INK SLINGS.

-There will be no issue of the "Watchman" next week.

-So far as being roundly condemned is concerned Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, might just as well be the Kaiser himself.

-Ain't it awful! Nothing is just right. Now they tell us that the potatoes are all growing to tops and, consequently, the tubers will be small and few in a hill.

-The wild orgie that characterized the closing session of the Legislature was nothing new. It was only a little wilder because this session has been worse than any of its predeces-

-Stealing a bill out of the Legislature to keep it from passing is a new departure in Pennsylvania's legislative proceedings. The resourcefulness of Republican organization management surely more often outrages the public than it commands its admira-

-France went wild with joy when the people saw real American fighting men actually landing on their shores to help them. And let it be known right here that France, and all the others of our Allies, will have more reason for joy when Uncle Sam's boys get into action.

-Within three months twice as many men have volunteered for service in the war now raging as volunteered for service under the flag when we were fighting Spain. No, the spirit of America is not dead and no one will realize that more fully, eventually, than Mr. Hohenzollern.

-It has been just a trifle over thirfront in France. They are actually there now. What an answer to those among us who have been continually criticising and declaring that our army is not efficient and our navy use-

-The first detachment of Uncle Sam's real fighting men has landed in France. A world's record in movehas been broken. The Kaiser must since our entrance into it they have ample, while we will have no importsurely now know that we mean busi- been further increased. But the coal ant county officers to elect in the fall ness and the apologies of all the men have led all others in the spolia- there is no sign of an organization knockers are due the War Depart-

-Last week the "Watchman" called for more contributions to the Troop L sweater fund. In all one hundred and three checks for \$1.50 were needed. Mrs. T. K. Morris, of Pittsburgh, Mrs. James Noonan, Henry S. Linn and F. P. Blair and Son, of Bellefonte, have been the ones to respond this week. Only ninety more are the public. needed. Who will be No. 90? Will

tion of modern agriculture would not been wholly the case with bitumake Mesopotamia another Garden of minous coal. Failure of the railroads Eden. Don't do it. Girls are getting to put more than a forty per cent. car too fond of scanty clothes already supply under the tipples of the bituand if we were to have another Garden of Eden we would have to have practice of bidding for the visible another Eve. And if we have another supply each day and the highest bid-Eve we will have another fig leaf dress and if we have another fig leaf dress-well, its all off.

-Potatoes are tumbling in price. They dropped six dollars a barrel in day for the reason that the miners the Philadelphia markets during the left them for fields where work is last week. What glorious news. The campaign of the spring to make living cheaper is already bearing fruit Pennsylvania make possible. and if "spuds" get down to seventyfive or eighty cents a bushel the "Watchman" will feel well rewarded for the part it played in the effort to increase the planting of all food

enlisted either in the National Guard | around a dollar. or any branch of the federal service since April first and those in service at that date are also to count, so it be called from Centre for the first big dure the temperature that is coming army.

-We hear mutterings of discontent over the action of our council in having passed an ordinance to sell certain the White House grounds are emissaproperty devised for the endowment of the Pruner orphanage. The ordinance was vetoed by the burgess, but at the next meeting of council was passed over his veto. We know little of the merits of the case, nor do we care to open up a discussion as to whether the sale really was a frame fy the "Coinel." The late Artemus up, as has been charged, by certain persons in Tyrone, where the property in question is located. We have seen, however, a bona fide offer of twenty-two thousand dollars for the 000,000 acres of wheat next year and property and inasmuch as council voted to sell it for eighteen thousand to another party there is certainly the appearance, at least, of something being rotten in Denmark. Bellefonte's council surely doesn't want to become a catspaw for any schemes, especially in so sacred a trust as that of doing the best for orphaned children, and it seems to us that it should at least withhold making its recent ordinance finally effective until it has fully satisfied itself that the offer the "Watchman" refers to above is not genuine.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

VOL. 62.

Coal Industry on Trial. In the current news there is some dispatches indicate that "the coal inprices asked of the government for account there is abundant reason for It had no legal authority to regulate

prices and had to have the coal.

But action which will compel these 'malefactors of great wealth" to sell coal to the government at reasonable prices and fair profits is not suffiholt" upon the throat of the public it. In this State especially their nefarious operations have been atrocious. Every increase of wages has ty days since the decision was made people. The Legislature biennially to send American troops to the battle puts a tax on coal. The price is increased to five or ten times the tax. Then the court declares the tax unconstitutional and the coal companies get back the tax but don't reimburse

the consumers. It has come to be the rule in this country to crush the consumer of every kind of commodity whenever there is opportunity. The war in Europe multiplied opportunities and ty elsewhere. In this county, for extion. Under the false pretense of that should be preparing in the off scarcity of product prices have been raised to levels impossible to reach by men of moderate incomes and thousands of families stand to suffer inconceivable hardships because of while Republican factions are tearing ical pirates have no thought beyond this extortion. The National govern- each other into shreds and patches or above spoils and the looting of the ment is within its right and duty to Democrats are doing nothing. This is public. Each faction would prefer to stop the robbery through overcharges all wrong. Every Democrat ought to take all in sight all the time. But if to the navy. But there ought to be get busy and at once. A Democratic it can't get all it is willing to take some way to stop the crimes against wave over the county this year will part and it may be set down as certain

The price of anthracite is directly traced to manipulations on the part of -Scientists say that the applica- operators and brokers, but such has minous mines has brought about a der, naturally, gets it. The shortage of cars has contributed to the situation in another way also. Many mines with well organized working forces last winter are only half manned tosteadier than the low and intermittent car supply in certain districts of

Even with the disorganized condition of the bituminous mines, especially in Central Pennsylvania, the "Watchman" is of the opinion that if at least a seventy per cent. car supply could be given them the price of bitu--If Washington proceeds along the minous would be down to three dollines already laid down affecting the lars at the tipple in a very short time. drawing of the new army Centre It will probably be a long time before county will be called upon for a very it falls much below that figure for the small contingent. According to the reason that the cost of running has advance information each county is to more than doubled since the days be given credit with all men who have when bituminous could be bought

-It would be just like Bill Hohenzollern to blame his reversals on would appear that with Troop L, the the weather. But he would have been Boal machine gun troop and the scores defeated just as badly and quite as of young men who have already gone certainly if the weather had been difinto the regular service there will be ferent. Besides probably the weathchance for only a very few, if any, to er man is fitting him in this life to ento him in the next.

> -We are thoroughly convinced that the women who are sentinelling ries of the anti-suffragettes. At any rate they are doing more against female suffrage than any other agency.

-Two of Roosevelt's sons are to be on the firing line in France or Flanders and probably that will satis-Ward only offered to sacrifice his wife's relations in the Civil war.

-Kansas is going to plant 10,our advice to the Kaiser is to get things settled before the harvest of that crop.

-If the bigots of the Congress would cease riding their hobbies into legislation the work of preparing for war would be greatly diminished.

-The over-subscription of the Red Cross fund is another notice to the Kaiser that his job is in joepardy.

-Conditions in Russia are im-

BELLEFONTE, PA., JUNE 29, 1917.

Prepare for Future Victories.

The Democrats of Schuylikll counpromise of relief from the extortions ty have reorganized and are looking tained in the indictment are left to ty this year and though under existconjecture but they are so numerous ing law there can be no partisan nomcoal supplies for the navy. Upon that Democrats to meet them on their chosen field. Other important local complaint. Since the opening of the offices will be filled next fall and the war the coal prices have soared out of result then will have an important inwealthy old county are preparing for a victory this fall.

This is a good example for Democrats of other counties to follow. During recent years the Democratic cient. They have taken a "strangle organizations of Pennsylvania, State him expensive agents had been apand local, have been allowed to go inand must be compelled to relinquish to decay. With the leaders operating it. In this State especially their nethe State there has been neither time nor opportunity to keep the organizaof the most important campaigns that has been conducted for many years. such profligacy would not be allowed. We have all the elements of success, But the Publicity Expert is still "doall the conditions for victory in our ing his bit," the Governor's private hands and if we make proper use of opportunities this year victory will be certain and easy next year.

Schuylkill county is moving along the right lines and making admirable progress but we hear little of activiyears for winning fights when they count. In adjacent counties appearances are no more favorable. In the cities political apathy is the rule and ever know how or where. These politous work and he deserves the encour- will be divided between them agement.

-It is said that ex-King Constantine, of Greece, is to receive \$100,000 a year to maintain the dignity of his present position. But we are not informed as to where the money is to drawn from any fund subscribed by the people of this country. We are liberal to a fault but draw the line on paying ex-kings.

Disgraceful Session of the Legislature.

The Legislature which adjourned fireputable parliamentary body that has ever assembled. Beginning with stopped, that result might be achieva fight for the Speakership which ed. would have been discreditable to a gang of pirates, it has dragged its cerned only for business interests. slow length through nearly six He is apprehensive that such remonths of disgraceful squabbling be- straints as a food dictator might find tween the two factions of a party machine alike rotten. Finally the limit of iniquity was reached when a member of the House stole a pending how I made it," he continues, "I would measure of legislation in order that resign my seat in the Senate any day an odious corporation might continue to accept one of these dictatorships. its license to loot the city of Philadel- I would not ask any salary and would

has been endeavoring to escape the clutches of the Rapid Transit corpora- Obviously the Senator has in mind the tion and create transit facilities ap- conditions that prevailed during the proaching public necessities. At the Spanish war. But conditions have expense of millions of dollars a sys- changed vastly since that "halcyon tem of suburban lines was built but and vociferous" period. the monopoly refused to enter into traffic relations which are necessary to should resign his seat in the Senate, make it available. A bill was intro- he wouldn't be appointed to the office duced into the Serate compelling suit- he covets or be given the opportunity But it was held up in the House com- speculators and army contractors did mittee until last Thursday when it during the Civil war and the Spanish possible.

The member who perpetrated this outrage is a servile tool of Dave Lane, an idol of Philadelphia, probably for the reason that his iniquities of any other man. Mr. Lane is a to business or anything else. stockholder, through the injection of water, in the Rapid Traction corporation and may have ordered the robnow in progress and may succeed but the outrage will never be properly disposed of until all concerned in it proving and improvement there means are punished by severe prison sentences.

Defense Fund Will be Divided.

For some time nothing has been

heard of the "defense fund" created Men Who Determine Available Men of the "coal barons." Washington forward hopefully to the important by the Legislature, amounting to two campaign of next year. There are millions of dollars. For a time it was dustry is on trial." The offences con- two judges to be elected in that coun- the dominant topic among politicians. The Governor protested, with characteristic vehemence, that as Commandthat little risk is run. Presumably inations the Republican machine has er-in-Chief of the military forces of they will relate only to the excessive given orders for a vote on partisan the State, he had fundamental right lines and it is the intention of the to disburse the fund. The friends of Senator Penrose, with equal emphasis baugh and the same has been approvthe distribution of the fund should be of determining just who of the men can be shipped direct to Buffalo. sight. The government was helpless fluence on the State fight next year. placed in other hands. Even before drafted are entitled under the rules against the exactions of operators. With the idea of "safety first," the the appropriation was made a consid-Democrats of the splendid and erable part of the money had been ically set forth by the President to be a raid of several barns and outbuildings, pledged for expenses of administra- exempt from military duty. Naturtion. Since that nothing has been developed.

Under authority of the Governor or pointed and luxurious offices in Philadelphia furnished. A "Publicity Expert" had been employed at fifteen thousand dollars a year, offices had been rented at enormous expense and publican faction fight declared that portunity for local favoritism, politicsecretary is still on the pay roll and the expensive offices in Philadelphia are still occupied. But the opposition has been completely silenced.

beginning with No. 1.

When the drawings begin, probably early in July, a board in Wash-

has been completely silenced. The probabilities are that the differences between the factions have been adjusted. An agreement has probably been reached for an equal, or nearly 50-50, division of the spoils between the followers of the Governor and the adherents of the Senator. The Vares will get their share and McNichol will get his but the fund will be disposed of and nobody will hearten President Wilson in his ardu- that the defense fund of \$2,000,000,

Senator Penrose Needlessly Alarmed.

Senator Penrose is again borrowing trouble for himself and sowing the seeds of fear to disturb the minds of others. "I cannot but feel," he decome from. It will certainly not be clares, that "we are making a mistake in creating so many commissions and dictatorships. We are giving a tre- to a national exemption board, which mendous amount of power into the hands of a few people. I think there is a lot of fake and buncombe about it. And there is danger in it too." The high prices are ascribable largely to inadequate transportation facilities, he adds, and "a food dictator nally sometime yesterday, (it was still cannot increase railroad facilities," in session when this was written,) which is true. But if railroads are will go into history as the most dis- compelled to do their best and accumulation for speculative purposes is

Senator Penrosc appears to be conit necessary to impose would hurt fairs and report to the cantonment commerce and impair business. "If I camps. It is noped to have them all wanted to make money and didn't care in training by September 1 or very not want the place over a month. In For years the city of Philadelphia that time I could collect a fortune that would almost equal Rockerfeller's."

In the first place if the Senator able action which passed that body. to make money "any old way" as was given to a member to report, that war. The men chosen to administer being the last day under the rules. the duties of commissioner and dicta-The member to whom it was given tor are experts in the line to which put it in his pocket and left the capi- they are called and known to care tol for the week, making action im- very much how they make money. There is no riot of corruption or orgie of graft in the service of the government and nobody will get rich as Rockerfeller within a month. Moreover with the end of the war the auare more open and flagrant than those thority ceases and there is no danger

-East Linn street was oiled last week and the result was it presented bery to save the impairment of his a pretty slippery surface for autodividends. But the people of Phila- mobiles. In fact one driver evidentdelphia will suffer unless the bill ly lost control of his car on Friday is rushed through under special night as the tracks showed a zigzag orders before the adjournment course until the Lutheran church The effort to accomplish this is where they cut in and right across the corner of the pavement and out onto Allegheny street.

> -The Legislature has adjourned Pennsylvania should worry.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Gov. Brumbaugh has asked for a safe and sane Fourth.

-Thomas Gough, aged 45, was perhaps fatally injured and a score of others sus-tained minor hurts when four hundred persons were pinned beneath a large tent owned by a lyceum bureau which collapsed during a severe electrical storm at Tarentum on Tuesday night. The crowd, panic-stricken, struggled amid the bursting of electric bulbs and falling poles until released by three companies of the Taren-

-One of the most revolting cases of brutality to come to the attention of the Mt. Carmel authorities in recent years was that of little Peter Yuskosky, aged twelve. The lad, who is mentally deficient, was EXEMPTION BOARD OF CENTRE stripped of all clothing, tied to a tree at the rear of the parents' home, and both father and mother applied heavy straps on the child's bare skin. The parents were arrested and the boy has been sent to a home for children.

NO. 26.

COUNTY.

for War Duty. How the Draft

Will be Made,

ally there is considerable curiosity as

this is explained in brief in the an-

national army, now awaiting Presi-

visions for every step in the great un-

al or otherwise.
In the United States there are ap-

proximately four thousand registra-

tion districts. In each there is a sep-

arate series of registration numbers,

ington will select a number through

the jury wheel or other lottery sys-tem. That number will be telegraph-ed to each registration district and all

the men on the registration lists who

will be unknown to those in charge of the draft machinery and can be es-tablished only by comparing a number with a printed list in the man's home

they will be telegraphed to the home

districts where the registered men will

EXEMPTION QUESTIONS ARISE.

It will be up to each man, individ-ually to ascertain whether he is se-

lected. He will not be required until

a general summons is issued for all

drafted men to come forward for ex-

At that time he will have opportu-

Occupation exemption pleas must

be heard by the appelate boards. If

a drafted man desires, he can appeal

the regulations create, and which is

TO PUBLISH DRAFTED MEN.

To make sure that no eligibles es-

cape, the names and numbers of draft-

ed men will be made public. Originar

registration lists are also being made public so "slackers" may be detected

by their neighbors when their names

In this way all those available for

country's call, and from them the first

increment of 625,000 will be assem-

bled. The others will be called as the

need develops as the war goes on.

Plenty of time will be given for draft-

ed men to arrange their personal af-

the supreme court of exemptions.

nity, if he desires exemption, to pre-

ed on dependent families.

fail to appear on the list.

learn if they have been drafted.

The identity of the numbered men

As the members are drawn,

have that number will be called.

district.

ton on Saturday as follows:

-Buffalo interests, headed by Messrs. Sheriff George H. Yarnell, Dr. C. Loman and Pierce, have purchased the Tozier Clay and Coal company properties E. McGirk, of Philipsburg, and Counin the immediate vicinity of Benezette. ty Commissioner D. A. Grove have They are opening a top prospect for debeen appointed the exemption board veloping a large coal mining operation. for Centre county by Governor Brum-Among other activities they are building a mile and a quarter tramway road, condeclared that because of irregularities ed by the War Department. The necting their property with the Buffalo in previous accounts of the Governor above men will have the onerous duty and Susquehanna railroad, so that coal

-Grampian was visited on Sunday night made their way to the passenger station and, blowing open the safe, made their esto just how the draft will be made and cape with about \$60 in money. The whole proceedings were carried on without dissome sort of a commission created by nouncement sent out from Washing- turbing the slumbers of the populace. The robbers overlooked a nice fat bundle of Regulations for drafting the new greenbacks on the top shelf of the safe.

-Chief of police Ross Chambers, of dent Wilson's approval, contain pro-Williamsburg, Blair county, John W. Farrell, a constable, and John Fluke, pleaded dertaking. No official announcement guilty in court last Wednesday to the has been made and official confirmacharge of involuntary manslaughter. The to double the amount. That was bad enough but a more outrageous device has recently been invoked to loot the people. The Legislature biennially muts a tay on coal. The wise is a state of the manifest for a minute of the manifest his year will be in September, been put on the pay roll at \$2,500 a stated, and generally is accepted as true, that the Federal Government itself will do the drafting, probably in Washington, so there will be no opponents of the Governor in the Report of the manifest his year will be in September, been put on the pay roll at \$2,500 a stated, and generally is accepted as true, that the Federal Government itself will do the drafting, probably in Washington, so there will be no opponents of the Governor in the Report of the manifest his year will be in September, been put on the pay roll at \$2,500 a stated, and generally is accepted as true, that the Federal Government itself will do the drafting, probably in Washington, so there will be no opponents of the Governor in the Report of the court suspended senting the court of the court of the court suspended senting the court of the c tion is being withheld, but it has been from the three defendants to compensate her for her loss.

-Trying to save Miss Elsie Ross, of Goldsboro, from drowning in the Susquehanna river at that place Sunday afternoon, Lloyd Balsbaugh, of Hershey, Pa., manager of a store in Steelton, was drowned. Miss Ross, with several other Goldsboro girls, was bathing and she got into a deep hole. Balsbaugh, believing she would be drowned, went in after her and sank. His body was recovered and although doctors worked over him with a pulmotor, he was past reviving. Miss Ross was saved by Edward Sipe.

-Several days ago a bear attacked a flock of sheep belonging to Jeff Long, whose farm is located on the Allegheny Mountain, several miles from New Baltimore, and killed eight. The State game authorities were notified, and an order was issued allowing hunters to enter the woods and pursue the animal out of hunting season. In case the bear is killed, the lucky hunters are ordered to present the skin to the county authorities and secure the legal reward. The mountain is being scoured by hunters looking for the beast.

-Highway Commissioner Black last Frichase of the Lancaster Pike from Philadelphia to Paoli and it will be freed of sent his case to the local exemption tolls on July 15. The freeing of that piece boards. It will have power to decide of road will leave but twelve miles of toll physical exemptions and excuses basroad between Philadelphia and Harrisburg on the State main highway. The section taken over will cost \$165,000, Montgomery county having agreed to pay \$5,000, while Delaware and Chester counties will also contribute. The section is fourteen miles long and the toll charges were seventy cents. The original turnpike company which owned the road dates from 1792.

-James Sutton, aged 92, a pioneer merchant of Wilkes-Barre and for a quarter of a century a bachelor recluse, known to but few of the younger generation, in his will filed Friday, bequeaths \$500,000 and his residence in Wilkes-Barre for the establishment and maintenance of a home for aged men of good moral character. The service out of the ten million who registered will be made ready for the estate is valued at \$700,000. Of this amount, \$200,000 is given to local charities and to his niece and nephews. Living in retirement with no relatives is believed to have induced the aged merchant to provide a home for aged men finding themselves without near relatives or the comforts of a home in their declining years.

-One \$20 gold piece was all that was saved from the \$2,900 kept in the stove bank of the boarding house of Mrs. Joseph Kripps at Brinkerton, a mining town in Westmoreland county, when Mrs. Kripps lighted a fire in the stove Sunday morning. The money represented \$900 savings of the boarders and \$2,000 belonging to the Kripps. Fearing banks the money was kept in the house, but on account of recent robberies the money was hidden each night in the stove, kindling and coal being piled on top of it. Sunday morning Mrs. Kripps was in a hurry to start the fire and the commissioners of the District of forgot about the money, which was all currency except the one gold piece.

-Hundreds of people on Sunday viewed and inspected with an unusual interest the Car and Foundry company, at Berwick, for the United States government, which each State are asked to report, as soon will be shipped to the government proving grounds at Sandy Hook. The usual type of construction and the fact that Berwick's produce will very likely be placed in active service on the battle front in Europe, combined in making the inspection one of double interest. The massiveness of the car, the wonderful ingenuity in its construction, all combined to make Berwickians generally feel proud over the fact that the car is a product of their town.

-J. B. Eberhart, of Lewisburg, was run down by a Philadelphia and Reading passenger train at the Grove crossing between West Milton and Lewisburg. The accident happened about six o'clock Sunday evening. Mr. Eberhart works for the Bell Telephone company at Lewisburg and was on his way to fix a telephone line near West Milton when the accident occurred. He was driving his Ford car and just as he was almost over the tracks he heard the whistle of the locomotive and he turned his car to one side thus avoiding the full force of the collision. The train struck the car a glancing blow and turned it completely around. Mr. Eberhart escaped with a slight shaking up, but the car was completely wrecked.

soon thereafter. REGARDING THE QUOTA OF ENLIST-MENT.

the following: June 30 is the last day upon which enlistments in any State will count toward that State's quota of men to be selected from those registered. Instructions to this effect were sent out Friday night to each Governor, and to Columbia, by Provost Marshal Gen-

The War Pepartment authorizes

eral Crowder. This indicates that the process of selection and exemption of registered first armored car built by the American men will begin soon after July 1.

The National Guard authorities in after the close of recruiting on June 30 as possible, the total number of men recruited during June. With this, the figures will be complete for recruiting from April to June 30, both inclusive, and these will be added to the men in the National Guard in each State on April 1. Men enlisted in the regular army between April 1 and June 30 will also be added and the sum of these items for each State number in National Guard April 1, number enlisted in both National Guard and regular army during April, May and June-will make the total to be counted in as part of each State's quota as apportioned under the selective service act and the regulations to be promulgated.

Members of the National Guard who may have been discharged from that organization since April 1 will count in the total of enlistments the same as men remaining in service.

(According to the above Centre county's quota for the present will be almost made up by Troop L and the Boal machine gun troop.—Ed.)

-The "Watchman" has all the news