lost from garter purses or their stockings. After the fight the women fled, fearing arrest. John O'Conner came along and picked up \$50 in a wad. Later another pedestrian found a \$20 bill. News spread that there was money lying around loose on the street and a large crowd

-A largely attended meeting of the citizens of Barr township was held in Nicktown, Cambria county, to discuss the good roads movement, and in this gathering the township commissioners were urged to push forward the movement to secure a needed road in their township. The meeting profour per cent. interest, if such an issue be necessary.

-Grange Day, September 7th, will be one of the biggest days in Huntingdon's "Old Home Week." Farmers from all over Huntingdon county will be there and every grange will be represented. A squad of state constabulary will be in the town to help preserve order and keep the parade routes cleared. In the industrial pageant to be held during the week, every town in the county has been invited to have a float. All

-The Southern Cambria Street railway's lines are to be in operation by November, scwork on the structures. The company mines to the roads have their work lessened materially because of the change in styles in the Southwest.

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

work on the structures. The company mines its own coal, not 100 yards from the power house, and a reservoir on a nearby hill furnishes water. The stringing of wires will be started this week, as all the poles are already set up. Four cars will be delivered in the near future and inside a year all Cambria county will be connected by electric lines.

From the Altoons Times

Relegating of Berkey.

mand, it would not be much lower?

Governor Stuart did the proper and pa tiotic thing when he removed John A. Berkey, the former Penrose boss of Somerset county, from the office of state banking commissioner. His tenure had been characterized by conspicuous incompetency, asserted the proposition that the remedy ed land must pay the government back in flagrant absenteeism and political traffick- gathered. ing, that reduced its efficiency until it became almost nul.

Berkey was chosen for the impertant post

ese. He had practically no knowledge of banking, a fact which was freely commented upon at the time, and which brought than the fining of a hundred, however standing and of patriotism. The absurd about the demoralization of the depart- neunced itself in favor of good roads and a ment that had been predicted by those who | bond issue of \$800,000, not paying more than criticised his advancement.

Banking interests will warmly commend Governor Stuart for his action in removing Berkey, and the conduct of the department will unquestionably improve under the more intelligent direction that is indi-cated by the appointment of William H. Smith, a Philadelphian who has had some experience in banking matters.

Progress of the Cow Puncher.

From El Paso Herald. It is no longer considered good form to county has been invited to have a float. All shoot the glass insulators off of the railroad the different lodges and orders received a telegraph lines in the Southwest. This like invitation. was once the popular pastime of cow punchers and others who toted a brace of guns, and the railroads kept a repair man constantly on the move along the line with a cording to promises made by the officials to keg of the glass knobs, replacing those that some festive range rider had chosen as his Point, is now the scene of activity. Here target. The custom of shooting up the are being built the car barns, the offices and telegraph lines is no longer practiced in the Southwest and the trouble men on the work on the structures. The company mines