## Democratice Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-The winter of 1890 is as completely played out as is McGINTY who was one of its most prominent characters.

-The picture of FRANKLIN appears on the 1-cent stamp probably as a reminder that his common sense never despised the value of common cents.

-Poor old BLAIR, with his scheme of making literary characters of the Southern "coons," stands a chance of being voted a bore by his senatorial colleagues.

-New York is certainly reduced to extremities when her feelings about the loss of the World's Fair are vented in sarcastic flings at the size of Chicago

-The big mouths which the swollen show the effect which FORAKER'S example has had even upon the rivers of the western country.

big round silver dollar. There has always been a strong suspicion that SAM evangelized for revenue only.

-The proposition to lay a duty of five cents a dozen on imported eggs is merely a tariff cackle the purport of which every farmer of ordinary discernment will easily understand.

-The zeal with which Republican papers are pushing W. L. Scott into view as a political Boss is a laughable attempt to create the impression that the Democrats of Pennsylvania have a QUAY.

-ST. MATTHIAS made something of a spurt this season in creating ice where he found none, but his work was very incomplete, and as a weather prophet he doesn't stand much ahead of either GREELY or the groundhog.

-Chicago has always been charged with entertaining a desire for the ownership of the earth, but it looks as if that small portion of it known as the World's Fair will be more than the ambitious city will be able to conveniently manage.

-The Pottsville Journal thinks it a big thing that WANAMAKER, who entered public life without any political experience, is now the leader of the cabinet. But it isn't so big a thing when you come to consider the kind of cabinet

-The virtue of the Republican Legislature of North Dakota would yield to the seduction of the Louisiana Lottery if the circumstance that the eyes of the whole country have been directed to the intended crim. con. didn't operate as a

-It is said that President HARRISON is alarmed at the way his understrappers are flinging away the surplus. Butt what else could he have expected? Didn't these understrappers work to have him elected in order to be able to fling away the surplus?

-Senator SANDFORD is entittled to the cake as a projector of government paternalism. Probably his project to have the government lend money at 1 and 2 per cent is intended to relieve the western farmers who have been impoverished by tariff taxation.

-Public buildings erected at the expense of the government promise to spring up as plentifully as skating rinks did a few years ago. With the prevailing disposition to get rid of the surplus no town of any size should be without a government building.

--- After all the Democratic congressmen-elect, whose elections are contested, have been unseated, it may be expected that the House will go on with such incidental and subordinate business as legislation. As promotive of party interest there seems to be method in Tom Reed's despotic madness.

-What did the editor of the Daily News mean when in denying the correctness of a statement published about ANDREWS, he said that it was "a plain and direct fabrication of the truth." If it was that, why did he say that it wasn't true? We are afraid there is something crooked in our young friend's vocabulary.

-The spring elections in Iowa and New York indicate that the winter term of the tariff reform schools was numerously attended by scholars who made rapid advancement in their studies. The schools will be kept open all summer, with a review of lessons in the be- funds in the treasury of the great State produced before half a million spectagining of November. GROVER CLEVE- of Pennsylvania. LAND General Superintendent.

-The pious Postmaster General is going to establish in connection with his Bethany Sunday School an institu tion for the training of deacons. Isn't particularly due a thorough ventilation it remarkable that the man who can't appreciate the injury the country has such an exposure as is being made necessary to make it a halcyon and sustained from his corruption of a Presidential election, should think that it is suffering for want of well trained



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Ballot Reform To Be Juggled With.

The sudden conversion of Republican which they used in the treatment of licans.

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As a Governor and State legislature be safe for the Republican manipulators to go into the contest in an attitude of opposition to a measure so generally demanded by the people, which they would certainly be in it the impression created by the Legislature's adverse action on the Australian ballot bill were not counteracted by present professions of friendship for that measure. The voters must therefore be subjected to the usual process of Republican deception. Consequently the organs have broken out with a suspicious unanimity in support of ballot reform, and even MAT QUAY'S special selection for Governor, Mr. DALAMATER, has had the part assigned him of discanting before a Republican club on the necessity of reforming the ballot. Coming from such a quarter isn't there something in the transparency of the decep-

ular sense of humor? After the danger to the partylf. om the domand for hall been met and averted by deceptive promises, and the Governor and State Legislature have been secured, the leaders, who so ingeniously and effectively juggled with Prohibition, would have no difficulty in being equally successful in juggling with the ballot reform

tion that is calculated to tickle the pop-

----An exchange, of the opposite party, says that no Republican favors reduction of the tariff beyond the real protection line, and that Congress is of the same mind. But where is the real it? Would free raw materials, which was denounced as free trade?

The Camera Again Directed Toward Quay.

withhold from them the further exposition of the crookedness of MAT QUAY'S public life, made by the New York World from authentic sources, which we give on an inside page of this issue of the WATCHMAN. The person who State government and exercises powers which affect the interests of every citi-

character of the man who by the most that the idea is that of a huge tent in disreputable means has gained so large which corrugated iron and glass shall a measure of political control and pub- play the part of canvas. The roof on lie power. They should know to the fullest extent what kind of a man this | be 700 feet above the heads of the visi-Boss is to whom has been committed tors on the floor. Surrounding the towsupreme authority in dictating the er an amphitheatre, larger than the legislative policy, in selecting the execu- Coliseum, could be arranged, in which ti e officers and manipulating the

Party attachment and prejudice have disenabled many good and honest Re- thus beating the Eiffel Tower by an publicans from comprehending the true | eighth of a mile. character of this Boss. To them is of his disreputable career. If after and windy West. All that will be they continue to maintain him in his place of power, it will then appear that there is no hope for partisans who have allowed themselves to degenerate into ed as the necessities of the enterprise blind political fanatics.

Disregarded Preference.

It is not surprising that the Repubpapers and politicians in this State to a licans of Cambria county are not satfavorable regard for ballot reform is isfied with the way things were fixed in something that should be looked upon that county for Delamater. Every with suspicion. The true sentiment of evidence exists of a strong preponthe leaders and their echoing organs derance of popular feeling among the was expressed at the last session of the rank and file of the party in favor of Mississippi and Ohio are presenting, bill was contemptuously rejected. blow-out that was given to the General How is their change of expression on in recognition of his eminent services this subject to be accounted for? Why at the time of the flood, and, in the There should be a more specific deis it that the leading organs and guber- face of this preference so strongly dis--Sam Jones has admitted to a friend natorial candidates are proclaiming played, that the delegates of the county that what he is particularly after is the their friendship for a reformed ballot should be secured for another man by system? The reason is apparent. There the tricky management of a few of has been such a general demand for QUAY's local henchmen, is making dent abuses in the last Presidential swear, and it is beginning to be emelection, that the Republican leaders phatically declared by some of them deem it wise to recognize the sentiment; that the delegates will have to vote for but while they shall pretend to yield the man who, if not exactly first in war to it, their purpose is to subject the and first in peace, is certainly first in question to a jugglery similar to that the hearts of the Conemaugh Repub-

A prominent member of the party from Johnstown is reported to have are to be elected next fall it would not made the remark in Pittsburg the other day, that if the party in Cambria county thought it necessary they would call new primaries and instruct for HASTINGS, but that such a course wasn't necessary, as the delegates already chosen would yield to the indisputable preference of their constituents.

This is all very pretty to talk about, but when the convention shall assemble it will be found that the preference to which these delegates will yield will be the preference of the Boss.

-The school book supply in this State is entirely in the hands of a syndicate which fixes prices to suit its idea of what should be its profits. The proposition that the State should furnish the school books is alarming this trust, and the members are reported to be arranging to "pool their interests" in opposition to such a measure. The State's engaging in the book husiness and supplying the needs of the schools is not the most commendable thing it could do, but probably this sort of paternalonly protection against the robbery of the school book syndicate.

Eiffel to Be Eclipsed.

It has been suggested that something that would beat the Eiffel tower as an attraction should signalize the American World's Fair of 1892. It looks as if Chicago has got hold of an idea which it carried out will beat the lofty French structure and put it completely in the shade as a marvel and a show. The protection line? Was an average of scheme is to put the entire exposition 47 per cent. duties, as proposed by the under one roof covering a space of 193 Mills bill, high enough to reach acres. The building itself would constitute the greatest curiosity and attracthis congress will be torced to grant, be tion connected with the Fair. It would up to the protection line, although exceed in extent any structure ever put when proposed by the Democrats it up, as it would be four times bigger than any exposition building the world has ever seen. The cost of this pavillion of iron, steel and glass, as estimated, would be \$5,868,000, or \$36,204 per It would be injustice to our readers to acre. Every department of the exhibtion would be within its enclosure and under its shelter.

According to the plan offered a huge steel tower, capable of holding eight elevators and supporting the whole roof, is to be erected in the center of is inculpated in the misdeeds thus ex- the circle 3000 feet in diameter. From posed is the leading political character the top of this tower, 1100 feet high of our State, who, through his control steel cables are to be run out to the of the Republican party, controls the circumference. On these cables the root is to be laid. The outer wall around the circumference is to be of brick. The idea of the construction of It is due the people thus affected that such a building is simplicity itself, as to them should be made known the can be readily seen. It is quite plain the central circle from the tower would spectacles on a grand scale might be tors. The tower, it is suggested, might be extended 500 feet above the roof,

> This is a magnificent scheme involve ing a conception worthy of the wild vociferous success is a liberal appropriation from the government, to be repeat

Claiming Too Much for Him.

A journalistic admirer of President HARRISON, in reviewing the first year of his administration, just past, claims too much-entirely too much-as having been achieved by that functionary. It is claimed that Mr. HARRISON "has sustained and strengthened the Amerilegislature when an Australian ballot Hastings. It was shown in the big can protective system." How he has chief affliction, and on account of the done this is not clearly set forth, but is left to the imagination of the reader. scription of the strengthening plaster which the President has clapped on the back of the rotten old system of tariff taxation. To the discerning observer it would appear that when half of the ballot reform in consequence of the evi- many of the Cambria Republicans Republican manufacturers of New England are clamoring for a removal of the tariff duties which are "protecting" raw materials, and the farmers of the West, irrespective of party, are moving en masse against the"protection"which increases the cost of their business and of their daily living, there hasn't been much strengthening of the American protective system during the first year of the Harrison administration.

> Another big achievement accredited to the initial year of HARRISON'S term is the Pan American conference, which is alleged to have "set in motion plans for increasing trade relations between the nations of this continent." Nothing could be clearer than that the Pan American affair, except as an international junket, is a dismal failure, and that the delegates will go home thoroughly convinced that so far as trade relations with the United States are concerned they are not likely to be increased so long as they have to encounter the obstruction of a high tariff.

> > Liberal With the Surplus.

The work of reducing the surplus goes merrily on, the hugh slices applied to pensions not interfering in the least with liberal donations for the erection of government buildings in all the towns of any size in the United States. We observe that Scranton has been made jubilant by the doubling up of ism will have to be resorted to as the the government's generosity. Seventyfive thousand dollars was at first granted for the erection of the desired building, but this being considered too insignificant a pull, the sum was increased to \$250,000, and the Scrantonians are happy in the conviction that the surplus is being managed by the most liberal set of fellows that ever handled the public cash.

-Applicants for license to sell liquor didn't have any difficulty in Perry county this year in getting what they applied for. The presiding judge handed the whole business over to the associate judges, and as one of them was an applicant for the right to retail the ardent, there wasn't the slightest hitch in the harmony of the proceedings. There were no remonstrances and every body who asked for it was granted a license. There was certainly a novelty in seeing a court license one half of itself to engage in the liquor business. But when the Vice President of the United States can be connected with a whisky shop, why shouldn't a common Pennsylvania associate judge enjoy the same privilege?

A Reluctant Convert.

There is evident uneasiness in Reoublican quarters concerning the transition which the tariff views of Senator Allison, of Iowa, are reported to be going through. There seems to be good grounds for the belief that he isn't as high a tariff man as he was before the voters of Iowa expressed themselves as they did at the poles last fall, with a continuation of a similar expression this spring. The organs of the monopoly system contend that he is as much of a tariff man as he ever was. and the Senator himself declares that he isn't faltering in his attachment to the principle of tariff robbery, but between the lines of his declaration appear evidences of his alarm, as a a politician, at the new posture the Iowa farmers are assuming on the feels a great interest in his seat in the Senate, and the close shave he has just made in retaining it will have an effect in modifying his economic views. We expect to see, at no very distant day. the Republican politicians of the west tumbling over to the side of tariff reform, and there are indications that Allison will be among the first to flop. robbery from which they suffer.

Learning a Dear Lesson.

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The farmers of Kansas are in a bad way. Notwithstanding the fertility of their soil and the advantage of markets alleged to have been created by the existing tariff, they find their business unremunerative and themselves greatly distressed by debt. Mortgages are their distress arising therefrom they are ssking their State Legislature to pass a law that will prohibit the foreclosure of these mortgages as they become due. It is not probable that the Legislature can be induced to attempt to interfere with the payment of regularly contracted debts. It hasn't the constitutional power to do anything of that kind, even it were disposed to do it.

The farmers of Kansas must grin and bear the hardship of their situa. tion, which, however, should set them to thinking whether they have been doing the wisest thing in voting for a tariff which has made their living unnecessarily dear and incidentally compelled them to mortgage their farms.

A Lady Granger Talks.

The address delivered by a lady granger before the Centre Grange, which we publish in another part of our paper this week, is good and interesting reading. It is but recently that the men who till the soil have organized for self-improvement, self-assertion and self-defence. That they are being loyally backed by the women who are their helpmates in their useful and honorable calling, is sufficiently demonstrated by the words of the lady who delivered the address we allude to. She speaks quite lucidly and forcibly of the relation of the grange to the financial, educational, social and political movements of the day. Education is as necessary to the farmers as to any other class that participate in the work required by our human existence. With the great scientific developments in the field of agriculture, the time is coming when to be a successful farmer it will tellligent of men. Therefore the fair lecturer did not err in putting education among the leading objects of the

She was about right in saying that grangers should maintain their political preferences, it being inexpedient to discard their party attachments, otherwise their organization would eventually become a political machine supporting a special and aggressive interest. But it would be but common prudence for them to watch the policies of parties and observe how they affect the wel. fare of the agricultural people. Such prudence would dictate to farmers that when a party is disposed to place the burden of taxation upon their business rather then upon incorporated capital -when the leading feature of its policy is to increase the cost of what the farmer requires for his household and business uses in order that the profits of industrial capital may be enhanced -in short, when its rule of action follows the maxim that "the farmer pays for all"-then it is not only the interest, but it is the duty of the grangers individually, if not as an organization, to assume an attitude of hostility to that party.

Grotesque if Not Conclusive.

The good town of York advances a very singular reason why it should have its share in the general raid on the federal treasury. It wants a government building very badly. Such buildings are being supplied to other towns with a lavish hand regardless of what may become of the surplus, and while such favors are being distributed, a liberal pull on the treasury should not be denied to the town in which "sat the Continental Congress during the gloomy years of of 1777-78;" in which "the articles of confederation were completed and adopted by Congress;" where "Lafayette came to support the commanderin-chief," etc, etc. Such close associations with a purer and more patriotic tariff question. Mr. Allison naturally | period in our country's history are rather grotesquely advanced as a reason why York should have a chance while the looting of the treasury is going on at the hands of the Republican surplus extinguishers.

> -A duty on eggs won't compensate the farmers for the general tariff

Spawls from the Keystone

-Eckley B. Coxe will not run for Congress -McKeesport iron-workers rioted over a

-It costs more to build in Pitts burg than in

-Lycoming county prisoners earned \$13

graphed in the future

-All Berks county prisoners will be photo-

-A separate school is demanded for Cheser's colored children.

-Scranton liquor dealers have begun a war against illegitimate groggeries

Prisoners in the West Chester jail are fed for less than nine cents a day.

-The fruit buds in the vicinity of Reading have been destroyed by the recent cold snap.

-An almost miraculous visitation of rats is said to prevail at Maiden Creek, near Reading. -Frank Lovejoy, of Lancaster, has been

-West Chester boys turned on a hydrant and converted a pavement into a toboggan

sued for the amount of his wedding flower

-Two colored letter carriers at Carlisle have been removed to make room for Quay

-Execution was issued at Lancaster on Wed nesday against Hiram Horting, farmer, for

\$4100. -An 18-year-old office-boy at Hansfield eloped with and married a girl even younger

than himself. -An Indian girl living with a Darby family

can trounce any boy in the town who makes fun of her.

-Harrisburg rejoices in the posession of a quintet of kittens joined together like the Si-

-The natural gas supply at Leechburg was not sufficient to keep the natives warm during

the cold snap. -The Morton Chronicle suggests a conven-

tion of the Road Supervisors of the State to discuss the roads. -Thousands of dollars are being lost by the

operators in the Butler oil field because the bad roads impede work. -Allen Foster has brought suit against. Mc-

Keesport borough for \$400 bounty due him on a war time enlistment. -Suit for damages to his wagon will be brought by a Chester man against the owners

of a badly kept turnpike. -Chester Councils decline to appropriate any moneys for the proposed booming of the

city, as it was not authorized by law. -While a piano was being lowered from a window at Lancaster the rope broke and the

piano fell but was only slightly damaged -Ex-President Cleveland and Governor Hill of New York, are to be invited to attend the

Democratic State Convention at Scranton. -A boarder at a Media hotel, who is always calling for cheese, was on Sunday presented with a whole one by the proprietor of the

-John Atkins, of East Whitefield, Chester county, paid his yearly subscription to a West Chester paper last week for the sixty-first

-Without food or drink for five weeks was the experience of a dog which was locked up

in an empty house at Uwchlan, Chester cour -The observation taken at the York Signal Station shows that Thursday of last week was the coldest night since the blizzard of two

- It is said that Second Comptroller of the Treasury Gilkinson, Quay's chief henchman in Bucks county, will shortly establish an or gan at Doylestown.

years ago.

-Clement Hughes, of Joanna, is suffering from a disease which prevents him, from taking nourishment of any kind, and it is feared that he will starve to death

-An agreement has been made between the Commissioners and Directors of the Poor of Carlisle and the Sheriff by which all tramps will be put to work hereafter

-Mrs. Campbell, of Manor, near Greens burg, left her bed during the night recently and shot herself dead, after elimbing to the bottom of a well near the house.

-The Knights of Labor and other trade organizations of Reading favor the Australian system of voting, and will select candidates who are favorably inclined to that method. -The females on a Pennsville farm were

very busy one day last week. The farmer's wife presented him with an heir, and the same day nine lambs and two calves were -The Squeers soldiers' orphans' syndicate

s opposing the candidacy of C.L. Kauffman for Senatorial nomination as well as the candidacy of others who refuse to defend the syndicate before the Legislature. -The last week was the biggest one in the history of the Pittsburg division of the Penn-

sylvania Railroad. The total number of cars

passing through Johnstown was 23,623, which

strung together would make a line 179 miles -Rev. J. M. Deitzler, of Annville, pulled from his pocket a \$10 bill recently and threw it into the fire, under the impression that it was a slip of paper containing the numbers of the hymns he had, that day, announced from

-A quiet-looking woman entered the Pittsburg Opera House during the performance a few days ago and dragged a man from his seat beside a young girl to whom he had been very attentive. The girl stayed alone until the

performance was finished. -A party of unemployed workmen marched through Scranton a few days ago, and visiting a newspaper office protested because highway contractors would not displace Hun-

garians and give them work. -Patrick Fahey, of Kennet Square, met with a serious accident whereby he broke his skull. He was splitting wood with a wedge and maul, when the wedge flew back striking him on the head and crushing in the bone

He is now in a critical condition. -Nearly 300 families of miners at Scrant have applied for relief in consequence of the hard times. The proprietors of Truth, with the assistance of merchants and others, are giving a barrel of flour to each family, and a Central Relief Committee has been appointed.

-Frank Hanson, a young German, about 19 years old, was committed to prison at Norriso town on Saturday after confessing to having committed an aggravated assault upon Gertie Simons, a little girl less than 7 years old. Hanson worked for Simons, the father of the child, and during the absence of the latter on busis ness, committed the brutal outrage.