Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-CHARLES DICKENS was evidently thinking of the coming of SAM MILLER into the world when he wrote "Life is short and why should speeches be long."

-WANAMAKER is out for Governor, at least, so his own words say; but WANA-MAKER'S running for Governor, will be done in the old Republican way-of withdrawing when he makes terms' with QUAY.

-WANAMAKER'S "such a man as you and your associates agree to represent" will probably be Mr. PETER A. B. WEID-NER. If the plans miscarry, however, and Allegheny STONE wins at Harrisburg then the Philadelphia merchant will probably remain on the ticket.

-Would you believe it, secretary of state JOHN SHERMAN succeeded in dousing his assistant DAY's glim long enough, on Monday, to get his own name in the Washington dispatches. It must have been very gratifying to the public to learn that JOHN is still living at Washington.

-Some of our blantant gold friends who were calling the silverites anarchists and government destroyers, last fall, might profitably turn their attention Washingtonward and learn a lesson in patriotism. The American mind may vary on questions of districts may take. finance, political economics and government, but it is a unit on patriotism.

-Mr. WEBSTER FLANNAGAN, who asked the tart question: "What are we here for, if not for the offices," has just been made an internal revenue collector for the third district of Texas. Webster seems to have had the right idea of things, from his own stand point, and it is quite evident that he has gotten the McKINLEY administration imbued with ic.

-England says she'll be with us in the event of war with Spain, that is, she will give us her moral support. England is great at giving things that don't cost her anything. When the whole world was contributing to the relief of the Johnstown flood sufferers, and even the Sultan of Turkey sent a thousand dollars, Queen Victoria's heart swelled to most double its normal size and to relieve the strain she sent her sympathy.

-The Khedive of Egypt has a menagerie filled with the ugliest animals he can find and he takes a great deal of pleasure out of naming them after people he doesn't like. What an innocent fellow the Khedive must be and how harmless. Now in this country when a man doesn't like another he stands up and calls him an ass, a snake or a white livered hog and anything else he feels like-if he is the bigger of the

--Out in Troy, Ohio, a few nights ago a young colored boy killed himself while trying to drink thirty glasses of whiskey on a wager. He succeeded in downing eighteen and then the Democrat, in writing his obituary, said "he was a worthless fellow, anyhow, and no good." The "no good" depends entirely upon the kind of whiskey he was drinking. There is some on sale right here in Bellefonte that any man who drinks half of eighteen glasses of it and lives is a dandy.

-The sentence committing the two Inadvantage to the country to have safe mondian girls from the Carlisle school to eighteen months in the eastern penitentiary for having attempted to set fire to their school has been commuted to twelve months imprisonment in the county jail. While penned behind iron bars the dusky daughters of the plains will have ample time to consider the thought that fire in water is all right when given to the big braves, but fire in a school room filled with Indian girls is all wrong.

The brilliant and logical argument with which WILLIAM J. BRYAN faced the CLEVELAND can convince them that they United States supreme court in his defense of the validity of what is known as the Nebraska maximum law seems to have they will be more certain of overthrowing had no effect upon that judiciary. It has the Republican corruptionists by dividing handed down an opinion that the law is unconstitutional and cannot be put into factions, he may succeed in getting them force. The maximum law is one fixing a to conduct their campaign in that way. maximum rate that can be charged on But common sense Democrats do not befreight carried by railroads in Nebraska. lieve that the money question is involved It would have proven a blessing to the great wheat shippers of that State, but then the laws that are good for the people are not good for the corporatious and the corporations hold the winning hand, even to such a contest. in our courts.

-Well, the expected has happened and JOHN WANAMAKER is out for Governor: starvation as its only result, the New Engthat is to say John is out for a purpose. land cotton mill workers have in a large From the first no one expected that that Bourse meeting would result in his becomthe best possible terms with their capitaling a bona-fide candidate, as the Republicans are not so anxious for reform in state government as they would like to appear and are the last fellows who would jeopardize their chance of electing a Governor, when it comes down to a test. Mr. WAN-AMAKER'S letter accepting "the call to superior advantage of a class who can draw duty" was given to the public yesterday on their capital and live comfortably whethand is as transparent as a moon-beam. He discloses the whole purpose of the. Bourse or starve. This overpowering fact was not meeting when he says "If this action of duly considered by the cotton workers yours in bringing me into the field creates. discord within party ranks it will cost me force higher wages from mill owners who nothing to step aside, at any time, for such a had been favored with higher tariff duties. man as you and your associates agree to It was but a repetition of the past exrepresent." So Mr. WANAMAKER conperience of labor in such matters. The fesses that his candidacy is to be just, as it strikers are going back to work, willing to was intended to be, an attempt to defeat accept the reduced wages, but in no way QUAY and not an honest effort toward purer inclined to be satisfied with that sort of state government.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

Why?

and define the policies of the party on all ques-

tions over which the general government has

control, and the acknowledgment of the bind-

ing force of these declarations upon state and

local organizations until re-affirmed or modi-

2nd. That the campaign for the state

3rd. That all questions or issues that are

decided by the votes of Representatives in

Congress, be submitted, by resolutions of the

state convention, to the several congres-

sional districts of the State, for such action as

the delegates or conferees of the respective

4th. That the candidates for Congressmen

at-large, whose names will be upon the state

ticket, be pledged to vote on all political ques-

tions as the Democratic congressional caucus

With a platform that acknowledges what

no Democrat will deny-the right of the na-

tional convention to voice the sentiments of

the party; that places its state ticket on a

platform pledging its candidate only on

such issues and to such reforms as pertain to.

and can be enforced in the offices, for which

they are nominated, and that recognizes

the right of the Democrats of each congres-

sional district to pledge their candidate for

representative in Congress as the sentiment

of the party in the district demands, there

should be no trouble in getting the party

into the condition of making a harmonious.

The WATCHMAN is conscientious in its be-

lief in the principles enunciated in the Chi-

cago platform but with the hope of uniting,

not only all Democrats but all other good

citizens, in the support of a state ticket, as

against the rottenness, and debauchery, and

disgrace of Republican boss rule, it is wil-

ling to fore-go the formal re-declaration of

these principles, so far as the state ticket

is concerned, and trust to the sound

Democracy of the several congressional

districts to see that our candidatse for

representatives are duly pledged to their

Why could we not all unite on the above

Mr. Cleveland's Bad Advice.

In writing to the gold Democrats who

held a conference in Philadelphia last week.

counseling them to put a state ticket in the

field on a gold basis, ex-President CLEVE-

LAND claimed that he was prompted to

give them such advice by a desire "to see

our country blest with safe money and a

This was certainly a commendable aspira-

sylvania, as a result of their state election.

is the deliverance of their state government

from the control of a corrupt political ma-

chine. While the people can do this by

money and a suitable financial system.

in the coming state contest, and are con-

vinced that the only way to restore good

government to the State is to conduct the

campaign on the only issues that pertain

undertaking which would inevitably have

measure abandoned their strike and made

istic taskmasters. They were not prepared

for the ordeal of matching their slender

resources against the unlimited means of

the mill owners in such a trial of endur-

ance. In such an encounter those who

work with their hands must yield to the

er the mills run or not. Labor must work

when they believed that their strike would

-Convinced of the hopelessness of an

suitable financial system."

hot and hopeful contest.

advocacy and support.

basis?

ticket be made on state issues exclusively.

Why would not an agreement and plat-

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coming campaign:

fied by the same authority.

may determine.

BELLEFONTE, PA., MAR. 11, 1898.

Apprehended Disgrace

There was great reason to apprehend form on the following lines be conservative that the Maine outrage would be patched shows a truly American spirit, and offers enough, broad enough and Democratic up in some mercenary and pusillanimous to back the administration with all the enough for ALL Democrats, within the manner that would be disgraceful to Amer- money and military appliances that may State, to stand together upon during the ican honor and humiliating to American pride. Such a fear was not unreasonable 1st. The recognition of the right of the when appearances indicated an intention National Convention to declare the principles to juggle the investigation of the crime, decided national assertion to which he and to create the impression in advance should be encouraged by such popular that the destruction of the American ship

> was due to an accidental cause. The American mind had reason to suspect that in his Cuban policy, but there is no longer a disgraceful course was in contemplation any excuse for such weakness when the when a member of the cabinet, the head of people's representatives have already adthe navy department, authorized it to be vanced him fifty millions of dollars as a published that there were no indications of starter to a vigorous American policy in Spain's complicity with this outrage and dealing with the Cuban difficulty. With that she could not be held "officially" re- such congressional backing, and the supsponsible. A shameful line of action could port of the American people, he should be apprehended when MARK HANNA, the abandon any intention that may have been confidential adviser of the President and entertained by him and his counsellors to the keeper of his political conscience, was settle on a cash basis a question affecting letting it be understood that there was the honor of the nation. He should reject nothing in the Maine case that could not the idea that the destruction of a national be fixed up by the payment of money. All these surface indications depressed kind of injury that may be repaired by an the minds of the American people with the | indemnity, and that the murder of Amerfear that their country was going to be dis- ican sailors can be condoned by the pay-

> This fear had its original justification in mercenary huckstering. the course pursued by this administration in the treatment of the Cuban question a proper pitch of patriotic feeling in the during the past year, every measure having treatment of this emergent situation. It been marked by weakness and indecision, looks as if President McKINLEY is also and every movement adjusted more for the trying to bring himself up to the level of benefit of the stock jobbers than for those his duty in this emergency. Even Czar interests of national honor and human li- REED, who reluctantly allows patriotic berty that are inseparably connected with considerations to outweigh the capitalistic this Cuban struggle.

It may occur, however, that the very nature of the crime committed in Havana harbor, its flagitious character, the deep he proposed to suspend the measures nectreachery of its conception and the barbarity of its execution, followed by a defiant demeanor on the part of the percompensation. The aroused feeling of the policy a disgrace to the nation murdered American sailors for a sum of the honor of this nation and turning down tion, which for more than a year has pursued a course more Spanish than American in its treatment of Cuba, may, at last, be aroused by a truly national and patriotic spirit to a course of action that will not only redress the wrong which our country has sustained in the destruction of hundred and two deputies who helped him her battle ship, but will confer the boon of freedom upon the people of Cuba.

If President McKINLEY shall arouse himself to such a truly American line of action he will have the support of the tion, abstractly considered, as it is of great American people. He will be backed by ey and a suitable currency, but what is of the Democratic party without whose supgreater moment to the people of Pennport no foreign enemy of the Republic was ever conquered.

New England Incivism.

their action in an election of state officers, If we are to have war with Spain our the issues involved in such a contest can principal instrumentality of warfare will have no bearing upon the question of safe be our navy. It will be from our naval arm that the enemy will receive the severest The Democrats want better government blows. Such being the fact it would be an than the Republican machine politicians unpatriotic if not criminal neglect to allow are giving the people of this State. If Mr. the nation to drift into a war with Spain without making every necessary provision may attain this object by running their for the efficiency of the navy; yet there is campaign on the money question, and that a coterie of New England statesmen, of whom speaker REED is the principal, who have opposed the needed naval equipments their party into conflicting gold and silver in the very face of a war with Spain.

REED won't allow the passage of a bill that proposes to make the small addition of 1500 men to our deficient force of sailors, and he is backed in this unpatriotic opposition by BOUTELLE and HALE, the whole trio being from the down east State

Why there is such an unpatriotic disposition in the New England States when our nation has a difficulty with a foreign power is a subject of interesting inquiry. One of the motives for REED's action in the case of Cuba is his disposition to protect the interest of the money changers. He would sooner have Cuban freedom trampled under the heel of Spanish tyranny, and the American navy blown out of water by Spanish torpedoes, than to raise a fuss about it that might disturb the operations of the eastern stock jobbers.

In addition to so sordid a capitalistic spirit as this, these New England naval obstructionists appear to be pervaded by the same unpatriotic spirit that put their section practically in disloyal alliance with Great Britain in our last war with that foreign enemy, and infused into the New England heart the hope that the American soldiers who were fighting under the old flag in Mexico would be "welcomed by incivic spirit always prevailed in New England when this nation, under the direction of the Democrtic party, was conquering the foreign foes of the Republic.

Encouraged to Do His Duty.

be needed in the pending emergency of a war with Spain, the President will not hesitate in assuming the position of support.

It is true that he has been weak-kneed at a season of vacation when "outings" are vessel by unprecedented treachery is the the rule. A visit to a city is just as much graced and humiliated in the treatment of ment of blood money. These are objects a matter that involved the national honor. too sacred to be made the subjects of

Present appearances encourage the people to hope that those in authority at petrators, may be too much for even this Washington will no longer yield to inadministration to condone for a money fluences that have made their past Cuban

American people may be too dangerous to If, with all the backing which a patriotic be forced by men in authority who would and loyal people are ready to give them. be willing to huckster the blood of those they shall shirk their duty by bartering nation for the advantage of the stock to shoulder a load of odium such as was erned. It is generally admitted that there

The Acquittal of Sheriff Martin and His Deputies.

acquittal of sheriff MARTIN and the one enact the bloody tragedy at Lattimer, the little coal mining village near Hazelton, on the 7th of last September.

and in many ways has been the most charged with the murder and felonious sheriff MARTIN, calling upon them to disperse, when banded together to march from strike. The case set up by the prosecution the riot act. Had they been able to prove this sheriff MARTIN and everyone of his deputies would have been guilty, as indicted. As it developed, however, the testimony showed that there had been rioting in that vicinity and that the minhigh sheriff. Under such circumstances no been looked for.

Under the law, had one member of that posse been guilty of murder every individual composing it could have been held for the same crime, but while all have been acquitted and the ends of justice best subserved a feeling that a great moral wrong was done at Lattimer must still linger in the hearts of those who, while respecting the majesty of the law, deplore the ruthless

slaughter of so many men. No other verdict than an acquittal was expected from the first. The ends of good government will be aided by it, but let the horrible affair be a lesson to all, who are in a position to be called in a similar duty. that the dignity of the law is not upheld by shooting fleeing men in the backs, nor bloody hands to hospitable graves." This is it necessary to kill a score or more in order to disperse an unarmed party of a ing dearly for the gratification of maintainfew hundred.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The contract for a soldiers' monument at Ebensburg, has been let to a Philadelphia

-There have been more than 300 penitents at the altar in the M. E. church at Clearfield, and the meetings have apparently lost nothing in interest.

-Judge Martin Bell, of Blair county, ordered the rules of court amended last week so as to admit wsmen to the study and practice of law in that county.

-The secretary of the McKeesport school board and the truant officer have brought suit against three fathers in that place for violating the compulsory education law in not sending their sons to school.

-The superior court convened at Harrisburg Monday afternoon and will continue in session three weeks. There are twenty-eight cases on the list for argument. No decis were announced Monday by the court.

Sarah McFarland, an 'aged resident of Grazierville, while gathering coal along the railroad near her home on Saturday was struck by an engine and instantly killed. The remains were picked up and carried to her home.

Sister Mary Gabriel, of the Order of St. Joseph, while returning from visiting the sick Wed. evening with another sister, was struck at George's crossing, at Lilly, by a train and thrown about 50 feet. When picked up life was extinct. Her companion had a narrow escape. Sister Mary was 53 years of age.

-Russell G. Smith, of Renovo, died in the Williamsport hospital Sunday of appendicitis. The young man became ill last Friday. The disease developed so rapidly that by the established one in many parts of the United States, but the Danish idea is even time he reached the hospital on Saturday he was in such a shape that he could not be operated on. He was 32 years old and leaves benefit on city and country children alike a wife and two children

-The contract for the addition to the Odd Fellows orphans' home, at Sunbury, has been awarded to Simpson Bros. of Sunbury, at their bid of \$2,745. There will be two additions-one 16 x 42 and the other 35 x 40 feet, both two stories high. They must be completed by July 1st. The capacity of the home will be fifty orphans, after these additions are erected

-Mac Timberlake, a colored man of Williamsport, swallowed two dozen raw eggs in four minutes and a half. The eggs belonged to a farmer named Decker, who after attending market Saturday had twenty-four eggs at his disposal. Not knowing what to do with them, he told Timberlake that if he would swallow them in ten minutes he could have them for nothing.

-Miss Norris, of Mount Union, last week obtained a verdict of \$225 against W. G. Ewing, of that place, for having sold her saltpeter instead of epsom salts, which she took as a medicine, and from the results of which she almost lost her life. Mr. Ewing did not deny making the mistake, but alleged the young lady was only in bed one week from the effects thereof.

-It is estimated that the new liquor license law will increase the state revenue about \$600,000. The cities of Philadelphia. zens of Pennsylvania should be to secure Pittsburg, and Allegheny, in which retail good government for the State. Very few liquor license fees have been increased \$100 money, and compromise the honor of the the cause of Cuban freedom, they will have will deny that Pennsylvania is badly gov- for state purposes, will add at least \$40,000 to the revenues. The new methods of taxing beer according to the number of ba duced yearly is the chief source of the in-

-There is no truth whatever in the report that the Patton Coal Co., has secured an order for 400,000 tons of coal from the government to be delivered at Key West in 60 days. ing with the regularity and force of a ma- In an interview with Mr. Kerr he denies the chine, rendering it obvious that under such story, and is also authority for the statement that the government is buying their coal for \$1.30 per ton F. O. B. at Philadelphia, and that it is impossible for his company to get anywhere near such a low figure.

-Business men are warned to be on their guard against a man representing himself to be president of the international advertising agency of New York. He pretends to have for rent a nickel in the slot machine from which, if a proper coin is dropped, postage wrongs from the party which they con- stamps and an envelope is said to be forthtrol. It should therefore be plain to all coming. He solicits advertising on the outcitizens who are averse to this state of af- side of the machine and, having secured them fairs that the correction of this evil can be leaves town with the money collected and that is the last of the schemer and no machines are placed in position.

-At Coudersport Friday sheriff Gillen posed to machine state government are diheard a suspicious noise in the jail. He provided. The good work can not be accomceeded at once on a trip of inquiry and plished if those who want to accomplish it caught David Hicks, a desperate character allow themselves to be divided by issues awaiting trial for forgery, in the act of sawthat have no bearing upon state affairs ing the bars in the bathroom. Further inwhatever. There is an element in the vestigation showed that the bolt fastening Republican party that is sincere in its de- the corrider had been sawed in a way to alprecation of machine misrule, and wants low the door to be easily opened and yet preto bring about the correction of the prevent the cut being seen. But for the sheriff's timely discovery, the nineteen prisoners vailing abuses. Why should they be deterred by a difference of view in regard to

in the Potter county jail would be fugitives. -Major general Nelson A. Miles, of the tariffs and money standards from joining United States army, telegraphed the P. R. R. with another element that equally aims at officials at Altoona asking how many pieces reform in the state government? There is are in a class L locomotive of the standard no reason for such a separation of reform type. His question has no war significence, Republicans from the Democrats who also it being understood that he wants to make want to overthrow the debased political some sort of a comparison between a locomotive and a disappearing gun carriage. The counting of the pieces require but a few hours and was done at the Juniata shops. It was found that in all there are 20,006 pieces in one the big "L's." This includes screws, ference of sentiment on the money ques- rivets, nuts, washers and the large pieces.

-Edward J. Riley, until Monday morning assistant car clerk in the general superin-Taking this view of their duty, and with tendent's office of the P. R. R. at Altoona, drank an ounce of laudanum that evening and died a short time after 12 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had for some years been addicted to the drinking habit. Recently his mother died and since that time his intemperate habits became more marked. On this account he was discharged from his position with the railroad company. He brooded for the gold standard, would divide the over his discharge all day Monday and in the evening swallowed the laudanum. He leaves a wife and two children.

cable in its effect upon the currency and -Last fall Maurice Stayer was employed would have no bearing upon state matters. by the directors of Woodbury township, Bed-Such a movement might gratify the exford county, to teach the Paradise school. President by arraying a part of the state For some reason Mr. Stayer incurred the displeasure of the patrons and pupils, and for the last three or four weeks no one has at-tended the school, but the teacher has been tion, but it would assist the corrupt retended the school, but the teacher has been on hand each day. He has been asked to resign, but has refused to do so. A few days ago some of the citizens nailed the door shut and took the stovepipe down and broke it. The directors, hearing of what had happened, opened the door and mended the stovepipe, and now Stayer is still holding the fort. The directors are in a quandary. publican machine to maintain its hold on the state government. This would be paying the gold standard as an issue in a con-

A Pleasing Danish Custom. From the West Chester Jeffersonian. The dietetic hygienic Gazette calls atten-

vacation in the country has also become an

better, inasmuch as it provides a recipro-

cal arrangement that confers happiness and

of a treat and an advantage to a country

boy or girl as a vacation among the fields and woods is to the town-bred youngsters.

There is pleasure and education for both

in this system of temporary exchange, op-

change of scene strengthens and refreshes the

The Glorious Work of Reform.

With Senator Quay trying to get a good

hard push at the button so that he can shape matters his own way, the Hon. Bill

Andrews acting as chief ticket seller for the

W. A. Stone show and the Hon. Dan Hast-

ings pushing the capital commission into

court we are furnished an impressive illus-

tration of how the great work of reform is

going along in the Keystone State. Mean-

while the Hon. Thomas V. Cooper is swal-

lowing in buttermilk and waiting for some

one to take in seriously his gubernatorial

What Should be Their Only Object.

and common sense will concede that the

party that has had almost exclusive control

for many years past is responsible for this

misgovernment. The party is ruled by a

combination of corrupt politicians, work-

direction the public affairs of the State

must be managed with the object of serv-

ing corrupt personal interests, rather than

There is but one way of ending this

vicious government, and that is by supres-

sing the corrupt agencies that are produc-

ing it. These derive their power and op-

portunity for the commission of public

effected only by the defeat of that party.

This cannot be done if the elements op-

machine that misrules the State. And

when such a duty, due to the State, is

imposed upon them, least of all have Dem-

ocrats a right to divide their force by a dif-

tion, an issue which in no way affects

a sensible understanding of the only way

in which machine rule in this State can be

overthrown, it must be evident to practical

Democrats that the advice given by ex-

President CLEVELAND, that the gold Demo-

crats of this State should put a state ticket

in the field representing their preference

party by an issue that would be impracti-

Democracy on his side of the money ques-

test with which it has no practical connec-

state government.

for the promotion of the public welfare.

At this time the object of all good citi-

tual interest and sympathy.

From the Mercer, Western Press.

manifesto.

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It is now to be hoped that when Congress tion to the Danish custom, which during the summer holidays sends the school children of the cities to the country and those of the country to the cities. parents of the country and the cities swap children temporarily, so that the city children are strengthened and made happy in the country, while the people in the cities show their little visitors the sights and get up little festivals for them. In this way Copenhagen sends 10,000 school children to the country and entertains the same number in exchange." The custom of "swapping" visits between city and rural relatives and friends is a general one in this country, but, as a rule, the city people prefer to pay their visits to the country in the summer, and the country people prefer to pay theirs to the city in the winter. The custom of giving the poorer classes of city children a summer

portunity for new ideas and suggestions which stimulate and feed the brains as the Congress appears to have been excited to body. Such intercourse also brings city and country people into closer and more friendly relations and tends to create mu-

interests, and whom the Spaniards consider "too good for a Yankee," is forced to abandon the obstructive tactics by which essary for the national defence.

powers of government.

It was not an unexpected verdict, the Their trial was begun February 1st in the

criminal courts of Luzerne county, with judge STANLEY WOODWARD presiding, notable case known in the records of our courts. Over one hundred men were wounding of twenty-one striking miners who had disregarded the proclamation of colliery to colliery to urge other miners to was that the miners were not unlawfully assembled and that they had not violated ers had refused to respect the order of the other verdict than an acquittal could have

The case was a peculiar one. It involved a fine conception of the intent of the riot act and has had no parallel in its possible effect upon the institutions of our land and the rights of citizenship. However guilty the sheriff and his deputies might have been a conviction would have carried with it a quasi license that would have resulted disastrously to the peace of communities wherein is employed a large foreign labor element.

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