Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings. Convention day "has come and went" And there never was a minute, In all the fuss for harmony,

That Jimmy Kerr was in it. --- TRILBY foot-wear will soon be in style for small boys.

-As oil goes up the Baltimore man, who says he can make two-cent gas, grows apace as a coming benefactor of humanity.

-Though the whiskey trust has gone to smash there is nothing to indicate that the spirits will go down any further than they have always done.

-The speculator who hangs on to the oil margins too long will find how nicely the Standard company has greased the slide when the stock begins to turn.

-China and Japan have signed a treaty of peace the most important fea-Chinese possessions that the Japs appropriate to themselves.

-From the turn things took at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, it looks very much as if the much talked of disaffection in the Democratic party in the State is confined to Mr. KERR alone.

-JOE SIBLEY was in Denver, Col. on Tuesday night and made a free silver speech, as a matter of course. JOE is a dandy, but CAMERON will never let him steal the silver people in any such a contest.

-CLEVELAND'S sound money letter to his Chicago friends is a sound letter indeed. The President showed his wisdom in not having said anything that his Chicago readers would not fully grip the greatly denounced and much coincide in.

--The proposed legislation to eliminate the cause for the use of the "S. R. O." sign in theatres will deprive managers of nearly as big a channel of advertising as the annual story of stolen diamonds amounts to.

--- The Cuban revoluti onists have suffered their death blow and Spanish tyranny will continue to grind, under its oppressive heel, every blossom of liberty that the fair islands shoot forth, unless some stronger people unite to help them throw off the yoke.

-The bill to pension judges has been passed finally in the Legislature and now Republican partisans will have the pleasure of explaining what kind of public good is served by creating a civil pension list at the expense of state hospitals and public schools.



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Cowardice or Hypocrisy-Which? Evidently we have reached a state of affairs that shows the hypocrisy that has been rampant for the past year, or else a large number of people an neglecting their duties and allowing their patriotic (?) impulses to die within them, while the country, according to their teachings, is going to the "divil" at a pace that should make a race ture of which is the enormous piece of horse blush or put an express train to shame.

> When we come to consider that it is now almost three weeks since the salary of superintendent of public grounds at Harrisburg was increased, the emoluments enlarged, and the appointment given to a catholic-a Roman catholic by a Republican Governor; and then remember that not a word of disapproval has appeared in any of the patriotic (?)-flag-flaunting eagle screaming-catholic defying-Republican newspapers that have been howling themselves hoarse over the appointment of an occasional catholic post-master, by a Democratic President, we are led to wonder what kind of a office, and induce the practice of still despised pope has upon these papers. sfter all, that t they are so silent over this last evidence of his power (?) ship without additional incentives. and success (?)

Surely there is something wrong some where, or something very rotten about the professions of some people, when a Republican Governor can give to a catholic, like JOHN C. DELANEY, one of the fattest offices in the State, and one promising a richer harvest from thefts than any at his disposal, and not a word of denunciation is heard from either the orders or the newspapers that have undertaken to ostracise all who believe in the catholic faith, and to down the Democracy because it would not join in a church crusade against them.

What is the matter? Is it rottenness on the part of these secret orders, back

ingman would be glad to retire on such poverty. But if a judge retired in an impecunious condition it is largely his own fault. If he had continued his practice, instead of drawing a liberal annual salary as an incumbent of the bench, is it likely that he would have been any richer? There may be exceptions, but this question will apply to the average of retiring judges. But the fear of such supposed pover-

ty does not deter the lawyers from scrambling for the judicial office.

They are so little afraid of coming off the bench impoverished that it has become the custom to resort to pot-house political methods to get onto it. It is considered a desirable prize without the attachment of a pension after the expiration of the official term. If in addition to the present desirableness of the judgeship it were provided by law that judges upon leaving the bench were to be pensioners for the balance of their lives, after having for years been handsomely salaried, it would only increase the scramble for the more reprehensible means to obtain it. There is already demoralization enough in the contentions for the judge-

Deficiency of State Revenue.

From the way the present Legislaure is increasing the state expenses it might be supposed that there was an abundance of revenue to draw from. and that the resources of the state treasury were inexh austible. Even if this were true it would be no excuse for making new offices that are not needed, increasing the pay of officials who are already sufficiently compensated, and resorting to other extravagant means of wasting the money drawn from the tax-payers for the support of the state government.

But instead of there being an abundof the anti-catholic movement? Is it ance of revenue to support this ex-

When the State Legislature convened at the beginning of the year it was given out that it was going to have a very short session. The flattering announcement, was made that after nec. essary legislation had been attended to, which some said could be done at least by the first of March, there would

The Promised Short Session.

be a final adjournment and the lawmakers would go home to receive the plaudits of their constituents.

Those who knew what kind of material the majority of this Legislature was composed of placed no confidence in the promise of a short session. They had reason to expect that much time would be devoted to the enactment of partisan measures. They couldn't doubt but that the demand for more offices and larger salaries would employ so much of the attention of such law-makers as to prolong their stay at Harrisburg.

Instead of the promised early adjournment the middle of April finds them still in session, with nothing to show for the substantial interest of the people, but a great deal done that will prove to be a public detriment. The expense of running the State government has been increased by enlarging the official service. New offices and bigger pay have been conceded to greedy place hunters. Time has been consumed in attending to the demands

of oath-bound fanatice clamoring for sectarian legislation and the persecution of foreign born citizens. Corpora tions like the Standard oil company had to have their interests attended to, occupying the time and attention that should have been given to legislation asked for by the wage-earners. The local claim of Philadelphia, to an appropriation of State funds for the improvement of her harbor, is given prominence as a legislative measure that must be considered. New courts and more judges are urged as necessary additions to the judicial machinery. but, by reason of improved machinery. travagance, there is an alarming indi- Provision for party hirelings of the cation of a deficiency in consequence DELANEY order requires attention that of the steadily decreasing financial helps to consume the session, and product of the Boyer revenue law. much time and figuring are necessary priety of the appointment of DELANEY? That measure is found to be insuffi- in making up apportionment bills that From the Clearfield Public Spirit. cient to meet the increased state ex. will defeat, as far as possible, the obpenses, and to remedy this deficiency a ject of fair and equal representation, new tax bill has been prepared by the and convert the judiciary into a politi-This is the kind of business that has prevented the promise of a short session The situation that is thus presented from being realized. In all probabilis largely increased state expenses ity the month of June will find the the friends of the Common Schoole We, hearken in vain for your denun. which are to be provided for with a Legislature still at Harrisburg with no ciation of the power of the pope since greatly decreased revenue. In this revenue bill passed to supply the defidilemma one of two things is proposed- ciency in the Treasury caused by ex-

Death of R. Bruce Petriken.

From the Altoona Times. Major R. Bruce Petriken, of Huntngdon, died in Philadelyhia, on Sunlay night, from an affection of the throat, which had developed into cancer. He had been under treatment for months and his death was expected.

R. Bruce Petriken was one of the most prominent lawyers in this section of the state and had a distinguished career. He was born in Muncy, Pa., on the 12th of September, 1826, and was, therefore, in his 69th year when he responded to the call of death. He received a collegiate education at Lafayette college, and his early train, ing, supplemented by later studiesearned him the deserved reputation of being a fine scholar.

In his youth he removed to the town of Huntingdon, and in the year 1847 he began the study of law in the office of Andrew P. Wilson, of that place, Mr. Petriken was admitted to the bar in 1849 and almost immediately attained a lucrative practice as an at torney.

At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted as a private and was elevated to the rank ef major. He served with distinction and at the close of hostiliities resumed the prace of the law.

Elected to the state senate in 1870. Mr. Petriken held the office for three years with much credit to himself and with benefit to his constituency. He was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Betriken was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Masonic fraternity and the Grand Army of the Republic. His remains will be interred n Huntingdon this afternoon.

Me, Oh My, How Democratic Legislation Helps Things.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. English shoe manufacturers are bowing considerable alarm over the importations of American shoes. A correspondent of the London Times, writing from Leicester, quotes a manufacturer at that place as saying that three-fourths of the leather used in the Leicester trade is of American tanning, and that a certain cheap shoe imported from America would cost in making in Leicester about one shilling per pair, -Coal miners of Western Pennsylvania whereas it cost in America but eight pence. The United States not only has the home market for its shoe trade, skilled labor and free hides, it is en-Hazleton, being the victim of a murderer. abled to enter into competition abroad. -A hundred metal wheelers at Car. Sacrificing Education to Political Heelers. wages.

Spawls from the Keystone,

-Pittsburg will have a 15-story office building for lawyers. -Anthracite collieries will be operated

only three days this week. -A fall of coal in a Mahanoy colliery

crushed lifeless Andrew Dwyer. -A break in a main produced a serious water famine Tuesday at Pittsburg.

-Little Madge Shrader was fatally injured at Washington by a locomotive. -Dr. W. F. Marks tumbled 15 feet down

a well at Reading and was badly hurt. -Ex-County Treasurer Adam Dundore

is dangerously ill at his Reading home. -Scranton horseshoers have combined

to force poor paying customers to settle. -Jail-breaker Peter Mattern, at Greensburg, has been sent to prison for eight years.

-John Fenstermacher, a farmer in Warwick, Lancaster County hanged himself to a tree.

-Daniel Drawbaugh will build a tele. phone factory at Meyerstown to employ 50 hands.

-Many Southern negroes have arrived in the Sharon district to work in the soft coal mines.

-An incipient boycott of Hamburg post office has been nipped in the bud by postal authorities.

-Josephine Rosette, of Shamokin, is in jail charged with the murder of her infant daughter.

-There are 69 persons in the Ebensburg jail and 150 persons in the Cambria coun ty Poorhouse.

-After an idleness of three months the large Honeybrook mine, in Luzerne County, resumed

-Wilkesbarre's Board of Trade will be re-organized to make a vigorous effort to ecure new industries.

-Thomas Berry, of Paterson, N. J., was aught between cars at Harrisburg and died from his injuries.

-Assemblyman M. B. Lemon, of Allegheny County, is reported to be dying in a New York city hotel.

Governor Hastings' commissioners are up in Luzeine County to survey the proposed new Grow County.

-The trial of E. K. Smith, the ex-banker of Columbia, for alleged embezzlement, has again been postponed.

-The international convention of the Young Women's Christian Association meets at Pittsburg April 18.

-Many Slavs, who have been employed in York County, are going to Alabama and other Southern States.

-One of the nest of boilers at Corbin Colliery, Shamckin, blew up Monday wrecking the boiler house.

-It is believed that the murdered man found last week at Dickson City was Michael Yancy, of Shamokin.

-Western Pennsylvania soft coal min ers declare that company stores are the greatest evil that afflicts them.

-While on the way to visit his old home at Hecla, Schuvlkill County, Stephen Greenwald dropped dead in the road.

will hold a convention at Philipsburg to-day to discuss the wage question. -With a bullet hole in his head, the

v of Vante Marchetti was fou

ERT E. WRIGHT to the chairmanship of the Democracy of Pennsylvania is evidence supreme that the disaffection in the party ranks out of which disorganizers tried to make so much trouble existed only in their minds.

-Country school districts that laid down on the State, when the \$5,000,000 appropriation was made to the public schools, will have to get up and pay a little tax after the Harrisburg salary grabbers have knocked off \$2,000,000 to make ends meet during their extravagant legislation.

-"What are we here for" FLANA-GAN, ex-collector of the port of Chicago, has been arrested at El Paso, Texas, on a charge of having helped to smuggle twenty thousand sheep over the line from Mexico. If Mr. FLANAGAN and his pals get what they deserve for such an offense there will be no need of his asking any of them his favorite question, "what are we here for ?"

-JIMMY ELVERSON, the youthful manager of the Philadelphia Inquirer, has at last been married to "Princess Bonnie," ELEANOR MAYO, and now that paper can hope for a little more of his attention than he found time to give it when Miss MAYO was on the road in comic opera. Notwithstanding he made one of himself in getting her he determined to play "Guy" for her off the stage and he has succeeded.

-About the most unfortunate part of the shortage of state funds, brought about by the reckless salary grabbers at Harrisburg, is the fact that so many needed appropriations will have to be cut down or refused altogether. It is a disgrace indeed that such institutions as The Pennsylvania State College and the Cottage Hospital, at Philipsburg, should be in danger of suffering from want of the funds that have been turned from these useful beneficiaries to make fat salaries for the heelers who are now getting their pay for last fall's work.

-The patriotic (?) Senator from this district, who wanted to see a flag, made ican grown farmers, floating over every school house in the State, has continued his patriotic (?) work by supporting further legislation for the schools. He wants the school book trust to control things, so that small publishers will be out stripped by the monopoly. Had Mr. McQuown exerted himself against such a squandering of public funds as will cut the school fund short at least \$2,000,000 he would have been thought life. This is but an ap more of by his constituency.

cowardice on the part of the organs of these orders, or is it the political hypocrisy of both that seals their lips and paralyzes their pens, as to the pro-Patriotic sons ! Prostituted press!

Political demagogues !

warn us of the danger to the "American flag," or of the disgrace to the "American eagle" in consequence of the selection of this catholic.

the appointment of DELANEY ! Why, O why, this silence?

Are We To Have a Civil Pepsion List?

The evident disapproval of the pensioning of retired judges, which has generally manifested itself among the people, should have had the effect of causing its supporters in the Legislature to abandon such a scheme; but the project of imposing an additional and unnecessary expense upon the State by creating a class of pensioners to be composed of retired office-holders, is in keeping with the other attempts of the Republican Legislators to increase the burden of the tax-payers. In this endeavor they propose to imitate the English example of establishing a civil pension list by which a lican Legislature of this State might, in class of super-annuated officials are sup-

ported at the public expense. For the initiation of this abuse of the pensioning power the judges have been selected, but there is no justification for it when it is considered that their pay is sufficiently liberal, it be ing in most cases more than they could make in the practice of the law. Such a provision for retired judges would be an entering wedge for the claim of other officials, who had spent a portion of their lives in holding office and in consideration of such public ser-

vice should be a charge on the State for the balance of their lives. This is out of the American grown wool of Amer- the theory of the English civil pension system which our lawmakers propose to introduce by beginning with the more than \$47,000,000, as compared judiciary. A start is all that is necessary to establish such an abuse.

The arguments in support of the pensioning of judges are of a specious character. It is said that alter a judge Governor and Legislature in robbing has spent the best years of his life in her taxpayers. They should follow the service of justice it is n * right to the Democratic example of economy. send him back a poor map private F Jalse sympathy. Manya fara a yrek.

We listen, but no voice is raised to ways and means committee ; but it cal machine. will be impossible to pass a revenue measure at this session.

> either to call an extra session of the travagant Republican legislation. Legislature to pass a revenue bill that will raise enough money to meet these lavish expenditures, or to increase the State debt by issuing bonds for the same purpose. Another suggestion is to decrease, to the amount of a million dollars, the appropriation for the public schools. The cause of education would thus be made to suffer in consequence of the extravagant measures of this Republican Legislature. Such an expedient would be a disgrace to the State and a shameful example of the effects of profligate government.

An Example That Should Be Imitated. Governor HASTINGS and the Repub. one particular at least, have taken example from President CLEVELAND and the last Democratic Congress. If they had done so, the people of Pennsylvania would have been greatly benefited.

The Governor and his Legislature are enlarging the number of public officers and increasing their salaries, while President CLEVELAND and his cabinet have reduced the civil service expense by cutting off the offices at Washington by the hundreds. The Legislature is piling up the state ex. penses to such an extent that new sources of revenue will be necessary to pay them, while the Fifty-third Con. gress cut down government expenses with the appropriations of the last Re-

publican Congress. It is true that Pennsylvania is a rich

State, but that does not justify the

-Do you read the WATCHMAN.

duced.

Reflux of the Tidal Wave.

It was too much to expect that the political tidal wave of last year would suddenly subside, but elections recently held in some of the States show that a turn in the tide has at least commenced. This is particularly notice. cities the Democrats made large gains, carrying localities which last year were swept by the Republican cyclone. This is significant in a State like Ohio, which is peculiarly susceptible to political reactions. A change in

Ohio is a pretty sure indication of a turn in the tide. The aggregate result of this spring's elections in that State indicates a subsidence of the "calamity" influence, and is anything but encouraging to McKINLEY's presidential aspirations. It indicates a return to a common sense view as to the causes of the business depression, and a conviction in the public mind that it was not attributable to the reductions

that have been made in the tariff. When once the people fall into this right way of thinking, as they appear to be doing in Ohio, the change of sentiment will be strongly in favor of the Democrats. We shall see more of it at next fall's election, and growing stronger with the general restoration of industrial activity and prosperity, it will be overwhelmingly in evidence at

he next presidential election. -The verdict against the Philadelphia Times of \$45,000 in the libel suit brought by ex-mayor WILLIAM B. SMITH, will hardly scare the veteran editor of the Times from his commendable crusade for political reform in

Philadelphia. Col. McCLURE has been on the side of right and knows that justice, and not himself, has been tra

The attempt of Gov. Hasting and his

hungry office-holders to take \$2,000,. 000 off the appropriation from the Public Schools of the State and apply it to paying the salaries of a lot of new officers, whom ex-Governor Pattison and his cabinet got along well without either the added clerks or expense, seems and indeed is a blow very little expected by which are looked upon as the bulwark of our free institutions, and the boon of the poor man's child. The professions of candidates during a campaign too often count for nothing after the election is over and the glib politician is secure in his seat at Harrisburg.

High Tariffs Do Not Keep [Away Calamity.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. Canadian revenues seem to have fallen off worse than our own this year. Canada has no Democratie Congress and nobody has been tinkering with her able in Ohio where in many towns and | tariff, which is strongly protective, but business has been poor over there ,and the treasury faces a deficit. The loss in March was about \$800,000, while for the year ending July 1, the deficit will not be less than \$5,000,000. Last year on April 1, there was a surplus of over \$4,000,000 but the year ended with a deficit of over a million. The financial showing in Canada this year is said to be the worst in her history.

This is Common Sense.

From Cleveland's Chicago Letter. "It is atterly impossible that any one in our broad land, rich or poor, whatever may be his occupation and whether dwelling in a center of finance and commerce or in remote corner of our domain, can be really benefited by a financial scheme not alike beneficial to all our people, or that any one should be excluded from a common and universal interest in the safe character and stable value of the currency of the country."

Everything Propitious.

From the Philadelphia Record. The Easter flowers and the orange blossoms are harmonizing their tints and commingling their scents. Eastertime is marrying time; and with low prices for everything except beef and there has rarely been a better year for folks to marry in.

Only a Nominal Difference.

From the Butler Democratic Herald. Oscar Wilde stands in a fair way to serve a term in prison, for thinking he lived in Sodom instead of London, but then after all the difference in the two places is not so much in fact as in name and in date.

negie's Homestead steel mill struck Monday for an advance of 20 cents a day -M. G. Van Wagner, of Greenville, who was chloroformed and robbed last week.

was struck by an engine on Sunday and killed. -Hon, Charles R. Buckalew is slightly

improved in condition, and the latest news from Bloomsburg is that he may recover.

-Convicted of a serious crime at Waynesburg, Rev. Williams, a Methodist preacher, was sent to the work-house for six months.

-Divers near Montoursville are searching for the body of John Powers, a woodsman, who was drowned by the breaking of a log jam.

-Luzerne County Auditors warn the Commissioners that they will not pass favorably on bills for a contemplated new Court House

-Milk dealers at and near Pittsburg have formed a combine similar to that in Philadelphia, and will buy all the milk the farmers can produce.

-Her clothing, upon which coal oil had been spilled, caught fire, fatally burning the little daughter of Wm. Brennan, at New Castle, Schuylkill County.

-The triennial assessment values the seated lands in Clearfield county at \$7.-341.111, unseated lands at \$2,917,582, coal right at \$1,606,413, with an aggregate value on houses lots of \$6,867,392.

-Rev. Jacob Young, an Evangelical preacher, dropped dead in Williamsport, on Saturday afternoon of heart failure. Rev. Young was on Pine street near the Reading depot when he fell.

-The hardware store of J. P. Degenhardt, C. W. Sickles's grocery, C. H. Krause's barber shop and W. L. Parry's confectionery store at Altoona were destroyed by fire Thursday. The rooms over the stores were occupied by people who lost all their household goods.

-A shocking accident in which a young man named Will Boyd, of Johnstown, occurred Friday afternoon. Young Boyd raised up in front of a gun justas his companion, Victory West, aimed to shoot a duck. The gun was discharged at the very instant, the load taking full effect in Boyd's body. The victim died in fifteen minutes.

-In West Liberty, near DuBois, Mrs. Nick VanDevender and her son Willie, Smith Lobaugh and Clarence Keel, were badly poisoned by eating sweet root which Mrs. VanDevender had pulled out of the garden, and which she thought was burdock. The timely arrival of a lamp oil, and no income tax to speak of, physician and the administering of antidotes, saved their lives.

-The Huntingdon Monitor says the sight of a corpse that has lain under the ground for a long time is anything but a pleasant one. The other day a body that had been buried a long time was removed from one part of Riverview cemetery to another. and during the removal the face was exposed. Besides other chilling spectacles it wasseen that the hair continued to grow and had almost wholly covered the face.