INK SLINGS.

Another man with his ear to the ground Another petition passing 'round Another candidate is found

Who swears, by jinks, he can't be down'd. -English theologians are discussing a plan to shorten the Ten Commandmentssome Pittsburgers would probably vote to do it by cutting out the seventh and

-It is rather an anomalous condition of affairs but it is a fact nevertheless that Centre county is spending an awful lot of money most zealously guarding a boarder whom she would be only too happy to be rid of.

any resident of the town. We honor the leader. For example, he declares that ement of surprise.

the nead of a party of insurrectos. Thus men so chosen are thus elected. In his operation. The express companies are wealth in this respect. pondent is proclaimed from a more dangerous point than the sutler's tent or the

somehow, somewhere. Bellefonte has Juniata, Monroe, Perry and Pike. Monroe -There must be something wrong, had ten years ago. And only two years and Pike is in his district. Clarion, ago we started a mammoth new North Forest and Elk counties are in the Senate ward public school building to provide for posterity that the new census tells us isn't going to poster.

-Rumor has it that it is a woman who is to become the first of Bellefonte's substantial philanthropists. And we have a sort of sneakin' notion that the first shall be last, as well, because we fear that the men who could be, either wont or will die trying to figure out how they can beat her without costing as much.

-The Democrat thinks that Johnstown is assured of being a city worth while because she is soon to be a city of sky scrapers. Happy the lot of those Johnstowners who live on the top floors of the coming sky scrapers because they will be the first residents of that city who could ever see anything without lying on their

have tried to benevolently assimilate or the destructive end has been reached. sand-bag the old organization of the De- That kind of talk rarely produces good tell you right here that no matter which young man who has been signally honway the cat jumps the WATCHMAN will ored by his party in the past. The olive remain a Democratic paper, true to its branch is better than the sword in such colors and its principles and never a emergencies and Mr. PALMER would betyammerin', sour-balled flipper-flapper like ter change his tactics. the most of these distinguished harmonizers have been.

-It is not likely that the Game Commission cares much for the revenues which might be derived from the license tax on gunners proposed in the pending legislation. What they want, wealthy and estimable gentlemen as they are, is to exclude from the privilege of hunting all the farmers and others who are close to the soil, thus multiplying the opportunities | Canadian Reciprocity and Tariff Taxes. for the commissioners and their friends, who can't shoot much, to get a greater proportion of the game.

-With its characteristic tendency to North American on Monday announced Canadian reciprocity agreement fail of in startling headlines "Pennsy Monopoly on Water in State Covers 26 Counties." Then it proceeds to place Centre county as caught in the tentacles of the octopus (?) by naming a few wells and springs, here and there, from which the Pennsylvania railroad company draws water for its tanks. Why can't some newspapers state facts as facts without inflaming an already unduly excited pub- ly a "tub to the whale," to divert the trying to distort them for the purpose of

-The new capitol park extension bill proposes to prolong the work so as fied by the present Congress it can be to limit the disbursements to \$400,000 a made the basis for tariff legislation of a year, if the treasury is not able to afford more and that is a good idea. In an expenditure of \$400,000 a year there is not much chance for graft and it is well to dian agreement and President TAFT calls guard against even suspicions in that di- the new Congress into session the agreerection. But in the capitol park extension there wouldn't be very great oppor- word Canada and make it applicable to tunities for graft anyway, except in the all countries. It must be admitted that matter of acquiring title to the property if such legislation with respect to Canada and the right of eminent domain which is a feature of the Fox bill is a pretty certain guarantee against frauds in that way.

when our friend WILLIAM I. SWOPE, of in a week or two. Clearfield, was budding in journalism The ew House will be Democratic by and using the Raftsman's Journal for the a large majority and the Republican ma dissemination of his effervescent effu- jority in the Senate, including the insur sions, there appeared an appealing edi- gents, will be reduced to eight or nine torial to the boys to stay on the farm. It | More than that, many insurgents have was laughed at then and BILLY's heart been acting with the Democrats for more was almost broken because he had put than a year and the only objection any of into it all the literary skill of a Harvard them has raised to the Canadian agreeman of letters and all the profundity of ment is that it only reduces tariff taxes argument that might have gone to cli nts on agricultural products and leaves the who hadn't called for it up to that time. schedules on manufactured articles in-The condition of things today proves that tact. This can easily be remedied and WILLIAM had taken a longer look into the measure pushed forward with such the future and seen more of the light celerity that the few weeks of delay than the most of us thought possible and would be more than compensated for in we therefor take great pleasure in apolo- the greater efficiency of the bill. The gizing for a very slighting comment we trouble is, however, that TAFT is probmade on that particular article of fifteen ably lying. He won't dare call an extra or twenty years ago.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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An Indiscreet Congressman.

Congressman A. MITCHELL PALMER, in bearings and his discretion.

The eight counties which elect county chairmen by popular vote at the primaries are Centre, Clarion, Elk, Forest, is the county in which Mr. PALMER lives district at present represented by Hon. J. K. P. HALL, and it is generally under. stood that he has a good deal of influence among the people. The others are not influenced by either of these gentlemen, presumably, but it may be assumed that if Senator HALL wanted to be the political boss which Mr. PALMER imagines him to be, he would probably have another method of electing county chairmen than by popular vote.

Aside from this, however, Mr. PALMER is approaching the proposed reorganization meeting breathing a spirit which is ominous. Obviously he doesn't want harmony at any price. Ninety per cent. of his associates in the demand for reorganization refused to support the admirable candidate of the party justly and fairly nominated last year, and Mr. PALMER insists that they must have their -Before another issue of the WATCH- way or else he and they will fight those

> salary list of \$142,000 a year for bosses alone is ominous of a too profligate machine to accomplish good results. In other words the bill ought to have provided for fewer officials and lower salaries.

If we had the least confidence in the veracity and sincerity of President TAFT we would be glad to see the pending legbe honest (?) and not deceptive (?) the islation to give force and effect to the passage. The President has said that in the event that the agreement is not ratified he will call the new Congress into extraordinary session and thus procure immediate tariff revision. The Canadian agreement would work an instant decrease in the cost of living. It would put a number of products on the free list and reduce the tariff taxes on other commodities produced in Canada. But it is realpublic mind from the purpose to make a general tariff revision.

Therefore, if the agreement is not ratigeneral character. In other words, in the event that the present Congress adjourns without affirmative action on the Canament can be amended by striking out the is good it would be better if widened to a broader area. The only drawback that can be conceived, therefore, is in the fact that failure now would delay the consum--Some fifteen or twenty years ago mation. But such a bill could be passed

Postal Rates and Revenue Deficits.

a rather belligerent statement published ers whose profits are threatened and con- in Senator SPROUL's proposed legislation tion on the subject he discusses, which presses, are summoning statistics to prove to put it into force and effect. The framers most substantial bequest that has ever characterizes most of the so-called rebeen given a Bellefonte institution, by organizers, of whom he claims to be the legislation proposed. They are procuring borrowing power to the purposes of supdonor, we congratulate the recipient, but "all the county chairmen, who comprise distribution of their wares is not respon- repel invasion, suppress insurrection, dewithhold the facts for fear of robbing the state committee, are elected at the eight of the sixty-seven county chairmen are striving to avert. They have brought departing from this safe and sane policy —Something has come out of that are elected at the primaries and of the the head of a party of insurrectos. Thus men so chosen are thus elected. In his and declare enormous dividends by the or altering the policy of the Common-

ant point, however. They forget that construction faster than at the rate of say the express companies deal with the rail- \$5,000,000 a year. There is at present a road companies on a business basis. revenue surplus of about \$10,000,000 and There are no obligations between these a revenue redundancy of nearly half that two fictitious personages except that of figure. During the years in which the rendering service on one side and paying construction and furnishing of the State the price on the other. Business corpo- capitol were in progress, the demands rations are neither emotional nor senti- upon the treasury were met and the reveer they cut to the closest figures and now. As high as \$6,000,000 was taken shareholders' property when the public impaired. There is no reason to appreare equally liberal with the people's money | SPROUL bill would put a severer strain on

when the railroads need favors. If the government bargained with the mocracy in the State. And we want to results and is scarcely becoming in a faith must be broken with one or the othics the plan expressed in that measure results and is scarcely becoming in a to twist the nose of the one which is of least use to them.

-Senator SPROUL'S excellent good to stand trial on the charge of corrupt of Representatives in Washington, the roads project might have been organized practices in his late campaign for the other day, by which one man completely at less expense to the State, moreover. A nomination for Congress. Uncle Joe stopped all legislative machinery for three the law with the Standard Oil millions Democrats were absent. They were subject that ought to be settled.

Meagre Grist of the Legislative Mill.

The Legislature is making slow progress with its work. Eight weeks have ing done, meanwhile, and the people are lows: beginning to wonder what it all means. In other words, suspicions are beginning to arise.

The fact is that the Legislature intends to enact very little legislation during the present session and that little will have the machine trade-mark blown in the bottle. The appropriation bills will be passed. of course, and the duty of fixing the amounts, which will be bestowed on the charitable institutions, will be left to the Governor, as usual. Outside of that the product of the legislative mill will be reduced to a minimum. The school code will probably be passed in some form and the legislation recommended by the Mcroad bill will also be chalked for passage if there is a guarantee that \$50,000,000 will be borrowed and buried in favorite

Of course there are a great many subjects of legislation in which a majority of the Senators and Representatives are interested and if conditions were favorable most of them might get through. But on the other hand a lot of bills have been introduced which the machine managers can afford to neither pass nor kill. The result is that the Legislature is literally obliged to "loaf on the job," and in so far as possible stifle such measures in the committee. That is precisely what is meant by the present dilly-dallying of the Legislature. Most of the members go result that the machinery is getting clog-ged and in the confusion attending the final adjournment only marked measures

Those enterprising magazine publish While the road building plan expressed From the Johnstown Democrat. a rather belligerent statement published in an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary in an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary fidence betrayed by the increase in the is of the highest merit we can see no of Lorimer by Senator Bailey, of Texas, last Sunday, reveals that lack of informawithhold the facts for fear of robbing the little ceremony of part of its delicious el- primaries." As a matter of fact only and the Postmaster General debt." There is no substantial reason for dent to all that a vote is near at hand. It —Something has come out of that

Mexican revolution at last. Jack LonDon is in jail for having been caught at

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> The most energetic highway officials These statisticians overlook one import- could not wisely spend money in road mental. In agreements between each oth- nues were considerably less then than hold to the requirements of the bond. In out of the treasury in one year to meet transactions between the government and these extraordinary payments and yet a than any other professional or business the railroads things are different. The safe balance on the right side of the man in the whole country. He often railroads contribute generously of their ledger was payer menaged or seriously railroads contribute generously of their ledger was never menaced or seriously officials need help and the public officials hend that road construction under the exerting his influence to save the seat of the Illinois boss.

the resources of the State. If the friends of the SPROUL measure railroads for transportation services as are wise, therefore, they will divorce this the express companies do it is more than meritorious enterprise from the purpose likely that present postal rates would be to amend the constitution and borrow adequate to make postal receipts equal \$50,000,000 for road construction. There expenditures and the magazine publish- is something suspicious if not actually ers could keep on giving their measly sinister in the proposition to put so large \$20,000 to \$50,000 a year to the Republi- a sum of money in the treasury to be can corruption fund. But in that event farmed out by political managers among the railroad companies would be tempted favored bankers. The people of Pennto cut out their vastly greater contribu- sylvania want the good roads contemwould lose by the operation. Obviously believe the plan expressed in that measure TAFT and HITCHCOCK are smart enough incressary or desirable to borrow so vast From the Pittsburg Post. a sum of money at one time in pursuance of it.

-Uncle Joe Sibley is still too sick -During the filibuster in the House was very robust when he was violating or four days, several of the Pennsylvania or well, in order to test the efficacy of a cratic committeemen how to perform well conducted jail as a health resort. their duties and as a rule men who under-There are differences of opinion on that take to attend to the business of other people haven't time to attend to their own affairs.

Where Help is Needed.

While the Jingoes of this country, in elapsed since the organization of the body order to secure great appropriations for and only one bill has been enacted into unneeded war vessels and the graft that law and parts of it were vetoed by the can be gotten in this way, are crying Governor. The usual recess for the about the danger of war with China and February elections was not taken Japan and the necessity of immediate this year and it was expected that preparation for that dire event, the Seatlegislation wov'd be expedited on that ac- tle Commercial Club, co-operating with count. But the contrary has proved true. the Red Cross Society, are sending out The body meets on Monday evening of appeals to the American people for aid to each week and adjourns on Tuesday or stay the hunger and distress now depop-Wednesday. No committee work is be- ulating China. The Clubs's letter is as fol-

You are perhaps familiar with the work which this Club, co-operating with the Red Cross Society, is conducting for the relief of the famine sufferers in China.

More than a million people are starving at this time and will need aid for many months. Those on the ground and familiar with the situation, state that two dollars contributed now will save the life of some man, woman or child. Contributions of any amount will be accept ble and will help in a humanitarian work of

able and will help in a humanitarian work of the very first importance. They should be made to the order of the Seattle Commercial Club, Seattle, Washington, and those contrib-uting may rest assured that their gifts will be used in the most effective and economical

Are there not readers of this paper who are able to send a little to aid in this work for humanity? A single dollar to buy food for a starving Chinese, would do more towards making and cementing NICHOL tax revision commission will be put lasting bonds of friendship between that through "to save McNichol's face." The country and this, than all the warships the Jingoes can build in a century.

---President TAFT's declaration that he will veto any tariff revision legislation enacted by the Sixty-second Congress even though it is drawn on the lines of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, reveals that demagogue in his true light. He would grind the people to the limit of starvation rather than allow the Democrats to relieve them of their burdens. But Mr. TAFT will change his feeble mind on this question as he has on other subjects before he gets much older. The relief will come in spite of TAFT and while it is being enjoyed he will be held up to the reprobation of the public, notwithstanding the sycophantic press of the home to spend the long recesses with the country which is trying to make him appear like a Providence.

> -The Russian bear seems to have become the modern bull in a China shop.

Lobbying fcr Lorimer.

With hopes temporarily brightened by Standard Oil are making a desperate final effort to save the Illinois boss from ex-

It is very doubtful, however, if Lorimer can be saved. Whatever is to be done in the way of entreating or forcing Senators to stand for Lorimerism must be done within the next couple of days. It is evi-Lorimer cause than all of the other Lori- Joseph P. Jones, but this name is believed to be

The activities of the Lorimer lobby re-call the old and palmy days of the lobbying art. Several Senators have become disgusted at the tactics of Lorimer's friends and one or two enraged by the insults offered.

The Lumber Trust, represented by Edward Hines, a millionaire Chicago lum-berman, has been the boldest in its opera-tions in the vicinity of the Senate, but the railroad lobby has been quite as act-

ive, although less obtrusive.

George R. Peck, of Chicago, general counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St.
Paul railway, is probably the most prominent of the railroad representatives working for Lorimer. Peck is probably better acquainted with more individual Senators ing the railroads is before the Senate. He has been there for more than a week

Peck is a partner of John S. Miller, of Chicago, counsel for the Standard Oil company and for the stockyards packers, who are the political patrons of Lorimer. The interest of the railroads in Lorimer

is well known in the political world. W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central, is a director of the La Salle Street National bank, the financial insti-tution founded by Lorimer. The Illinois Central likewise has a deep interest in mone the retention of Lorimer in the Senate. hurt. John G. Drennan, attorney for that line, has been in Washington talking to Senators in behalf of Lorimer.

President Taft's influence is being exerted against Lorimer. Speaker Cannon is working to save Lorimer.

Mr. Wickersham's Opinion

Attorney General Wickersham, speakthe people would fail because "the profession is opposed" to any such a for-

Judging from this remarkable declaration "Uncle Sam's lawyer" must be laboring under the hallucination that the legal and he ought to be brought to trial, sick probably busy at the time showing Demoof reasoning directly at variance with the principle of majority rule on which the oundations of this Government are so solidly and substantially laid. This is a strong tribute to the power

and influence of the legal fraternity, but it will not strike a responsive public choid. Mr. Wickersham says that "no radical change in our Government has ever been made in the face of the opposition of a considerable majority of the bar" is superior in judgment or influence since 1878 that she heard her voice. thoroughly versed in all the mysteries of legal jurisprudence and skilled in constitutional interpretation, but his great knowledge has apparently dwarfed his comprehension as to the part the people have to play under our system of self-

It is quite evident at this particular period of political activity that "a considerable majority of the people" are very much in earnest in their demands for the privilege of electing their Senators and to be so coldly and mercilessly informed that their desires are to be overlooked because "a majority of the bar" canno agree with their wisdom, is not calculated mass of the body politic.

An Extra Session Imperative. From the Springfield Republican.

And surely, if ever an extra session —Hon. Andrew Carnegie has donated a sewere justified, it must be in this case. motion President Taft's policy has caused in England. The new parliament is boil-ing with interest in this trade agreement consumptive poor at Mont Alto. etween two countries 3,000 miles away from Westminister. The questions raised mmand the attention of the leading British statesmen. Without the concern for the welfare of the United States the British opponents of this measure are beginning to hope that the Senate will defeat it. The Senate represents and embodies their most ardent feelings of antagonism.

Foss Is All Right.

From Bryan's Commoner Governor Foss, of Massachusetts is all right. After examining his message the readers of the *Commoner* will understand why George Fred Williams preferred him to Hamlin. Foss urges the ratification of the income tax, the election of Senators by the people and the initiative and referendnm. What does the New 101k World think of that? The western Democrats are not afraid of Foss. He is a

progressive; strength to his arm.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The tannery at Westover is running right along and farmers are hauling large quantities

-The Pennsylvania Forestry association has decided to hold its annual convention at State College, May 24 to 26.

-Clearfield county leads the Fourth Bitum district in the production of coal during 1910, having mined 2.603,569,569 tons.

-Sandy township firemen, on the outskirts of DuBois, held a chicken and waffle supper last week. They used 99 chickens and served 600

-The name of the post office at Bigler, Clearfield county, has been changed from Williams grove to Bigler, to correspond to the name of

-As the result of an explosion of a Rochester lamp the store building of Emil Braudt, near Munson, caught fire and was totally destroyed on

-DuBois policemen will soon be equipped with portable telephones, which they can use for hur-ry-up calls by simply attaching to a socket in

-That was a singular experience the lone oc cupant of the borough prison of Warriors Run Luzerne county, had the other night when two him of \$29.

room at the Clifton hotel, McKeesport, on Sun day afternoon by inhaling gas. He registered as

are completed and fires in the produce plant were s'arted on Monday. In due time the plant will be running at full capacity and no summer shut down is anticipated

-Colonel Lewis E. Beitler, deputy secretary of the Commonwealth, has tendered his resignation, which will take effect March 1. It is said his retirement from public life is prompted by a desire to engage in private busine

-Great activity is reported among the lumber men along the North Fork railroad, and it is said that as soon as the weather permits one of the largest band mills ever erected in Somerset county will be in operation at Humbert.

-Of fifty-eight houses in one row at Lewistown, only thirty-four are occupied at the present time. They are rented for \$8 per menth. Dur rented for less than \$15 and \$20 per month.

-Coleman K. Sober, of Lewisburg, has donated two acres of his celebrated Paragon chestnut trees to the Masonic Home property at Elizabethtown. These trees will be set out in a few mor and will be a valuable addition to this wonderful

-Harry Falconer, of Red Lion, York county, finding a thief running away with five of his chickens, filled his face full of shot, recovered the chickens, took the thief to a physician's office. had the shot taken from his face and then gav him his freedom

-A man whose identity is unknown, who in a "Black Hand" letter threatened Milton C. Pyle, cashier of the West Grove, Pa., National bank, was fired upon when he appeared to collect the money he had demanded, but he escaped un-

-While Constable Jerry Shaffer, aged 50 years, a farmer residing near Somerset, was milking at his barn on Wednesday morning, he was shot from behind through the heart. His 19-year-old son found him after a time. The state constabulary put blood hounds on the trail of the mur-

-A superintendent has been chosen for the J C. Blair Memorial hospital at Huntingdon, the person of Miss Rena Sc ing at a banquet in New York, expressed the opinion that the proposition to elect United States Senators by direct vote of dent of Huntingdon. The buildings will be ready for furnishings by April 15.

-The campaigners who started out to raise ward movement in our system of govern- 850,000 for a new Young Men's Christian Associa tion building at Indiana did not reach the coveted goal at the appointed time. February 16th. But they started at once to "try again" for the last \$15,000 and at last reports were still working away, confident of success.

-Nurserymen say that more trees have been planted in Pennsylvania during the past year, and more orders are now waiting to be filled in this State. then in any other State in the Union. This is chiefly because of the activity of the per_ sons officially engaged in advancing the interests of orcharding in this State.

-A resident of Ephrata, Miss Lizzie Grant, 67 years old, lost her voice 33 years ago and could not in all these years speak above a whisper American bar." Would the distinguished Last week she was attacked with the grip, and Attorney General have us believe that "a upon her recovery was surprised at regainconsiderable majority of the American ing the full use of her voice. It was the first time

-An officer of the state veterinary board will to a considerable majority of the American people? Mr. Wickersham may be a look into conditions in Indiana county soon. It very wise and sagacious lawyer, may be is believed that, owing to the rigid quarantine established in various parts of the county, the epidemic of rabies is checked, but expert advice is wanted. Dogs acting suspiciously are promptly shot, and no additional livestock has been in fected. -Running to greet the young woman to whom

he was to be married in a few days, Michael Durwan, of St. Clair, was instantly killed on the railroad in full view of his horrified sweetheart. Durwan had eyes for nothing but the girl as soon as he saw her, and stepping across the track, he walked directly in front of an express train, which tossed him high in the air. -Favored patients in different hospitals of Pittsburg Sunday had chicken broth, in which

to pacify the already greatly irritated the ingredient chicken was worth \$500. The feast was the result of a raid of a cocking main the previous midnight. About sixty sports, many of them in evening dress, and thirty-six high-bred gamecocks, were captured by Superinter James Bell, of the Western Pennsylvania society. -Hon. Andrew Carnegie has donated a second

ometimes one must go far from home to for the use of the state health department. The discern the real importance and sig-nificance of things. We may apply the erty which he conveyed to the State two years ago test of distance to the reciprocity agree-ment, in contradistinction to the near for tuberculosis is being built. The sanitorium view, by observing the profound comas soon as the winter is over and will enable an

-At a meeting of the board of trustees of Dick inson college, Carlisle, Pa., held in Philadelph Thursday, the Rev. Dr. Geo. Edward Reed stated that it was his intention to resign as head of that institution on or before the commencement in June. At his request a committee was selected to choose his successor. Dr. Reed, who has been president of Dickinson college for twenty one years, said that the duties of his position were becoming too burdensome for a man of his years. He will continue as a trustee.

-Search for a mad dog at the Black Diamo mines, Mineral Point, last week caused the accidental shooting of N. A. Barnette, a miner who was killed instantly by Joe Frezrow. The latter had gone to Barnette's house in pursuit of the mad dog and had killed him, firing four revolver shotsinto the animal. Frezrow then playfully turned the weapon on Barnette, believing he had emptied the weapon, and when he pulled the trig-What does the New York ger the bullet struck Barnette in the heart. Deputy Coroner Mainhart went to Mineral Point and held an inquest the verdict of which was accidental shooting. Frezrow was not arrested.