Democratice Watchman

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-Monday ended the reign of the ground-hog, and he wound it up with a good big snow.

-People who are not fools should never act foolish. There are enough fools in the world as it is.

-With Pattison as a candidate for President Pennsylvania could well be listed among the doubtful States. -Kentuckians are thoroughly sick of

Republicanism already. There need be no wondering as to what column the next presidential electors from that State will be in.

-Lycoming county chickens are reading the hand writing on the wall this week. The Methodist conference is in session at Williamsport.

-It is little wonder that the expression: "You're a stinker" has become so much used, for really it best expresses the common opinion of the cigarette smoker.

-The average Republican worker lest he crawl into bed with the wrong justed. presidential people. It is a wise one of them who knows where he is at.

-The story might be true about good old ST. PATRICK driving all the snakes out of Ireland, but we'll bet there were more seen over there on Tuesday than the patron Saint ever drove out of the emerald isle.

-They say that politics makes strange bed-fellows, but we do hope that MARY ELLEN LEASE'S announcement for lieutenant governor of Kansas won't get her into such a compromising predicament with any of her brother Populists out there.

-About the evening of the 15th next month, the first day of the trout eason, there will no doubt be a revival of the opera "Princess Bonnie." At least that part of it in which the song, "the biggest fish I ever caught was the one that got away," figures.

-- Poor old QUAY! there is trouble brewing in his own camp now-a.days and what, with trying to be President and trying to keep his lieutenants from scrapping the "old man" has far more to do than facetiously wink his

left optic at HASTINGS. -The Cubans have sprung another game on the blundering Spanish. Notwithstanding the vigilant efforts of the latter General GARCIA has slipped out of this country and will soon be heading th e rebels on the island. The Spaniards are almost as slow at discovering Cuban tricks as the English are at seeing jokes.

-The Chicago Inter-Ocean has announced that QUAY is dreadfully in earnest in his fight for his party's nomination for President. Though Inter. Ocean is supposed to mean between the seas, that journal had better do better than try to make its readers believe such bosh, else they will advise it to change its name to mean at sea.

-When a fellow gets married in South Carolina that ends it. No license is required, no record of the nuptials is kept, and, best of all, no divorces are granted for any reason whatever. There can be no experimental unions down there. When a fellow or a girl makes a bad job of their selection for a life partner they have no way to shyster out of it.

-The friends of Spain, who have been fighting the plan to bring about a recognition of the Cuban belligerency by the United States, stirred up a mare's nest when they asserted that the revolutionists have neither organization nor men. It has started the statisticians to work with the result that the revolutionists are now said to have 43,000 men, who are in possession of the major portion of the island.

-"Mark Twain," who is really SAM-UEL L. CLEMENS, is reported to be sick in a foreign land. We sincerely hope that his illness will not prove serious and we are thankful it is not in France that he finds himself over-taken by physical collapse. You know it was the people of the latter country that he recently started to thinking so hard by saying that most of them do not know who their fathers are, and the problem must have been so hard to solve that the probability is that they would let him die if he had to depend on them for

-Catch-penny correspondents are sending out all Minds of political stories about the Democracy of Centre county in its relation to presidential possibilities. The latest story is to the effect that the delegates to the State convention next month are to be instructed for WHITNEY. Who will instruct them. we would like/to know? The delegates will not bear instructions because the body that will choose them has no authority to give them and if the delegate8 represent the sentiment of the county they will be for PATTISON, whether he is a candidate or not. Not because of any dielike for Mr. WHITNEY, but because of a laudable pride in and love for our ex-Governor.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Billion Dollar Expenditures.

Republican congressional extravagance may find encouragement in the fact that England has at last a billiondollar Parliament. Notwithstanding the vast extent of the British empire the annual expenditures authorized by Parliament has been greatly less than the appropriations of an American Congress, but this year the Parliamentary estimates reach the unprecedented figure of £100,000,000, which is practically \$500,000,000 of American money. or a billion dollars for the two year's has to keep his eyes open now-a-days term for which our estimates are ad-Republican profligacy should not

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point to this English expenditure as justification for their reckless waste of the revenues of this government, a waste which had its effect in bringing on the financial derangements and business prostration from which the country is gradually recovering under a Democratic administration in spite of the efforts of a Republican Congress to prolong the calamity. The congressional spend thrifts of the g. o. p. should know that when this English Parliament authorizes a billion dollar expenditure it is for the special purpose of almost doubling the strength of the British navy, a measure that will conduce to the protection and be ot eu betantial benefit to the British empire. After his object has been secured the usual moderation will be observed in English government expenditure.

The billion dollar lavishness of a Republican Congress is for quite a dis ferent purpose. It furnishes no permanent benefit to the country. While it was squandering hundreds of millions of dollars the navy was being allowed to go to wreck and ruin and no fortifications were being erected to defend the costs. The money was actually wasted in numberless forms of useless and unnecessary expenditure, chiefly with the object of maintaining the necessity for a system of tariff tax-

When the purpose of a billion dollar expenditure by an English Parliament is compared with that of an American Republican Congress, the difference is easily seen.

The Right Man Will Be Found.

Inflated by their imagined certainty of electing the next President the Republican candidates for that high office can be counted by the score. In addition to such leading aspirants as McKinley, Morton, Reed and Allison, almost every State has its favorite son who is ready to be hit by any chance stroke of presidential lightning, besides a number of dark horses that hope to be trotted out on the home stretch. So thoroughly have they persuaded themselves that the next President is their's that almost every Republican politician has been overtaken by presidential dizzinees.

The Democrats are in a calmer frame of mind on this subject, but while they are keeping very quiet they are likely to be more demonstrative later on. No one need be surprised to see a great change in the situation between now and the meeting of the Democratic national convention. There is no lack of material from which a strong candidate can be seleed whose election will be facilitated by the conduct of the present Republican Congress and the over confident folly of the g. o. p. The selection will be made from a list of such strong and capable men as Secretary CARLISLE, of Kentucky; ex-Gov. WM. E. RUSSELL, of Massachusetts; Postmaster General WILLIAM M. WILSON, of West Virgin. ia; Gov. MATTHEW's, of Indiana; Vice WM. R. MORRISON, of Illinois; ex Gov. CAMPBELL and Attorney General HAR-MON, of Ohio, ex-Gov. DAVID R. FRANCIS, of Missouri and ex Gov. Rob-ERT E. PATTISON, of Pennsylvania. From this array of statesmen can be selected a candidate who at the outcome of the campaign will be found capable of beating any of the scheming and dickering politicians who are trying to over reach each other in the struggle for the Republican nomina-

Democratic prospects are brightening, and the right man will be found to lead the party to victory.

McKinley Buys Up the Lot.

When Tom REED was put in control of the present House of Representatives, by being placed in the speaker's chair, his first impulse and chief object was to use the advantage of his position in such a way as would assist his ambition of being elevated to the presidency. He calculated on making the speaker's chair the horseblock from which he would vault into the presidential saddle, and to this end he has directed all his congressional management. The public have observed how, from the start, he arranged that there should be no legislation that did not have a political purpose, or would interfere with his presidential programme, and particularly that nothing should be done that would relieve the financial stress or improve the business situation, in order that a Democratic administration could derive no credit for an' improvement of

But what REED particularly paid attention to was to carry favor with the southern Republican members, an unusual number of whom, with Populistic tendencies, had been landed in the House by the tidal wave of '94. He was careful to favor them in making up the committees, and was wondrous kind to them in other ways in which a speaker can make himself gracious. In doing this his purpose was to make such a favorable impression as would ensure him the southern delegates to the national convention.

But in working this scheme Thomas overlooked the fact that brother Mc KINLEY had his agents at work operating upon the purchasable material that usually constitutes southern delegations to Republican national conventions, and the speaker now discovers, to his great disappointment, that notwithstanding his dickering with their Congressmen, the southern Republicans have put their delegates in the entire lot. Whether somebody else will bid higher for them when they get to the convention remains to be seen. Brother Morton has a capacious bar'l and there is no telling when he gets it on tap at St. Louis.

Why Was Cuba Omitted?

A query that is now interesting political circles is, what was McKIN-LEY's object in prohibiting anything being eaid in his Ohio platform in favor of the Cuban patriot? It is said that such an expression was desired, but he refused to allow it to go into the document.

It is easily understood why he directed the currency plank to be so constructed that it would mean anything or nothing at all. There was an object in desiring to please all sides on the question of coinage. If the silver men could be made to believe that he favored free silver, votes could thereby be gathered in from that quarter. It the goldbugs of the East could be put under the impression that he was for the gold standard, it would be the means of securing their powerful support. And if those who prefer bimetallism could be impressed with the belief that he was favorable to the double standard, it would make him solid with the bimetallists.

It was this comprehensive design to suit every shade of opinion on the cur. rency. rency question that induced the drafting of a plank whose purpose was to please all, although in the end it would deceive everybody; but what was McKinley's object in excluding Cuba entirely from his platform? Probably he didn't think it worth while to waste | ruin. President, A. E. STEVENSON and Col. a plank on people who had no votes.

Deceptive Declarations. There was never a more striking case of dishonest politics than is displayed in the Ohio Republican platform and designed to serve the political interest of McKINLEY. The plank relating to the currency has no other object than that of deception, having been drawn in a way that renders it susceptible to different and apposite interpretations.

It is, however, in keeping with Mo KINLEY's position on the silver question. The great tariff champion has been straddling that question ever place to have it done.

since the beginning of the silver agitation, and his Ohio platform is purposely worded so that it may appear to be for free silver, for the gold standard, or for a cross between the two, the intention being to satisfy the silver miners

But the day is past when such straddling declarations can succeed in deceiving the popular intelligence. The people have a recollection of the Minneapolis straddle of the coinage question, in 1892, which was interpreted in the Senate, some weeks ago, by three different Republican Senators in three different ways. The subterfuge in the recent Ohio platform is meeting with general condemnation. Many of the Republican newspapers are declaring that on so important a question as that of the currency McKinley can not satisfy the people with such juggling. In the present condition of public sen-

A Political License Law.

harm than good.

timent a straddling platform is calcu-

lated to do a candidate or a party more

The object of the RAINE's bill, which has been passed by the New York state Legislature, is simply a disgrace to the party through whose influence it has become a legislative enactment. It purports to be a bill for the regulation of the liquor traffic, but its real ships was 14 per cent. When the Mc-kinley act was passed, intensifying this object is to regulate that traffic in the interest of the Republican party by converting the liquor sellers into a grand army of Republican party work-

ers. This obnoxious purpose does not appear on the face of the bill, which pletely. provides for the licensing of liquor dealers in a manner similar to the usual provisions of enactments intended to regulate the traffic, but when it takes the licensing function from the courts and confers it upon a commission that will receive its appointment tive counties of Kansas writes . "I market, subject to the offer of the from a political source, it is not diffi. suppose with the present price of grain highest bidder, and that the McKINLEY | cult to see that the object is to put the

In the present political situation in New York State the appointment of the licensing commissions, as provided by the New York law, will be largely are not getting rich. We merely live." New York State the appointment of if not entirely under Republican conwhat he may be able to do with it trol, and with the exertion of such an influence upon the liquor interest From the Chambersburg Spirit. every applicant for a license and every one who may wish to have his license continued, can be made to feel that his interest will be greatly dependent apon his politics. Where liquor dealers are numbered by the tens of thou. sands no political machine more powerful than this could be put in operation.

To perpetuate Republican power in New York State this outrageous bill has been passed.

Reproving Its Own Party.

The Philadelphia Ledger is a Reublican journal that is disposed to be honest, and will reprove the delinquencies of its party when occasion requires such reproof. It is not backward in condemning the pernicious course that has been taken by the present Congress in playing with politics instead of legislating for the public interest. It is particularly severe in condemning the Republicans in the Senate for having entered into a dis. reputable deal with the Populists in order to secure the loaves and fishes of patronage in that body, by which deal they completely blocked all legislation relating to the revenues and the cur-

The Ledger contrasts this conduct with the position of President CLEVE-LAND and his cabinet who have been left unsupported in their efforts to maintain the public credit and prevent the financial situation from drifting to

The President has called upon this good for nothing Congress for legislation that would relieve the country from the effects of previous bad Republican fiscal and currency laws, but has called in vain. It would rather go on playing politics, preferring that things should drift on in an unsettled and depressed condition in order that Republican campaigners may have the advantage of a false issue in charging a Democratic administration with the responsibility for the derangement of the business situation.

-If you want printing of any description the WATCHMAN office is the A Fear of McKinley.

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From the Chicago Tribune. Business men do not believe that the ripping up of the tariff is the most important question of the day. They think the currency question should be settled first. They are convinced that the tide of returning prosperity which set in last year would not have been checked had of the Rocky mountain States without offending the goldbugs of Wall it not been for dispute as to the soundness of the circulating medium. To their minds the first condition of the return of good times is the removal of all doubts on that score. A canvass conducted with the McKinley bill or some measure patterned after it as the sole issue may not appeal to business men. Will it have an inspiring effect on the younger element of the Republican party, which voted against the Mc-Kinley law in 1892? Will not that élement look on the programme as a slap in the face, and invitation to abjure, to recant and to confess that a grievous sin was committed by them four years ago? Will these younger men "take their medicine"—eat their crow and say they like it -when asked to support the father of the bill they

Specimen McKinley Check,

voted against in 1892?

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. "If (the party) stands for a commercial policy that will whiten every sea with the sails of American vessels flying the American flag." This is from the Ohio Republican platform, and is a fair exhibition of McKinley check. In 1860, 66 per cent. of the foreign trade was carried in American vessels flying the American flag; in 1889, after nearly 30 years of this commercial policy which whitens the seas, etc., for percentage of the foreign trade carried in American commercial policy, the percentage fell to 12.5 per cent, in 1891, to 12.3 per cent. in 1892, and to 12.2 per cent. in 1893. It evidently needs only a revival of this policy in its full measure to drive the American flag from the seas com-

And Its Not Much Better Here.

From the Philadelphia Times. Those who think that the western farmer's lot is one of joy unconfined are wofully mistaken. A farmer's wife who lives in one of the most producit will take the whole proceeds of the crop to pay help. I will give you the 181 cents per bushel; oats, 121 cents per bushel; potatoes, 25 cents; butter,

Worse Than "Indelicate."

There is not, usually, much courtesy paid by the managers of one presidential boom to the managers of another boom but the recent effort of McKinley's managers to collect money from Pennsylvania manufacturers to promote Mc-Kinley's candidacy is something away beyond the ordinary. Pennsylvania Republicans have a candidate of their own, and it is altogether indelicate for the Ohio man to try to take the campaign contributions which should be given to Pennsylvania's candidate.

No Protection for Labor.

The foreign goods that compete with the goods of our manufacturers and trusts are heavily taxed at the custom house, but foreign laborers are admitted free of duty.

In what industries is labor worst Where are there the most strikes? Where are Pinkerton detectives employed to shoot down working-men? In the highly protected mining and manufacturing industries.—Ex.

It Will Find Rest In "Teddy" Roos velt's Pockets.

From the Williamsport Sun. The new political party, clept the 'National Reform Party," adjourned yesterday, after adopting a platform that embraces all the issues of all the parties that now exist or have ever existed. The platform is a great deal larger than the party, and the prospects are that the National Reform party will not need a very large grave when the ides of November come around.

Its the Same Whenever Tried.

From the Free Port (Ill-) Bulletin. The civil reformers in Chicago still keep up their admiration for Swift as a reform leader. As long as this is done the people of the State can have no admiration for Chicago reform. A blind man can see that Swift's reform is all pretense, and that he neither reforms anything nor intends to.

A Suggestion Worth Trying.

From the Philadelphia Record. If the Senate should cut down its expenditure for bay rum and substitute safe sedative, it would be surprised at its improved success in shoving war clouds around the horizon.

It Seems to Be a General Malady. From the Du Bois Express.

The office itch is getting as bad in Clearfield as in Indiana and Jefferson spawls from the Keystone

-The Baptists are about to erect church at Patton

-The Presbyterian church at Ebens

-Mrs. Jacob Willet, of Hanover, dropped a lighted lamp and was burned to

-Huge snowdrifts have caused serious blocks on the railroad in the slate regions of Northampton county.

-Thieves broke into the Central theatre Bethlehem, but were put to flight by a band of Indians showing there.

-The gas and oil well that was being drilled along Anderson creek, Clearfield county, has proven a dry hole. The drill went to a depth of 2,250 feet.

-C. M. Osman, representative of the Pennsylvania building and loan associa tion of Altoona, is under bail at Hazleton, charged with embezzling \$400,

-Dr. B. H. Warren, the state Economic Zoologist, finds that the white grub worm has been doing much harm to potatoes German potash is recommended as a

-The Ancient Order of Hibernians, of

Scranton, celebrated St. Patrick's day with a parade and convention. William Dawson was elected president of the county board. -The river has frozen over for the

fourthtime this winter. From a point above Westport to Hyner it is open, but from the latter point to Lock Haven

-Ira Weller, aged 19 years, whose home is in Mifflintown, while walking on the Pennsylvania railroad track near Mexico recently was struck by Atlantic express and instantly killed.

-The Lehigh Valley shops at South Easton have been ordered to shut down two days this week and to work eight hours a day until further orders. Over 500 hands are employed,

-While assisting to remove scrap iron from a car at the Lebanon bolt and nut works, Jocob Eichberger had his skull fractured by the cable breaking and the bar hitting him in the head. -The will of George Schwab, of Potts-

town, gives \$200 to the Emanuel Lutheramaburch and \$100 each to St. Peter's Lutheran mission, of Stowe; St. James Lutheran mission; Pottstown cemetery company and Pottstown hospital. -Voters of Pennsylvania will next No

vember elect 30 congressmen, 25 state senators, 204 assemblymen, besides help elect the president and vice president of the United States. The legislature chosen will elect a United States senator -Mrs. Harry F. Doebler, of Williams-

port, died on Thursday from trichiniasis disease arising from eating diseased pork. The case during the illness of the lady attracted a great deal of attention the diagnosis of the case by the attending physician proved correct. -W. F. Eckbert, proprietor of the Park

house at Curwensville, died Friday evening after suffering from an attack of grip only about a week. His death was very sudden and unexpected, as his case was not considered dangerous until s short time before he died. -The largest walnut tree ever hewn in

Pike county was cut down recently near Milford by Wm. Angle, of Washington, N. government. The first sixteen feet will make 2000 feet of lumber and will furnish enough gunstocks to supply a regiment.

-Some of the people in Spruce Valley, near the home of John M. Wigton, are hunting coal with some degree of possible success. R. C. Clofson is confident that he has found the stuff but does not want it generally known. We hope the energetic Spruce Valley people have struck a

-Minnie Swagner, of Altoona, who put rat poison in the coffee from the effects of which her uncle died and the lives of three other relatives were endangered has plead guilty to murder in the second degree in the Blair county court. She is but 12 years old and will be sent to the

-It is stated that Ebensburg may be considered when the location of the annual encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania is selected. An examination of the country in the vicinity of Ebensburg has been made and it is said that several places in that locality could not be surpassed for completeness of natural advantages good water, beauty of

-While traveling as a passenger on western express Frank F. Bush of Johns' town, a postal clerk on the Bald Eagle branch, was robbed of a draft for \$70 and \$55 in cash, which were taken from his pocket while he was asleep. Bush did not notice his loss until after arriving in Tyrone, having gone to Altoona and returning on Harrisburg accomodation. He topped payment on the draft, but it is not likely he will find the cash

-Saul Davis Selig, a Russian Jew pedler, aged 40 years, drove under the lower. ed gates of the Ridge avenue crossing of the Allentown Terminal railroad Wed nesday evening and was struck by a Jersey Central passenger train. He and his horse were killed. His son Reuben, aged 10 years, had his skull crushed and will die. Another son, Morris, was cut about the head and will recover.

-The house in which the commissioners of Bradford county met to adjust the second assessment in 1773 is soon to be torn down to make room for a more modern building. It is familiarly known as the old Funk tavern, and was built in 1759 or 1760, and is the oldest house in the town of Bradford. The house had an immense triangular chimney, which put the fireplace in a corner and contained

-The bituminous coal operators of the Clearfield region met Wednesday at the office of the Berwind-White company in Philadelphia, and effected a district organization. John Lloyd, of Altoona, who has been chairman of the various preliminary meetings, was elected president, and a sub-committee was appointed to select the other officers. All of the Clearfield operators have identified themselves with the organization, which is for the purpose of regulating the local trade-as well as giving it representation in the recently formed bituminous coal association, composed of the six districts shipping to tidewater.