-Swat the first fly you see. A swat in time will surely save nine and may nip the eventual appearance of nine thousand little fles in the bud.

-The first straw hat has been seen on Bellefonte streets, but the hurdygurdy and the barefoot boy must put in an appearance before we will be convinced that spring is here to stay.

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Why Bolshevism Menaces.

the operators have a right to rob

wonder why Bolshevism threatens.

-If they keep on monkeying in

Paris we would not be surprised to

learn that the President is packing up

his troubles in his old kit bag and

Bobby Burns Vindicated.

Recent events at Harrisburg have

completely vindicated the playful ob-

servation of the late Bobby Burns to

the effect that the "best laid schemes

o' mice and men gang aft a-gley."

treatment" and rest for two weeks,

curiously enough that being the time

required for the consideration of the

perplexing, not to say vexatious meas-

ures. Acting upon the safe and sane

suggestion of his doctor the Gover-

nor escaped on the eve of the reas-

sembling of the Legislature for the

consideration of the troublesome bills.

Naturally His Excellency imagined

that he had solved the difficult prob-

lem and while he was enjoying the sa-

lubrious air of a most attractive win-

ter resort his friend Senator Vare,

could revel in the exquisite enjoyment

of tying the amateur reformers in

various kinds of knots and holding

lic ridicule. The expectations of help

from the executive office would be

disappointed, of course, for however

earnest and anxious the Governor may

be for reform legislation, illness and

absence rendered help from him im-

possible and the crafty Vare would

have things his own way. A careful-

And here is where the Bobby Burns

-There is no use in quoting past

stronger than his sense of honor.

observation fits in. The Penrose fac-

their keen disappointments up to pub-

again.

-Michigan has refused to legalize the sale of light wines and beer in that State. The vote was overwhelmingly against the proposal, the women, voting for the first time, were solidly against it.

-Those German officials who are going to Paris to learn the terms of the peace treaty will have one on the Kaiser, at least. They will get a dinner there that Bill Hohenzollern didn't get the chance to eat.

is no trifling incident in piscatorialwhiskatorial outings.

-Williamsport had the pleasant also. sensation of a big drop in coal prices on Tuesday. Bids for the city conof coal she drops into the stove.

-The government forecast of the 837,000,000 bushels, which will be than the railroads were adding to were pro-German during most of the beginning of the late war was em-152,000,000 bushels in excess of the their carrying rates and it was ex- war period and are perverse at all phasized. Every intelligent man in record crop of 1914. Should no unfa- pected that Governor Sproul would times. It is safe to say they reprevorable weather conditions reduce the frankly tell them so, and demand a resent more than half of the opposition What possible reason could be given final harvest the problem of taking it versal of their practices. Instead of in the matter of circulation. all off the farmer's hands at the guar- that he tells the operators that it is It may be added that more than facts? anteed price of \$2.26 per bushel is all "a game of grab" and their duty half of the papers against the League, going to be one that will make Uncle is to take their toll. It's hard on the outside of the Hearst publications are Sam bite his finger nails nearly off before he figures out how to get out from under without a loss that will well nigh bankrupt him.

-With a train that carries both mail and express leaving Bellefonte at 8:15 each evening it is impossible to consign either a parcels post or express package after six o'clock. Because stamps cannot be bought after that hour and the express office is not open. Public service doesn't mean much in the way of service and Federal control of public utilities continues to demonstrate the long established fact that it is not in it for efficiency with private ownership and of advising the operators to join in management of business.

-Here and there we note a disposition on the part of labor to go back to pre-war wages without a grumble. The instances are isolated, however, for in many parts of the country strikes for still higher wages are either actually on or brewing. Invariably the demand for advances is based on "the high cost of living" and labor can't or won't see that because labor constitutes the major cost of all manufactures if advances are granted the "high cost of living" will be higher still. We were mighty prosperous, happy and satisfied with our condition just prior to July, 1914, and there is no economic reason why we would not be the same way if labor were at once to go back to that basis, for then the price of all commodities would fall, business would revive at once and there would be employment for everyone.

-Governor Sproul's investigation of the proposed advance in the price of anthracite has resulted in an official sanction of the increase. One of the reasons justifying the advance is that royalties have gone higher. The Girard estate, of Philadelphia, owns large hard coal fields and among others, has increased the pound of flesh it demands. Why? Only a year or so ago it was announced that that estate was amassing such wealth that its trustees were in a quandary as to what disposition to make of the millions it was piling up. In fact statistics were made public showing that in a relatively short time, at its then rate of accumulation, it would control the entire gold supply of this country. If such was actually the case it is a crime now to permit that estate or any other owner of coal properties to increase royalties when business stabilization requires falling instead of rising prices.

-The Pennsylvania Legislature is to be congratulated on having defeated the Powell bill, which proposed to ly thought out conspiracy could have require every person who desires to afforded Vare no better service. spend an hour or so fishing along the streams of the State to take out a license. The excuse offered for the tion of the party assembled in Philameasure was that it would bring in a delphia just as the gubernatorial train large revenue that would be used in was speeding to its sunny and saluincreasing the fish in the streams. tary destination and determined to The public long ago discovered the de- "recess" the Legislature for the perceit of such statements. The hunters | iod fixed for the Governor's absence, license was designed to increase game thus postponing the consideration of and the automobile license was prom- the Philadelphia legislation until he ised to be returned in better roads but returns and receives a cordial though notwithstanding the fact that both of probably somewhat mandatory invithese impositions have converted mil- tation to "fish or cut bait" from both lions of dollars into the state treasu- elements in the controversy. It was ry practically all of these vast sums an unkind thing to do but necessity are consumed in the administration of knows neither politeness nor law and the departments, by furnishing places the dodger, however artful, deserves for political favorites and greasing all the disappointments that happen whatever political machine hap- to come to him. pens to have control of them. As the "Watchman" stated several weeks ago, the people are in no mood to be utterances of Senator Lodge. He trifled with longer and the Legisla- cares as little for consistency as for

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION

BELLEFONTE, PA., APRIL 11, 1919.

In justifying the proposed increase In his speech in New York on the in the price of anthracite coal, during eve of his departure for Europe after cient reason that no fair minded per- but high class weekly journal thereson could discern an excuse for a upon made what is now popularly price four or five fold greater than a known as a "survey" of the country

ers, transporters and retailers rob, tionally in favor. This record would seem to amply set their hearts on that. justify President Wilson's claim. It Everybody knew before Governor will be said, of course, that many of was to make future wars impossible. Sproul made his grand stand play the the newspapers replying to the inquitract were made at \$5.30 per gross cost of production of anthracite coal ry are provincial and exercise little dance but that was the dominant idea. ton of pea and at \$6.60 per gross ton had increased. It was perfectly un- influence on the public mind. But The people of all races and nationaliof stove. It is welcome news to all derstood that the railroads were exthe announcement that fuel is show- acting "all the traffic would bear," and the only odds are nearly as strong in favor of guarantee of perpetual peace is in an odds are nearly as strong in favor of guarantee of perpetual peace is in an odds. ing signs of getting down to the point and that the owners of the minerals the League. That is to say that of where the prudent housekeeper does were adding to their royalty charges. the replying papers those in the affirnot have to shudder with each lump But nobody thought that he would mative have a circulation of 9,886,give official sanction to such extor- 449 to 4,326,882 against among which tions. The Girard estate was increas- are all the Hearst papers, nine, of entirely worthless. Its utter ineffiwinter wheat crop for this country is ing its royalties with even less reason very large circulation, all of which ciency was revealed frequently and at

slice of the melon. Less prosperous interpret the conditions differently. reached the conclusion that instead meagre force.

the looting operations the Governor visability of requesting the Allies to might have suggested to the other police that country until order can be open next Tuesday morning and as looters to let up. But the Governor restored. It would be a nasty job, but usual there promises to be a general adopted the opposite course and we if it becomes necessary it will be done and done right.

Director General Hines Right.

The new Director General of Railroads, Mr. Hines, reveals the right day morning should be under more spirit in refusing to accept the price smiles, smiles, smiles as he prepares fixed by the War Board for steel rails. to sail for home to let those who don't have world vision to fight it all over He believes that steel rails can be made and sold for considerably less than the price fixed by the War Board and as the purchases are to be paid for by public funds, he insists on the lowest rates. In this he is not only right but just. For a long period before the war railroad treasuries were looted by excessive charges for rails. The railroad officials in many instanc-Anticipating all sorts of trouble over es held large interests in rail mills the impending legislation for Philaand small interests in the railroads delphia, Governor Sproul found it conand they fattened the mills at the exvenient to get sick and his obliging pense of the roads. physician prescribed "the absent

> pose is to impoverish the people. Rents are high, food expensive and nearly everything that enters into the lives of the people is unnecessarily costly. Then why should the burdens be increased by excessive charges for the service of utilities. The telephone has become a necessity to the public. The people no longer have time to go from store to store to make their purchases and the only other medium is the telephone. Yet the cost of the service is being increased without reason. All these increases fall upon the consumer. Exorbitant prices of steel rails and increased charges for telephone service are alike met by the user and some interest ought to be

-It's just one thing after another. Some complain because they have to pay income tax and others worry because their income is not big enough

Whether set up or framed up it ture has wisely killed this pernicious patriotism and his prejudices are is certain that the German government will have to settle up.

There are many reasons for hoping that within a week the covenant of the principles expressed in the original draft as prepared by President Wilson remain in full force. The in formulating a peace treaty have

The principal purpose of the war international agreement. The alterafter the Napoleonic wars. It proved

The covenant now approaching com- His fee was stiff and you had to do as pletion is the work of the best minds he said. But he cured. consumers but let them go hang.

The Girard estate, left as a charity to the service of the public has increased the royalties on coal mined of the civilized world. Not a single selfish thought has been written into the service of the public has increased the royalties on coal mined of the civilized world. Not a single selfish thought has been written into take a chance. What good was the bank roll without easy nerves?

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The trout fishing season will pen next Tuesday morning and as ferror and as collected the collected turnout of Centre county fishermen, every man hunting his favorite trout hole where he caught the biggest last year. And from present indications the opening of the season next Tuesfavorable conditions than have characterized the "first day" in a number of years. The streams are not too high, the water is in good condition for fly fishing and the weather is most auspicious. The only thing necessary and awaited instructions. to make the opening an ideal one for the fishermen is an abundance of trout. And in this respect every man will have an equal chance to get what trout he can. The fact that there was comparatively little snow during the winter, and that none of the mountain streams were frozen dry, should result in good fishing in any trout stream in the county.

-The Philipsburg Daily Journal entered the thirty-second year of its history on Wednesday of last week with a sprightliness that is indicative of a long life ahead of it. During the past year editor Bair installed a Hoe perfecting press and increased the size of the Journal from a six to a seven column folio. He has also addthe charges were excessive before. In ed other features which make it the equal of any inland daily published in a town the size of Philipsburg and the "Watchman" congratulates him upon the prosperity daily manifested

in the make-up of the Journal.

—In order to insure Bellefonte against future epidemics and for civity in pride do your kit he is an and for civity. ic pride, do your bit by joining in the clean-up campaign to begin at once, and to last until every corner of the town is rid of all unsightly rubbish heaps. The week of the 5th of May every one is asked to do special work for this campaign.

-Train robberies are decreasing in number according to statistics but it may be for the reason that when a passenger pays for his ticket he hasn't enough money left to encourage the bandit.

-Joe Bailey is cruelly unkind to himself. What he ought to do is peacefully slumber in his seclusion to which he was committed by popular voice as soon as he was found out.

-It is said that the former Kaiser is anxious to go to a warmer climate and it may comfort him to know that his ultimate destination will be hot enough

Several car loads of potatoes American cities for atrocities and it were shipped from the Coburn station is small wonder that its mayor is a to eastern markets during the past pro-German and a Republican. week, the buyers paying the farmers seventy cents a bushel delivered on the car. Last fall they could have wants an international Supreme court gotten from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel but what he really needs is a commis-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Mrs. Eula Margraff, of Osceola, has been appointed matron of the I. O. O. F. Home at Sunbury.

-Large quantities of Mexican quail have been liberated in the lower counties of the State during the week.

—A stylish thief broke into Phillips' second-hand store, Allentown, passed by a lot of jewelry and other valuables and stole only a full-dress suit.

-Allentown guinea pigs are being shipped in large numbers to Ohio. Some breeders at Allentown have gone into the business of supplying hospitals for bacteriological experiments and are making a good living.

-The State Forestry Commission has purchased tracts of woodland to add to reserves in Huntingdon, Tioga and Lackawanna counties and is considering purchases in Clearfield and Potter counties near present holdings. medical profession, but do believe that there is more than one way of killing a rat. Some doctors do not think so.

NO. 15.

Don't Give a Damn.

We have no quarrel to pick with the

The writer is not a Bolsheviki or

Spiritualist and has some slight scru-

troubles stayed and his bank roll

Then a friend told him of a doctor

"I've been sick for three years," he

asked the pill-roller, if we may now

"Then my fee is \$5,000."
"Pretty stiff," remarked the man.
"Yes, it is," answered the physi-

cian, "especially when you consider

more minutes. But that is my charge.

"I promise," pledged the man.
"Here it is," began the wonderful doctor, as he stood up and surveyed

ever anything comes up to disturb

you, whether it be important or unim-

portant—I want you to say: 'I don't give a damn,' and I want you to mean

"And do I pay \$5,000 for that?"

"You already have paid it," said the

doctor. "You also have made a sol-

emn promise and I expect you to keep

it, just as I expect to keep my prom-

ise that I will cure you.
"Now," said the physician, (proba-

bly an outcast for not writing a pre-

scription and filling his patient with

"Are you sure?" asked the doctor.
"I said, I don't give a damn, and I don't give a damn," said the man, and

he emphasized his words by bringing

his fist down on the doctor's desk

with a man's sized wallup. He show-

ed more energy in this rap than he had displayed for three years."

"You're getting well already," said

The next morning brought a tele-

gram telling the man of business trouble at home. He wired back: "I

courtesy, he replied: "I don't give a

thought by his numerous "damns" that bats had entered his belfry.

He came back east. His friends

In a month the man had gained 15

In ninety days his most pessimistic

-Chicago has the record among

-Senator Cummins, of Iowa,

friends admitted that he was perfect-

And he didn't give a damn.

sion in lunacy.

his man from head to foot.

I don't give a damn.'

"That's all."

asked the man.

the doctor.

call him such.

"Oh, about \$25,000."

out west who could cure anything.

circumstances.

dwindled.

Our opinion stands regardless.

From an Unknown Author.

-Mrs. Daniel Brought, of Granville, Mifflin county, has an early cherry tree in full bloom and while the temperature was down to fifteen degrees above zero along the mountains where she resides only last

Physicians there are—and this is gospel—who do display human intelligence at intervals. We stick to the week, the fruit was not injured. -A lumber firm has a timber job near pill-rollers, however, not wanting to Kane that will require six years to finish, appear rash enough to include lawbeing one of the largest untouched pieces yers or barbers.
You'd be as safe with those birds as you would be with the German army remaining in the State. It consists of 6,-500 acres, much of which is virgin forest. The tract is estimated to be worth \$1,-

-Even the bees have entered in the high price combination, for at the public sale of Daniel G. Stine, of Windsor township, York county, they brought \$3 per hive. Of course no one knows how many bees there were, as no person had the temerity ples against wife-murder. But at to count 'em.

that some cases do contain mitigating -At his Diamond Station farm, Jacob Andes, perhaps the largest grower of to-And before you go further, remember that this is not a patent medicine bacco plants in Lancaster county, has already seeded 400 of his 600 beds, and in We'll take our's straight, so long as one to two months he will be fairly imthe taking remains with us.

But we'll hark back to the sane phymersed in his business of disposing of the plants. Only very exceptional weather conditions would do them damage. sician before the side-track gets us for keeps.
And the tale of the Doc concerns a

-The State Zoologist at Harrisburg stated recently that no reports indicating well-to-do business man as well.

This man had suffered for three years with nervous troubles. He had serious damage to fruit trees had been received as yet. The buds have been opened up in Pennsylvania orchards and gardens, gone to many physicians and had sent them many checks. it was explained, and the trees and shrubbery are in fair shape to withstand such But the villain still pursued him. The Old Jinx remained—his nervous weather as prevailed a short time ago.

-Charged with having rifled the United States mails of \$8,000 worth of war savings stamps, Robert Bradley, of Chambersburg, was taken into custody late Saturday by Deputy United States Marshal Harvey T. Smith, of Harrisburg. Bradley is railway mail clerk and is also accused of taking about \$15 in cash and a gold clock valued

-Henry W. Bucher, a farmer living near Lititz, Lancaster county, has an Alderny grade cow which gave birth to twins. At two weeks of age the calves weighed 230 pounds, and since they have been taken away the cow has been averaging 13

township, Clearfield county, had two sons you well inside of six months, but you will have to do exactly as I say. My remedy is like whiskey, not hard to also a third boy ready to go when the armitistic months are township, clearned county, had two sons on the other side during the war, one with the engineers and one with the artillery; also a third boy ready to go when the armitistic months are township, clearned county, had two sons on the other side during the war, one with the engineers and one with the artillery; istice was signed. The boy in the engi-"I'll take a chance," replied the suf-

ing between \$1,100 and \$1,200, was stolen from the office of the Express company in the P. R. R. station at Beaver Falls during Sunday night. The robbery was discovered Monday morning. It is believed that the strong box was taken away in an automobile. The police are searching the that I give you no medicine and will hills in the belief that the robbers blew be through with you forever in ten the safe open in some isolated spot.

-Fox hunting, which for years has been You know whether it is worth that much to get well."

"I'll pay it," decided the man. He wrote out his check, turned it over a papular sport in Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties, will soon be introduced in Bucks county. One of the wealthy Philadelphia hunt clubs has already pur-"You must do explicitly as I say," commanded the doctor. "I want you chased a number of farms, embracing hundreds of acres in Southampton township, to make me a solemn promise that no for fox hunting purposes, and contemmatter how silly my treatment may plates buying many more. The territory appear to you-no matter how ridicupurchased is regarded as ideal fox huntlous it may appear to your friends, that you will follow it exactly." ing country.

-John Matula, who was shot by Mike Hrenicic as he and Mrs. Annie Hrenicic were alighting from an automobile on Main street in Conemaugh, Sunday evening, March 30th, died at 4:30 o'clock the next afternoon in the Memorial hospital, Johnstown. After the shooting of his wife and Matula, Hrenicic boarded a freight train and rode to Portage, where he hired an automobile and was driven to Ebensburg. He went immediately to the county jail and after waking up the attendants, told them he wanted to be locked up. The woman will recover.

-With orders for the capacity of their plants booked for more than six months to come, and more business being offered the Watsontown Brick company, and the Paxtonville Brick company, of which concerns Edgar Summers, prothonotary of Northumberland county, is president, have confidence in the business prospects, especially in the business trades, and is optimistic of a boom during the coming year. The two concerns have a joint capacity of 100,000 bricks a day of all classes within the range of the shale used there and will probably enlarge.

-John Beegle, of Newry, visited the headquarters of the Blair county Game, Fish and Forestry association and turned in the hide of what is possibly the largest weasel captured in that vicinity. It was of the variety known as the New York weasel, of which a measurement of sixteen inches from tip to tip is considered large. This particular rodent measured just twenty-one inches. Mr. Beegle received His wife disapproved of the treatment and fee, and with more emphasis than the \$1 authorized as a bounty and left the type represented by the hide is one of the most destructive animals known, and will kill great numbers of chickens, birds or small animals for the mere joy of killing.

-John Henry Dickson is the proudest negro in Uniontown. "Dixie," as he is known to hundreds of persons there, is a chicken fancier extraordinary, and for three years has conducted experiments in feeding his fowls that would drive Luther Burbank crazy. His feed formulas are a carefully cherished secret and are designed to produce multiple-yolk eggs. Last summer his hens began to lay dauble yolkers fairly regularly, but one day last week the ambition of his life was realized. He found a triple-yolked egg in the nest of his favorite hen. The egg weighs seven and one-half ounces, and is a pure white in color. "Dixie" claims that by 1920 he will have four-yolked eggs regu-

League of Nations Secure.

Sentiment for the League. the coming summer Governor Sproul the adjournment of Congress, Presi- the League of Nations will be comhas disappointed the hopes of a vast dent Wilson expressed confidence that pleted and adopted. Some unimportnumber of people. When he announcthe American people were largely in ant changes in the phrasing of the ed the purpose of investigating the favor of the League of Nations for measure have been made since the question it was expected that prices which he is and has been striving. President resumed work at the peace would be forced down for the suffifew years ago because wages had in- on the subject. It addressed letters Monroe Doctrine will not be impaired —Next Tuesday will be the last opening day of the fishing season that that stimulating old friend, John Barleycorn, will be with you. In his day he has caused a lot of fun and a lot of he has caused a lot of fun and a lot of increase in price is justified. In oth-quiry 718 declared in favor of the entrouble for fishermen and his passing er words he holds that because own-

-Germany is considering the ad-

All these War Boards and commissions, with the single exception of the Food Administration, seem to have set their heads to compel high prices. The Fuel administration started out by fixing a higher price for coal than had been previously asked. The administrator of the telephone and telegraph service began by increasing the rates of service when in some instances this State, fortunately, the telephone companies have been restrained by the Dauphin county court from increasing rates. But in Illinois and probably in other localities the increases have been made and are being enforced. It looks as if the pur-

shown in his behalf.

Of course they won't be called war gardens this year but they will be just as useful and the lettuce will be quite as lucious and the corn as sweet as if the killing in Europe were still in progress.

to be taxed. And there you are.