INK SLINGS.

-It is just twenty-four days until Christmas. Have you shopped any at all vet?

-It is beginning to look very much as if Roumania is to suffer the fate of Belgium and Serbia.

-The pecentage of illiteracy in this country is constantly on the decrease. It is about ten per cent. now.

-Villa will be careful to do his rampaging at a safe distance from Pershing's column, you can bet on that.

pelled to haul water now.

-Somebody started the social uplift business several years ago and, naturally, everybody lacking in the sense of discrimination thought the movement in--With three months in jail to think it

over "Smoke" Miller will probably come to the conclusion that he will be safer on the water wagon than on a smoke wagon when he gets out.

yesterday are not feeling a bit better to- money." day than we poor mortals who were just as happy and probably more thankful over twenty-cent chicken.

Troop L up High street to.

-The death of Inez Milholland Boissevain removes from the ranks of the Suffragists their most beautiful member. Let us hope that no unseemly scramble occurs for recognition as the departed beauty's successor.

-Why not send that friend or relative who is now living away from the old home in Centre county the "Watchman" for a year? It would be a present worth while. One that he or she would appreciate every week in the year.

-The United States Steel Co., didn't a noise over Wilson's re-election. It sim-fix." That is not our fix "by a long money would be obtainable and the con-awards and the administration of party burn any red-fire or hire bands to make ply raised the wages of all of its workers shot" and likewise by "a large majority." dition would be reached. An embargo is affairs. The names of men who were ten per cent. to show that it has confidence in the new President and the party that will make the laws under which this great corporation must operate during the next four years.

nies and we want to remind you that Prices are soaring and if there were a antee against such an absurdity. anything you have in mind that you dangerous excess of currency in gold might need before Christmas, should it that would not be the case. All things be necessary to employ either the mails considered we decline to worry. or express to carry, should be ordered on the way early. It might save you a

great disappointment later. -The Penrose promise to have the 'assistance' clause wiped out of our election law will be looked upon with suspicion by those who remember how he corrected the unsatisfactory "party duty in Texas. circle" that caused so much clamor because of its being a means to so much crookedness in elections. He simply squared the "circle" and made it the 'party square."

-It might be interesting for you to know that for well nigh half a century the "Watchman" has been printed on paper made in the same mill and bought from the same firm. It might also be interesting for you to know that the price you are paying for this copy of the "Watchman," three cents, is only a trifle more than the raw sheet of paper could have been sold for before it was sent through the press; so rapidly has the price of paper advanced since this sheet was bought.

-A lot of editorial writers who have laws allow. spent their lives pushing pencils and have finally worked up to a desk that commands forty dollars a week are sanction of the Union League and the either for good or evil. He is a typical gravely telling the country the calamities suport of the Manufacturers' club. The political rounder. He believes in all the that are to befall it on account of Wilson's re-election. And there's that poor, membership of those organizations long spoils of office, in his mind, the just reillinformed Charley Schwab ordering his ago persuaded themselves that any sort wards of sinister party service. Such engineers to spend a hundred million of electoral frauds are justified in order a man in the chair would make a dollars in enlarging plants so that they to preserve a system of taxation which will be ready to take care of the business robs the wage-earners in order that unthat he expects to get within the next earned bounties may be bestowed upon four years. Surely Charley is too dumb or can't read the productions of these have freely contributed funds to pay riously contemplate putting Mr. Baldwin prophets of woe.

-The esteemed Pittsburgh "Dispatch" is sorely distressed because two Democratic Congressmen have been elected from Allegheny county, the very heart of the industries that require the policy of a high protective tariff to maintain them. The "Dispatch" is working itself into a fury of indignation, we surmise, not so much because it believes what it says as because it wants to capitalize the defeat of Barchfeld and Coleman in the next municipal elections in Pittsburgh. It does say quite truthfully, however, that the defeated Republican Congressmen owe their defeat principally to the fact that they both voted in Congress according to orders from Senator Penrose rather than according to the sentiment of their constituents. This is exactly what caused the near elimination of Congressman Rowland, of this District, and we understand that Mr. Rowland is going carried to the limit. back to Washington in December to be a very different Congressman as a result of the lesson he has learned.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

BELLEFONTE, PA., DECEMBER 1, 1916.

NO. 47.

VOL 61.

Worrying Without Good Reason

try is the latest source of worry to the foodstuffs would be absurd if it were less vote in Pennsylvania was the result of an Senator Penrose will be very glad to calamity howlers. One of them, posing brutal. It would mean the starvation of absolutely harmonious and united party. permit the Brumbaughites to play county so nearly voted dry at the last as a financial expert, exclaims, according millions of people in Europe without afelection that so many farmers are comof the blamed stuff. It isn't doing us in this country which suggested it. The just grievances against the managers of Senator will be doing business as a any good and it may do immense harm. high price of foodstuffs in this country is the party. But out of pure patriotism statesman long after his enemies in further augmented by the opening of 1,200 acres ual. When we have just enough to keep sult of criminal conspiracies to withhold delity to principle, they submerged per. ed away in the political graves in have got more gold than we can use. It run the price of eggs up to a dollar a his obligation to the industrial element may lead to unwise loans and resultant dozen. If he were taken into a public of the electorate. But the actual cause because bankers, afraid of an overbal- would imitate him for a generation. -The fellows who ate forty-cent turkey anced loan system, are afraid to loan

pose his perturbed soul. There is no in creating a corner in eggs reveals such the party organization are wise and cadanger of such trouble as he apprehends. a cruelty of nature, such astrocity of pable. The one weakness of the Wilson A surfeit of depreciated currency might mind, that any one guilty of doing so is administration was revealed in the disband to get the music and practice up be harmful because loans based upon an enemy of humanity and should be tribution of the rewards of the victory of on "When Johnny Comes Marchin' such security would be unsafe. But treated as venomous serpents and rabid 1912. Bosses were substituted for lead-Home." That will be the tune to lescort there is no danger of anything of that dogs are treated. That would soon put ers in the party government and the parkind when the basis is gold. It doesn't a stop to such cruelty. The wealth ac- ty patronage used as reprisals for enmishrink much in value, however plentiful quired by such methods would afford lit- ties of the past. Men were favored with it may seem, and can't run away. No the recompense for the punishment which important places, not because of merit or banker, unless he is trying to qualify as such treatment would inflict. Punishing fitness, but for the reason that their ele a patient in an insane asylum, will refuse others for the offences of such miscreants vation was offensive to former party middle west. to oblige customers who offer gold as se- would be alike unjust and inadequate. managers. The President loaned himself curity for a loan. In fact it is a safe The suffering should be imposed upon to this perversion of power and patronguess that most of them would prefer those responsible for the condition that age, without understanding, no doubt, such collateral to even guilt-edged for- brought it about. eign bonds or shares in the most popu-

lar "war-bride" corporations. legacy left him suddenly there wouldn't Possibly it would require a great amount harmony. But factionalism must be be much striving" and adds, "that is our of capital to create the condition but the eliminated alike in the distribution of Only a few are burdened with too much the instrument of a quick economist and formerly unselfish leaders must not be Pennsylvania Republicans can choose

in keeping up to the standard of efficien- week. cy they have set for themselves while on

Investigate the Philadelphia Election.

belong. This year the usual frauds were gressional investigation will be legal. prosecuted to the full extent and those ended or likely to be relaxed. responsible punished as severely as the

Election frauds have become a custom in Philadelphia because they have the would be a power in the Speaker's chair millionaire grafters who compose the old theories of plunder in politics. The the tariff pensioners. Accordingly they party rounders for the hazard of stuffing ballot boxes, falsely counting votes and who have grown rich out of the loot of now. But they were taught by those

higher up socially. The vote returned for President Wilson in Phildelphia this year was the highest since 1888 when Cleveland polled upward of 92,000. But there are substantial reasons to believe that it is much less than was actually cast for the Democratic nominee. Probably an honest return of the vote would not have changed liety the development of his plans. the result on any candidate but it is certain that it would have reduced the aggregate Republican majority in the State and created hope for the future of the party that would have been felt throughout the entire country. For these rea- to the eye. sons a thorough and searching Congressional investigation should be begun and

WATCHMAN is always the best.

There Will be No Embargo.

Happily eggs are not essential to life. voters. They are nutritious, healthful and appe- This full measure of harmony may be

An embargo on foodstuffs would not impaired the efficiency of the force. perceptibly decrease the price of any of But "let the dead past bury its dead." Moreover the analogy which this ex- the commodities involved. It might The Democracy of Pennsylvania is repert sets up is not substantial. He says make the manipulation of the market united and a potent instrument for good "if each individual in the nation had a more difficult but it would not prevent it. in the Commonwealth if it continues in caused a considerable flow of the pre- the least bit of good. But there will be ers. The hand of fellowship must be excaused a considerable flow. There are no embargo. Reason has not been entire-

Along with the other misfortunes we have undergone this week the "Watchman's newsy letter from Corp. Harry J. Bleakley depends upon the manner of -When Troop L comes home it is to Cohen failed to arrive yesterday and we getting to Washington to give him bring thirty two of its border trained know that many readers will be as much distinction he has a rude awakening horses with it. What an inspiration disappointed in not finding it as we were coming to him. Something besides seasoned mounts will be to Capt. Curtin in not receiving it, and the only thing we absurd idiosincracies are necessary to

Penrose Takes Long Chances.

Senator Penrose is taking long chances in adopting Richard J. Baldwin, of Delagressional investigation of the Philadeler of the House of Representatives. It grave importance it is gratifying beautiful a scarcity of the articles in the phia election will be fulfilled. For years may be worth the hazard for it is certain electoral frauds in Philadelphia have de- that in the event of Baldwin's election feated the purpose of the voters of the Penrose would have a servile instrument State and the corrupt contractors who in control of legislation. But the elecorganize fictitious majorities in that city tion of Baldwin would so outrage public are sent to Congress or the State Senate morals, would be so repugnant to every instead of to the penitentiary, where they principle of political progress, that whoever might be responsible for it would be perpetrated and because it was a Presi- under popular condemnation for many dential and Congressional election a Con- years. Penrose can hardly afford to assume such a burden at this time. The Therefore it should be instituted and fight against him in his own party is not

"Dick" Baldwin is a sort of political "rough-neck." Unpolished but with keen intelligence and abundance of cunning,he travesty of legislation if he set himself to serve politics rather than public inter-

ests, and he has always served politics. Nevertheless Senator Penrose may sein the chair at the opening of the coming session. He is a bold buccaneer in polifiling fraudulent returns. Contractors tics himself and may have in mind a purpose to ride rough-shod over the opposipolitics may bear the expense largely tion that has been set up against him and end it by force. On the other hand win would be a most efficient instrument of fortitude. to guide the work. In any event the adoption of Baldwin is a dangerous experiment and if Penrose has determined upon it we shall await with intense anx-

> ----Don't worry because there is too much gold in the country. Gold is not perishable and rarely shrinks in value; besides that it is attractive

-Our Republican friends might as well have remained in the Salt River region for the return trip will —They are all good enough, but the be hazardous as well as uncomforta-

Future of Pennsylvania Democracy.

The proposition to put an embargo on The splendid total of the Democratic the unity of action upon the part of the which Penrose is an issue.

This overburdened plutocrat may com- tizing but may be dispensed with. But made permanent if those in control of but nevertheless it harmed the party and

ed each year until success is achieved.

Congressman-elect O. D. come President. House of Representatives.

-It looks now as if the Demo-House of Representatives at Washington and though not a matter of cause it will keep the Chicago rough- markets would send the prices skyward. neck Jim Mann out of the Chair.

-If it is true, as has been asserted, time, it may be said that he won "a fa mous victory." Every State in which Roosevelt spoke voted for Wilson.

---Nearly all the Ohio officials-elect are or have been newspaper men and the esteemed Springfield Republican is mean enough to say that good newspaper men ton to prevent it. "stick to their jobs" instead of running for office.

-The returning guardsmen get cordial welcomes everywhere and they deserve all the honors that are bestowed upon them. They "have done machinations of the food sharks who, in the State some service."

The high cost of living will the country the day after Thanksgiving. That is the silver lining to an exceedingly dark cloud.

-Of course Thanksgiving dinners were expensive this year but there is abundance of prosperity to meet the cost and "may good digestion wait on appetite and health on both."

--- "The test of great wealth is upon he may imagine that it would be wise to us," writes a Philadelphia banker. Well take up the reform side of the political let it rest on us. We'll try to bear our situation and justly conceives that Bald- share of the burden with a good imitation

> -When Hughes gets into his Wall Street law office he will be able to serve his friends though not as well as if he had gotten into the White House. ----When those eggs which the "egg

> king" has corralled get good and ripe he would make a shining mark to throw

-Villa may be limping along on a

-- That talk of an embargo is probably only one of Representative Fitzgerald's jokes. Fitz is an Irishman and full of fun.

Penrose as a Party Problem.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

The esteemed "Leader" opines that ward politics while he poses as a statesman at Washington. It is predicted by our contemporary that the We, as a nation, are just like an individ
not ascribable to exports. It is the reand in obedience to a keen sense of fithe Republican party have been placof coal land recently purchased by a Greensburg us, we keep striving all the time. If the commodities from the markets of each individual in the nation had a legation to principle, they submited grades are sooner or sonal resentments, forgot animosities later entombed. The "Leader may be each individual in the nation had a legation to principle, they submited grades are sooner or later entombed. The "Leader may be each individual in the nation had a legation to principle, they submited grades are sooner or later entombed. The "Leader may be each individual in the nation had a legation to principle, they submited grades are sooner or later to principle, the each individual in the nation had a legath this country. Out in Chicago, at the and voted the ticket. New accessions quite right. Pennsylvania probably cy left him suddenly, there wouldn't be present time, there is a fiend in human swelled the total, a token of appreciation loves Penrose, but as long as it does much striving. That is our fix. We form who boasts that he can and will of the President's just interpretation of the cause of the Republican party in The middle west has its own idea ed. about Pennsylvania's Senior Senator speculation. It is keeping us back now place and scourged with a whip no one of the increased vote of the party was There are even western States in men from the west and middle west frequently complain bitterly to their Pennsylvania colleagues that while members of the lower House from ly are. One of the circumstances that had a good deal to do with the defeat of Mr. Hughes was the afct that Penrose trotted over to New York to the headquarters of the Republican party for the express purpose of pulling the organization out of a hole. Penrose's friends made a great deal out of the fact that his help was needed. So did Mr. Wilson's frineds in the west and

There was many a California Progressive who sat upon the fence until Penrose was called into the Republican councils for the purpose of helping to save Hughes. That minute the Californian got down from his perch and began shouting for Wilson. As long as the people out beyond the Mississippi can be assured that Penrose is one of the Republican party managers just so long can ther be relied upon to help the Democrats along in their national fights. If Penrose really had the welfare of his party at heart he would get out fo the political arena. The way things stand now gold even though the European war has would work infinite harm without doing anathema because of the enmity of oth- between two alternatives. They can doing help the Democrats keep a enough of us left to strive to keep things ly dethroned at Washington and while it changed among all who are willing and can take Penrose out of the Serate -Holiday business has already begun moving and unless appearances are de- retains its seat quack remedies will not able to work for the good of the cause. and by so doing increase their chances to tax the capacity of the express compaceiving moving at an accelerated speed. be adopted. Woodrow Wilson is a guarpretty safe wager that Penro partid was allowed to leave.

The High Cost of Living.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. What will be the results attained in reducing the high cost of food products and his gallant troopers and what a help can do is to promise to publish it next attract enduring attention in the since President Wilson has determined tions to ascertain the causes for the extraordinary increase in the prices remains to be seen. According to all accrats will have a safe majority in the counts the cost of foodstuffs has risen because speculators have bought up nearly all available stocks at a minimum figure and then stored them in warehouses

> conspiracy should be thorough and far- railroad for junk. He recently acquired the reaching. It ought to start with the pro- property at receiver's sale for \$11,000, and, it is ducer and continue in all channels said, expects to realize twice that much out of that Roosevelt wanted to defeat Hughes through which the food travels until it the rails. Built fifteen years ago to connect New so as to make it easier for himself next reaches the confines of the cold storage houses. In order to get these alleged Reading railway, five miles away, the railroad officials will discover they have rather a bed was virtually ruined by a cloudburst. The tough proposition to contend with. The food pirates know they are violating the law but they are shrewd, and if they don't beat the devil around the stump it will take some of the best legal talent in the Department of Justice at Washing-Meanwhile, as the investigations con-

tinue, there is little hope of consumers being benefitted before the cruel wintry blasts sing requiems over the larder which, though bare in a land of plenty, ought to be well stocked with the necessaries of life were it not for the their greed for pelf, override the laws and have no consideration for a longsuffering public. Relief can only come probably decrease the indigestion of can compel those in charge of food storage houses to place the contents of the latter in the market. There is not much prospect of this being realized, however. Not unless the speculators become alarmed over the activity of a governmental probe and decide to unload. It is not expected the latter will be done until the owners put up a strong legal battle to prevent it. In the meantime the people will pay the exorbitant prices for food and continue to grin and bear in the hope that relief will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Shifting.

From the New York World.

This election throws many useful po-After the litical terms into the discard. contrasted performance of New York and Indiana with that of Kansas and Utah and Ohio, who will dare to name the "doubtful States."

T. R. and California.

From the Washington Star. Of all the strange things Theodore Roosevelt ever struck in his travels, those returns from California are far and away the most remarkable.

---Hughes is going to practice law in New York and we hope he will crutch but it must be admitted that it is a have better success as a lawyer than as a candidate.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-A 950-pound hog has been fattended by farmer Blair Kauffman, near Mexico, Mifflin county. -Thomas Koske, a 16-year-old boy, of Cranberry, was crushed to death in breaker machine

-Robbers on the farm of G. L. Strock, near Mechanicsburg, entered his chicken house and killed 30 fowls

-The city of DuBois is to have a garbage in cinerating plant, the city council having agreed to install one costing \$5,000.

-A charter has been granted at Harrisburg to the Denver & Ephrata Railway company, of Lancaster county. The route is 4 7-10 miles long.

-Lawrence Dolan, a Reading conductor for more than 25 years, failed to notice a train approaching cars at Mahanoy Plane, and was kill-

-But ler county's banner potato crop this year was raised by H. C. Fleming, of Penn township He harvested 738 bushels on three acres and sold them for \$1,052. -Two hundred thousand cords of chemical

wood and 100,000 cords of hemlock bark are awaiting transportation by sled in the forests of Warren, McKean, Elk and Forest counties. -Westmoreland county coal business is to be

-One of the worst epidemics of apple blotch is gaining headway through Montgomery, Bucks

and Berks counties, with the disease rapidly spreading toward the central part of the State. -Judge Bell has cancelled the December 'term of criminal court in Clearfield county. The trial list was so much smaller than usual that it was deemed best not to hold the regular session of

court. -The town of Cassandra, Cambria county, has been considerably demoralized by an epidemic of measles which has broken out among the town's children. It is said some families have as many as five cases.

-The Vintondale Colliery company, with extensive operations at Vintondale, Cambria county, has closed a deal for the purchase of 5,800 acres of coal and surface land from the Lackawanna Coal and Coke company, in Indiana

county. -While plowing in a field near Spring Grove, John Amspacher uncovered a pocketbook which he lost four years ago. It contained silver coins, bills and a check. The check and all of the bills, except a \$10 note on top, were not in condition for circulation and were sent to Washington for redemption.

-The largest bee tree cut in the Tuscarora valley for a long time, says the Port Royal 'Times," was felled by Frank Harris at the foot of Tuscarora mountain. It was a large hollow pine and was packed full of honey, the largest comb was 91/2 feet long, in some places it was four inches thick. The tree contained nine large pails of choice honey.

-Will Lutz, 30 years old, a farmer, is in a hos. pital at Warren suffering with anthrax. He con tracted it when he skinned a cow ten days ago, but it did not show until Wednesday. A blood culture taken showed negative, and physicians say they may keep it out of his system. One hand is affected. The hide has disappeared. Health officers are trying to trace it.

-A tramp who was given a Sunday dinner at the home of William Burnell, of Lock Haven, showed gratitude by taking his host's watch and chain while Mr. Burnell left the room for a minute. The loss was discovered at once and with the assistance of two friends the man was caught before he had a chance to board a freight. He gave up his booty without remonstrance and

-Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh has granted parand by so doing help a Republican bewho are now in the new State penitentiary at Rockview, Centre county, Hoover was ed from Indiana county in July, 1915, to serve from four to fifteen years on a serious charge, and Sbarado was sentenced at the same time from Somerset county for from four to six years on a charge of larceny.

-Mary Ritter, aged 32 years, a resident of Williamsport, committed suicide by jumping from the Market street bridge into the Susquehanna, early the other morning. Her body was seen floating in the river a couple of hours later. She was in ill health and is said to have been disappointed in a love affair. A pair of spectacles which she wore when she jumped from the bridge were still on her nose when the body was taken from the water.

-I. C. Burd, of Shamokin. last Friday started The federal probe of this apparent work on scrapping the Winfield and New Berlin Berlin, a college town, with the Philadelphia and conspirators into a trap the government was never a success. Four years ago the roadcost of repairs burdened it with debt and it could not meet expenses.

> -On motion of counsel for the coal miners, Judge Bailey on Monday postponed the hearing on the injunction of the Rock Hill Coal and Iron company against the Robertsdale miners until Saturday. Meanwhile all the mines in the Broad Top region except two are idle with no immediate prospects of resuming operations. A conference of the operators was held at Saxton Monday to formulate what action they will take. The Huntingdon dealers, unable to obtain any Broad Top coal for their patrons, are delivering hard coal instead.

-The State Livestock Sanitary Board has issued a quarantine embargo against the importation to Pennsylvania of any cattle, sheep or quickly if federal as well as state officials swine from Nebraska or through the Kansas City stock yards. The quarantine embargo follows the discovery of an outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in the two States and every precautionary step will be taken to prevent the introduction of the disease into this State. The quarantine embargo positively prohibits the importation from the restricted districts for any purposes whatever.

-The A. J. Haws Ganister company, of Johnstown, is clearing fifty acres of scrub timber from Black Log mountain, in the Lewistown Narrows, on which to erect an up-to-date brick plant of large capacity. The deposits of ganister rock within easy reach of this plant include billions of tons of the best quality. Some of this land, denuded of valuable timber ten years ago, sold for less than \$1 per acre, but could not be bought at any price today, the value of ganister rock and the advent of the state road through the Narrows having made it one of the most select sections of the State for summer cottages. Another year will see it one of the favored monntain re-

-David Benjamin, head of the Pennsylvania Quarrying, Stripping and Contracting company, president of the Benjamin Iron and Steel works, and one of the best known men in the anthracite field was killed, and his son Harry seriously injured on Tuesday in an accident at the Ebervale operations of the firm. Riding on the bumpers of a small locomotive running backward up a grade at good speed, the elder Benjamin was seized with a fainting spell and fell off and was crushed to death. His son, in trying to rescue him, sustained several broken ribs, a probable fracture of the leg and contusions. Benjamin was a Republican candidate for national delegate in Luzerne county a year ago, but was defeated.