Democratic Watchman

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Ink Slings. -When a census is made a party job it can't help but be a monumental piece of botch-work.

-It appears that Tammany is not going to be so fortunate as to have WHITNEY for its boss.

-Son DICK is likely to find that the people do not share his anxiety for the vindication of the old man.

-With such a drop of the temperature as there was on Wednesday it was no wonder that the backbone of the heated term was broken.

a kind of history that would astonish but was composed of delegates who asthe founders of the Republic if they were in a situation to read it.

-Republicans are going to spell independence with an unusually big I this cratic party of the State. They were not year, without the assistance of an Independent Republican State ticket.

-With a Force Bill pending in congress the Declaration of Independence that was read on the Fourth of July sounded like an ironical production. -With an Englishman at the head

of it, and party "strikers and heelers" doing most of the work, a very pretty mess has been made of the census of of the majority of the party, and was 1890.

-Even the New York Tribune calls a halt on the pension grabbers. When that thorough-going old organ sounds the alarm, "the pork in the barrel" must be getting very low.

-If the Tariff Bill should collide with the Force Bill and knock it off the track, it would have to be admitted that even so obnoxious a monopoly measure was of some service to the country.

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-Since POWDERLY has come out against QUAY the Republican papers are calling him a socialist. Probably that is intended to offset his saving that the Boss is no better than an anarchist.

-The people next November will refer the Boss to the courts as the proper resort for a public character who wants to vindicate himself against criminal charges. The law for libel has not been repealed.

-Manufacturing establishments that have been in operation for two centuries in Massachusetts are still classed among the "infant industries" and are as clamorous as babies for the tariff sucking bottle.

-Mrs. HARRISON displayed a quesonable sense of propriety



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Convention. The Democratic State Convention which met at Scranton on the 2nd inst. early in the season. There are such evidences of dissatisfaction in his own party that the outlook as presented at the opening of the campaign is not as favorable as he could wish and impresses him with the necessity of adopting extraordinary measures to improve cal dictator. Of the candidates for the the situation. The condition of the high office of Governor, the two leadcampaign in its early stage is decidedly rattled, and something desperate must be done. The obvious disaffection among Republicans being the chief danger, its threatening aspect suggests to the Boss the expediency of getting out a sham Independent Republican candidate for Governor. If such a "dummy" should be able to catch

> votes it would be better for QUAY than that they should go to the Democrats. The getting out of a Labor ticket would answer a similar purpose with respect to the working people who show a disposition to flock to PATTISON under the lead of POWDERLY. QUAY may be expected to do his utmost to secure a bogus labor candidate upon whom may lodge a part of this vote which is floating toward the Democratic nominee. The Grangers being almost unanimous-

ly against his corporation candidate, he fully understands the advantage it would be to his man if this vote could | the 90's? be drawn to a Granger candidate for Governor.

As tricky a politician as QUAY, playing the desperate game upon which his political life depends, will naturally resort to such tactics and will spare no effort to supply the campaign with a variety of side-shows intended to forcement of the constitutional provi- draw votes that would otherwise go to sions which were intended to shield PATTISON. As his boodle resources public rights and interests against will be unlimited it is to be expected corporate encroachment and usurpathat pecuniary influences will be used tion. The object of his official policy to set up "dummy" candidates for the was the welfare of the many and not decoying of Independent Republicans, the preferment of the few, and there- grangers and labor voters who cannot fore he was found on the side of the be induced to vote for his man. If they people whenever he was required in shall not vote for DELAMATER somehis executive capacity to discriminate thing will be gained, or at least somebetween their rights and the assumpthing saved, by keeping them from tions of incorporated capital. He was voting for the Democratic candidate. emphatically the people's governor, This is the scheme to which there and they will serve their best interests is every assurance that the Republican by recalling him to a station in which Boss is now applying his attention and he may perfect the work he had under- will exert his ingenuity to make it suctaken of bringing into full force every ceed. But it will not work. The peosafe-guard of the constitution designed ple who have made up their minds to for the equal benefit and protection of put an end to personal bossism and rescue the State from disgraceful politi-In nominating the other members of the ticket the convention made a judi- cal servitude, will look upon side-issue candidates this year as puppets incious and fortunate selection. Hon. tended for no other purpose than to CHAUNCEY F. BLACK, who has been named for Lieutenant Governor, is the help QUAY elect his candidate and maintain his political control of the very embodiment of Democratic princi-State.

The Delights of Summer Travel. Quay's Certificate of Character. We have received an extremely inpudent in the certificate of character teresting publication from the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which usu- which QUAY's convention attempted to ally comes to our office at this season give the man who owned it, directed its when a much needed summer vacation action and dictated its expression. It is wished for by even the printer and was something like a gang of offenders ed itin.

his thoughts are inclined toward the against the law appearing before a among the mountains, during the good reputation of their leader. Nothsweltering days of July and August. ing could be better calculated to excite The publication alluded to 1s a good- the contempt and derision of the people sized and handsomely gotten up vol- than that convention's assuming to ume, with abundant illustrations, giv- clear its owner of charges against which ing in full detail the various routes regular legal process. connected with the Pennsylvania sys-The individual who has furnished tem that provide the traveling public the Republicans with their State ticket

with the easiest, most direct and most interesting access to the leading summer retreats where the hot term may be delightfully and profitably spent either along the breezy beach of the punished by a term in the penitentiary. ocean, on the shady declivities of the Alleghanies, or at some popular Springs whose medicinal waters rethe impudent and officious vindication cuperate the jaded system.

This volume details all these pleas ant places, and the Company offers to take you to them at the most reasonable rates of fare and in the most exness, however, not being devoid of ludipeditious and comfortable manner. crous features. But what boots this liberal offer to the busy newspaper man whose unremit-

the brazen action of QUAY's conventing duties in sanctum, composing tion in this matter, speaks of his siroom and job office keep him down to lence under the serious charges brought business even while the mercury in against him, which he maintains alhis thermometer is coquetting with though "invited and defied to sue for libel and taunted in terms as a thief."

that he is

But although the editor is at all times a busy man, and not ordinarily overburdened with the lucre that s so highly prized by sordid characters, he is still a man of generous sentiment, and while he turns the pages of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's Summer Excursion book and looks at the enticing illustrations of the many Republicans of Pennsylvania in their conven. romantic, cool and restful resorts by the sea-side, on the mountain slope, along the murmuring river, or beside the

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Croquet was played by lantern light on West Chester lawn.

-A Masonville hen has laid an egg eve day for 157 consecutive days. -A home for crippled boys is to be erecte

at Hulmerville, Bucks county.

-A hen at Hanover is sitting on a eggs in the top of a willow tree. -The population of the Norristown Insane

Asylum is 2200 exclusive of attendants. -A Hatboro miller will test the question

whether millers are liable to a mercantile tax -The census enumerator for Windsor township, Berks county, was 71 years of age -Two men and their respective daughters vere drowned together at Pittsburg recently. -A Scranton brewery was burglarized and everal kegs of the foaming beverage carried There was something comically im- off.

> -A copperhead snake 21% feet long was recently killed in the parlor of N. P. Body, at Reading.

-A large tree was blown on the roof of Wiliam Kue's residence near Bristol and crush-

-A little girl in Scranton woke up to find summer resorts along the sea-shore or court of justice and swearing to the her sister, with whom she had been sleeping, a corpse.

> -Two girls in male attire have tramped from Kansas City to their former home in Luzerne county.

-The valedictorian of the Scranton High School convinced her hearers that "all men he is afraid to attempt a vindication by | are liars.

-A drowning boy was rescued by a woman on a Sunday-school excursion at Brandywine Springs.

-A hungry horse tied in front of a dry goods and assumes the personal ownership of tore at Norristown, devoured part of a box of their party, is specifically and circumcheap straw hats.

stantially charged with the commission -The proprietor of a merry-go-round in Chester county offers prizes for the most of crimes which would be properly graceful lady rider.

-Nerristown physicians and under-takers While he has nothing but silence to ecently held a conference in view of a sumoffer in rebuttal of such accusations, mer business boom,

-The house of William Allen, near Cold essayed by his henchmen-creatures Spring, was struck by lightning recently and the family all stunned. who draw their political breath by his

-Owen Langston, a railroad watch man at permission-is an insult to the sense Lancaster, receives a daily visit from a sparrow and decency of the people, its offensive- which eats from his hand.

-Seventy-eight applicants for pensions nnder the Dependent Pension bill made affidavits in Reading last week.

-On the Fourth of July ice-water was distributed to Pittsburg's crowds at the city's expense from great tank wagons.

-The Pittsburg public school term was ended with a grand closing-day jubilee in which the school children participated.

-A Berks county census enumerator has oublicly thanked the people of his district for Enlarging upon this extraordinary the uniform courtesy he experienced.

> -While attempting to board a train on Friday at York, C. W. Wilson, a prominent insurance agent, fell and had a foot cut off.

-Editor Church, of the Newtown Enterprise, is trying to drive the equestriennes from the town. He says they are reckless riders.

-In its last issue the Allentown Democrat instantly and silenced it forever, but at an unprinted the Declaration of Independence from speakable cost of private feeling. But Mr. type that had been standing forty years. Quay preserves an unbroken silence, and the

-R. H. Baily, of New Castle, has a botanical tion, with entire unanimity and without debate. curiosity in the shape of a full blown rose out declare their lasting gratitude, respect, and of the centre of which a bud is springing. confidence for him as a citizen and a public -The United States recruiting station in

"Dummy" Candidates. After his easy nomination of DELA-MATER the Pennsylvania Boss finds himself confronted by difficulties which he scarcely expected to encounter so

did its work harmoniously and well. -The American Congress is making It was not a boss-ridden convention, sembled to represent the preferences of independent constituencies in the choice of a ticket for the Demothere to obey the command of a politi-

> ing ones appeared to be so nearly alike in strength that the friends of either of them had reason to expect his nomination until a ballot determined which was the stronger. The result was a fair and honest expression of the choice

acknowledged as such by the ready and enthusiastic concurrence of all the a portion of the disaffected Republican delegates. The ticket thus furnished to the par.

ty by the free and untrammeled action of its representatives enters the campaign under the most favorable auspices. The gentleman who heads it has won the respect, confidence and good will of the people of the State by honorable and useful service and unimpeachable conduct in the office for which he has been again nominated. Mr. PATTISON's record as Governor is

one of the best in the history of our commonwealth. It has no taint of corruption. He held himself entirely above the influence of the money power which under other administrations has been allowed to exert too great a

control over the executive and legislative branches of the State government. He strove to bring the corporations within the restraints of the constitution, doing his best to secure the en-

that the Harrison acceptance of the gift of a Cape May cottage was a more proper act than CLEVELAND'S purchase of Oak View.

-DELAMATER has announced his intention of personally soliciting the sup_ port of every Independent Republican reported to be against him. In other words, he intends to make his campaign a protracted coax.

-The Silver Bill, the Force Bill and the Tariff Bill have got ten into a sort of triangular tussle and there is no telling which one will be landed on its back. all classes of citizens. It wouldn't hurt the country any if all of them should be tumbled.

-It is alleged that DON CAMERON, WAYNE MACVEAGH and CRIS MAGEE are cognizant of the facts connected with QUAY's raid on the State treasury. If this is not true, how serviceable they ples and one of the finest specimens of would be to the plaintiff as witnesses in an action for libel. be found anywhere in the country. He

-It is represented that the Farmer's Friend, the state organ of the Patrons of Husbandry, is much pleased with that part of the Republican platform which treats of the equalization of taxes. If this is so, the Farmer's Friend shows a remarkable capacity for being gulled.

-When QUAY was asked the other of Internal Affairs, has gained an honday upon what ground he claimed that orable reputation both as a private citi-DELAMATER would be elected by the zen and as a soldier during the war of largest majority ever given in Pennsylthe rebellion. He comes from a section vania, he replied that he felt it in the of the State where the influence of his air. Such an airy assumption on the good name and honorable record will gain many votes for the ticket. part of the Boss is to be regarded as The Democrats have every reason to mere campaign wind. be satisfied with the work of their State

-Poisoned ice-cream has become an alarming adjunct to the list of summer luxuries. The thrifty young man who could impress his best girl with a proper sense of the danger involved in this fact would find the balance of cash in this campaign. The character of the his pocket greatly increased at the close of the ice-cream season.

-The Standard Oil Company is preparing to run a pipe line through Penn- determined that the one-man power of sylvania to carry its West Virginia oil to New York. It is a note-worthy coincidence that the great monopoly prothat ticket and rescue the State from a jects this line immediately after the gu- corrupt and disgraceful personal domibernatorial nomination of the man who nation. was chiefly instrumental in defeating the Billingsly free pipe line bill.

--"It depends largely upon our Dem- some respects, although it is the cusocratic friends," says a Republican tom to subject her to good natured ridijournal, "whether this is to be a cam- cule. Her latest claim to distinction paign of defamation or one of argu- lies in the fact that she is the only ment." Do our Republican friends think northern state that furnished a Repub that so disreputable a character as MAT lican member of congress with manli-QUAY can attempt to furnish the State ness and patriotism enough to vote with a Governor without such an of- against the force bill by which his fense to public decency being severely party proposes to carry the elections in criticised ? the South.

Labor Law.

was the associate of ex-Governor PAT-Nothwithstanding the delay it has TISON on the successful ticket in 1882, been subjected to, Congressman KERR and will contribute to the influences of this district is determined to push which again will bring victory to the his resolution which calls upon the Democratic banner in Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Treasury to produce Mr. WILLIAM H. BARCLAY, of Allegheall the papers and opinions which were ny county, the nominee for Secretary filed at the Department before the suits were commenced against JAMES CAMP-BELL, W. H. SLICKER, and others, for bringing foreign contract glassworkers to Jeannette in violation of the contract labor law. Mr. KERR is prepared to go ahead and he intends to ask for more than the papers in the case, his resolution being preliminary to a de-

mand for a general investigation. In convention. It has given them nomiaddition to his own inclination in the nees whose reputations contribute largematter he is being prompted by resoluly to the elements of Democratic suctions recently passed by the Window cess that are visible on every hand in Glass Blowers' Association asking that an investigation be set on foot. Mr. ticket tends to unite the party, and a KERR will produce these resolutions, united party, aided by the votes of and in the name of the Association, as thousands of Republicans who have well as of the thousands of miners and laborers in his District, will ask for a a dishonest and unscrupulous Boss favorable report of his resolution, and must be brought to an end, can elect

pointment of an investigating committee. Mr. KERR indignantly denies the -New Jersey is a great State in Jeanette his constituents have taken

be remedied.

whom these summer pleasures are disposition prompts him to rejoice that there are thousands so situated as to be able to indulge in the pleasures of through the instrumentality of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. government. -----The platform adopted at Scran-

ton is a clear-cut declaration of honest intentions and enunciation of Demowhat it says. On the other hand the cent man would refute in a court of Quay platform is a tissue of evasive and delusive verbiage which has no old Jeffersonian Democracy that can Congressman Kerr and the Contract fill its promises. In fact it is so word ed that it is difficult to' tell what its

> promises are. His Increasing Popularity.

Wherever Democrats have met in convention within the past year they have not failed to endorse the administration of President CLEVELAND, and such him the money, and it was restored to the State endorsement has invariably met with the enthusiastic response of those in attendance. The mention of CLEVE-LAND's name has been good for a round of cheers in every instance. This has been the case whether the occasion was the meeting of a reform club or the assembling of a State convention. This indicates the abiding confidence and esteem which the Democratic masses and most of the party leaders entertain for the Ex-President.

There is no similar case to be found in recent political history, as ex-Presidents have usually been very defunct political corpses. Who, in any party, will think of cheering or making any imputation that his resolution is in- difference that is seen in Mr. CLEVEtended merely for buncombe and to LAND's case has been caused by the

make political capital. Since the im- conviction, both of his party and of the portation of foreign glassblowers to people generally, that the principles which governed his official action were hold of the matter with much vigor based upon honest intentions, a corand insist that the present alien con- rect policy, and a determination to tract labor law shall be enforced, or make his official action contribute to that, if it is defective, the defects shall the greatest good of the greatest number of the people.

ilvery lake, he may sigh the office in which his dishonesty is alleged. not one of the fortunate mortals to This abject abasement of a convention to a nan under such circumstances is entirely vouchsafed, yet the generosity of his without precedent. It asks and receives no explanation, and does the will of a party leader as passively and ignobly as a Siamese courtier crawls upon his stomach toward his king. The declarations of such a body upon public travel which are made so accessible questions are of no importance whatever, because if Mr. Quay, under existing circumstances, is its type of a public officer to be trusted and applauded, it is indifferent to honest

The New York Independent, the leading politico-religious paper of the country, which usually takes the Republicratic principles. There is nothing can side, has also something to say evasive or deceptive about it. The peo- about QUAY's silent submission to the ple can trust it, for it means exactly | eharges against him which any inno-

Harper's Weekly, commenting upon

case, the Weekly goes on to say :

No honorable public man in our history, no

Washington himself, would have allowed such

charges so made to pass absolutely unnoticed.

When a whisper of suspicion of official malfeas

ance was breathed against Alexander Hamil

ton, then secretary of the treasury, he met i

ficer specifying particularly his su

justice. It says : It is known to everybody in the United States who belongs to the reading public that other object than to deceive the voters. the gravest charges have been publicly made There is no intention whatever to ful- and strongly supported against Senator Quay. These charges involve the commissi crime. It is alleged that when he was State treasurer, on two different occasions, he took large amounts of money from the State treasury aud invested it for his own purposes. On one of these occasions the investment was successful, and the money was returned. On the other occasion the investment was not successful, and certain wealthy men, it is said, were appealed to to help him out of the difficulty. To save a party scandal they advanced

> treasury These are, in substance, the charges, and they are given with such particularity of details, with names, dates, places and circumstances, that if they were not true it would have been an easy matter to expose their falsehood. They have not been specifically denied. Toward them Senator Quay has observed the policy of utter silence. The fact that the alleged crime was committed years ago does not make it less shameful or shocking, nor less indefensible that such a man, unpurged, should continue to be recognized as a party leader.

The fool attempt of QUAY's vassals to whitewash him in his State convention, together with their nominating his

man for Governor, makes the offenses which he himself does not deny a prominent issue in the campaign. That convention virtually calls upon the people to vindicate a dishonest demonstrations of enthusiasm over the and corrupt leader who is inculalso of another one asking for the ap- small character who now occupies the pated by his own silence. The Presidency after he shall have retired election of DELAMATER would be such from the great office which he had a vindication. Are the honest and debeen so incapable of filling? But the cent people of Pennsylvania prepared to give the treasury-raiding Boss a certificate of good character?

> -----\$300.000 is a large sum, and the Standard Oil Company was very liberal in contributing it to M. S. QUAY'S campaign fund, but the Boss will find it too small an amount of boodle to be his candidate for Governor.

Reading has been closed, but three accepts ble recruits having been obtained in a month.

-William Kuhl, a Reading expressman, went to sleep in a cemetery, and upon awaking found two snakes basking in the sun besid

-The Bucks county lawyers are going to have on old-frshioned picnic soon, to which every member of the Bar in the county will be invited.

-A monument is to be erected over the remains of an old Continental soldier, which were dug up from the farm of Eli Harvey, near Chadd's Ford.

-The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Teacher's Association will be held at Mauch Chunk on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of July.

-The 105 tobacco factories in the first reve nue district, comprising parts of Bucks. Chester and Montgomery counties, manufactured 13,697,540 cigars.

-Governor Beaver daily receives letters from a crank who thinks he owns the earth and who wants to collect the rent due from the State of Pennsylvania.

-The eccentric "Dr." Teagle, of West Chester, has a stepping-stone in front of his nouse inscribed : "Herb physician, Born March 7, 1813, Dr. Teagle."

-On the property of Jesse Taylor, at West Goshen, Chester county, a five pound cannon ball has been dug up that is thought to have been buried there during the revolution

-The Lancaster revenue aistrict manufactured during the past year, 515,871,000 cigars, which a local paper claims is one-eighth of all the cigars manufactured in the United

-Charles McCartney, who claimed Philadelphia as his home, employed on the farm of Jacob Rex. near Amblet, Montgomery county, committed suicide on Wednesday by taking a dose of strychnine.

-The discovery has been made that many properties in Reading have not been assessed for years, and have consequently not been taxed. These discrepancies will be rectified by the new Board of Assessors.

-The cannon which exploded at Kutztown. Berks county, on Friday, while a salute was being fired, did considerable damage to the residence of Charles Liby and the wagon shed of Peter F. Mentzel.

-David Neuser's barn near Llewellyn was struck by lightning on Friday night and destroyed, together with three head of cattle twenty tons of hay, and all the farming implements. The loss is about \$2000.

-The stone barn of David Heinly, near Kempton, Pa., was struck by lightning on Wednesday night and completely destroyed. A wagon-shed and ice-house were also burned. The loss is \$2500, partly insured.

-Patrick Welsh, a young man, was arrested in Reading, on the charge of stealing the watch of Engineer Lewis Heller who was killed in the recent wreck at Tuckerton, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

-The large barn of Michael Boylan, near Wilkesbarre, together with all the contents, including three head of horses, was deof any effect in stemming the tide of stroyed by fire Monday. A frame dwelling popular disfavor that has set against adjoining, occupied by a Hungarian, was also burned to the ground. Loss \$5000.