# Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-The Kniffin case is one which is likely to knock out even such a hard hitter as Jersey justice.

-The grip is called schaffkrankheit in Germany, and yet the disease does not seem to be more fatal in that country than in any other.

-The Vassar girls have the grip, but they don't fancy it as much as they would if it emanated from a coat sleeve with a masculine arm in it.

-Speaker REED reverses the Cleveis exclusively a Republican trust.

-Even if this season were characterized by atmospheric serenity, which it

fractory goat.

a fox chase in Delaware county. But isn't QUAY the fox that the General has most reason to keep his eye on!?

-It will be a great relief to the members of "the grand old party" in Pennsylvania when QUAY shall terminate their suspense by telling them who their lot system will do the Irish voter, next candidate for Governor shall be.

-The monopolists who are asking for a restoration of the tariff on quinine supposed intricacies of the Australian deserve to be afflicted with the worst method. This was an insult to the form of bone-break fever and be denied | Irish capacity to exercise the right of the relief which quinine pills afford.

subject.

tons of adulterated cheese were seized at aged by the party heelers who have Duluth." If it was Limberger, the na- taken the job by contract. tural strength of the article must have necessitated the employment of a very

posed to be worth some money.

-It is amusing to see what an interest the opponents of a reformed ballot system take in the rights of the illiterate. But sifted down, isn't it more of an interest in the opportunity of the party heeler to get in his work on election

-It is proposed to require medical students to study longer than they now do before they can be ad mitted to practice. This may not make the doctors any smarter, but the danger to the public might be thereby diminish-

ed by making them less numerous. -The French government has just constructed and tested a vessel which can be kept under water for four hours at a time. That is nothing extraordi- lawn tennis parties were showing very too much to believe that they would militia took part in the parade. nary for French vessels. Some of them that fought the English in Nelson's

time have been under water ever since. -The Germans are buying up all the camphor they can find in the market. It isn't to be supposed that their purpose is to put it in whisky and keep it on the top-shelf of the cupboard. They haven't any old-womanish intention of this kind, but want to use it in making smokeless powder with which to kill Frenchmen.

prize of some \$10,000 for the two best Jersey, the thermometer marked 80 essays on the life of Christopher degrees and the people were gathering pendence and was the fashionable doc-Columbus, a sum almost equal to the their first spring greens in the shape tor for the worthies who founded this amount which the Queen Regent's predecessor Isabella, four hundred years ago, grudgingly gave for the fitting out of the expedition that made CHRISTO-PHER's life worth writing about.

ger Quay is already kindly offering to furnish the district of the dead Congress- Stream explanation has been abandoned trol the State, why shouldn't his power include its component districts? This is a question which the kickers in the alous thermometrical situation, but it late Mr. KELLY's bailiwick should se-

-MARY, the mother of WASHINGTON, should by all means have a monument, as is proposed, in return for having pro- Blaine, eldest son of Hon. James G. duced such a son. But if the fact were generally known that the old lady had the State Department, who a few days a decidedly Tory leaning during the Revolution and but slightly, if at all, sympathized with GEORGE in the cause in which he was risking his neck, it might dampen the patriotic ardor that is demanding a memorial for her.



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Ben Bntler on Ballot Reform.

General BEN BUTLER has declared against ballot reform. At the annua dinner of the Butler club in Boston, on land maxim that public office is a public the 8th inst., the Jacksonian annivertrust. He acts as if he believed that it sary, the redoubtable General made a fiery speech in which he denounced the new-fangled Australian ballot system. The funny part of it was that he did is not, the base-ballists would manage to it in the interest of the Democratic make it stormy by their unseasonable party. It is so entirely natural that the man who set himself up as a -The Methodist preacher who died rival candidate to the Democratic presisome days ago in Virginia from the ef- | dential nominee in 1884, and who did tects of a Masonic initiation must have what he could to defeat the same nomibeen put astraddle of an unusually re- nee four years later, should be solicitous that nothing should be done that -As an especial compliment General would injure the Democratic party. HASTINGS was invited to participate in | CHARLES A. DANA, who pursued the same course that BUTLER did in opposing Democratic nominees, is affected by a similar fear that ballot reform will injure the Democracy.

The General was particularly indignant over the wrong that the new bal who he seemed to think will not have sufficient intelligence to master the suffrage. Benjamin evidently doesn't tion a dollar judiciously applied here, -The President is charged with hav- know the Irish. There is yet to be ing violated Virginia's game laws in found the Irishman who when voting shooting old man Wooton's hog. But is going on can be deterred by anything bring them into solid line in support of his case wasn't the first instance of Re- from doing his full share of it. Apprepublican violation of state sovereignty. hension that the improved ballot sys--The prophets are all at sea about tem will keep illiterate people from the weather of this winter, but wait till voting is a mere sham. The new the ground hog puts in his appearance method expressly provides for ason the 2nd of next month, and then we sisting such persons and will enable shall have something definite on the them to vote more intelligently and more in accordance with their inten--It is stated in the papers that "two | tion than when their callots are man-

The fact that the reformed ballot system originated in the obscure Eng-—After having filled the Senate with ject of the General's bitterest sarcasm. committee and earnestly called its at- among them being that in the wind up is decidedly in the minority. But New millionaires, the Republicans are howl- We suppose that if BEN had lived a tention to the desirability of putting a it will all depend upon what QUAY says. ing at the Democrats of the Ohio legis- hundred years ago he would have duty of 50 cents a bushel on beans as If he should say it now it, would termilature for giving the senatorial nomina- ridiculed the Declaration of Indepention to CALVIN S. BRICE who is sup- dence and the popular institutions springing from it because they originated in the obscure English colonies of North America.

### This Anomalous Winter.

can furnish a parallel with it. In Phila- on the Republican plan. from the peach districts of Delaware and Maryland represented the orchards to be budding and in some instances in blossom, a circumstance which will enable the peach pessimists to foretell a complete failure of the crop next summer. Near Wilkesbarre a cherry tree was reported to be just ready to bloom last Sunday, and the owner expected a of dandelions growing in the fields.

No previous January within the reis hard to assing a reason for this anomgives the weather cranks a glorious opportunity to ventilate their theories.

----Among the prominent, victims of the grip is to be numbered WALKER BLAINE and assistant of his father in ago was taken with the prevailing disease which ran into pneumonia and terminated fatally on Weduesday evening. The country will sympathize of what our forefathers suffered from with the distinguished father and his the same cause, only they didn't give family in their sad bereavement.

Judicious Liberality.

The residents of Centre county to whom Hastings' methods are familiar, will not be surprised to hear how he made a point over his chief opponent, DELAMATER, in ingratiating himself with the colored Republicans of West Chester. Both these gubernatorial aspirants were invited some days ago to parade themselves before the Republican club of that town. Previous to making his bow to the club the Gener al visited one of the leading barbershops of the place, and after his handsome countenance had been subjected to tonsorial manipulation he slipped a bright silver dollar into the hand of the colored operator and declined to take the proffered change. After the shave, which had been followed by do not want to have their business such a liberal tip, his shoes were shined in the same shop by another colored would prefer to have a fair field for lived to see his pet system operate artist who received 35 cents for his their exertions which would be best afservice. It is needless to say that such iudicious liberality made the General as would enable them to procure the number of whom possess the bulk of solid with the colored population of necessaries at cheaper rates. Increase the wealth of the country. The work-

West Chester. How often has the same gentleman by a similar appliance swayed the political sentiments of the colored voters of Bellefonte! On the eve of an electhere and elsewhere among that class of our citizens, has enabled him to the Republican ticket. Experience has taught the General that this is the most effective way of assisting a colored voter to see into the merits of a political question.

# A Delicate Subject of Tariff Taxation.

The Ways and Means committee, on the subject. Last week two New are exciting themselves and the party for New York and 34 for Washington. York grangers, who live near by their opposing claims for the If this is a correct estimate it would lish colony of Australia was the sub. the Canada line, appeared before the nomination, the general conviction seem that the commercial metropolis a protective measure. If these men are nate the contention that is going on St. Louis and Washington would soonright to ask tariff protection for it dictum of the Boss. We agree with olis, which shape the contest is pretty as the iron kings and coal barons have our Pottsville contemporary. Quay sure to take before it is definitely set-In looking over Monday's papers to demand a similar advantage for ought to say whom he wants to have we were treated to a weather record their business. That is a question, on the ticket as the candidate for which was unprecedented for this sea- however, that will have to be answered Governor. The party expects it and son of the year. The recollection of by the committee in its general solution | will cheerfully yield to his choice. the oldest inhabitant has nothing that of the knotty problems of tariffrevision

delphia on Sunday a temperature of But the proposition of the bean pro-72 degrees was reached and the at- tectionists is likely to meet with a storm mospheric condition was more like of opposition from Boston where the BELL at Columbus on Monday was a June than January. At Harrisburg popular feeling is easiest and soonest trees were budding and dandelions and touched through the medium of the strangers were in the city. About johnny-jump-ups were in bloom. Japo- sacred bean pot. No other section has seventy-five political organizations were nicas were in full flower in the open produced stronger tariff supporters represented by delegations of various pronounced signs of life. Reports rather see the whole protective system collapse than to have their baked beans subjected to tariff taxation.

### It Isn't Anything New.

It may be some satisfaction to "grippe" patients to know that they are not suffering from a disease that is entirely new, but that their ancestors shivered and sneezed under the infliction of a crop of cherries sometime in March if similar ailment a hundred years ago. the temperature should continue in the Dr. Benjamin Rush, a Philadelphia -The Queen Regent of Spain offers a state it then was. At Glassboro, New physician of revolutionary memory, who signed the Declaration of Indegreat republic, gives an account in one of his books of a disease which visited collection of the present generation | Philadelphia in 1789 and 1790, the could show such a record. A number of symptoms of which were precisely the reasons are assigned for this condition same as those of the present pre--Judge Kelly having died, mana- of the weather by those who want to vailing ailment. His work says that be considered scientific. The Gulf the disease was universal in its prevalence, and caused a cessation of busiman with a candidate for his vacant since it has been announced by naval ness for more than a week. In the place. If the Boss has the right to con- experts that there has been no change churches the sneezing and coughing in the course of that ocean current. It were so loud and prolonged that the services had to be discontinued. Old men and children were the heaviest prey to the disease, and people having ndoor employment did not suffer nearly so much as those who were constantly exposed. Indians suffered from it intensely, and they ascribed their affliction to witcheraft.

This goes to confirm the truth of the assertion that there is nothing new under the sun. Our present affliction from "la grippe" is but a repetition of it a French name.

A Level-Headed Granger.

A veteran granger of Virginia, namhis views on the tariff in re- branch of the federal legislature has a row of pins," adding that if the pur- find it difficult to get a representative pose of Congress is to afford protection who will more strictly andably support either provide them with treasury voters. Mr. Kelly was continuously bounties or reduce the tariff on what in Congress, representing the same disthey consume.

cal sense know the injury that results care and supporter of a tariff system from public subsidies, and consequently bolstered by treasury bounties. They forded them by such a tariff reduction of tariff duties on wheat, corn, pota- ing people would not have reason to toes, beef, pork and other agricultural productions in which no other country can compete with the United States, final extinction of fiscal methods which would be a perfect farce as a measure he so long and zealously supported. of protection to American farmers.

#### Quay Should Declare His Choice.

The Pottsville Miners' Journal asks Senator QUAY to make a declaration of his choice for Governor. He certainly ought to do this and relieve the Republicans of the State of the embarrassment of making their own selection. The old party has got out of the habit of choosing its candidates for Governor and other State officers, the CAMERONS, and which is hopelessly entangling itself more recently Quay, taking the trouble with the tariff question, is roping in of performing that duty off its hands. all sorts of experts to give their views A number of candidates for Governor interested in the raising of this windy among a number of ambitious gentleleguminous product we can't see men who are aspiring to be the succeswhy they shouldn't have as good a sor of James A. Beaver through the between the eastern and western metrop-

#### Inauguration of Ohio's Democratic Governor.

The inauguration of Governor CAMPgreat demonstration. Fully 30,000

In his inaugural address the Governor recommended the immediate repeal of the law enacted during the administration of his predecessor, putting the government of a number of municipalihe denounced as contrary to the spirit of our institutions and opposed to home rule. He recommended the appointthe end that cheaper books may be tends to give Hastings the nomination State. The office of state commissioner | who believe that Pennsylvania's autoof railroads, he said, "is more orna- crat is merely tickling the young Cenmended that it be abolished, and that be in a good humor and not be disposa railroad commissioner with fuller ed to kick when he is let down. There powers be created to do the work this can be no question that the Boss is official has been supposed to do. He playing a fine game and that his relot system, giving a brief history of its General are intended to cover some uloperation where tried, and pronouncing terior design. it the most thorough and practical reform of the ballot system that has ever been proposed.

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Death of Congressman Kelly.

Hon. WILLIAM D. KELLY, of Philaed ALEXANDER S. WEDDERBURN, who delphia, the oldest member of Congress, s evidently the possessor of solid horse whose extreme illness we mentioned sense, made his appearance before the last week, died on the 9th inst., at his Ways and Means committee to give residence in Washington. The popular spect to its effect upon the agricultural thus lost a highly respected and in nterest. He said that the tariff does some ways useful member, and his disnot protect the farmer "to the value of trict, which is strongly Republican, will to those engaged in farming it must the principles of the majority of its trict, since 1860, and during that long Farmers who are gifted with practi- time he was an uncompromising advowhich has built up vast monopolies and reduced the average wealth of the common mass of citizens. He as one of the causes in producing a made of it. class of millionaires, a very limited lament if Mr. Kelly's death should be followed by the gradual decline and

# The Question of the World's Fair in

Congress. after the holiday vacation, it may be expected that the question of the location of the World's Fair, which will depend very much upon the congressional appropriation, will be taken up in earnest. Four cities are contending for the favor of Congress in this matter. A gentleman who has carefully canvassed the preference of the members on the question of location, says that 71 are for Chicago, 70 for St. Louis, 64 York has the advantage of being the second choice of all the others. Both er go to New York than to Chicago, and will do so when the final test is tled. Chicago, under any circumstances, would prefer New York to St. Louis. The danger is that the controversy will be kept up so long that there will not be time enough to make the necessary preparations for the great fair.

# Playing a Fine Game.

Some people think they see a comedy in the great attention which QUAY last week paid HASTINGS at Washingair at Pittsburg, and the fruit trees and than Massachusetts, but it may not be numbers, and twenty companies of ton. The Adjutant General was the special guest of the junior Pennsylvania Senator, who entertained him and Mrs. Hastings at the Quay mension, brought them in touch with the leading notables, introduced them to the President, the Postmaster General and ties in the hands of the governor. This other members of the cabinet, and took them to a round of teas, parties and

receptions. The superficial observer might take ment of a school book commission to this as an indication that the Boss infurnished to the school children of the for Governor. But there are others mental than useful," and he recom- tre county statesman so that he may warmly commended the Australian bal- cent effusive attentions to the Adjutant

### He Ought to Be Satisfactory.

The Democrats of the Ohio Legisla-The ill health of the little king ture have nominated and elected CALof Spain, who is still not much more vin S. Brice United States Senator in than a baby, is sufficient to excite great | place of Senator PAYNE whose term is political uneasiness in that mori- about to expire. There was considerbund old kingdom. There is sufficient able opposition to Mr. BRICE, and some cause for this, as the death of the lit- talk about bolting his nomination was tle fellow would be likely to set going indulged in, but the influence of Judge the claims of conflicting dynastic fac- THURMAN was exerted to produce hartions among which the Don Carlos mony by advising against any such gang would be the most demonstrative. hostile movement. A Democrat Spain's monarchical establishment is of more public experience than Mr. of not much value to her, and yet BRICE might have been selected, but probably it is better than the kind of when his abilities and fidelity to Demorepublic that her politically demoral- cratic principles are satisfactory to ized people would be capable of estab- Judge Thurman his election ought to satisfy the party at large.

#### Spawls from the Keystone.

-In five years the business of the Pittsburg -On account of a dispute between some reigious bodies Sellersville is without a Sunday

-Steve Edkins, of Williamsport, placed an old horse in a barn and left it there to die of

-The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Thester county will hereafter insure against wind-storms.

-Alexander's hat factory at Reading has een closed on account of the ravages of the grip among the employes.

-On the farm of Jacob Clemens, near Spring City, there was born a calf without eyes, but otherwise perfectly formed.

-Jeremiah Horn, 11 years old, of Pottsville, tole a ride on a coal train, and in attempting

to alight had a leg cut off. -Darius H. Price, aged 63 years, dropped

ead in a blasksmith shop on Monday at Wilkesbarre, while talking to his son.

-A Hungarian woman at Scranton beat with soup ladle the policeman who was arresting her husband and hurt him badly.

-Mr. Walker, of Easton, ex-Superintendent of the public schools of Northampton county, was taken to the poorhouse several days ago -Some miscreant at Scranton threw a stone through the electric clock of Lewis Rhiehart. which he has been many years construct

-One of the girl inmates of the Morganza Reformatory set fire to the place in order that she might be sent to jail to join her sister who is there.

-A bullet accidentally shot from a pistol being cleaned by John Drake, of Homestead, entered his mother's head last Thursday and killed her.

-The Williamsport Local Flood Commission has an unexpended balance of over \$13,000, and will soon decide on the disposition to be

-The fact that a lawsuit was brought against her husband so preyed upon the mind of a Latrobe woman that she made two attempts to

-Applicants for liquor licenses at Pitts urg are applying for both wholesale and retail licenses, in the hope that they will get one or the other.

-John G. Whittier, the poet, has written Mrs. S. L. Oberholtzer, of Norristown, assuring her that he still remembers and loves his old friends.

-The firm of Carnegie, Phipps & Co. has been censured by the Coroner of Beaver Falls Since the re-assembling of Congress for gross negligence, which caused the death of a workman. -The Dickson Manufacturning Company

of Scranton received an order from the On tario and Western Railroad to build twenty five locomotives. -While cleaning out the vault in the cellar

of his restaurant, G. T. Burridge found two snapping turtles that had been thrown there three years ago and forgotten. -A son and two daughters of Harvey Skean,

of Pottstown, have died with in the past two weeks of diphtheria, and another child is seriously ill with the same disease. -C. J. McIlvaine, a well-known contractor and builder at Alleghany, who had done much

work for the city, was unjustly arrested as a suspicious character a few days ago. -Enoch Kitterer, of Pittsburg, aged 78 years on Thursday to Mrs. Julia Kromer who is a few years younger. All the children of the contracting parties are married.

-At a wedding at the residence of Charles Miller, near New Bethlehem, two sons and a daughter entered the married state, and the eremony was performed by another son.

-Threatened with arrest for the nonpay ing of his board bill, W. E. Morris, a boarder at the Madison House, in Pottstown, sough revenge by attempting suicide in his room. -Richard R. Quay, son of the junior Senator, has begun a suit against the proprietor of an oil establishment which adjoins his father's home at Beaver, on the ground that it is a

-The electrical shocks that killed two horses and stunned a lineman in Pittsburg seem to have shocked the whole community, and Chief: Bigelow has promised that all wires will be buried within a year.

-The railroad authorities refused to ship the body of Mrs. Oscar Miller, of Hamburg who died of scarlet fever, and it was found ecessary to drive the funeral cortege thirty miles to the cemetery.

-Joseph Kridy, a Hungarian, who kept as poarding-house at South Bethlehem, clubbed a son of one of his boarders because the child had been taken ill with scerlet fever and caused the house to be quarantined. -Mounted on the back of a restless mus.

tang, Henry Kurtz, an aged resident of Kurtz House, rode into the bar-room of the hotel at that place and took a drink. The man who lost the bet paid for the drink. -Having no money to pay for the hire of

the carriage in which he had taken a lady friend driving, Arthur Matthews, of Pittsburg, sent the team back to the stable in the girl's care. She was arrested and held. -A constable armed with a warrant for a

Reading boy sat in the parlor, being entertained by the father, waiting for the boy to come down stairs, but the youth escaped out of a window and over neighboring roofs. -The residence and grocery store of A. A

Stevens and the general store of Jacob Krugh & Co., at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, were destroyed by an incendiary fire Friday morning. Total loss, \$12,000; partly insured. -Mrs. Gilroy, a malicious old woman living

on the outskirts of Pottstown, has successfully resisted all efforts of constables to arrest her In a few days a number of officers will adopt military tactics and proceed against her house -Patrick Gallagher, aged 56 years, a resident.

of Plymouth township, Montgomery county, while driving to Conshohocken on Friday afternoon stopped at a toll-gate near that place, and while in the act of paying toll fell over and expired from heart disease.

-At South Side, Pittsburg, a big black Newfoundland dog holds possession of a highway. His companion, an animal which is the exact counterpart of the dog, died in the middle o the road, and the living animal refuses to

leave the body or allow any one to come near it -Philip Harman, blind and penniless, and his wife, who have been living in filth and squalor in an old hut in the out-skirts of Laneaster, and who have resisted all efforts of charitably-disposed persons to remove them, were taken by force to the county almshouse a few days ago by Grand Army comrades of