-The "Irishman's flea" has nothing on a French Cabinet.

-Isn't it funny! The people who can best afford to buy coal run off to Florida for the winter.

-State's football schedule for next year is a good one. Let us hope her team will be equally as good.

-Football is over but college boys have basket ball, wrestling and boxing to study before spring sports open

-Possibly France might borrow General Butler to run its government and thus save Philadelphia from much anxiety.

-Every time we get the notion that blows up cold and we lose hope of getting any at all.

-Many a Centre county pig went into the scalding trough yesterday, thus ending its chance to make more of a hog of itself.

showed less activity yesterday than they usually do on Sunday. -Scranton's electoral scandals

haven't attained the proportions of the Philadelphia variety, but Scranton is a comparatively small city. -An electric light company in

western Pennsylvania has applied to court for permission to reduce rates. This may be a false report. -A blanket decision forbidding interference with the machine, constitution or no constitution, would re-

lieve the minds of many party lead--The Italian debt commission had no trouble in coming to an agree-

ment with Washington. The Italian vote in this country is large and increasing. -This is the season of the year when one is likely to read paragraphs like this: Erastus Whimple came

down from Somewhere last week to help with the butchering of his parents. -Texas is still after Governor "Ma" Ferguson and if they impeach her one of the Ferguson kids should enter the next gubernatorial race with

a platform of vindication for both "Pa" and "Ma." -The Supreme court of Pennsylvania has ruled that there are some things that even Governor Pinchot can't do. One of them is fire members of the Public Service Commission without preferring charges. When Messrs. Benn and Shelby get through thumbing their noses at Gifford he'll probably be feeling like firing the Su-

preme court. -"Red" Grange has given up his amateur status for that of a professional football player. As an amateur, the Wheaton, Ill., iceman might have been an iceman all the rest of his life, while for six professional games he stands to take down one hundred thousand dollars. Besides, what did his mental energies between consider-"Red" go to college for? Wasn't it ation of the committee of Seventy-six

to learn football? -Do us a favor. After reading this paragraph look at the label on your paper. On it you will find your name, the month and year to which your subscription is paid. If it is somewhere back of 1925 do us another favor. Send us a check or something with which to pay for the paper, ink and time we have given to supplying you with what an appreciative reader vesterday called "the best little old home-town paper there ever was."

-The committee of Seventy-six to suggest changes in the election laws has reported progress, by making twelve recommendations. Among them is one designed to correct the abuse of the right of a voter to call for assistance in marking his ballot. This has long been a loophole for debauching of the ballot and when it is made less easy for the person who sells his vote to call the buyer or his agent in to see delivery of the goods there will be less inclination to buy.

-Twelve and one-half cents out of taken for taxes of some sort or other. Taxes have doubled since 1913 and are likely to go higher and higher as the public demand for governmental meddling in everything grows. Every phase of human activity, the flora and fauna, the minerals, oils, rock, dirt and water of the country are in the hand of bureaus, commissions, inspectors, investigators and snoopers who must be paid. The army increases daily and will continue so to do up to the very moment that the country wakens up and declares itself able to get on without so much offi- faction now dominant in the party. who receives large incomes pays in cial meddling.

-Personally we are of the opinion that neither the President nor the Governor will be serving a good purpose by interfering in the anthracite strike. For years the miners have made it a practice of quitting work just at the time coal is most needed. They use the public discomfort as a club to beat the operators into revising wage scales upwards and granting other costly concessions which are paid for through higher coal prices. If there is official interference now there'll be another strike next fall. The public is greatly discommoded by inability to get anthracite but it is get-

work.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Indian summer has at last arrived it reported to the full committee at a brought out and some curious results —So completely was Thanksgiving tory; prohibits assistance to voters court offered her a written statement observed that the streets of Bellefonte unless physically incapable; requires to be sworn to as her testimony in the the computing of returns immediately and jail for violators of election laws. culpated.

In conclusion the committee declared "we believe that the changes suggested should be made without delay." That is equivalent to urging an extra tempt of that kind upon a woman in diplomats known as 'career' men' session of the Legislature and pracquestion. It is generally believed that justice, and any court, civil or milithe Governor has been inclined that tary, influenced by principles of right, way and the moral support afforded in would not only have condemned him the recommendation of this commit- as a cowardly miscreant but would thinking men and women, will influence him to favorable action. If it will result in the correction of the evil which has made Pennsylvania an the country, Governor Pinchot will a cruel organization was justified and have performed a greater service to public and political morals than any other citizen of the State within a generation.

There are other subjects of legislation urgently needed at this time but we sincerely hope the Governor will limit the work of the body in his call to the single purpose of improving the ly all the evidence has been in support election laws. The court, which on Monday nullified a provision of the constitution to serve the purposes of criticism of the administration. Every the political machine, ought to be re- practical "flying man" in or out of the House until the increased social burbuked by legislation but that matter service expressed the same estimate may well wait a regular session. En- of the inefficiency of the equipment ploy two secretaries, the second being may well wait a regular session. Enforcement legislation should be enacted or the provisions of the prohibition law modified, but delay of a few months will not do much harm in that direction. If fraudulent voting is prevented in the future, as it may be if an extra session is devoted to that if an extra session is devoted to that purpose, the other reforms will come in due time, for the corrupt machine will be destroyed.

-Boss Vare is probably dividing his mental energies between considerand the activities of district attorney Rotan.

New Booms for the Governor.

Probably the weakest false pretense Governor Pinchet, in the campaign for fundamental principles of the party States Senator next year, is expressed in the statement that "he has lost years alone. They point out that upcaste among the agricultural interests of the State; that his strength among only" four Presidential elections have the farmers and small town workers is less potent than he and his associates estimated it to be." This opinion century, and urge that ignoring all is based upon the fact that Mr. Frederick Rasmussen has been made chair- Congress and President be predicated man of Senator Pepper's campaign upon the tariff question. committee and Miss Alice M. Bently, representative in the General Assembly for Crawford county, is a member of that committee. Both have been the existing law the people of the

Agriculture during the administration finds its way into the treasury. On of Governor Sproul and probably every article of wearing apparel purevery dollar you earned in 1924 was shares with other members of that administration in a feeling of resent- from thirty-five to sixty per cent., and ment against Governor Pinchot's the charge runs whether the commodisomewhat severe criticism of the ty is produced at home or in foreign Sproul policies and practices. Miss fields of industry. If domestic pro-Bentley is a rather "straight-laced" duction the price is fixed on a level regular Republican, and possibly en- to cover the tax levy and the increastertains some feeling against the Gov- ed profit goes to the manufacturer in ernor because of his attitude toward return for generous contributions to some of the leading party managers the campaign fund of the dominant in western Pennsylvania.

missioners, deposed, are new booms. the government to the people.

-The Sesqui may not reach the proportions dreamed of by the late to meet Secretary Mellon until after ting used to it and for its own future John Wanamaker but it will be big the nomination for Senator next May.

the anthracite strike.

Hope for Ballot Reform Legislation. Dastardly Attempt to Defeat Justice.

The sub-committee of the committee of Seventy-six, recently appointed by nel William Mitchell, for insubordinathe Governor to suggest legislation to tion, now in progress in Washington, prevent ballot pollution in the future, some surprising evidence has been meeting held in the Executive man- followed. For example, Mrs. Lanssion, Harrisburg, on Monday. The downe, widow of the late lamented sub-committee recommended eight victim of the Shenandoah disaster, changes in the existing election laws testified that one Captain Foley, secand the full committee unanimously retary of the Secretary of the Navy, accepted the report. It makes open- visited her home and after urging her ing of ballot boxes on petition manda- to modify her testimony before the case. Captain Foley was subsequentafter the polls close; prompt return of ly cited before the court and upon the boxes to the prothonotary; the use of ground that naval regulations requirstitutional; permanent registration witnesses would swear to he was ex-

If the act of Captain Foley can be labelled at all it should be classed as "subornation of perjury." An atthe mental anguish of recent bereavediate trial and severe punishment. But in the anxiety of the existing court to find Colonel Mitchell guilty of the helpless victim of conspiracy practically condemned as a perjurer.

It ought not to be difficult to convict Colonel Mitchell of insubordination. He admits it frankly and freely. But he justifies it on the ground that it was "for the good of the service" as well as a duty to the country. Nearof this claim. Every witness who un-

-Boston merchants are offering "parking space" to customers free. In some cities such a policy would require large investments in real estate.

Good Advice to Democrats.

Mr. Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, formerly chairman of the Democratic National committee, and William A. Oldfield, present chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee, have joined in an appeal to the Demothus far revealed by the opponents of crats of the country to return to the the Republican nomination for United and leave the isms and phobies the leaders have been pursuing in recent on the issue of "tariff for revenue been carried and majorities secured in eight Congresses within the last half side issues the coming campaign for

This seems to us sound advice. No subject touches the people so intimately as the excessive tariff taxes. Under identified with the activities of far- United States are compelled to pay from two to three billion dollars an-Mr. Rasmussen was Secretary of nually, of which less than a million chased the consumer pays a tax of

party. In the light of these facts it is not Compared with this burden upon surprising that they should be aligned the consuming public the income tax with the Republican machine in a con- is a trifle. Of course under the existtest which may involve the life of the ing income tax law the man or woman But it doesn't indicate a waning of proportion to the income, and the the Governor's strength "among the wage earner is comparatively favored. farmers and small town workers." On But in the tariff tax the favor is all the contrary all signs point to a ma- on the side of the wealthy. The Demtaerial increase in the Governor's ocratic party is now and always has strength in those quarters and every been the friend of the common people, recent act of the machine has contrib- and if the voters of that element of uted fuel to the fire of enthusiasm in the population are fully informed as his behalf. The Governor's recent to the facts they will give their suptour of the State, though incomplete, port to the party that benefits them. and the recent decision of the Supreme | We hope, herefore, that the advice of court nullifying the constitution in or- Mr. Hull and Mr. Oldfield will be folder to reinstate Public Service Com- lowed in the future. It will restore

----Maybe Pinchot will be too busy

if he is in any way sensitive.

Important Office Created.

A new office has been created in Washington, though in the absence of full information it is impossible to determine whether it is in the interest of economy or otherwise. The title of the new official is "assistant to the assistant Secretary of State as in charge of the office of ceremonials for the White House and Department of State," for brevity or convenience designated "ceremonial officer" and officially known as "Foreign Service Officer No. 4." He will have desks both in the White House and in the State Department. His duties will be "preparation for all State entertainments and for the reception of all forvoting machines where desired, if con- ed him to ascertain in advance what eign Envoys" at the White House and adviser as to forms at the State Department.

For these important services Mr. J. Pierpont Moffit, of New York, "member of that exclusive group of young has been chosen. He graduated from tically removes all doubts on that ment was a dastardly effort to defeat Harvard in 1917. According to newspaper gossip he "came from a wealthy and distinguished New York family, and, though not yet 30 years old, is possessed of all the charm and savoir tee, composed of unselfish and right-thinking men and women, will influ-bunal that had jurisdiction, for imme-trained diplomat." Obviously he is "the right man in the right place" and will do credit not only to the social life of the White House but to the fine object of popular scorn throughout something, this slavish instrument of discrimination of the President in the exercise of his prerogative of selecting public officials. An ordinary clodhopper would have been an anachron-

ism at the job. The office of ceremonial officer is a development of the office of social secretary originated during the Roosevelt administration when the social obligations of the first lady of the land became too onerous and Mrs. Roosevelt appointed a capable young lady as soderstands the subject corroborated his cial secretary. The custom was followed by her successors in the White dens compelled Mrs. Coolidge to em-

> -Any way Mr. J. E. B. Cunningham is a good lawyer and a decent citizen and his election to the Superior court bench will do no harm.

Hard Coal Supply in Bellefonte Practically Exhausted.

Not since the stringent days of the world war has Bellefonte's hard coal supply been at such a low ebb as it is at present. All told there are only about 130 tons in the Bellefonte yards, and this is of sizes not in general demand. The Bellefonte Fuel & Supply company on Tuesday had in stock 25 tons of buckwheat and 25 tons of egg, but 15 tons of the latter had been engaged and will be delivered this week. The M. J. Thomas coal yard has in Of course many people in Bellefonte stocked up during the summer and probably have on hand a sufficient supply to last them until next spring, so that they are not worrying. In been any general complaint as to the shortage of anthracite. So many people during the war were compelled to resort to the use of bituminous coal and finding it satisfactory have continued, so that they are not worrying over the shortage of hard coal. It's price during the past few years makes the use of it almost prohibitive by the average family at any time.

While there is little hard coal in the town there is no shortage of bituminous coal, coke, etc. All the yards are well stocked and as some of them have placed their orders effective up into January there is no immediate indication of any increase in price. All told there are probably from three to four thousand tons of soft coal and substitutes in stock in Bellefonte.

-The word obey has been officially eliminated from the Episcopal marriage ceremony but this is probably an unimportant incident.

-Senator Pepper indignantly denies a rumor that he will withdraw. As he has no opposition thus far withdrawal would be premature. --- "When Greeks joined Greeks,

-Probably it was the success of the "wets" in New Jersey that influenced Strassburger to "butt in."

'something else again."

strike continues.

Christmas Suggestions.

It's four weeks before Christmas And all through the town, There are myriads of lovely things Scattered around.

There are toys for the youngsters And games for them, too; There are ice-skates and coasters, And wagons-all blue.

There are "togs" for the "grown-ups" And for ones-just half-grown; There is something for every one-nice In this town.

So let's all begin early To make Christmas cheer: Don't wait 'til December-The last week in the year. To a few kindly thoughts

Stowed away in your heart Add a good portion of love And you'll have a good start.

If you give this-to all Whom you meet every day, T'will be Christmas indeed And a Christmas to stay.

WINIFRED MEEK-MORRIS.

A New Slant on the Cause of the Coal Strike.

From the Philadelphia Record. Responsibility for the present anthracite coal strike was placed on the shoulders of the people of Pennsylvania by George H. Cushing, of Washington, D. C., an authority on all phases of the coal situation who address es of the coal situation, who addressed the Manufacturers' Association of West Philadelphia at their annual banquet in the Manufacturers' Club last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Cushing, who has participated in nearly all the important conferences between the miners and operators during the past 20 years roundly

during the past 20 years, roundly flayed Governor Pinchot and John I. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and declared that the strike was a child of the neglect of the citizens of this State of

their public duty.

"Anthracite in quantity is found in Pennsylvania," Mr. Cushing said. "For years it sustained the growth of your

their money now because they can't get the coal. Pennsylvania has allowed the production of anthracite to be fied that his wife could not bake pies or stopped by another gentleman, who, like myself, is temporarily a guest in ri, where she formerly lived, she had the your city.'

"These users of anthracite cannot invade your State and revive the production of what they want to buy. They can't take the place of your State government. They are helpless before the fact that Pennsylvania is a

sovereign State." "And what the people of other States cannot do—force the resumption of anthracite production-you people of Pennsylvania will not do. I know that you will say in explana-tion—or shall I say excuse. You will say that you have a Governor—and you will blush when you say it—who is neglecting his job.

"Yes, you have a Governor who delivers lectures on temperance, ignor-ing the fact that while standing on stock 30 tons of egg and 65 tons of your soil the absentee president of a pea, while Nathan Kofman does not union says that Pennsylvania shall not have a pound of hard coal in his yard. fulfill her obligations to her own citizens and to nine other States until he has taken his toll from the greatest industrial machine that has ever been created in any coal field on earth. "So long as that situation prevails,

your Governor and your State admit fact, up to this time there has not that they have a new master. But where did such a Governor come from? He is your Governor, isn't he? elected him to do it. The present humiliation of Pennsylvania is the child of your own neglect of your pub-

lic duty.
"When you come to think of it,
"When you come to think of it, where did John Lewis get his power the boiler. the production of Pennsylvania's anthracite? Your Legislature gave it to him. It passed a law which says that only certificate holders shall mine anthracite; that no one shall have a certificate until he has been an apprentice in those mines for two years, and that such certificates shall be issued only by other miners."

"When you granted to these men that monopoly, Lewis organized those certificate holders into his union and then called all of them out of the mines until you should satisfy his demands. It was your Legislature which did that thing. But after all it was your Legislature, because you elected its members. I am sorry to say it, but this is a situation of your making, and, if it is bad, it is a child of your own neglect of your public duty.

Election Reforms.

From the Clearfield Republican. We are with Governor Pinchot tothen was the tug of war," and when day in his efforts to bring government Mellon joins Pinchot, there will be today is that Governor Pinchot has been guilty of the grievous sin of prorepressed until miner and operator have fought it out to the point where they can get together and go back to the coal they can get together and go back to the coal they can get together and go back to the coal they company. Four expert the purpose.

But Mellon won't care.

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Crastination in his honest election in the purpose.

Whoever happens to become the purpose.

Crastination in his honest election in the purpose.

Cr theless. More power to his elbow.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The annual State Grange meeting will be entertained in Johnstown on Decem 8, 9 and 10. It is expected that more than 2,000 delegates will be in attendance

-Fortunato Calabro, of Johnstown, convicted in Federal court, at Pittsburgh, last week of possessing and selling \$46,000 worth of counterfeit war savings stamps, was sentenced on Saturday to four years' imprisonment in the Atlanta penitentiary.

-Hunters last Saturday invaded the Emigh farm near Warriorsmark and shot the eyes out of a valuable Ayrdale dog be-longing to Mr. Emigh. The animal's face was so badly mutilated it had to be killed. And yet hunters wonder why farmers post their lands!

-Joseph Raver Jr., aged 15 years, died at the Lewistown hospital last Friday, of injuries received while hunting near his home on the outskirts of that town, early the same day. He was dragging his shotgun through brush, it being accidentally discharged when a twig struck the trigger. The entire charge passed through his body.

-Thieves broke into the Lehigh Valley freight station at the eastern end of Ashland early last Thursday morning and got away with approximately \$2,000 worth of canned goods, such as corn, tomatoes, etc. State troopers from Reading barracks are working on the larceny. Fifty dollars' worth of goods were found abandoned on the hillside near the station.

-Six men, one of them a detective for the Pennsylvania railroad, who have been rounded up the last several weeks in connection with the robbing of the Vandergrift Savings & Trust Co. paying teller, on November 4, and escaped with \$75,000 after they beat the teller unconscious, confessed to the crime on Saturday night, state police say. Over \$70,000 of the stolen loot has been recovered by the police.

-Three thousand acres of hardwood timber in McKean county is to fall to the axe during the coming season, the State Department of Forests and Waters announces. The tract is owned by Frank Morrison and Edward G. Anderson, of Warren, and the cutting is expected to produce several million feet of veneer logs, 75,000 to 100,000 standard railroad ties and

about 60,000 cords of chemical wood. -Facing deportation to Greece, as an undesirable alien, Christ Kalas, 42 years of age, of Erie, Pa., on Saturday shot and killed his wife in their home in that city. Kalas, suffering from a rare malady, had lost both legs by amputation. The shooting was the culmination of a long standing feud in the family, the husband charging that the wife was seeking to have him deported. It was witnessed by their four

-Colonel U. G. Lyons, 58 years old, of Warren, Pa., president of the Lyons Refining company, of Warren, and veteran of the Spanish-American and world wars, was drowned on Saturday afternoon when his power house-boat, the "Frances Jane," in which he was making a leisurely trip to New Orleans, fell over dam No. 3 in the Allegheny river near Springdale. Blaine Jones, 19 years old of Warren, Colonel Lyons' chauffeur, the only other person in the boat, was rescued exhausted.

Her reputation as a pie baker figured largely in a case lasting two hours before 'Squire March, at Pottstown, last Friday, when Mrs. Irvin H. Kelley had her fourth husband arrested for making threats and hiding a revolver and a club under their bed. Kelley, choking with emotion, testireputation of being one of the best pie bakers in the State. The couple agreed to separate on the husband's promise to give her \$100 so she could go back to her two children in Missouri. They were married last March.

-The first steps toward organizing a new banking institution at Parkesburg, Pa., were taken Friday night when a group of fifteen persons agreed upon the formation of a State bank with the idea of developing it into a trust company. Dr. T. F. Windle was chosen president and Frederick J. Coates, secretary, as temporary officers. An arrangement with Miss Isabella Darlington, receiver for a former institution which went into bankruptcy about a year ago, resulted in the new organization taking over the old banking house. It was agreed to capitalize at \$50,-000, fixing the par value of the stock at \$50 to sell at \$60.

-A sawmill, a horse, a boy and a hunter, the latter roaming through the woods some distance away and ignorant of the trouble his reckless shooting caused, figured in a remarkable series of accidents at Round Top Valley, northwestern Berks county, on Saturday. The hunter fired in the direction of the sawmill, while Clarence Zeller, son of Frank Zeller, the sawmill op-And he didn't seize the office; you erator, was unloading wood. The shot peppered the horse and it bolted. The wagon struck the engine and young Zeller was thrown on the boiler. He was badly burned in trying to get off the hot metal, a slow process because of the danger of falling into the engine immediately next

-With sizzling flat irons as weapons, Barbara Bartunck, 26 years of age, and her sister, Mary Bartunck, aged 30 years, of Pittsburgh, battled desperately last Friday, each being severely burned during the fight. The women appeared in morals court, their heads, arms and bodies bandaged. According to the elder, she was ironing clothing when her sister started an argument. The fight was well under way, when a policeman arrived. According to the policeman the women were running the hot irons over each other's faces and arms and breasts. It was some time before he could pull the battling amazons apart as they were swinging hot irons in his vicinity without thought of his feelings.

-An unusual railroad train left Eddystone, near Philadelphia, on Friday, for Cuba. It consisted only of locomotivesnine of them, only the first of which was under steam. The remaining eight, were gleaming, new engines comprising a complete shipment from the Baldwin locomotive works to Cuban railroads. The new back to the people via honest elections equipment includes three Mikados, weighin Pennsylvania. We were for the ing 265,000 pounds each, for the Cuban same thing three years ago and for Railway company, three Mikados for the years and years before. Our only kick Cuba Northern Railways, and two Moguls, weighing 145,000 pounds each, for the Central Cuba Sugar company. Four expert for the trip.