

Democratic Watchman

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Ink Slings.

On Tuesday March came roaring in
Like a lion off its pegs;
But out will go—like Mary's lamb,
With tail between its legs.

—Umbrellas and your spare change
will find no trouble in keeping Lent.

—It's a trifle old, but we can't resist
the temptation. MAHER couldn't FRIZ-
SIMMONS.

—What a fearful dose of reciprocity
young Mrs. BLAINE gave her illustrious
pap-in-law—that was.

—HILL'S convention is a thing of the past,
but the rural districts of Pennsylvania are beginning to be heard from.

—Embracing opportunities, especially
when it comes in the form of a pretty
maiden with a snug inheritance, is not
such a bad job after all.

—If the hordes of immigrants still
continue to flock to our shores they
will have our poor old eagle squeezed
clear off his perch of arrows and the
olive branch.

—Sir JULIAN PAUNCEFOOTE, the British
minister and JAS. G. BLAINE, have
patched up the Behring sea trouble for
an arbitration committee. Some one
will be skinned.

—REED at last has some consolation.
The Supreme court has sustained his
arbitrary counting of a quorum. Mr.
CRISP will never take advantage of the
precedent however.

—New York papers should adopt
Volapuk. Then the denizens of the
conglomerate American metropolis could
all read the news of their own city with-
out the need of interpreters.

—Some writers, they say, wield facile
pens; but simply portray the state of
their livers. We're different, you
know; for when troubled that way,
we simply resort to our scissors.

—JAY GOULD has bought \$10,000
worth of the road to glory stock, and if
his health don't improve he intends se-
curing a controlling interest and will
then run his own train right up.

—To the romantic young woman
whose ambition it is to have exalted lov-
ers, we would suggest the placing of a
tack in the seat of the parlor chairs.
'Twill not take long to make him rose.

—BLAINE's diplomatic career has
come to an inglorious end. When
blarneying nations Jingoism worked all
well and good, but when it came to a
hapless female 'twas quite a different
thing.

—HARRISON will doubtless be a
staunch supporter of the six year presi-
dential term bill, but it will all be work
for another fellow. Help it along BEN-
NY for we want as long a pull as possi-
ble when we get in.

—One year ago the Emperor of Ger-
many couldn't even raise enough hair
on his face for an imposing beard, but he
has succeeded in raising the devil with
his subjects since the hopes of a hirsute
appendage were blighted.

—It was indeed no wonder poor MAH-
ER was so badly whipped, on Wednes-
day night. The fact that he actually re-
tired up a battle and a sponge, into the
bargain, is evidence enough that his
trainer did not allow him a proper diet.

—TALMAGE's Brooklyn Tabernacle is
to be taken from him by the unpaid
contractor and it is highly probable that
the lanky divine will have to "put up"
some of his cargo of reliques which he
brought from the holy land three years
ago.

—Fossil pumpkin seeds 2000 years old
have been found in a mound out in Illi-
nois. What a great boon it would have
been to biographers of the HARRISON
family if they had only been found in
Indiana. There would have been no
trouble in tracing its origin then.

—The alpha and the omega of the
third party is its platform, but the
planks are not thick enough to bear the
weight of all the fanatics who will want
to crawl onto it. There will be lots of
room underneath, however, without
much danger of any light being hid un-
der a bushel.

—The Art committee of the World's
Fair commission might find it ad-
vantagous to gather up the wall flowers
found nightly at the social gatherings
throughout the land, and use them for
decorative purposes. Perhaps none of
them would object to being pressed into
service—with the accent on the pressed.

—The Senate has decided that it
would be altogether proper for our
government to return the Mexican flags
captured during the war with that coun-
try. What justification they can find
in giving up the honorable trophies of
war we cannot see. Perhaps they
would like to give Texas back to the
"greasers" too.

—DRAXFORTH, the government
rain-making superintendent, has recom-
mended a continuation of his experi-
ments in order that his report can be
made more conclusive as to the substi-
tution of his claims. A few anarchists,
and their lots of them out of work
now, might give him valuable assistance
in making and exploding his bombs.

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Dont Overlook Us.

The politicians and president mak-
ers, who for months back have been
speculating on the chances of carrying
certain states, and considering the
strength or weakness of the different
candidates, named as probable nomi-
nees, seem to overlook many conti-
gencies that may arise during the cam-
paign and many opportunities that
stand waiting for Democratic accept-
ance.

The New York *World* last week con-
tained an article on each of the States
of Iowa and Illinois, and after show-
ing an encouraging outlook for each of
these going Democratic, asked "What
is the matter with Iowa?" "What
is the matter with Illinois?"

We know that if any one would pre-
dict that PENNSYLVANIA, under certain
conditions, might be classed as doubtful
in the coming presidential contest,
he would be laughed at by outsiders as
a political fool. But outsiders some-
times do not understand just what they
are talking about, and often base their
opinions more upon public impression
than substantial facts.

Pennsylvania of course is a republi-
can state, and under ordinary circum-
stances, in a presidential fight, can be
counted on for a Republican majority,
ranging anywhere from 25,000 to 75,
000.

But "ordinary circumstances" will
not be met with in the coming cam-
paign, and the results heretofore re-
corded were give away majorities—
conceded before the campaign opened
and allowed the Republicans without
an effort to overcome them, simply be-
cause such an effort was considered
hopeless, and Pennsylvania influence
and Pennsylvania funds were demand-
ed and used to carry other States, that
showed better prospects of success at
the opening of the contest.

Pennsylvania is in a different condi-
tion to-day, and should not be counted
out of the struggle in 1892. It is not a
certain Republican State, under exist-
ing conditions. Elements, that have
been at work for years, have produced
results that make it ground for a hope-
ful contest.

In no other State in the Union is the
Republican party so broken and dis-
rupted by boss rule.

In no State has the Republican
nominee—who will be BENJAMIN HAR-
RISON—so few earnest friends or active
admirers.

In no State has the Republican tariff
been so bitterly disappointing in its ef-
fects, and no where in the entire country
has its evil influences been so di-
astrous to the welfare of the farmers
and the workingmen, who expected to
profit by it.

These three causes alone : the QUAY
prosperous iron towns within the State,
the same blight that has struck Belle-
fonte business, seems to prevail. The
Intelligencer, referring to the condition
of trade, says "our streets are filled
with idle men, the mills are working
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tors for outdoor relief and store keep-
ers stand listless behind their counters
waiting for customers." And as it is
there and here, so is it in every other
town, where labor seeks employment,
or the populace depends upon manu-
facturers for the wages that furnish
bread.

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portunities and possibilities, than the
starving Russian peasantry is?

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tariff, such as the MCKINLEY bill gives
us, is a blessing and insures prosperity.

Nothing Like Tariff Pictures.

From the Lebanon Report.
By the way, Germany is a strongly
"protected" country, not only a military
but in a commercial sense. The people
ought to be contented. Surely a stand-
ing army and a high tariff ought to
make a country very peaceful and heavy-

of its every act, effort or purpose, it has
at the time demanded and received the
lion's share of whatever of glory, power
or profit there was in it.

So far as claims are concerned it has
none. It has been paid in full by every
one,—individual or interest—for all
that it has done, and whatever account
it may have against itself, is a matter
in which the public has no concern.

It should settle with itself at once, and
retire from business.

How Desperately They Clutch at the Last Vestige of Hope.

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is still in desperate straits over the tin
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The infant tin manufacturers of
America have utterly failed in their
attempts to bring an American product
into the home markets in competition
with the foreign manufactures even
though fostered by an iniquitous tariff.

At a recent meeting of the canned
goods packers, of this country, held in
Chicago, Mr. STANFORD, manager of the
American Tin Plate Co., at Elwood,
Indiana, made the following remarks:

"I may state that until recently I
was one of the tin plate monopoly of
South Wales, where I spent about
twenty years in that particular trade."

"I came to this country about four
months ago with a view of ranking
with the pioneers of the American tin
plate industry. The more I see the
more I learn of the country the more
I like it, and also the more I am con-
vinced that America is going to manu-
facture her own tin plates, and at a
very near future, and at a lower cost
than they have ever been made."

He did not attempt however to ex-
plain why the price of tin has taken
such a wonderful jump within the past
few weeks neither did he tell his audi-
tors why he left his monopolistic con-
freres in Wales and came to be an
American manufacturer, "one of
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A Blighted Prosperity.

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Nothing Due It.

One of the Republican organs of
Tioga county, we do not remember
which one, has an article in last week's
issue under the heading : "what the
Republican party owes itself." We
read no further than the caption, and
do not know what particular claim
that organization sets up against itself.

The Republican party may be
indebted to the Republican party, to
any extent it sees proper to cook up
and acknowledge claims, but certainly
no one else is. No government, no
state, no principle, no interest, no peo-
ple anywhere in this broad land owes
it a farthing or a good wish.

Under every circumstance in which
it has been placed it has promptly
drawn its pay in advance for all that it
has done. It has at no time let anything
stand to its credit.

When it worked for a president and
could not elect it stole the office.

When offices were its reward, and it had
the power, it took all there was of
them and made as many more as pos-
sible. When money was the object
for which its efforts were put forth, it
cleaned out the treasury of the billions
of dollars it contained, and increased
the tariff taxes on the people, that it
might have more. When power was
what it was after, it was willing to rob
the people through the indefensible
operations of an infamous election bill.

When it assisted thieves it demanded
its full share of the booty. When it aided
corporate monopolies it was

prompt to see that it received its por-
tion of their profits. When it built up
its private interests, it bled them freely
for election expenses.

And so on through the entire history

Spaws from the Keystone.

—Shanesville has a scarlet fever scourge.

—Berks county clover is frozen to death in
the main.

—Constable Augustus Libber was arrested
for bigamy at Reading.

—State fire insurers have been fixing up a
new form of policy at Reading.

—St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown,
raised \$200 for Russian relief.

—Visiting Elks had a banquet and a gay old
time at Bethlehem Monday night.

—Tramps held up Dr. Werwick at Shamokin
but he fought his way to liberty.

—A fall of rock killed Patrick Duffy, a
Lake Fidler miner, near Shamokin.

—The New York Match Company, of York,
has sold its \$50,000 plant for \$200,000.

—Williamsport's Lumber Exchange will
protest against a reduced tariff on lumber.

—The Mahanoy Valley Ministerial Associa-
tion (Methodist) was at Pottsville Monday.

—Car bumpers crushed the life out of Brake-
man John Shower near Lancaster Junction.

—Mrs. Elmer J. Werley, of Weisenburg
township, Lehigh county, has triplets—all
girls.

—Four hundred miners went to work again
at the Glendon Colliery, Mahanoy City, Tues-
day.

—The McDonald oil field has dwindled
from a production of 30,000 barrels per day to
26,000.

—Tramps and burglars are making life
miserable for the people of Middlebury and
vicinity.

—John Jarret, consul at Birmingham, Eng.
has resigned his \$4000 berth and will return to
Pittsburg.

—Burges D. B. Williams, of Nanticoke
wants \$500 from Thomas Gaffey for calling him
a "boodler."

—State Bank Superintendent Krumbhaar
wants the bank reports to be made out up to
February 29.

—Returning from a friend's wedding, Paul
Dense, of Mt. Carmel was decapitated by a
locomotive.