INK SLINGS.

-The poor old Republican elephant is certainly a pathetic sight going through his paces under a woman

... Our friends, the Republicans, are not saying it with flowers to the president of the county W. C. T. U., these days. Most of them are saying it with bricks.

-Local Republican leaders are deploring an imaginary infirmity in Governor Pinchot. They think he has only one ear. Be that as it may they would think one a-plenty if they could only get to it.

the fellow who can get into a gallery terest increases in what that body will seat, only, in the play of politics. He's do by way of enactments that will laughing like - right now at the more fully carry into operation the fellows who read Arthur Dale out of radical changes in the conduct of the their party last fall.

The one bright ray in the gloom of dethroned foreign nabobs is the fact that many of them have rich friends in America who will stand for an occasional "touch" or provide a few weeks board when convenient.

-Judged from what we hear of the injections of the personal equation by Miss Rhoads into the judicial controversy in Centre county we are inclined to the prediction that Rebecca has gone once too often to the well with her pitcher.

-Talking about the time when the point of saturation in automobile de- him the opportunity of service. mand will be reached in this country we are of the opinion that it is still ter for the nomination, solely because time. Mr. Fleming is a young man. very far off. It won't be reached, in Alter's campaign had been miserably He is building a very gratifying any event, until the country has bungled, and having defeated John A. practice and feels that success in his "hocked" everything else it owns to McSparran at the election he became profession is his duty to himself and buy motors and gas.

year or more ago to the effect that years. John Flynn and Sam Lewis were the

ernor in a hole. as "Freckles" and "The Girl of the crats offered as the alternative. Limberlost" might be found in the book-stalls as a counter-irritant for such filth as "Simon Called Peter" and "Flaming Youth."

-The Japs are reported as regardtion for Uncle Sam to parade his boats around a bit off our western coast. is a navy if it can't be drilled and certainly this country isn't going to the dreamers and the fanatics so cates and all have the opportunity of They are unduly nervous. What good put wheels under its boats and drag them around on shore just because Japan is "seein' things."

after he had forced Forbes to give a lot of contracts to his friends.

-Governor Pinchot is already demanding that the next Legislature find more sources of income from the State. That means, if his advice is to be followed, that something the people have that has thus far escaped fact he is reported as having pushed paying tribute must be discovered. his claim to economy in administra-We can't imagine any possession of a resident of Pennsylvania that is not for the State. now taxed, unless it be the air we breathe.

-If some one were able to scratch deep enough it would likely be discovered that scrapping U. S. ships isn't actuated as much by the dove of peace as it is by the builders of ships. After we get ours sunk beyond recall from Davy Jones' Locker it will be startlingly proclaimed that other countries haven't followed the example and at once a great rebuilding campaign will be urged.

pointment of Harry Keller resulted has amibtion to enter the primaries admitting failure. next year in the race to succeed the late Judge Quigley. William Groh tween what he claims to have done Runkle Esq. told them that he is a and what Auditor General Lewis candidate, not for the favor of Gov- claims the books show that doubt is ernor Pinchot but for that of the vot- in every mind as to the real condition ers of Centre county.

-The pugs of Philadelphia ought to be happy this Christmas season. The President has announced that Gen. Smedley Butler will not be permitted to be absent longer than a year from his command in the marines, so that Philadelphia will soon have a new director of public safety. Santa couldn't have brought anything more acceptable to the crooks of the Quaker city than that announcement.

-The Governor has been quick to take the bull by the horns. While the organization leaders have been discussing who they will concentrate on for speaker of the next House the Governor has announced that he has concentrated on C. Jay Goodnough. It will be recalled that Goodnough was the speaker of the last session and was injected into the office by Pinchot. "Everybody" is supposed to its strong box and \$13,200 in notes be against his re-election and Gif. is evidently going to the mat to find out that enviable condition of finances she possible moment.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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The Public Idea of It. As the time approaches for the reassembling of the Legislature of -There's a lot of fun, after all, for Pennsylvania naturally the public in-State's business that were made two years ago, when Governor Pinchot all the prospective candidates on an response to the call for rehabilitation cannot expect to maintain our country held the whip hand and was able to equal footing in the matter of experforce his program for reconstruction lience and it is quite possible that sev- larged and equipped in splendid fash-

through the legislative body. tioned. It is just as generally believed that it was not practical, for the reason that he called into his councils dreamers, theorists and fanatics who had no knowledge of the conduct of public affairs and no patience with the idea that the servant of the peo- they may be they served the purpose ple, in the last analysis is the servant of the policies of the party that gave declaration that he would not accept

After having defeated George Alimbued with the idea that his was -Governor Pinchot says one thing purely a personal victory. A mandate the county should feel like so rewardabout the State's financial condition. to Gifford Pinchot to direct a great ing him, he would deem it a great Auditor General Lewis says another. Commonwealth exactly as he, person-Still standing by our assertion of a ally, desired for a period of four on the bench.

only two men on "the Hill" who real- the real factor in the equation of his dates only Messrs. Keller and Johnly knew what they were talking about, election. He lost sight entirely of ston. Add to these Willim Groh Runwe're betting that Sam has the Gov- those of his party who had been op- kle, who announced his candidacy for -Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter, novel- it and supported him because they ist, was killed in a motor accident in were Republicans and would and did D. Gettig, W. D. Zerby and James C. Los Angeles, Sunday. Her death is vote for him, whether they liked him Furst. Neither of the latter four has regrettable, indeed, for while she lived or not, in preference to voting for positively declared his intention of enthere was hope that such pure stories even so capable a man as the Demo-

The Legislature of 1923 gave the Governor everything in the way of legislation that he asked for. It was ing it a very unfriendly demonstrastood back of it.

the dreamers and the fanatics so cates and all have the opportunity of counselled the idealist that he lost entering what should be a fair field.

However true this may all be public indifference and added to the walkers can membership in the world and world go and find a welcome and inspiration, if he will. However true this may all be public indifference and added to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and when he does it is in a more or the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same—he seldom speaks of it, and the manual court—although his party is pledged to the same although the same although the manual court—although the same although t tact and today, on the eve of the con- ing campaigns next fall when it sets vening of the Legislature he is with- itself to the task of picking from a -Mr. Mortimer, who is the gov- out dependable support from any field possibly comprising Spangler, ernment's chief witness in the inves- source. He has no patronage to give. tigation of the scandals of the Veter- The friends who were his in his con- ler and Furst the two who will be enan's Bureau, has injected his wife in- test for election have been cast off tered for the final in November. to the mess. He charges Col. Forbes, and he stands shorn of strength to the defendant, of having been too fa- put over any of the worth-while ideas

> opinion occurred? The answer is ea- fifty letters a year from you. sy. It is natural.

Governor Pinchot has blatantly been telling the public that his new system of conducting affairs is saving it \$40,000.00 a day. As a matter of tion up to \$47,000.00 a day in saving

Such statements have sent the public to pencil and paper. They multiply, even his lowest claim of \$40,000 a day, by 365 and find that he is telling them that he is saving nearly fifteen millions of dollars a year. Then they ask themselves why. If he is saving such a vast amount, is he already setting the stage to allure us into paying more taxes.

Two years ago he promised that he would clean up "the mess" and put the State out of debt in two years. Between now and January he will -The activities of members of the have to show the public in a more con-Centre county bar in behalf of the ap- vincing way that he has kept his promise or go before its representain uncovering another gentleman who tives in the next General Assembly

> There is such a wide divergence beof affairs. The public wants to know the facts. It wants to know why, if the Governor has been bringing about such enormous economies there is not something more substantial to show for them than his warning that the educational and charitable institutions of the Commonwealth will have to be further impoverished if more ble. revenues are not provided for him.

-Included in the forty-two hundred miles of state highway which are to be kept clean of snow during the winter are included the route from Lewisburg to Centre Hall and across the mountain to Bellefonte, and the route from Water Street by way of State College to Williamsport.

-The city of Shamokin thinks it's "broke" because it has only \$4267 in outstanding. If Bellefonte were in street."

An Interesting Contest on the Horizon.

The action of Governor Pinchot in unexpired term on the Centre county bench will have little effect on the contest for the ten year tenure that will be waged next fall.

The death of Judge Quigley puts eral who have not seriously consider-It is generally believed that the ed it before might enter the race be-Governor's program was well inten- fore the date for filing nomination papers close.

Reports are current to the effect that Governor Pinchot made it known last week that M. Ward Fleming, of Philipsburg, could have the appointment if he wanted it. However true of drawing from Mr. Fleming the it if tendered and would not be a candidate for election to the bench at this his family. After that is attained, if honor to close his professional career

So with Mr. Fleming not a contend-Governor Pinchot failed to consider er there is left of the avowed candiposed to his nomination yet accepted the first time on Tuesday, and the possibiliy of N. B. Spangler, Samuel tering the lists. They are believed, however, to be considering it seriously, withholding final decision until the situation becomes clearer.

The non-partisan law affecting the not a body at heart in sympathy with election of judges having been repealhis program. It was a body with an ed there is a possibility of the Repub-"trim" for the course that any real at their primaries, while the Demo-Moses might chart for the party that crats might have as many as five aspirants to select a nominee from.

Runkle, Gettig, Johnston, Zerby, Kel-

-Send the "Watchman" for a year miliar with her, but admits that he he might have had for economy and to the friend who is away, but still didn't resent the familiarity until efficiency in the State's government. retains an interest in Centre county Why has such a revulsion of public affairs. It will be almost the same as

Opinions Widely Different.

Widely different opinions are being freely expressed in Washington and elsewhere concerning the wisdom of the Republican Senators in expelling Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin: Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, and Senators Ladd and Frazier, of North Dakota, from the party communion table. It is true that a ten million majority is a blanket franchise to indulge in many political pranks. The seven million majority given the Republican candidate four years ago was interpreted as a license to loot indiscriminately and the renewal of the commission by an increased vote is encouragement to greater excesses. But in view of the considerable total vote polled by LaFollette there is danger in recklessness.

Of course the expulsion from the party councils of the Independent Senators means the exclusion of the supporters of LaFollette from the local organizations throughout the country. With a plurality of nearly a million and a majority of more than half a million behind them the Senators for Pennsylvania may feel perfectly safe in flouting the more than 300,000 voters in the State who supported the Wisconsin Senator for President. But more experienced leaders would be less confident of the future. The agencies which co-operated in producing the result this year may not be active in a State contest and if the supporters of LaFollette are inclined to be resentful they might make trou-

There were a good many votes cast for LaFollette a month ago in the several States and a good many of the votes cast for President Coolidge were influenced by conditions not likely to be present again. In view of these facts while it may have been wise for heroic treatment a more conservative course might have been better. When Roosevelt bolted and did infinitely more harm to the party than LaFolnever thought of expelling him or Republican leaders of that time had more wisdom and were more experwho "Everybody" is at the earliest would imagine herself on "Easy ienced in political warfare. Novices have more confidence but less wisdom. wheat.

Is It the Last Struggle?

Throughout its entire life the local Y. M. C. A. has had a tragic struggle the selection of a person to serve the for existence. It was at its lowest ebb some six or more years ago and would probably have died then had not the anticipated return of the boys from war inspired the effort to revive it for their benefit. There was a generous and the Association property was en-

It was the general thought at that time that there would be a revival of interest in it because of the intimate share of responsibility in connection experience with Y objectives and service that the soldiers had had at cantonments at home and over seas. For awhile there was, but interest flagged until at present those who have aluntil at present those who have always taken a deep interest in the institution are asking themselves: Will Bellefonte support a Y. M. C. A.? It isn't a question of whether she needs it; because she does. Nor is it a ques- over again in this country in connection of ability to support it; because tion with the world war and peaceshe has the financial ability. It is one making. The complaint against the wholly of the will Coolidge administration is that while wholly of the will.

When the Y was started there were very few other social centers where men could gather away from saloons er nations in the cause of peace. It reand pool rooms. Today nearly every fraternal order has attractive assem- of the commission of experts on the bly rooms for its members. Most of reparations question official representhe churches have "Brotherhood" clubs aad we have parks, automobiles, theaatres and movies all offering opportunities for companionship that were not in existence forty years ago. In fact Bellefonte is over-organized in almost every way. So much so that out of his way to speak of the League the average young man finds it a of Nations in a manner to make its problem to be loyal to half of them. progress more difficult—this one agen-And while the matter of their drain upon his funds is a very considerable amount it was inconsequential in the days of his father.

Yes, Bellefonte has need for the Y one natural auxiliary of the churches and creed where wholesome amusement can be found in a christian atmosphere that is not obtrusive. It is the one place that the wanderer can the one place that the wanderer can be found in a christian atmosphere with it for such purposes as arms reduction. Although he is committed to the proposition of the one place that the wanderer can membership in the world american membership in the world american membership in the world are shedred. drains on its funds for such purposes less perfunctory manner. The result has reduced the problem of the Y to is that the country appears to be one wholly of finances. It can't carry on the work that is expected of it without funds to do it with and, as we have been informed, is now at the point where sacrifice of nearly everything cultural is to be made in the ought to be sitting in with credentials hope that it can drag along as a polite in keeping with the dignity and the amusement enterprise.

Far better would it be if Bellefonte were to look the situation squarely in the face. Consider it from all angles and decide finally whether it wants a Y. If it doesn't, let it be closed and save the community from the shame the first award from that fund to Visof seeing a christian institution deteriorate into a half-way house between God and Mammon.

-The patients at the Centre County hospital are feasting on venison these days. Already they have eaten eight deer and as there are twelve Coolidge's assurances that he is opmore hanging up in the butcher shops of Bellefonte awaiting a chance to get harmony. William II has always inon a hospital tray it is possible the sick folks, nurses and all will be taking to the woods before they dispose of all that wild meat.

Alone in the Saddle Now.

The passing of Judge Quigley will doubtless result in a consolidation of cause a co-operative movement among ganization in Centre county. The Judge was the titular head of his party, though not in sole control of its machinery. He shared that responsibility with the Hon. Harry B. Scott, of the German residents in the Sarre of Philipsburg.

Mr. Scott has been the party in this dual leadership who has been continuously in touch with the State organization and whose approval is necessary before any patronage is dispensed. He knows Centre county far better than it knows him, and is in such a comfortable condition financially as to feel no sacrifice in indulging his flair for politics.

There appears to be no one prominent enough among local Republican leaders to challenge Mr. Scott's right to now assume sole control of his party's organization. It will probably be accepted as a matter of course. He has been its "angel" for years and however some may view his accession to practical dictatorship we venture the Republican Senators to adopt the the prediction that there will be none to challenge it.

The squad of state police that had been stationed at the Rockview lette inflicted the Republican leaders penitentiary for two months have been withdrawn from that institution ing to Boalsburg. The meeting was penalizing his supporters. But the and a portion of it stationed at Pleasant Gap.

-The mills are paying \$1.60 for sylvania. Col. Fair also visited Belle-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Pennsylvania will get approximately \$6,000,000 in anthracite coal taxes tied up by the litigation which the United States Supreme court dismissed on Monday.

-John A. McSparran, worty master of the Pomona Grange of Pennsylvania, asked to be retired from the office at the 52nd annual convention in session at Reading. Mr. McSparran has served for ten years.

-Bequests of \$50,000 each to the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and the Dickinson College are included in the will of W. A. Phillips, wealthy coal dealer of Mt. Carmel, according to reliable information. Mr. Phillips left an estate which will exceed \$1,500,000.

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Then Co-Operate.

President Coolidge, in his address

before the Chicago Commercial club,

repeated the familiar arguments that

the American people cannot live unto themselves alone; that their day of is-

olation-if they ever really had one-

as "an isle of contentment lifted

in a war whose causes were foreign.

in war without allies among them."

it has always been talking that way

it has never accomplished anything in

the direction of co-operating with oth-

fused to make the American members

tatives of the country. Whatever

they did was done wholly as individu-

al citizens. It declined an invitation

to send representatives to the recent

international conference at Geneva on

arms reduction and the outlawing of

war. Mr. Coolidge occasionally goes

cy in the world to make effective the

co-operation about which he is always

talking. While nation after nation,

bership in the tribunal.

duty of a great nation.

From the Philadelphia Record.

A Well-Deserved Award.

The trustees of the Wilson Founda-

has worked for the world's peace as

no other man except President Wil-

son, either in this country or in Eu-

rope, has worked. Work for the

world's peace does not consist of Mr.

posed to war and loves international

sisted that he maintained peace for

more than twenty-five years, and that he did everything he could in 1914 to

avert war, though it is notorious that

he did nothing except to try to keep

the other nations from interfering

while Austria-Hungary crushed Ser-

via. Real work for the world's peace

basin. He did what circumstances

permitted to curb Italy in the Greek

controversy. In all the work of the

League he has been as wise as he has

been persistent in seeking interna-

tional justice without force. Beyond

question he is the one man who is car-

rying on the work of Woodrow Wilson.

Up to Congress.

President Coolidge says that we will

get busy and reduce taxes after a

while. In the mean time he suggests

that everybody economize. The first

step in a campaign of economy is tax

reduction. Congresses have a way of

tional Guard, held their annual meet-

officer's club of the Twenty-eighth di-

vision, at Boalsburg. The officers

came from Harrisburg, Carlisle and

Chambersburg, most of them motor-

also attended by Col. J. S. Fair, a reg-

ular army officer, of Philadelphia, who

is senior cavalry instructor in Penn-

fonte while in Centre county.

-Two dozen or more officers of

spending all the money in sight.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

is work for the League of Nations be-

ing war.

From the Pittsburgh Post.

-The Methodist church at Huntersville, Lycoming county, was wrecked by an explosion which occurred just as the congregation was assembling for services on Sunday evening. Irving Lockard, the caretaker, was seriously injured and a score of other persons suffered bruises and lacerations.

-The disappearance of the last toll road in Franklin county was assured on Monpassed years ago. The world war day in condemnation proceedings at taught us, he pointed out, that we Chambersburg when the county commissioners agreed to pay \$25,000 for three miles of road running from Waynesboro above the general level of the average of the standards of humanity."

When he could not avoid involvement to the Maryland State line, owned principally by people of that vicinity.

—Unless Pennsylvania "wants to face a

public scandal a few years hence," it will "how can we hope to avoid our full start an adequate building program this year for housing institutional patients, Dr. with other world problems which, if Ellen C. Potter, secretary of welfare, dethey ever are to be solved, must be clared in a statement on Tuesday. She said this can be done only "if the funds

-May E. Ryan and Fidelis R. Ryan, more assure permanent and stable sisters, of Sheraden, Allegheny county, are peace without co-operation among the the winners of the \$300 prize offered by the nations than we could assure victory Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce for the best slogan descriptive of the Key-All of which has been said over and stone State's attractions for the tourist. The winning slogans: "Forty thousand square miles beautiful" and "Madern highways and historic byways."

-Recognizing her unselfish devotion to his interests, Neville D. Tyson, lawyer, who died a week ago, president of the Montgomery County Bar association, bequeaths to Flora Jones, his stenographer for twenty-seven years, \$10,000 and 5 per cent. of the gross amount of his estate, valued at \$50,000 and upward. She was also made sole executrix of the estate.

-William Filson, of Yeagertown, who was charged with manslaughter in connec tion with the accident in which the Rev. Frank T. Bell, of Bellwood, was fatally injured. July 21, near Mill Creek, was convicted by a jury in the Huntingdon county court, last Thursday, after an hour's deliberation. Judge Thomas F. Bailey sentenced Filson to pay a fine of \$200 and to serve six months in the Huntingdon county jail.

each as jealous of its sovereignty as —Juniata Terrace, the model village of we are of ours, has joined the asso--Juniata Terrace, the model village of ciation without the least fear of los- ern brick houses located on the south of and probably always will. It is the ing independence thereby-while the the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, League in practice has proved to be at Lewistown, will be thrown open in a that is undenominational. It is the anything but a super-state-Mr. few days. Only employees may rent these one meeting place open to every race Coolidge continues to take flings at it homes. The houses contain six rooms and as if it would be dangerous for us to bath with all modern conveniences, land

> from ten to twenty years in the eastern penitentiary. He forged checks on Chambersburg merchants, got cash, disarmed about as far away as ever from mempatrolman Suders and marched him and a merchant out the highway at the point of The time has come to co-operate ina pistol. When policeman Cramer went to stead of resting content merely with the rescue, a pistol duel resulted. Stottletalking about it or sending unofficial myer surrendered when his ammunition observers to listen in where they ran out.

> -Despondent because of ill health, Clair McCoy, a farmer at Ginter, Clearfield county, on Sunday ended his life with a shotgun. His lifeless body was found in the barn by his wife after he had failed to show up at the house for several hours. A shot-gun lay nearby. McCoy had been tion have done wisely in presenting in ill health for some time as a result of an injury suffered about a year ago. He count Cecil. Under the courtesy title was 55 years old. Besides his wife, Mcof Lord Robert Cecil, and under the Coy is survived by three children, two sistitle conferred upon him recently, he ters and three brothers.

> > -Secretary of Highways Paul D. Wright underwent an operation in Hamot hospital, at Erie, on Monday morning in which his right leg was amputated just below the knee. Secretary Wright broke the leg near the ankle two months ago while playing tennis at Harrisburg with Secretary of Health, Charles E. Miner. The injured member failed to heal and after a consultation held Saturday at Johns Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore, it was decided to amputate.

-Born with two thumbs on the right hand and losing them recently in an anthracite mine accident in the Panther Creek valley, Anthony Cusatt, a miner, of Hazleton, in a letter to the district offices the leadership of the Republican or- nations is the only means of prevent- of the United Mine Workers, asked that he receive the backing of that body Lord Cecil made a series of address- in his fight for compensation for the loss es in this country in the interest of of both. Cusatt wrote that the company the League. He secured the interven- employing him, the name of which he failed to give, had offered compensation for only one thumb at the rate of \$12 a week for sixty weeks.

-A petition was filed with the prothonotary of the State Supreme court, at Pittsburgh on Monday, on behalf of eleven persons asking leave to appeal from the dedecision of the State Superior court which recently affirmed their conviction upon charges growing out of a riot during a Ku Klux Klan demonstration at Lilly. Cambria county, last April, in which three persons were killed. In the petition asking leave to appeal to the Supreme court. it was declared that if the conviction is sustained a citizen will be deprived of the right to defend himself if he is attacked on the highway when he is participating in a lawful assembly.

-Justice came quickly to Bruce Fenstermacher, of Watsontown, in the Northumberland county court the other day. the 104th cavalry, Pennsylvania Na- He was taken from the jail to Justice Berie's office, at Milton, and held for court ing on Saturday and Sunday at the at 1:30 o'clock. Rushed back to court, he indicated to assistant district attorney John W. Bassler that he wanted to plead guilty of shooting Mrs. Mary B. Ammon, 35 years of age, of Watsontown, whom he wounded in the arm in an attempt to kill her during a jealous rage. The plea was taken and signed by Fenstermacher, who was then sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, costs of prosecution and to serve a term in the eastern penitentiary of not less than two nor more than four years.