INK SLINGS.

-Happy New Year!

-How many times have you written it 1914?

-Let's all make up our minds to boost Bellefonte this new year.

-Don't turn over any new leaves un less you mean to keep them turned.

-Mr. BRYAN is in favor of prohibition but not through the process of a Federal constitutional amendment. The President is opposed to that sort of thing and Mr. BRYAN has a wholesome respect for the opinions of his employer.

-Nearly every merchant in Bellefonte reports that his business on the day before Christmas was a disappointment. trade was quite up to, and in a few cases, surpassing expectations. This seems to Early" campaign found many followers heard of few complaints and infers, therethan early predictions made it.

-The business men and property owners of Bellefonte should not fail to attend the Board of Trade meeting to be held in the Logan Engine house next of much importance to the welfare of our own community is to be transacted cially often make the mistake of thinka matter of fact a real hearty booster is that the market for American prod- This grand result may be accomplished

are to be voted for next fall there will be vious year." lots of ground to cover and hosts of people to see. County elections are becom-

-You will probably recall that several times during the summer and fall of 1914 the esteemed Centre Hall Repeater 1914 the esteemed Centre Hall Repeater insurance companies from the service Democrats restored hope and renewed and uncertain both only adventurers Cleveland's experience warrants the expectation that the WATCH.

MAN does not tell the truth. You were they had been performing. When these confidence will influence effort and com- would serve. MAN does not tell the truth. You were doubtless surprised that the good old sheet that comes from an editor who has been in prison and whose office has been mobbed many times for fighting the fights of Democracy for the past fiftynine years should deteriorate into a flagrant liar, but such is the opinion of our erstwhile friend from over the mountain. Now just because the WATCHMAN could never rest under a destinction that it hasn't honestly earned it is going to tell a lie that will finally clinch Mr. "Spike" SMITH's opinion that it doesn't tell the truth. Listen, all of you, to the one grandest lie the WATCHMAN has ever told. Here it is: The people of Centre Hall are simply prostrated with joy over the announcement that Mr. "Spike" SMITH, editor of the Centre Hall Repeater, has been made postmaster of that town. It isn't a very long one, is it? But we'll wager our chances of passing a civil service examination if nearly everybody in Centre Hall, excepting Mr. "Spike" and our old friend GEORGE GOODHART. doesn't say it's the d-st biggest one they ever heard.

-The Economy and Efficiency commission appointed by an act of the last Legislature to examine into the manner during the past sixteen years than Gerin which the States' business is handled, has reported to Governor TENER. It found that there are 6,152 positions in the state government which draw an aggregate salary of \$3,613,409.44. It makes some very good suggestions as to changes in present methods but we are of the opinion that the Commission assumed prerogatives that were not given it when it essayed to advise the trustees of The Pennsylvania State College as to the curriculum of that institution. HARRY S. McDevitt, Jacob Soffel and William H. FISHER are the Commisssion. Are they competent to pass upon what courses of instruction a great institution of learning should afford the young men and women of the State? If they are it is quite evident they have never read the Land Grant Act by which The Pennsylvania State College was endowed by Congress else they wouldn't have advised it marily as an agricultural institution \* \* \* \* there is plenty for it to do in its world. own restricted sphere." We quote from the Act of 1863, endowing the College, as follows: "The leading object shall be, ical studies, and including military tac. cold weather and you're likely to slip off. tics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture AND THE MECHANIC ARTS \* \* \* in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes \* \* \* and that is exactly what The Pennsylvania State College is doing and what it should Mr. Schwab will be voting the Demo-both an army and navy to get himself continue to do, the advice of this Com- cratic ticket before long. He is very op- re-elected and it would require a large distinction of being the best and cleanest mission to the contrary notwithstanding. timistic.

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The President's Most Malignant Critic. Pennsylvania the Keystone of Democracy.

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in this community. The WATCHMAN has bigoted Philadelphia contemporary ridiof the new leaders and wrecked the of their own accord because of the low for, that the business was much better other day, under the caption "Business the party was in worse condition than sel, Mr. Abbott, that the Commissioners conceit of its own.

That is a trifling incident, however, pair. ington will emerge as the chief bene- the ravished Democratic party of Penncounty offices, including President Judge, is likely to be greater than in any pre-the party principles deserve.

> vorable trade balance set in. If the of- us the Keystone of Democracy. fice boy in the Ledger shop has intelligence enough to meet the requirements of a country printer's devil, he could mation.

Of course the foreign trade is still limited to commodities of actual necessity, ter sentiment on the subject there is greater hazard of the capture and confiscation of cargoes than business men like to encounter and most of the loaded

ships go out from our shores instead of in. That is why the trade balance is so that the only profit in foreign commerce goes to the exporter. In the course of time there will be a complete adjustment of commercial conditions but meantime the real beneficiaries of the business are those engaged in the trade, and not the administration.

-Inasmuch as we have spent four hundred million more dollars on our navy many spent on hers; inasmuch as Germany's navy hasn't been licked yet and inasmuch as every cent of the money we have spent was appropriated by a Republican Congress and expended by a Republican Navy Department we can't see what all this Republican holler about the inefficiency of our navy means.

-It is gratifying to learn, moreover, words, though his philanthropy is undiminished he is becoming more careful.

self out of the proceedings of Congress men but they are alike fixed in the take its place. From the beginning it as completely as his hobby has been principles of government proclaimed by has been regarded as a joke. kicked out of the House of Representa- JEFFERSON. tives, the future would look brighter.

"to bear in mind that it was created pri- pay his taxes just as poor men have to stitution for the exercise of such power the monotony of platitudes of which the suggests a number of amendments to the

-If you're on the water wagon now beware of the water that splashes out as without excluding other scientific and class. she jolts along. It freezes rapidly in this

politics is so repugnant to Senator PEN- may regret the result of that vote but it consolidation of all under an efficient ROSE that he is threatened with a con- revealed a high order of patriotism and head might achieve the purpose. But of rural schools, more State normal niption fit.

-If somebody doesn't watch out

ident WILSON is the Philadelphia Public most auspicious. The voters of the crease of rates to commuters in the less Democratic, but is never satisfied Ledger. Occasionally it "condemns him party had become reconciled to the rape neighborhood of Philadelphia, was disapwith feint praise," but that is obviously of the organization which had deposed pointing, no doubt, for there was a good Mr. Cleveland, whom it maligned and to deceive casual readers into confidence earnest and faithful leaders for an ex- deal of validity to their claims. Many They add, however, that their holiday of the sincerity of its frequent and unjust criticisms. For example, when the liberal in promises of efficiency. But the road officials to locate in suburban towns President declared, some months ago, glowing expectations were not fulfilled. by the promise of low rates of transpor-

able in the lining of the cloud of dis- type.

ghosts were laid by the partial return of mand victory. This is all that we need reason and confidence, foreign commerce to reinstate us in our rightful position in was resumed to some extent and the fa- the political force of the State and make

---Everybody takes a fling at German armies have certainly fought val- ernor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh. iantly against vast odds and have earnor nearly so. Notwithstanding the bet. ed admiration by their courage and fidelity to their country, however wrong it may be.

## The Hobson Amendment.

The vote in the House of Representatives, the other day, upon the Hobson greatly in our favor as to delight the amendment to the constitution can hardeconomic quacks who appear to imagine ly be interpreted as an expression of the sentiment of the members with respect to the question of prohibition. Many members of Congress who had no sympathy with the purpose of the resolution voted for it and others who believe in and would have prohibition cast their votes on the opposite side. There were which is clearly not desirable. But it perance involved in the issue. The fundamental principle of home rule was closely associated with it. The temperance question was simply an incident, a sort of side issue.

> There are a great many men in this country, in and out of public life who hope for the obliteration of state lines in the government of the United States. They believe in the concentration of power at the seat of government at Washington and the resolution of Hobson was a subterfuge to create the precedent It may well be believed that President WILSON and OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD were

a substantial basis for hope.

----Meantime Senator Lodge will need army and navy to accomplish it, at that. county paper published.

An Absurd Remedy.

The most malignant as well as the A year ago the future of the Demo- The decision of the State Public Serv- From the Philadelphia Record. culed the idea in a hundred ways. The hopes of victory. At the end of the year rates. But the proposition of their coun-Needs Exercise, Not Medicine," it appro- ever before. A poor third in the strug- be removed from office as a punishment priates the President's thought and am- gle for supremacy it is without organiza- for the exercise of their lawful discretion plifies it as an original and very happy tion, hope or faith. No silver is discern- was an absurdity of the most glaring

Public officials should be held to a but characteristic. In another article We are today entering upon a new strict accountability in the performance Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Business published within a week the Public year which ought to be made the begin- of their duties and where they are clear- and his sound judgment. Ledger states that "when the profits and ning of a new era for the Democracy of ly defined compelled to literal results. losses of the war are finally reckoned it the Keystone Commonwealth. "Truth But if they have discretionary power it and everyone should attend. Persons is likely that the administration in Wash-crushed to earth will rise again," and is not only the duty but it is wise to act son has made it more united than it has been for 20 years. The seriaccording to the dictates of conscience. ficiary on this side of the ocean." The sylvania may lift itself out of the "slough They may be quite as nearly right as after 1892 on the coinage and currency ing they are of no use at such places. As idea it desired to convey in that sentence of despond" into which it has stumbled. those who take the opposite view and question. Mr. Wilson's moderation, to a matter of fact a real hearty booster is that the market for American prod-with no money is worth ten times as worth ten times as ucts created by the war averted evil by the simplest processes. It is not nectoral to the party together in the new Banking of the party together in the new Banking of the party together in the new Banking consequences of the policies of the ad- cssary to reorganize. The present or- Commissioners favored the railroads. In and Currency law. He has been not less ministration. "The disappearance of the ganization officials need not be deposed. view of the personnel of the body it is successful in winning the support of -The announcement of JAMES E. favorable foreign trade balance in the They have been inefficient because they easy to imagine that they did incline divergent elements HARTER, of Penn township, that he is an spring, with its menace to the American followed factional lines and pursued a that way. But ripping them out of ofaspirant for nomination by the Demo- gold reserve," says the Ledger, "justified policy of destruction rather than one of fice is not the surest or best remedy. ing for further curtailment of the power

crats for the office of County Treasurer forebodings for the future. But the war construction. The mistake may have There are other methods of procedure. will probably open things politically. It has made such heavy demands upon this been of the head, however, and not of If those residents in the suburbs of business that is not of a monopolistic will make a long and exhaustive cam- country for supplies that the favorable the heart. If they will reverse their line Philadelphia feel that they have been character. The opponents of the Trusts paign for the candidates, but as all the trade balance in the next twelve months of march they may achieve the triumph wronged by the action of the Public have been brought together as a few There are as many Democratic voters the courts or by impeachment proceed-As a matter of fact there was no per- in Pennsylvania now as there ever have ings. If the precedent of ripping officials of the tariff, and that, we presume, and ceptible change in the foreign trade bal- been and more. But the policy of pro- out by executive decree or gubernatorial patronage, is the real occasion for the ing more and more matters of personali- ance in the spring of 1914. About mid- scription which has been the recent rule edict were adopted it would be hard to attack upon him. Unfortunately for ty and activity of the individual aspirants summer, when the war broke out, com- will not bring them to the polls. It de- get good men into office because the ten- Protectionists who think they are Demoand for that reason it seems the wise plete commercial paralysis set in and prives them of hope and robs them of ure would be altogether too uncertain. Crats, the overwhelming majority of Democrats are in favor of a low to the thing to get busy and stay on the job continued for a month or two. But this faith. It leaves them without incentive There is no greater security of efficiency and have a majority of the country with until the verdict of the voters is record- was not ascribable even remotely to the to activity or effort. On the other hand and fidelity in office than the certainty them, and have had in most of the elecpolicies of the administration in Wash- harmony inspires energy and gives force of the tenure. In this country the poliington. It was the logical consequence to purpose. Therefore if the managers cy has been to make terms short in orof the fear of capture of ships and car- of the Democratic organization will be der to make the removal of bad officials of Protectionist Democrats until he shall goes at sea and the withdrawal of the just and fair to all honest and earnest easy and certain. But if they are short have retired from politics, and then Mr.

> -A number of Bellefonters are planning to go to Harrisburg next Monday to witness the opening session of the Legislature, which will convene that day, many and there is abundant reason for and a speaker elected. The Legislature by the guarantee which has now been have given his stupid editor this infor- condemning the militarism which brought will then adjourn until Tuesday, January given to them by Great Britain, France on the destructive war. But the Ger. 19th, the day of the inauguration of Gov-

## Report of the Economy and Efficiency Commission.

Very little of value was expected from the "Economy and Efficiency Commission" appointed by Governor TENER erally reported that the Rumanian peosomething over a year ago, under au- ple have been eager to join the Allies measuring its work by the report, a sum-State civil service which is in accord with derwent in 1913, had even been suggestbe advisable and the increase of salaries Rumania enter the conflict. it has entailed.

The report says there are too many commissions and suggests the consolidation of some of them to reduce the number. The WATCHMAN has complained of this evil many times but recommended abolition rather than con commissions have been created to give

The recommendations that the For-The question of prohibition is a moral estry, Fish and Game departments be one to be reckoned with by the States. consolidated in a department of conser- From the Pittsburgh Dispatch. It will be exceedingly cruel if Mr. The control of it is a police power which vation and that the State College receive JOHN D. ROCKERFELLER is compelled to is local. There is no warrant in the con- more generous treatment are reliefs in ed by the State Educational Association do. But this is an exceedingly cruel by the Federal government and there is report is made up. The Game Commisnew school code. Chief among these is specific protest against the exercise of sion has been an instrument of harm the proposal for the reorganization of the power by the Federal government which for years and since the retirement of Dr. school system on county units. The plan is not authorized by the constitution. ROTHROCK, the forestry service has been would call for the election at large of a These are the reasons which influenced a monument of inefficiency. The Decertain men who are absteminous if not partment of Fisheries has been improved levy a county school tax, and generally total obstainers to vote against the HoB. by the present Commissioner but there have supervisory powers over the local The idea of using patronage in son resolution. Temperance advocates is room for further advancement and the boards. Other recommendations urge a the Economy and Efficiency Commission has eaten up its appropriation.

-The WATCHMAN enjoys the proud

Party Unity.

most inconsistent of the enemies of Pres- cratic party of Pennsylvania seemed ice Commission with respect to the in- A New York paper which is more or with the party or its Presidents, is now treating Mr. Wilson very much as it did blackguarded by all the arts known to it during two administrations, and fawned upon him during the last year of his life, when he was entirely out of politics. It observes the Republican joy over Mr. be proof that the "Do Your Shopping that the industrial and commercial paral- The spirit of faction which had previous- tation between their homes and their Wilson's "course in splitting the Demoysis was more or less psychological, our ly asserted itself fed upon the ambitions work and others located in the suburbs cratic party wide open in a patronage bigoted Philadelphia contemporary ridial of the new leaders and wreshed the of their own accord because of the low fight," and adds that "in any enterprise calculated to demoralize the Democratic party Mr. Wilson has never needed out-

le encouragement." This is just the same sort of stuff we used to get from the same source regarding Mr. Cleveland. After a few years, when Mr. Wilson has completed is valuable services to the country and has retired from politics, he will get from the same eminent authority beautiful Liberty carrying a pair of horse blankets as a tributes to his courage, his patriotism Christmas gift for his employer.

ous division in the party occurred soon the laws extending the operations of the Anti-Trust law, and providcombinations, while safe-guarding and the representatives of big business Service Commission, their remedy is in years ago it seemed they never could be. head while cutting ice on a pond near his home, Mr. Wilson has procured a reduction not a difference with three Senators over Democrats are in favor of a low tariff, tions of the last 30 or 40 years where Wilson will never secure the admiration

## More Countries in the War?

arm admiration.

That Greece and Rumania will enter when the new Members will be sworn in the war has been foreshadowed, it seems, and Russia that in the event of their active participation they will not be attacked by Bulgaria. The declaration of its neutrality by Bulgaria, apparently brought about by the careful diplomacy of the Allies, may decide Greece and Rumania as nothing else could, to take up arms against Germany, Austria Hungary

and Turkey. During recent months it has been genknown to lie on the same side. The po sition of Bulgaria had been open to ques-

public sentiment and civil pensions which ed. Now that it has declared its neutrality, however, Rumania and Greece have are not. It suggests the rerouting of the been assured by the Allies that they need State highways which may or may not not fear Bulgarian armies if Greece and With these two countries entering the

game of war, there would be almost a other considerations than that of tem- makes one or two recommendations million more men opposing the Kaiser which if adopted will justify the expense Now that the Bulgarians are pledged not to take sides, it may be only a question of time before Rumanians and Greeks will be fighting side by side with Englishmen. Frenchmen and Russians. Of greater import than the entrance of Rumania and Greece into the war would

be active participation by Italy. That the latter nation, now avowedly neutral. will soon be on the side of the Allies. solidation. Of course the Legislature has been accepted as highly probable. A will adopt neither suggestion. These dispatch from Rome says that soldiers of would have shortly been dismissed, have profitable places to political henchmen been retained under the colors by royal and so long as the henchmen are present decree. Then, too, the country's nationsome significance.

It would seem that the game of war Commission was created for this reason has just begun; that the combatants are and now that its time has expired some only getting in line, and that the actual -Now if Hobson would take him- so influenced. They are both temperate other commission will be appointed to conflict has not yet started in all earnestness. Additional entries in the game are still to be expected.

## School Code Amendments.

The report of the committee appoint-

suggests a number of amendments to the small board of county directors who would elect the county superintendent, revision of the system of taxation on the line of State uniformity, standardization schools, the selection by the State board Meyersdale, who paid the expenses of his burial. course of two years' preparation for of Baltimore and when he landed in Somersel teaching could be obtained, and an appropriation to make effective the mini-

under the new code.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Robbers broke into eleven cars in the Pennsy freight yards at Latrobe and carried away a quantity of goods contained therein.

-The lifeless body of an unknown foreigner was found hanging in a shanty in the Sunshine mines district near South Fork. He was about

-The Cambria Steel company has received an order from the Westmoreland Coal company for 100 steel freight cars. The order is for immediate delivery.

-L. M. Sanderson, a merchant of Lilly, was convicted in the Cambria county court of selling 1814 pounds of sugar for 25 pounds. He says he will appeal to a higher court.

-Mrs. Jane A. McNamara, of Williamsport who was struck by a motorcycle and badly hurt more than a month ago, is dead of her injuries. She was one of Williamsport's oldest residents. -During a Christmas celebration at Colver, Cambria county, one of the guests, Steve Bod-

ner, fell down stairs and broke his neck. He

was 39 years old and is survived by a wife and

five children -J. Woods Clark, of Indiana, recently appointed clerk of the United States district court for the western district of Pennsylvania, is a son of the Justice Silas M. Clark, of the Supreme court of

Pennsylvania. -Samuel Mason, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, John Roof, at Homer City, was acquitted by an Indiana county jury and imme diately re-arrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons.

-The Reliance Window Glass Manufacturing company, of DuBois, is overwhelmed with orders and is putting out a car load of glass a day. It is a pleasure to hear of an industry that is un-

affected by the hard times. -Charles Raider, aged 46 years, residing near Liberty, Lycoming county, was frozen to death while attempting to make his way home from

-The rumor is reaffirmed that the proposed State Industrial home for women is to be built on Instead of dividing the party, Mr. Wila tract of about 500 acres of land extending from the Pennsylvania railroad at Muncy station back to the State forest reserve on Bald Eagle moun

> tain. -The Winburne postoffice was entered and robbed of \$60 in money and stamps on Saturday evening. The identity of the guilty party has not yet been discovered, but it is thought to have been some one more or less familiar with

the interior of the office. -Donald Burchfield, aged 17, and Helen Fink, aged 16, both of Mifflin, eloped the other evening on matrimonial thoughts intent. They were captured at Harrisburg, however, and held until the arrival of the lad's father, who took the lov-

ing but unwedded pair back to Mifflin. -Miles Kyler, a Nippenose valley farmer, is dead at his home near Rauchtown, the result of a fall in which he ruptured a blood vessel in his some hours before his death: He was 61 years

-Archie Moran, aged 10 years, living with his mother at Munson, Clearfield county, was fatally injured Monday morning by running into a trolley car. He lived a half hour after the accident. Two other boys who were with him

went under the car but escaped without injury. -A Westmoreland county woman has begun a suit to have a divorce set aside that was granted her twenty years ago. Her former husband died recently bequeathing a fortune of \$170,000 to his children and his second wife. The first wife wants the divorce annulled so she can get her

-The heaviest financial loss that has been en century occurred last Saturday night when the large general store room of the B. R. and P. locomotive shops was completely destroyed, with its contents. It is believed the loss on stock will

aggregate \$200,000. -The Clearfield Brick Manufacturing Co. has just landed an order for six million paving brick for delivery as soon as possible at Miami, Florida, The company's two plants-No. 1 at Centre and No. 2 at Krebs-will start in on the big order about January 1st and keep them running steady

for nearly six months. -The Kane Brick company recently received the largest order in their history. The order which was received through Fiske & Co., of Boston, calls for the delivery of approximately 1,000,-000 brick. The plant started operations to its full capacity on Monday, as a result of the order which insures steady operations for four months.

-The body of Albert Stansky, a quarrelsome thority of the Legislature of 1913, and and the sympathies of Greece have been citizen of Westmoreland county, was found tied to the railroad track the morning after Christmas. He had been badly beaten over the head mary of which has been published, very tion, and that it might join Germany to and stripped of his clothing and was probably little has been produced. It recommends avenge itself for the humiliation it un- frozen to death if he did not die of his wounds. Seven suspects have been arrested and lodged in

> -According to the Clearfield Public Spirit an Italian invaded a Chinaman's place of business there the other day and robbed him of some money. The Chinaman complained to an Irish neighbor who notified a Scotch policeman. The officer sent a posse consisting of two Americans, a German and an Englishman after the robber, who escaped.

> -Mrs. L. S. Jackson, of Lock Haven, whose husband is an inmate of the Danville hospital for the insane, has appealed to the council of Lock Haven to secure the man's release. She declares that while he is in a helpless condition physically, he is not insane. She also alleges that he is not properly clad and is the victim of gross neglect.

-Receivers for the Sunbury and Susquehanna Railroad company, a \$1,000,000 corporation operatthe 1892 class in the Italian army, which ing trolley lines between Selinsgrove, Sunbury and Northumberland, last week applied to the Northumberland county court for an order of sale. Argument will be heard January 8th. The cidents this year than usual. In other which might easily, thereafter, be torest payments and has unpaid bills of more than \$100,000.

-Figures gathered by wardens for the State Game commission show that 27 deaths occurred through hunting accidents in Pennsylvania during the 1914 season. This is an increase of two over last year and the majority are shown to have been of rabbit hunters, some of whom were killed by discharge of their guns while climbing fences. It is estimated that one thousand deer were killed in the State during the fifteen days of the hunting season.

-Just as the family of Harry Cabman, consisting of himself, wife and daughter sat down to supper the other evening at their home in Herminie, Westmoreland county, gas which had escaped from one of the mains and followed a sewer into the house, was ignited at a grate fire, and a terrific explosion followed, dropping the family into the cellar and setting the house on fire. The three victims were rescued but the house was destroyed.

-Charles Peters, who was killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train near Meyersdale some days ago, would have been buried in a pauper's grave had it not been for two benevolent citizens of of High schools where a postgraduate It is said he was a member of a prominent family county thirty years ago was worth about \$40,000, which gradually disappeared, and for some years mum salary increase by \$5 a month past he spent a portion of his time in the county