INK SLINGS.

-Up to this time Col. TAYLOR and his steam heating plant have been doing very nicely, thank you.

-The fellow who doesn't have a thermometer hanging around isn't half so worried about the cold as the fellow who

-While the thermometer is playing hide and seek with zero in this neck o' the woods they are having a regular old We Were all Wrong-Jim Blakeslie was fashioned THAW up in New Hampshire.

-The latest Parisian fad is to wear shoes without stockings; of course only the women affect it. Shades of Sockless JERRY SIMPSON rise to welcome the new style to Kansas!

-If the mayor and council really undertake all the "clean-ups" in Bellefonte we hear they threaten, things will be so warm in some quarters that steam heat will be superfluous.

-The more ROLAND S. MORRIS tries to be chairman of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania the more evident it becomes that he thinks the entire party is comprised in the little crowd of factionists he represents.

-The headquarters of the Congressional Committee of the National Suffrage association have been moved from Washington to Chicago. Probably it was thought that it would be easier to "raise the wind" in the windy city.

-The evidence that Representative MANN and other Republican leaders have been trying to organize a panic is multiplying. There are few industrious people idle in any part of the country now and there is likely to be none at all in the near future.

-What the Hon. WILLIAM McNAIR, of Pittsburgh, has to say about the Hon. MITCH PALMER, of Stroudsburg, these days makes a noise like MITCH had kicked BILL out of that Reorganized bed. BILL was too good a chap ever to have crawled into it anyhow.

-A Los Angeles dietician says that onions promote spirituality. If tears are indicative of spirituality then we are ready to admit that strong onions promote it. On the other hand, how many of you have eaten onions and then seized that as an excuse for staying away from church or prayer meeting.

-This thing of dropping from a \$75,-000 a year job to a \$5,000 professorship him, (Mr. PALMER.) There was certain- The negotiations for an amicable settleat Yale must be setting harder than was generally supposed on former President Tooley street were faded off the map. ceedings for a forcible dissolution of the postmasters. For this reason the pro-TAPT. On Saturday he sent thirty-five Even the handfull of Roman Senators conspiracy should be resumed at once posed legislation should be enacted. suits of clothes to the tailors to have who tempted Ceasar with an Imperial and pressed with vigor to the end. It is them taken in to conform to the eighty crown were reduced to the level of rank a fight of the peop pounds loss of weight he has suffered lately. Were it not for the fact that he detiny. And the Hon. "JIM" was the can still afford thirty-five suits we would bosom friend of the Hon. "MITCH." Here be alarmed about his condition.

-The Philadelphia Record is authority for the statement that a mile of asphalt road, five yards wide, can be laid at a cost of \$18,400. In Michigan they are laying concrete roads at \$10,000 the mile. While both of these look better than our SPROUL roads at \$21,000 we are still of the opinion that brick is the best and could be laid very cheap, especially in counties like Centre, where most of the roads have a good stone bottom.

-And they say that some of the more progressive of the women who have been doing things around here for the past few years are quite angry with council in particular and men generally. The WATCHMAN doesn't object to petticoat rule, so long as it is amiable and beneficent, but we want it understood, here and now, we don't propose to see the men of Bellefonte hen pecked because they don't roll over and jump through every time a petticoat cracks the whip.

-The spring primaries are only a few months off and an important election is to be held in the State next fall. If Centre county Democrats are to take an aggressive stand in the fight isn't it about time they begin to prepare? Isn't it about time a chairman is selected for the county organization or is it to be put off until the last moment and then, if results are not as they should be, those who are neglecting their duty now will be censuring the men in the ranks for their own short-comings.

-In speaking of the Hon. JIM BLAKES-LIE's bombastic blathering at the late Democratic dinner at Scranton Col. HAYES GRIER'S Columbia Independent remarks that "hydrocephalous has caused the death of as many men as tuberculosis." Hydrocephalous, you will recall, is a disease most common among infants and causes enormous enlargement of the head. In other words, Col. GRIER adds more testimony to the growing opinion that the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General has a decidedly swelled cranium.

-Congressman PATTON is getting into the political lime-light just now. Being chairman of the Republican Congressional committee for Pennsylvania he has announced his opposition to the re-election of Senator PENROSE and has started a boom for Congressman AINEY, of Montrose. It is gratifying to have it recalled thusly to our attention that our District has a Congressman in Washington. We may be doing him an injustice, but we don't recall having heard anything from the Navy. Mr. DANIELS appears to be him since he sent out that batch of seeds | as liberal with other people's money as a away last spring.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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the Hero.

important episode of the Baltimre con- down by the government. The exam- Postoffice Appropriation bill contains a vention, hitherto concealed, was brought ples set by the Money trust, the Tele- clause that will exempt assistant postout at a Democratic banquet in Scranton phone trust and the several other trusts masters from the classified list. There a few evenings ago. We had become which have gracefully, or otherwise, are about 2400 of these officials in the familiar with the movements and achievements of Hon. A. MITCHELL PALMER during that memorable "party parliament," and aware of the fact that President administration, bamboozled administration, in anticipation, no doubt, as in road-making, for nowhere else can also making, for nowhere else can also making. familiar with the movements and achieve- bowed to public sentiment and the force country and the salaries vary between statesman from Stroudsburg, not only can fool with the present authorities. 1912. Other postoffice employees have for his nomination and election but for But it will find out, in the course of been under civil service protection for the wise policies he has pursued and the time, that it is sadly mistaken. Attor- many years, and there is no disposition splendid success he has attained. We ney General MACREYNOLDS will teach it to interfere with them. But it is held by had been informed of the fact that when the lesson it needs. He will not only the majority in Congress that a palpable Mr. Wilson had telegraphed to his con. dissolve the trust but he will put some political trick ought to be defeated. vention manager to withdraw his name, of its arrogant officials in jail. Mr. PALMER tore up the telegram and During the ROOSEVELT administration

concealed from Mr. Wilson's other it was clearly shown that this conspiracy the very large cities the law provides no friends his wishes, thus guaranteeing his had been systematically robbing the gov- confidential clerk or secretary for the subsequent nomination in spite of himself ernment by false weights and other pro- postmaster. For this reason the assistand his manager. But we didn't know, cesses for years. It was almost conclu- ant postmaster assumes this relation to and blush at our want of perspicacity, sively demonstrated that these frauds the chief. In case of the absence or illthat the real architect of President WIL- were practiced with the full knowledge ness of the postmaster, moreover, the son's magnificent political fortune was, and by the assistance of the officers of assistant fills his place and the principal and is, the Hon. JAMES I. BLAKESLIE, now the trust. It is true that a few of the is responsible for his actions. If he is enjoying his ample reward as Fourth subordinate customs officials were con- dishonest he has every opportunity to Assistant Postmaster General.

broadcast among our friends and the escape. They had rich or influential public generally. At the banquet in friends and ROOSEVELT has great consid- personal and the selection of such an ofquestion Mr. BLAKESLIE told of his work eration for rich men if they are friendly ficial ought to be left to the man responin a speech that was as thrilling as it was to him. A generous campaign contribu-sible. eloquent. He had been able to get only tion has a wonderful influence on his thirty-six hours sleep in nine nights at mind. Baltimore, but the stress neither tempered his zeal nor dulled his enthusiasm. different lines. He has set out to com-During one of the nine nights he retired pel all trusts to conform to the law and to the apartments occupied by Mr. PAL- will accept no compromise. The Sugar in the morning when Mr. PALMER told ditions just as other trusts have done. him that "three men from New York, If it fails the consequence is upon its one from Indiana and one from Illinois own head. The law will work the result and clerks of Congressional committees had told him, (PALMER,) that they had and it will inflict just punishment upon WILSON and offered the nomination to have been committed against the people. ly "a howdedo." The three tailers of ment have been discontinued. The propikers before these puissant shapers of

was a test to try a Spartan. Did the Hon. JIM quail! "Perish the thought." According to the historian of State for the purpose of creating sentithe Scranton Democratic banquet he "went over to the table and took a drink of water and then went back and lit a cigarette." It is not necessary to commend the self-coatrol and fortitude thus MER has not openly announced that he revealed. He might have thrown the chiffonier out of the window or stood on friends say that if the sentiment of his his head. But he didn't. After taking party is favorable, he is willing to enter the drink of water and lighting a cigarette he "sat thinking for five minutes." What titude for any aspirant to assume. A a commotion there must have been in majority of the Democratic voters have the atmosphere of that chamber during that period? Then his vocal organs got busy and he said: "MITCHELL, go back to that bunch of hyenas and tell them you'll do it when you get the word from Sea Girt, and not before. Tell them that committee is or should be, the organ of we can dead-lock the convention as all the Democrats and it has no license well as they can, and we can stay here till 'ell freezes over, if necessary." Mr. WILSON was at Sea Girt at the time inated it is the duty of the chairman of awaiting the result of the ballotting. The the State committee to manage the camalleged telegram asking that his name be withdrawn after CLARK had received a majority of the votes of the convention honorable means to compass that result. was sent from there, if sent at all, and PALMER had already read it.

In view of this new development, therefore, we withdraw the proposition to the organization is to promote factions raise a cash fund to pay PALMER for his and play favorites. services in behalf of WILSON at the Baltimore convention. He has already been of the Superior court chairman Morris liberally rewarded for what he did. He has been trading in patronage like a huckster in a market stall for nearly ten clined. He and the factionists with months in consideration of his work and he didn't perform the really great service gentleman for the nomination and preat all. His statement to BLAKESLIE would even imply that he was willing to sacrifice WILSON to further his own ambitions. BLAKESLIE was the great figure and he has his reward. But we insist on stop. further widen the breach in the party. ping the claims of PALMER. As we said Such action is rank recreancy and if before they are humiliating and demoral. Chairman Morris persists in it he should izing. Democrats don't pay personal be removed from the office he disgraces. debts with official patronage.

-The New Hampshire commission having declared that HARRY THAW is not insane it may be expected that he will soon be released to resume his place in the business life of the country. The only trouble is that the New Hampshire commission entered the case too late. It ought to have made its report when THAW was on trial for murder.

-Somebody ought to inject a little of the virus of frugality into the arm of the Hon. JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Secretary of spendthrift could be with his own.

The Sugar Trust Obdurate.

An interesting incident as well as an fuses to reorganize on the basis laid be on the verge of hysteria because the

But President WILSON is built upon

Duty of a State Chairman.

Democratic State chairman ROLAND S. Morris has been actively canvassing the ment in favor of Hon. A. MITCHELL PAL-MER as the Democratic candidate for Governor, according to our esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries. Mr. PALis a candidate for the nomination but his the contest. This is an entirely fair ata right to any candidate they want and

they will get him. But the Democratic State committee has no right to establish a propaganda for or against any candidate. The State to interfere in behalf of any man for the nomination. After the candidate is nompaign for his election and of the members of the committee to employ every The present State chairman and some of the members of the committee seem to imagine, however, that the purpose of

During the recent campaign for Judges was asked to exert some effort to elect the only Democrat on the ticket, but dewhom he is associated favored another sumably were not friendly to the admirable candidate who was nominated. But they are willing and anxious to engage in a factional fight for a nominee and Democrats throughout the State should not permit such action on the part of the chairman.

-Naturally no building or outdoor work can be done at the new penitentiary in Benner township this kind of weather, kept employed looking after the temporary penitentiary buildings, the power, heat and light house and doing work at nation is the solution of the problem. the various barns on the penitentiary farms. While nothing has so far been done on the erection of the main prison buildings, it is expected that considerable headway on these will be made next

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

The Legislation Should be Enacted.

The Sugar trust is incorrigible. It re- The Republicans in Congress appear to

The office of assistant postmaster is a peculiarly confidential one. Except in victed and punished for their misfeas- loot the office and the postmaster must But happily we are now enlightened ances but the high revenue officers and make good any losses in consequence of and hasten to spread the joyous tidings the officers of the trust were allowed to his unfitness or other delinquency. In other words his services are essentially

If the President, in the exercise of his power to extend the classified service. should order that the secretaries of Senators and Congressmen should be protected in their tenure by civil service rules, Republican Congressmen would MER and himself at half-past three o'clock trust has opportunity to meet these con- justly protest. It would be subversive of the very spirit of liberty. Even if an attempt were made to put the secretaries in the classified service there would be the convention dead-locked against Mr. those responsible for the crimes that just cause for complaint. But the secretaries of Senators and clerks of committees are in no more confidential relation with their chiefs than the assistant

> --- New York bankers insist on regional bank in that city big enough to son who sees nothing but disaster ahead kind. They forget that the purpose of the regional banks is to prevent just that sort of domination. No bank ought to ed we must protest against it as cruel have such power over the finances of the and unnecessary. country and if the Owen-Glass currency bill is properly administered no bank will have such power.

Solution of the Problem.

The Progressive orchestra has at last struck a note that promises harmony. It has sounded a call which will lure toward the band wagon. It has started a boom the band wagon. It has started a boom the nation, the country at large is par-for Boss Flinn for Governor. Out of tially responsible. Some of them are rethe western end of the State come these glad tidings with the assurance that "BARKIS is willin," as if that were necessary. Mr. FLINN "will not announce himself," the statement adds, "until he has had opportunity to learn conditions in the Progressive conference at Harrisburg," in session at this writing, but we assume that the announcement will be forthcoming. The leaders have too much respect for his vast bank balance to lose an opportunity to tap it. Really the nomination of Boss FLINN

is the only solution of the Progressive problem. Possibly he would prefer the Senatorial toga, as he has been studying rhetoric and practicing oratory for some years. But GIFFORD PINCHOTT, another years. But GIFFORD PINCHOTT, another within two years. He transformed it deed and stood in the bushes while his slayer shot him. the faith has set his heart on that joy bells! "trophy," and his long continued and intimate relations with ROOSEVELT makes his disappointment hazardous. Besides the office of Governor is no mean station and a Governor who is both eloquent and garrulous has plenty of chances for lip service. For that reason it may be aswilling to assume the office of chief magistrate of Pennsylvania.

And if Boss FLINN were nominated for the office of Governor, what a carnival the camp followers might indulge. In the interest of another he is said to have spent nearly a quarter of a million dollars in the campaign of 1912 and during the campaign of last year, when he had no direct personal interest in the result, he paid nearly all the costs. If he is thus liberal when personal considerations are absent what might he not do in the event but the sixty-one prisoners there now are that nearly all the advantage would ac- attractive bargains, but believes these crue to himself? Obviously "BILL" is the man for Governor. Clearly his nomi-

> -The Mexican General VILLA who ordered the execution, without trial, of 300 prisoners of war, the other day, is cherishing up wrath against the day of wrath." No settlement of the Mexican trouble will be just that does not involve the punishment of that fiend for murder.

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The Cost of Roads.

The average cost of the roads this State began to make between three and four years ago compares favorably with the cost of roads in New York, and we trust that no investigation here will ever disclose the grafting that has been systematically practiced there for many years. Of the quality of the work done skimping and the substitution of inferior materials be so readily concealed. In looking into the cost of highway

work Auditor General Powell divided it into four groups, the percentage contracts, the national roads, reads made under the Sproul law and State aid roads. The average expenditure under the percentage contracts has been only \$6480, and on the national roads about \$13,400. The Sproul roads have cost \$21,000 a mile, and the cost of State aid roads has

been about \$12,800 a mile.

Except in the case of the Sproul roads these figures are not high enough to raise a presumption of extravagance. Yet costs of more than \$10,000 a mile upon roadbeds already in existence de-serve to be pretty carefully scrutinized in view of the report that Michigan is getting concrete roads for about that fig-ure and the fact that this city gets asphalt streets made in small pieces for \$2

and \$2.10 per square yard.

Certainly the cost of what are called the Sproul roads suggests the making of grand boulevards, and some of the costs in this vicinity come up toward the imposing figures of that group of highways. For example, 9.61 miles of road from Warminster to Buckingham cost \$19,720 a mile, 3.57 miles from Media to the bridge over Chester creek cost \$18,776 a mile, and 2.71 miles near Bethayres cost

\$18,715 a mile.
Of the roads contracted for from 1910 to the present there are 267 miles which have cost, or will cost, \$13,900 a mile, but if we leave out the so-called percentage contracts we have 167 miles that have cost nearly three millions, an average of more than \$17,700 a mile. A mile of asphalt, five yards wide, and laid on a concrete base, would cost only \$18,400. The improvement of our roads is a necessity, but it demands technical skill, rigid economy and supervision and the complete divorce of public works from

Cruel and Hnnecessa

From the New York World. John Wanamaker's view that "the per dominate all the other banks of that is not a true American," and that "the breeders of panic ought to be deported,' is no doubt conceived in an admirable spirit, but as a judgment to be execut-

> Our leading panic breeders as lately developed include such men as "Uncle Joe" Cannon, James R. Mann and his Republican following in the House, Mr. Gallinger and the Old Guard in and out of the Senate. They are men who have been long with us. They have at times been the government of the United States, and if all the time they have held themselves as essential to the government, for the prosperity and greatness of ally too old to be deported, and for the others there is yet reason to hope they may in time become industrious and use ful citizens who will not try to breed panic whenever the government is taken away from them

> We ask that they be given another tri al under more careful watching in recollection of how well the same treatment worked with the old-time Federalists. It is a serious matter to think of deporting the whole leadership of a once great political party.

Challenging a Test.

From the Hartford Times This story comes from Pennsylvania A young man desired to marry a young Her father doubted the youth's desirability. He loaned him \$1,000 with the challenge to transform it into \$25,000

Exploits such as this were once the prime criterion of worth. Nowadays there is at hand not a majority but a multitude to rise up and ask, "Where did he get it?" Assuming that his courses were honest, at least to the extent of being legal, did he profit by the misfor-tunes of others? Did he create or destroy? Did his activities contribute to the sum sumed that Boss FLINN will be entirely of welfare? Did he have when he started a gentle heart and a pure mind and a clean soul; and has he preserved them still? We know all about the \$125,000,

In these days that Pennsylvania father is almost so old-fashioned as to be impractical.

New Tariff Lowering Clothing Prices.

From the Boston Herald. An evening contemporary, usually Re publican in its politics, finds from a study of men's clothing now on sale that the prices have actually fallen, as a result of the new tariff. It allows that the after-Christmas mark-downs ordinarily yield seasonal effects do not wholly account

for the prevailing prices. The duty on wool was taken off De cember 1st, the duty on woolen cloth January 1st. Bonded warehouses are now disgorging their accumulations, and prices have dropped. Our contemporary adds: "Customers who bought clothes today had no difficulty in believing that they were benefited by the new tariff

-The best Job Work done here.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Leaping from a third story window at the Westmoreland county home, Miss Kate Milbee, aged 55, a feeble minded and crippled lady. was picked up dead.

-George Moore and a companion, of Punxsutawney, approached the home of the former, to see a burglar on the roof. They gave chase but

-C. E. Palmer, for twenty-three years chief of police of Punxsutawney, has been re-elected for the twenty-fourth term, the highest compliment

that could be paid his efficiency. -Four Republican clerks in the State Treasury received notice of their dismissal, to take effect February 1. State Treasurer Young 'said their places were desired for Washington party

-So close was the escape from death of Henry Dewalt, at Hughesville grade crossing that the engine of a passenger train struck a rear wheel of his buggy. He was thrown out but neither he was hurt nor his buggy damaged.

-Former Judge B. W. Green, of Emporium, died recently at his home there, aged 65 years. He was appointed judge of the Clinton-Cameron-Elk district in 1906 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Mayer. He was a prominent business man at Emporium -A bundle of stamps, supposed to have been

stolen from the Mt. Pleasant post office, was found under a loose board in the Suterville lockup, where the suspect was confined before taken to the Allegheny county jail. An unsuccessful effort had been made to burn the stamps. -Johnstown anthorities are hunting some clue to the identity of a man who cut all marks out of

his clothing, left the name of Carl Johnson on the register at the Lincoln hotel and strangled himself in his room. He was aged about 55 years and had considerable money about his clothes. -The condition of Roman Dauksza, a Shamokin undertaker, who suffered blood poisoning in

his right arm after he had pierced it with a needle, while engaged in embalming a body, is considered unusually serious and it is feared that amputation will be necessary in order to save his life. -Mrs. Tall, a widow woman keeping board

ers at Latrobe, sent after one of them in a hurry a few days ago, when a satchel in which she had \$425 left the house at the same time as did Oliver llis. When the man was arrested he had \$403 of the money, a watch, locket and bracelet. He was held for court.

-A fatal accident occurred Wednesday afternoon near St. Marys, in which W. J. Shaffer, a brakeman on the Hall and Kaul Lumber company's log train, lost his life. While making a oupling he got caught between the cars and had his back broken and sustained other internal in juries, which caused death.

-Fines of \$100 each, costs and thirty days in iail were handed out to Louis Brusic and Joseph Warmus, of Wehrum, by Judge Telford, of Indiana county recently. The men had pleaded guilty to violation of the mine laws. Judge Telford thinks the courts should do something to lessen the number of mine fatalities.

-Enraged because he was refused the hand of a nine year old girl in marriage. John Vane, an Italian track worker of Bellwood, fired two shots into the body of Guian Petroli, father of the child, and the victim is now in the Altoona hospital, hovering between life and death, while the assailant is at large, with a posse of railroad police on his trail.

-The proverbial "ounce of prevention" saved the lives of the family of Mrs. Blaine Parsons, of Punxsutawney recently. Mrs. Parsons carefully tasted the contents of a can of salmon, then decided to give it to the cat. The animal died after twenty-four hours terrible suffering and the lady was thankful she hadn't included that salmon in the family's menu

The Board of Crawford county con ers has decided not to take advantage of the Mothers' Pension act as passed by the last State Legislature. They claim the present system used by the board does not involve as much 'red tape" and is more direct. In 1912 this county expended \$7 114 for outdoor relief while in 1913 the total was \$10,000.

-Should it be necessary for State Treasurer Young to call in the deposits of State moneys to keep up the amounts in the daily depositories, about 225 banks will have to give up sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The deposits will all be applied to the general fund. There is about \$800,000 in the sinking fund held by 100 oanks, but this will not be affected. -Courts will be asked to settle the muddle in

South Greensburg where there are eight duly elected council-men instead of the legal seven. By some mistake the election proclamation called for six councilmen instead of five and now there are two organizations, each having elected a chief of police. Four of the men are Republicans and four are Socialists.

-Six valuable horses, fourteen head of Holstein cattle, with crops, machinery and vehicles, were burned when fire of unknown origin destroyed the new barn on the farm of W. S. De-Armitt, in Shaver's Creek valley. Loss is \$5,000 without insurance. Mr. DeArmitt and family were enjoying a barn dance on a neighboring farm and found the structure ablaze on their re-

-That William Lechtenfield, whose body was found riddled with bullets in Briar Creek township, Columbia county, December 19th, paid \$30 for his own murder is the conclusion announced by officers who have been working for weeks on the case. Lechtenfield, they say, furnished the revolver and bought the cartridges that were to penetrate his own body. Then, according to the theory, he hired the assassin to commit the

-There was a thrilling time in Youngwood while state troopers were trying to subdue a maniac. A doctor had been summoned and he called the troopers. The maniac, who had taken possession of the house and held everybody at bay with an ugly knife, could not be persuaded to drop it until an expert marksman put a bullet through his wrist. He promptly grabbed the knife with his left hand, but his hold was not so firm and he was overpowered. Ammonia fumes had been tried on him. but without effect.

-Three men were sitting in Jacob Mitchell's shoemaker shop in Duncansville Saturday afternoon when Thomas Hamell entered and flourshing a revolver made the declaration that he intended to shoot one of them. Two of the men bolted for the door and got out. David Mobley, aged 18, thinking Hamell was joking, made no move and was shot through the breast, dying almost instantly. Hamell ran to the woods but was captured late Saturday night. He makes the defense that he thought the revolver was not

-William Dunn, now of Watsontown, was one of the Pennsylvania emergency men who hustled south when the battle of Antietam was inpending, to help fight the Confederates. Although on the job when his country called, he was absent from Muncy when a paymaster visited that place, some time later, to settle with him and the other members of Captain Lloyd's company. The others got their money, but when Dunn returned the paymaster had gone. For fifty-one years Dunn has kept that account receivable in mind, and now feels that the time to realize upon it has come. He has written to Auditor General Powell explaining the circumstances and making a request for payment, and Powell, who has done some fighting himself as a soldier of a later war. will mail the veteran a voucher and instruct him how to present his claim in a Jormal way.