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#### A Correction Made, and an Explana tion Asked.

The WATCHMAN is never ashamed to do right, nor afraid to be fair to its opponents. Last week we published ment connecting Commissioner Deck-ER with the job of planking the Spring township should have such a societ.y Mills bridge and leaving the impression that in that job the county had been swindled to the extent of \$38.72. The slope to the effect that the British flag Republican of this week gives the size has been insulted on American soil at of the bridge as being I7 feet wide and Tacoma. The particulars of the of-66 feet long, which it figures would re- fense are meager, but it is certain that quire 2805 feet of plank to cover it. if there was an offense the British lion This amount at \$21 per thousand feet, won't be as prompt to resent it as he the price charged, and which is not ex- would be if it had been committed by cessive would put the cost of the plank a little power like Portugal. for the bridge at \$57.47.

In justice to Mr. DECKEE, who certainly has enough of short comings as a county official to answer for without being further loaded down with a little steal like the above, we give the Republican's facts and figures, which, if correct, exonerate him from the allegation they do not elicit general admiration that he had overcharged the county for this job.

And now while our neighbor of the Republican and Mr. DECKER have un dertaken the "explaining" business, won't they please give us a little light on the two following matters:

What was done with the \$1,565.60 of tax collected off the people of the county for state purposes in excess of the amount paid over, and which is not in any way accounted for in the as flat a failure as the new postal card, county statement? Who has or where which every one dislikes." is this money?

How comes it that \$12,000 of contracted indebtedness for the superstructure of the Karthaus and Howard bridges, is not taken into account in the county statement, and that the tax-payers are left under the impression that no such indebtedness exists?

These are matters of much more import to the people than the little item connected with the Spring Mills bridge. Will the Commissioners, or one of their organs, explain them?

#### A Great Feat Performed in a Good Cause.

The Pennsylvania railroad has again signalized its superiority to all com-And not only a great thing in railroading of engine, a combination car, pasthe most distinguished dignitaries in the capital city, for the benefit of the Actors' Fund. As soon as the curtain dropped on the performance, the company hastened to the train that had sped them on their benevolent mission, and starting at 3.15 p. m., on their return trip, reached Jersey City at 7.34 p. m., beating their time to Washington, theretofore unparalleled, by just one minute, and in the evening gave their regular performance in Madison Square theater, New York. In the benevolent feature of this achievement the honors are equal between the theatrical and the railroad company, as the one gave their time and histrionic talent, and the other the use of its train, free of charge. Altogether it was a great triumph of railroad and theatrical ability, over which the shades of TOM SCOTT and SHAKESPEARE could shake hands if it can be supposed that mutual congratulation is expressed in that way in the other world.

# Democratic Societies.

Hon. CHAUNCEY F. BLACK, President of the Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania, has issued a circular letter to all the organizations in the State urging them to renewed and increased exertions in view of the approaching State election. Mr. Black says that these organizations did great good at the last November elections, alleging that elections? Of course they should not an examination of the reports from as political professionals, but if its mem every State, Pennsylvania included, bers do not take an interest in having Union, where there has been a live, be secured only by the vigilance and earnest, well-supported Democratic so- activity of good men at the municipal ciety, has there been a failure to in- elections, they are not doing their duty

crease the Democratic vote."

to form such organizations where none to both local and general government. An Old Swindle Draws Its Last Breath. necessary to be done the Democratic sowhat we considered a reliable state- cieties are exerting a powerful and beneficent influence. Every town and

There is news from the Pacific

#### A Question of Taste.

The new red two-cent postage stamps, issued as substitutes for what some called the 'sickly green' stamps, are gradually making their appearance but from those who have used them and approval. The question of their beauty is entirely a matter of taste. A more essential characteristic is their quality, which is represented to be poor. The paper on which they are printed is said to be thin and weak, easily torn where a tear is not wanted. A Philadelphia post office official says that in tearing the sheets for use more of the new red stamps are damaged than of the old green ones, and he did not hesi tate to say that "the new stamp will be

The old adage that one fool will make many others, was illustrated by the clamor raised against the green postage stamps in certain quarters. Some jack brought the charge against them that their color was a "sickly green," and without any better reason than this for considering it sicklier than any other green, there were plenty to take up and continue the absurd charge. There were people of very good taste who thought that the green stamp was as handsome as any that was ever adopted by the post office de-

-It is entirely natural that the organs of monopoly legalized by tariff petitors by performing a feat last Mon- laws should be disturbed by the freday on its line between New York and quent deliverances of Grover CLEVE- word, and his friends have looked on all along the line. His miserable con-Washington which surpassed anything LAND on the wrong and injury of the approvingly and whispered to each dition has not changed much for thirty other with grins of delight: "That's years; but the great difference seems to of the kind recorded in railroad history. war tariff system. One of them, the esteemed but misguided Philadelphia ing was accomplished, but through it Press, sneeringly remarks that something was done which is unparal- Mr. CLEVELAND's "regular weekly leled in the annals of theatrical achieve- letter on tariff reform and true ment. A Pennsylvania train, consist- goodness in politics has not yet made its appearance." It would senger coach and Pullman dining car, be well for that organ to observe that freighted with Manager PALMER's the- these letters never appear without hav. atrical company, left Jersey City at jug been elicited by a popular request 7.29 a. m., and arriving at Washington to hear from the great tariff reformer, at 11.47, having made the 226 miles in and the frequency of their appearance 254 minutes, enabled the company upon such solicitation indicates to give a performance in the afternoon the growing interest of the people in to an audience that consisted of many of the movement of which Mr. CLEVELAND is acknowledged to be the leader.

# An Unsophisticated Organ.

The Butler county Republican Committee at a meeting the other day voted down a resolution to permit the people at the primaries to express their preference for a candidate for Governor, and the Philadelphia Press says it is difficult to explain such action as that. An explanation isn't at all difficult, and the hebetudinosity displayed by the organ in not being able to "catch on" is astonishing. The committee merely carried out the instruction of QUAY who doesn't want the Republican people to vote on that question. He prefers to manipulate uninstructed delegaces. The Delamater interest in does not answer them he will be liable to Butler is to be managed the same as it was in Cambria.

---It is said that the rank of Major General is in store for Adjutant General Hastings as a salve for his wounded feelings should he not receive the nomination for Governor. It is altogether likely that there will be occasion for applying the salve.

# An Important Question.

Some one who is sensitive about demoralizing influences, asks in the papers'whether the Young Men's Christian Association should engage in municipal shows "that in no single district in the good municipal government, which can

exist, and to strengthen those that have should engage a large share of the atalready been organized. The Demo- tention of the Young Men's Christian cratic party has a great work to do. It Association. Should this become a has to correct the erroneous views principle of that organization it would which bad fiscal doctrines and practi- greatly aid in loosening the hold which reputations of several prominent public ces, long tolerated, have made the the machine workers so long have had chief part of the political faith of the on public affairs. It shouldn't be suplarger portion of our people. The ques- posed that the members of the Y. M. The affidavit of the Treasurer is preceded tion of good or bad government in a C. A. have become so good, so closely great measure hinges upon the impart, connected with heavenly affairs, that ing of correct information on this sub- their interest in such worldly matters ject, and in doing a thing so useful and as elections has undergone emascula

> ---In allowing the postponement of the time for holding the World's Fair themselves at an enormous profit and a organization of the Knights of Labor, and Charles H. Zimmerman, Secretary at Chicago to the year 1893, Congress | corresponding expense to their fellowshows a disposition to give the people of the enterprising and energetic city It was the first widely-known "construcample time and the fullest chance to tion company," and was followed by a make it a perfect success. It can be confidently expected that the Chicago but by none that attained such publicity. people will do their utmost, and that That the device was essentially dishonor means an immense deal when it is done able will hardly be denied, but that by such a people. They should have its extensive use. the generous and hearty support of the whole country, with entire confidence that they will give the world the greatest fair it has ever seen.

#### Well Suggested.

The Brooklyn Eagle makes the folin it a good deal that is good:

Alfred C. Chapin would do well for the next overnor, David B. Hill for the next United States Senator and Grover Cleveland for the next President of the United States, Such hoices would secure each of the three men or the public service. Each would be designated for duties he could well perform.

We know nothing about the New York Democratic preference for Gover- of Labor. nor, but the balance of the above suggestion strikes us as being a commend. able arrangement of the right men in the right places, with a strong probability of producing a large crop of harmony. Of course Dana would fied in advance that he needn't come kick, but DANA doesn't count in any- there to wave any War-Tariff-Chicagothing pertaining to Democracy.

#### Quay Must Make Answer.

If He Does Not Refute the World's Charges His Political Death is Sure.

pecial Correspondence of the Pittsburg Post. WASHINGTON, March 12 .- The recent exposure of the New York World anent Senator Quay's political and private record have furnished much food do something to refute the charges. A made, and the like articles which he vindiction is thought by everyone who has to have, and I fully agree with him has given the matter attention to be absolutely neccessary if the senator expects to retain the respect of his political associates. The charges have been bold. Garnished as they were, with details of the most minute and convincing cter their effect has he sailed, he has said in reply never a

the way Matthew treats charges against The accent was on the "him," and the stony silence that marked the senator's conduct was accepted as sufficient refutation. But all ordinary bonds have been overstepped in the recent exposures, and the arraigment has been so terrible that even the senator's friends concede he must do something to set himself aright in the estimation of the public, whom he is presumed to serve in one of the most dignified capacities in the nation.

An effort was made by The Post correspondent to secure some expression of opinion among the Pennsylvania congressional delegation as to what politicians of Quay's State expected of him in a matter that is now a national scandal. Naturally there was an aversion to submitting to interviews, but it was soon evident, before the investigation had proceeded far, that the delegation is a unit in believing that Mr. Quay should take some radical step to

uare" himself. "If Mr. Quay does not declare himself in either an authorized interview or sue the New York World for libel, what is the inferences ? asked one of the most prominent Pennsylvania congressmen in reply to a query. "These charges are not political clap-trap. They were not hatched up for the purpose of carrying an election. They did not abound inglittering generalities. The data was collected, investigated and published in a cold-blooded manner. There was apparently no motive in them beyond the motive to have the public appreciate the character of one of its representatives in the senate. In fact if Mr. Quay prosecution for malfeasance in office,embezzlement, cerruption and I don't know what.

"The statute of limitation of course prevents his prosecution for the alledged ffences spoken of in the World. Possibly some future exposures might contain some hints of crimes for which he could still be prosecuted. That remains to be seen. I, nor any other Republican, dare under-estimate the damage done to the party in Pennsylvania these publications have done. The facts have ticians in the State-politicians who were on the inside. But never before were they presented in such damning detail. Mr. Quay will have to do something to set himself aright before his con- fenders of that character. stituency, the people of Pennsylvania.

# Plowed Up \$16,000 in Gold.

Eight miles below Nashville, Ark, a negro named John Reed, while plowing in a field, found a jug containing \$16,000 in gold. It was to heavy to carry and putting \$4000 in his pocket, girdled with ribbons, in which she soon he started for a vehicle. He was so made her debut at an evening party and elated with his find that he could not received many compliments upon her keep his good fortune to himself. As a attire. She fainted upon hearing from

New York Times

The famous Credit Mobilier of America, which played so prominent a part in the construction of the Union Pacfic Railroad and in the destruction of the men, has just presented an application for formal dissolution in the Courts of Pennsylvania, where it was organized. by a statement of account, setting forth that the assets and liabilities of the corporation exactly balance, each being nothing. It has engaged in no active business for many years. Its chief function, when in operation, was to furnish a legal device by which certain shareholders and to the bondholders, including the United States Government. long line of successors equally vicious in principle and mischievous in effect, fact has not materially interfered with

#### The Farmer's Bee is Buzzing All Along the Line.

New York Evening Telegram. Within one single week the public has seen demonstrations in widely different parts of the country calculated to lowing suggestion which seems to have carry a cold chill down the War Tariff spine. In Kansas the farmers and Knights of Labor held a joint convention, very numerously attended. The plan was to fuse in a party movement for their mutual benefit, and to form an alliance for a political purpose. The whole spirit of the meeting "down with these chrushing tariffs. They rob the farmer, and they are more of a damage than a benefit to the Knights

Two days later a convention of farmers met in St. Paul to discuss their wants and purposes. They were large-Republican in politics, and they wanted to hear a speech--like loyal partisans -from the Governor they had helped to elect. But the Governor was notiplank-flag, for they were not that sort

of Republicans. Acting on this caution, Governor Morrison, anxious for re-election, called on the Convention, and here is one of the utterances he made: "It is certain that the Western farmer should be rein the interests of any particular locality, lieved from any taxes that are instituted industry or aggregation of capital. It is exceedingly difficult to prove to the farmer that it is to his interest to removtax from luxuries like liquor and tofor gossip here during the past week. bacco, and retain it upon sugar, clothe It is generally believed Mr. Quay must ing, hemp, from which binding twine is made, and the like articles which he when he declines to understand the logic of any such argument."

Straw number three, two days later, comes from Trenton, where the Knights of Labor and the Farmers' Alliance met in secret session to further legislastate and national, for the benefit In the past when Quay has been as- of the tillers of the soil and the wage workers. That farmer's bee is buzzing years; but the great difference seems to be that he has finally diagnosed his troubles and decided on a remedy. He is slow, but mighty sure when started.

# A Brave But Bad Man.

Deeds of Valor on the Battle Field

and Medals from Congress. The Philadelphia Record of Monday

The career of Isaac Sapp, the villain who is to be tried this morning in the Quarter Sessions Court for having committed an outrage upon little Mattie Metzger at Twenty-seventh and Dauphin streets last week, shows in a forcible manner that the bravest of men are oftentimes the blackest of scoundrels. In spite of the degradation to which he has now fallen, Sapp was one of the most daring soldiers who went to the war from Philadelphia. He was a member of the Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, or Baker's California Regiment, as itwas commonly called, andwas voted medal by Congress for distinguished bravery on the field of battle. The regiment was located at the Bloody Angle on the third day at Gettysburg, and when Cushing's Battery was disabled, every man in the command being either killed or injured, Sapp was one of five men who rushed up to the sceue of carnage and, amid a shower of bursting shells, drew a cannon down to the stone wall, where it was operated with great effect. It was for this act that Sapp was given the medal voted by Congress

On another occasion, when the Seventy-first-Regiment was in the thickest of the fight, its colors fell into the hands of the enemy. Sapp rushed forward and struck down the Confederate soldier who had captured the flag, and g t back into the lines with it unharmed. Although the regiment had to retreat, it took its colors with it and Sapp was loudly cheered. For this act he also was given a medal.

Sapp's old comrades are filled with prow at his present degredation, and declare that he was under the influence of liquor when he committed the foul crime. His offense is of such a heinous character, however, that they will not been generally known among the poli- | plead for mercy in his behalf, but let the law take its course. It is probable, however, that the man's record will be urged in mitigation of the extreme severity which is usualy imposed upon of-

#### An Iowa Girl's Embarrassing Mistake. Omaha Republican.

A young lady of Walker received a present from a New York friend of an elaborate silken, lace-trimmed robe, This should be an encouragement Politics in its highest sense, relating and its contents had disappeared. A New Labor Union.

Farmers and Knights of New Jersey Unite for a Common Cause.

They created a new organization, which was christened "The Industrial Senate." There were forty dele-Assembly district in the State. Farmers Alliance was represented by only two or three delegates, but letters were read from the lodges of the Patgentlemen connected with the Union Pacific Road could make bargains with John W. Hayes, Secretary of national of the State Labor Bureau, were present and took an active part in the proceed-

The new organization has for its obect the betterment of the condition of vage-workers and tillers of the soil. The following officers were elected: President, Henry A. Breckmever, of Newark; Vice President, J. A. Craig, of Paterson; Secretary and Treasurer, F. W. Merritt, of New Brunswick.

The Ballot Reform bill now before ket to which their surplus must go. the Legislature was discussed, and it was agreed to urge amendments providing for non-partisan Election Boards farmers in Pennsylvania who would and the exclusive use of an official bal- not gain more from free wool in cheaplot, to be kept in the election booths and ened woolens they consume than they handed out to voters only. The ballot- could possibly lose on wool; and for the box frauds were vigorously denounced. mockery of protectiot on wool, vegeta-The Industrial Senate decided to meet bles, eggs, butter, etc., they are taxed again in two weeks.

### The Guillotine's Bloody Work in Paris.

No Codaling or Lionizing of French Murderers.

PARIS, March 9.- In the gray dawn yesterday morning the guillotine did its terrible work in the Place de la Roquette. The execution was a double one, Ribot and Jeantroux, the murderers of a concierge in the Rue Bonaparte, both paying the penalty of their crime. On the afternoon of July 15, 1889, Mme. Kuhn was found strangled in her lodge. For nearly a fortnight the police

were at a loss, but finally they were put on the track of three young men named Ribot, Jeantroux and Pillet, by an indicateur, who succeeded in inducing the precocious rascals to recount their crime to him. Ribot, the eldest of the band, was only twenty-one years, while his accomplices were but seven-teen. The three were brought up for trial last January at the Seine assizes. Ribot and Jeantroux were found guilty and condemed to death, while Pillet escaped with a sentence of ten years imprisonment. Despite the youth of the condemed pair, M. Carnot had been advised not to exercise his prerogative of reprieve, with the view of striking terror into the hearts of the precociou criminals who infest the capital. The execution of Jeantroux is, I believe, the only instance of the death sentence being carried out in the case of a youth of seventeen since the revolution.

As usual the news of the execution spread like Greek fire among the reise of the capital. Friday evening the Place de la Roquette was, from midnight onward, invaded by a choice selection of the criminal classes of the pop-Deibler's assistants made their exit from the prison gate with the guillotine which speedily stood up against the leaden sky, a subject for the coarse jests of the crowd, to which it should have

been a warning.

Meanwhile the soldiers and police had cleared the square and drawn cordons across the streets converging thereto. Just as day broke the prison gates were thrown open a second time and the procession, headed and closed by solliers and consisting of the jail officials, the chaplain, the condemned youths and executioner moved slowly to the gullotine. The younger of the two was first to bow his neck beneath the fatal knife, and within what scarcely seemed more than a few seconds his companion's head had also fallen in the fresh basket. Then the throbbing corpses were placed in a van and driven off. Water and sponges were employed to efface the blood stains on the sadly historic stones, the guillotine was taken down and the crowd slowly dispersed.

"It is not possible that orders will be given to execute me," said Jeantroux, the younger of the two prisoners to the "The President gaolers in the evening. will never allow a young man of seven-teen to be guillotined. I shall be sent to New Caledonia, for life at hard labor, and I shall be able to get along all serene.

The young reprobate dropped off to sleep at about 8 p. m., probably to dream of the enchantress of New Caledonia and the joys of the hulks. He was awakened at ten minutes past 6 by the governor of the prison, who apprised him of his forthcoming execution and bade him prepare to die with courage. "I will try," replied Jeantroux, though

his trembling limbs belied his words. After drinking a glass of rum, he asked to be allowed to smoke a pipe and to bid farewell to Ribot, both of which requests were refused him. So it was with Ribot, who asked the governor if his accomplice was also to die. Not receiving an answer, he begged to

be allowed to see him.
"Not possible," he repeated after the Governor, "I don't see why my request hould be refused.'

Jeantroux was, as stated, the first to be placed under the fatal knife. As he made his exit from the prison gates he was trembling like a leaf and his limbs seemed scarce able to support him. Beside the scaffold he effusively embraced the prison chaplain, Abbe Faure, and twice pressed his lips against the crucifix.

'Au revoir, a ma mere," he said to tears. Ribot died more gamely than his younger accomplice. As he walked to the guillotine he even tried to smile, but the effort only resulted in horrible contractions of his features. He was able to control the physical repugnance which had stiffened his predecessor's frame and neck under the pressure of the executioner, and bent himself forward over the framework on which the

Hard Times for Farmers.

Philadelphia Times The farmers of Montgomery and Berks counties have been aroused to organized action by the general depression TRENTON, N. J., March 9.—A secret in the farming interests of those counmeeting was held to-day of members of ties. It is claimed that the market valin the farming interests of those counthe Knight; of Labor and of the Farmer ue of farm lands in Montgomery county has declined forty per cent during the last ten years, and it is ascertained in both counties that many farmers will be gates at the meeting, representing every compelled to abandon tarming in the near future unless some speedy and

substantial relief can be obtained. The depression of the farming interests is not only logical but it is inevitable. rons of Husbandry throughout the State | They are now paying the same high expressing approval of the new organiza- war taxes on everything they buy that tion, and pledging hearty co-operation. they paid when they received war John W. Hayes, Secretary of national prices of \$2 per bushel for their wheat and like prices for all their other products. The needless tariff taxes the farmers pay upon the necessaries of their industry and the necessaries of life would make the difference between actual loss and reasonable profit on any well regulated farm

in Montgomery and Berks counties. The farmers are mocked with false protection, and thus taxed excessively on what they must buy when there is no possible method of protecting them in their chief products, the price of which is regulated by the foreign m ar-

They are mocked by protection on wool, when there are not five hundred in home and barn from foundation to roof; taxed in furniture, clothing, utensils, farm implements, and everything that goes on their tables from salt to china, with the single exception of tea

and coffee. The farmers are walking monuments of high war taxation in time of peace, as are their wives, their children and their labors. When war taxes were a necessity and values of farm products advanced with taxes, farmers afford war taxation; but war taxes with wheat and other farm products at two-fifths their price in war times, must bankrupt our farming interests in the old States. Let the larmers look to Congress, where tariff revision is on hand, and note that wool and woolens are to be loaded with increased taxes, and that tin plate of universal use on our farms from kitchen utensils to dinner pails and out house roofs, is to be increased one hundred and twenty-five percent, in taxes, and they will understand why they are impoverished and where the remedy is to be found. Truly, these are hard times for farmers, but it is quite as true that the farmers have always had the power to release themselves from bondage and that they have thus far failed to exercise it.

### The Atrocious Tax on Tin

Philadelphia Times. There is no tin plate manufactured in this country, and although it is a commodity of very general use among the masses of the people, they are taxed over \$6,000,000 a year by tariff

duties. It is purposed to increase this tax on tin-plate 125 per cent., which would im posed a tax of nearly \$14,000,000 on the tin-plate now consumed in this country. This tax is demanded by a tin syndicate or combine that purposes to manufacture

tin-plate for our own consumption.

If the proposed tax of nearly \$14,000,-000 was intended to develop a great home industry and make increased de-mand for labor, there would be some plausible excuse for it: but when it is considered that there are not over 28,-000 people employed in the manufacture of tin plate to supply the whole world with that commodity, including men, women, and children, the absurdity of taxing consumers \$14,000,000 to protect labor must be apparent to all. Of the \$14,000,000 direct taxes pro-

posed to be levied on tin-plate, to be charged to the workingman's dinner pail and kitchen utensils and to the small farm's cans for his fruits and vege-tables, not \$1,000,000 of it would be paid for labor, while 780,000 workers of tin-plate in this country would be oppressively taxed on their raw materials. Baltimore alone manufactures 120,-000,000 tin cans for the use of farmers, fruiters, and oystermen, etc, and the capital invested in the canning business there is \$10,000,000 and gives employ-

ment to 75,000 working people. Many of the villages and surrounding country in New Jersey have vastly more interests in this question than any other feature of tariff reform; and when it is considered that millions of these canned fruits, vegetables, etc., are exported, the atrocity of taxing tin-plate is presented in all its nakedness. The present tariff is paralyzing the

very labor it professes to protect by needless and crushing taxes on raw materials and equally crushing and needless taxes on the necessaries of life: and instead of imposing new and more oppressive taxes on working people the time has come when there must be a radical advance in free raw materials and cheapened necessaries of life.

# The Corset Vender Caught.

The fellow who has been masquerading through many towns of Burlington county, N. J., as a woman selling cor-sets and other articles of female apparel, has been tripped up at Highstown, and is now in jail. He refused to give his name, but said that he had been making his living in that way for several years, having traveled through the Northern and Middle States without being detected. He is effeminate in appearence and of very slender build, and always wore a bonnet, even at the table, excusing himself by saying that he was afraid of taking cold. He was first detected at Allentown, and promised there the abbe, whose cheeks were wet with to give up his woman's clothes, but after leaving the town went back to his old tricks and began soliciting business at Highstown.

> "Are you observing Lent?" asked one miss of another. "Oh, ves; I al ways do. I told Charley he should stop bringing those dollar bonbons, and we're going to make the 80 cent kind do during the season of fasting."