

INK SLINGS.

The Institute.

Next week the county pedagogues
Are coming in to town.
To hear a lot of "high brow" stuff
And salt the wisdom down.

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Militarism Raging Mad.

Colonel JOHN A. WEIDERSHEIM, of Philadelphia, a retired officer of the National Guard, not only wants the federal government to be prepared for war with the whole world, but thinks the State of Pennsylvania ought to be equipped with a military force capable of "licking the stuffin' out of any government on earth."

The Legend of the Christmas Roses.

Loretta, the wood-cutter's widow, dwelt, old and very poor, In a hut on the edge of the forest, beyond the desolate moor.

The Balance of Trade.

From the Altoona Times. Unless there is disappointment in the final accounting for November, our trade balance at the end of the eleven months of this calendar year was not far from \$200,000,000.

Independence of the Philippines.

No feature of President WILSON'S message is more deserving of prompt and favorable consideration by Congress than that which urges completion of the pending legislation providing for the "ultimate independence of the Philippines."

Real Warriors Confident.

The jingoes in Congress received a sharp and just rebuke when Admiral FLETCHER, of the Navy, and General SCOTT, Chief of Staff of the Army, testified before the House committee on Naval and Military Affairs upon the question of "preparedness," the other day.

Signs of the Times.

There never was so much to think about and talk about as now. Of course we are doing our Christmas shopping early, some of us are broke already.

One Justification for Law.

The detestable stamp tax has justified itself after all. It has rendered and will properly continue to render a real service as long as it continues in existence.