Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-Some are born poets, some cultivate the muse and others only get real bad in the spring.

-Where is "bloody bridles" WAITE and sister MARY ELLEN LEASE while all this trouble is going on?

-If Col. PRUNER builds anything for Tyrone it ought to be a morgue in which they can keep the "stiffs" up there who don't know a good thing when they see it.

-About two-thirds of that fifty million emergency fund has already been expended, which simply goes to show that when the right fellows get at it dollars can be made fly faster than bullets.

-If this willy-nilly business keeps up in Washington about the next thing that will be looked for will be a message urging Congress to appropriate enough money to feed the Spanish soldiers in Cuba.

-At last some definite move is to be made to bring Spain to account. She is to be given until to-day to answer our ultimatum and if she don't do it, then war is supposed to be the next step our government will take toward freeing Cuba.

-Spain's impudence is simply incomprehensible. She has decided to permit our government to succor her starving ones in Cuba and says she will help distribute the alms. Uncle SAM should respond to such shamelessness by taking Cuba clear out of reach of such a protector.

---- "The Mosquito Fleet" is the latest adjunct to the navy of the United States and it seems quite in order to remark that if it proves as pestiferous to Spain, in the event of war, as the coast mosquitoes do to the seaside habitue Uncle SAM will not be long in breaking the bonds that bind Cuba.

-That vulgar BARRISON girl, the most vulgar of the five sisters, has been expelled from Germany. Good work, you people who want to preserve whatever of refinement and decency is left to the stage. In Holland they arrest people who expose underwear to public view on wash lines. In Germany they are beginning to get rid of those who expose it in the theatres.

-BOB INGERSOL expressed the right American sentiment when in an interview at Williamsport the other day he declared that a nation as cruel and treacherous as Spain had no business to exist. In the treatment of those whom she could rob and oppress she always acted the part of the hvena among lambs. Such a nation should be driven from the American continent which she has too long blighted with her presence. So BoB says, and so say we.

-Why do we pay a state banking commissioner a salary of \$6,000 a year? The office, or the officer, one of the two, is not worth it. The banking commissioner the crime of the Maine explosion by the ever seems to know anything until a



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Permicious Effects of Political Banking.

Unfortunately at a most serious emergency, involving the fame and honor of

this nation, its chief executive office is occupied by a weak-kneed incumbent. President MCKINLEY is proving himself to be the pusillanimous character that might have been expected of the choice of MARK HANNA and the Wall street bankers for

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the presidential office. His course on the momentous Cuban issue promises to be what could have been looked for in a second-rate Ohio politician, who is mortgaged to the trusts and money syndicates.

McKINLEY's course on the Cuban question, ever since he has been in the Presidenov, has lacked the courage and decision that should characterize a truly American policy. He failed from the start to place this government in the right position in regard to Cuba, conciliating Spanish sentiment and truckling to Spanish power, until the treachery of the Spaniards arrested his pusillanimous course by the terrible tragedy in Havana harbor.

When so great a national outrage was committed as the blowing up of our warship the use of when they bursted was \$700,000. and the murder of our sailors, it could then have been expected that President McKIN-LEY's action would reflect the indignation that was aroused in the hearts of all true Americans by so dastardly an act, but this unparalleled outrage appears to have in-

creased his disposition to truckle to the Spaniards. The finding of the court of inquiry, which points irresistibly to Spanish complicity in the destruction of our battleship and murder of our sailors, excites no expression of horror or indignation in the message which he sends to Congress. Instead of demanding full reparation for the

wrong, all that he has to say about it is that he had communicated the finding of the court of inquiry to the government of her majesty, the Queen Regent of Spain, and hoped "that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two nations."

Is there not something exasperating in this man's talking about the sense of justice of the Spanish nation that has practiced unparalleled barbarity in Cuba. starving its people and converting the land into a desert, and about "friendly relations" with a nation that is implicated in dent and chief stockholder. Boss QUAY but they can not be disposed of on account that very ably criticises this scheme, says :

The failure of the People's bank of Philadelphia, with so tragic an incident as the suicide of its cashier, in connection with the United States than the fact that when the collapse of the Guarantors' bank, and following the failure of the Chestnut street a nation as weak as Spain it finds itself at National bank, constitutes a succession of a disadvantage on account of a deficiency sensations in Philadelphia's financial circles which is peculiarly noteworthy on account of its connection with rotten politics.

All these wrecked institutions were known as political banks. They derived their reputation from the fact that they were to serve their political ends than to respond to the financial wants of the community. Their founders and controlling managers were men who figured more prominently as politicians than as business men, and whose politics was of the shadiest character. These banks were always allowed a are positively indispensable, and without most liberal share of the state funds which favored institutions were permitted to use ships and cruisers can be blown out of without paying interest. The aggregate water. amount of state money which the Chestnut street National and the People's bank had They were given the advantage of this state money, without interest, because they were an important part of the political the defence of the nation. machine that runs the politics of the State of Pennsylvania as well as of the city of Philadelphia.

That this kind of banking should be productive of pernicious results was inevitable. WILLIAM M. SINGERLY'S financial asso ciations with the Chestnut street bank were largely of a political character. It involved him in ruin, and to-day he is a dead man. With all his assumption of 'sound money'' principles he was at the Europe to secure torpedo boats that may head of a bank that was anything but protect our warships from the threatening sound. As a politician's bank, mixed up with the schemes of rings and machines, that with all her poverty has supplied hersoundness was the last thing that could nave been expected of it.

But the People's bank was the politicians' bank, par excellence. It was marked by tirely unable to secure those greatly needed the trail of the political serpent more distinctly than was the Chestnut street institution. BILL KEMBLE, notorious for an crafts, has just completed a splendid torpedo act of crookedness of a public character, destroyer at her shipyard near Genoa, dethat nearly landed him in the penitentiary, was the founder of the People's bank. Thorny-croft shipbuilding firm in England McMANES, of gas trust notoriety, is presi- have a number of these boats completed,

A Disgraceful Naval Deficiency. Nothing could be more humiliating to a In the excitement attending our difficulgreat and naturally powerful nation like ty with Spain the measures that are inconfronted by threatening hostilities with of offensive and defensive naval appliances. The anxiety that evidently prevails

the indecision that characterizes their movements, may be ascribed to the painful discovery that Spain is better prepared than is cruisers have been grudgingly allowed by Congress that has been profligately extravagant in other expenditures, there has been most culpable neglect in providing torpedo boats which in modern naval operations which, as an auxilliary force, our battle- by direct and immediate redemption with

shall be effected through the agency of the national banks. This is to be done by people of the United States have committed are to be called "national reserve notes."

who appears to have more than an ordinarily intelligent knowledge of the operations of the navy department, gives a detailed account of the hurried and anxious remedy this dangerous and disgraceful de-Agents have been speedily dispatched to torpedo demonstration of poor old Spain the greenbacks by direct gold redemption, self with naval appliances which our navy

is so shamefully and perilously in want of. But our purchasing agents have been enboats in Europe. The Italian government, which, in addition to a large force of these clines to sell it to the United States. The

It is true that the bill proposes that the national banks shall redeem these "reserve notes" in gold, but what is the assurance of their ability to do it? A contemporary,

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Over 112,000 tons of coal passed over the Beech Creek railroad for the week ending March 21st. This is an increase over the same time last year of 40,000 tons.

-At Altoona Sunday night James W. Buchanan was struck by an engine, while crossing the track. The man's head was severed, his arms and chest were crushed and one leg was mangled. Deceased was a grand nephew of ex-President James Buchanan

-Samuel Pfoutz, of near Osceola, is the owner of a pure white duck that lays black eggs, having laid five or six so far this sea-The duck has in mind that Easter will soon be here and that colored eggs will be in demand, and thus has started in to lay her eggs black and save the coloring of them.

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The Reported Currency Bill.

-Fire bugs are operating in Williamsport. Tuesday three incendiary fires were started in the East end. One was at Daniel Edler's barn, another at Stuempfley's coal shed and a third was started in a box car on a siding near the oil refinery. Fortunately all were discovered in time to prevent much damage being done.

-Judge Martin Bell, in the Blair county court, Monday decided that the alien tax act of June 15th, 1897, imposing a tax on all foreign born laborers, is unconstitutional and in conflict with the fourteenth amendment, providing for equal taxation. The court held that the act puts a premium on idleness, and taxes the class of industrious persons.

-At Chipmunk, Bradford county, Monday gold bug hostility to the greenbacks. night Patrick Shay turned on the gas and GAGE's original plan was to retire this went to bed. A few hours after the house useful and popular form of paper money was discovered on fire, and although futile efforts were made to rescue the sleeping man, gold obtained by the sale of bonds. The he was burned to death. Shay was an embill is a sort of compromise on that plan by ploye of the South Penn Oil company, and was 27 years old. His wife and child were providing that the greenback retirement calling at a neighbor's house during the evening.

-A few days ago Edward Martin, William authorizing the banks to circulate what Mulliner and "Gum" Shaw, of Jersey Shore, gathered together a lot of driftwood in Pine which notes are to be issued by the govcreek, strung it together as a raft and started ernment to the banks, dollar for dollar in for their homes on it. As the raft entered the river, the swift current caught it and the men lost control of it. They were being carried past Jersey Shore at a rapid rate, when they yelled for help. Albert Poust heard them and went out in a boat and pulled the raft to shore.

-John L. Brown, a supervisor of Cambria county, has refused an offer of \$150 per month to travel with a show in Europe. Mr. Brown is 43 years old, weighs 424 pounds, measures 641 inches around the waist, and stands 5 This is not even as commendable a feet. 81 inches in height. His wife died a year ago, leaving him with twelve children, with whom he prefers to remain, and therewhile the bill proposes, in effect, to redeem fore refuses to go abroad. He has been elected them with national bank notes, and get supervisor for the sixth time, and he handles out of circulation the safest currency the his massive frame with remarkable agility country ever had by substituting a form of and grace.

paper money whose reliabilty is on an aver--Jennie Fessler, of Mount Carmel, age with the reliability of the banks as went to the Ashland hospital last week to have a number of needles taken from her body. The physicians removed thirty-five. During the past year fully one hundred were removed. She has punctured herself from head to feet. The girl developed a mania last year for thrusting needles into her perhad large financial interests in it, and close of the refusal of the British government "It is very doubtful whether the banks son, seemingly deriving great pleasure.

tended to "reform" our currency, and which it was to be the duty of this Congress to confer upon the country as a great benefaction, have been almost lost sight of. However, the House committee on banking and currency has bobbed serenely among the authorities at Washington, and above the turmoil of battle and presented a currency reform bill, which may be regarded as something of a mongrel scheme composed of shreds and patches of the diforganized by politicians and intended more the United States for naval warfare. While ferent plans of reforming the currency a moderate number of battle-ships and proposed by Secretary GAGE, the Indianapolis gold standard supporters, and the associated banking interests of Wall street. The object of the bill is based on the

As a consequence of such gross negligence the approach of a flotilla of Spanish torpedo boats and destroyers almost produces a panic among the officials to whom the

A correspondent of the New York Sun,

exchange for legal tender notes, to be deposited by the banks in the treasury. In other words the national banks will gather up the greenbacks and get them out of cirmovements of the naval authorities to culation by depositing them in the treasury and receiving in exchange for them nationficiency, which the superior Spanish torpedo al bank currency to be circulated as "naservice makes of such grave account. tional reserve notes." In return for this the banks are to assume to redeem the reserve notes in gold. scheme as GAGE's which proposed to retire

financial institution busts and its deposiyear commissioner steps up and wisely informs them how it happened. In such affairs it is the fore knowledge, not the hind sight that is worth having.

-The state capitol building commission has reconstructed its plans and will readvertise for bids for the building on a less elaborate scale. The tax payers will be happy to know that a building is to be built within the appropriation made for this purpose and that the channels for jobbery are to be cut off, but when done there will be general regret that more money was not appropriated so that the state capitol building could be made something more than a severe, unornamental structure that will call for apologies rather than arouse pride.

-The astronomical world is trying to be heard because it claims to have discovered another moon. Nothing but a war on the serene old orb that has been doing duty at the same stand since the beginning of things will detract from the present interest in Spanish affairs. Counter attractions such as the Klondyke, ANDREE's balloon, base ball and the approaching end of GLAD-STONE must be content with being sandwiched in among the advertising now that we are dealing with "Flying Squadrons" "Mosquito Fleets" and other fuss making agencies at home.

-The so-called "business interests" is the power behind the throne that is impelling this administration to the policy of peace. Wall street would sell the honor of the country to prevent a fall in the price of stocks. The stock jobbing fraternity the municipal affairs of Philadelphia was would be willing to allow a dozen Maines to be blown up and a hundred thousand city government which for years has been Cuban reconcentrados to be starved to managed by a gang of thieving politicians. death rather than there should be a disturbance of "values" in the stock market. It ter of their dishonest practices, but the exis these sordid, mercenary and unpatriotic posure of the parties who have been guilty influences that have the strongest pull on of bribery in connection with this water the McKINLEY administration.

the leaning of foreign powers in the Spanish-American embroglio. England is clearly in sympathy with the United States, while France and Germany are with Spain. The reason for the latter is out of its hands by bringing the offenders evident, since most of the Spanish securities are held in those two countries. The Spanish papers are as insolent and imperious as ever. They say "if the United States wants war, let her say so frankly justice in the trial of the culprits, brought and not seek charitable or humanitarian excuses." And then in a magnanimous fixing is possible conviction can not be spirit they add that if we want to succor the suffering Cubans we can do so under "the mission of the Spanish Red Cross" and that they will send over more Spanenough in Cuba now.

very document which he says he has sent to the Spanish Queen Regent. What occators lose all they have, then the \$6,000 a sion was there for sending that document to that quarter? There are Spanish subjects who know more about the cause of that explosion than any American commission will ever he able to find out, and they

> rejoice in their guilty knowledge of how a gallant American ship was destroyed and 256 brave American sailors were murdered. McKINLEY may be turned from his weak and cowardly position in the pending trouble with Spain by outraged American sentiment : but if he shall continue his subservience to the Spaniards the American people will be forced to the conclusion that the man at the head of their government is either a white livered poltroon or an abject tool of the Wall street stock jobbers

We still hope that our country will be saved from such a misfortune and disgrace.

Philadelphia's Bribed Councilmen.

Members of the Philadelphia city councils are charged with bribery in connection with that malodorous piece of municipal rascality, the Schuylkill Valley water company's bill, that was intended to give a private corporation the control and ownership of the city's water supply. There was never a bolder attempt to steal a great public franchise, and it was to be done by buying the councilmen who should be the guardians of the city's interest. Of the number who are known to have been corrupted in this matter, one is arraigned in

court and the punishment of others may follow. Such an exposition of the corruption in scarcely needed to stamp the character of a The public understands the general characscheme puts the rascality in tangible shape

-The tone of foreign papers bespeaks by pointing out the culprits. The council whose members are implicated was ready to white-wash the offence by

the appointment of a committee that would have done it neatly, but the case was taken into court, where so unusual a thing as punishing Philadelphia's municipal rascals may be one of the surprises of the period, though such a thing may happen as a failure of about by machine influence. When jurycounted on with certainty, however guilty the offenders may be.

-The biggest surprise in Heaven will iards to distribute our gifts if there are not be when you waken up and find yourself two delegates and the state convention will there. meet on June 2nd.

political relations with it. Much of the to allow them to be sold to either pecuniary ammunition required for his the United States or Spain. France has campaigns came from that source. Its torpedo boats which she might part with, cashier, HOPKINS, was QUAY'S financial but she would sooner sell to Spain than to faulted in their obligations to their deposiagent in Philadelphia. But the bank is our government. now broke, and a bullet through his brains has sent poor HOPKIN's to his last account.

The tool of men who had more guile than he had, he fell a victim to a vicious system | it with a demonstration which it is not preof banking that had politics for its chief pared to meet, and nothing could be more object.

The other institution that went by the board from the same malign influence, is deliberate neglect of those who should have the Guarantors' finance company. Its better provided for our naval defence. As president is that red-headed and hopeful late as the present session of Congress, when statesman and veteran politician, THOMAS the probability of our drifting into a diffi-V. COOPER, whose attempt to combine politics with banking has been attended with disastrous consequences, and rather unfavorably prepares him for his proposed campaign as a reform candidate for Governor.

The country would be benefited if the failure of the crooked political banks should er REED. If at any time during the present be attended with the retirement of the session, previous to the treacherous decrooked politicians.

Thurston's Terrible Picture.

The Senate of the United States never witnessed such a scene as that which was presented in that body when Senator THURSTON pictured the woes of Cuba which he had personally witnessed.

His purpose was not to excite the feelings of his brother Senators by jingo methods, but to give them a plain, unvarnished statement of the horrors which have converted Cuba into a perfect hell as a consequence of Spanish cruelty. He had seen for himself the condition of a country in Tarpeian rock. which a population of hundreds of thousands have been starved to death and the survivors reduced to living skeletons, by a of Republican administrations in naval brutal policy deliberately adopted to bring the island under subjection to Spanish tyranny. So harrowing a picture, which the Spanish press in Havana. For exam-Senator THURSTON could present from his own observation, and corroborated by other witnesses, should convince the American Congress that it will not have performed its full duty until it shall have decreed the expulsion of the Spanish barbarians from

-----Mr. JOHN G. PLATT, of Philipsburg, has announced himself as a candidate for delegate from Centre county to the coming Republican state convention, but as Mr. PLATT is an avowed WANAMAKER man the statesmen who want the Bellefonte post-office will be very apt to look after his case. JOHN M. DALE Esq., of Bellefonte, and GEO. E. CHANDLER, of Philipsburg, are the other aspirants. Centre county has

the island of Cuba.

This is the dangerous and humiliating

when a much weaker power is threatening exasperating to American patriotism than that such a situation is the result of the the banks would in case of a run on them, heretofore suspended payment in legal tenders.'

culty with Spain should have been obvious to even the most short-sighted statesmanship, moderate provisions for increasing the strength of the navy were discouraged. A bill for the addition of so small a number as 1300 able-bodied seamen to our naval

struction of the Maine, a bill had been offered for the building of a dozen torpedo

boats and destroyers, it would have been jumped on and defeated by the REEDS, the HALES, the BOUTELLES, and other Repubdisgraceful fact that when our country is brought to the verge of war by the blowing up of the Maine, we are unprepared to meet that is responsible for that treacherous act. In the better days of the Roman republic men at the head of the government who fence would have been hurled from the

-It is on account of the past neglect matters that we must suffer the humiliation of being laughed at by the pimps of ple, the El Correo, of that city, chucklingly boasts that as soon as the Spanish torpedo flotilla gets across the Atlantic it will blow the American navy out of water, "if that navy does not blow up spontaneously as the Maine did, before the flotilla

arrives." The impudent part of this braggadocio consist in the Spaniards claiming that an explosion which they caused was spontaneous. There shouldn't be much onger delay in running those impudent

rascals out of Cuba. -The most economical bit of government work that has come to public notice in years is the saving in words in the report of the Maine board of inquiry. Though absolutely free from bias its very brevity shows that the tried old seamen who investigated the wreck were conscious that Spanish treachery did it and that there was no use in wasting words over it.

would be able to find gold for the redempto pay, as well as note holders and four times within eleven years they have detors. Nor will any restriction of circula tion which they can produce draw gold to this country. That result can be effected naval situation in which our nation is found only by a contraction of discounts, and it may be judged whether such a contraction following a withdrawal of gold from the banks would or would not expose the country to the alarm and convulsions which have attended the gold exports of

compared with that of the government.

The bill in question is in line with the scheme to bring the currency within the control of a powerful money trust. Popular interest is opposed to such a monopoly of the paper circulation as would be effected by an entire substitution of the greenbacks by a national bank issue, and for force was absolutely sat down on by speak- this reason there is but little prospect of the passage of this bill.

First Score for the Boss.

The first gun in the WANAMAKER campaign was fired in Lancaster county, where two enthusiastic anti-QUAY meetings were addressed by the Philadelphia opponent of lican leaders, who are responsible for the the Joss previous to the county primaries, which were held on the 19th ult.

"The Philadelphia reformer" poured hot the navy of the comparatively weak power ty of language such as his Democratic enemies have seldom applied to QUAY, and Republican audiences applauded his scathing denunciation, but when it came to would thus have neglected the national de- voting at the primaries the wires were worked so skillfully by the QUAY managers, and the old boss exerted such com.

plete control over the party machinery in that Republican stronghold, that an easy victory was scored in electing Quay delegates to the state convention. WANAMAK-ER has an advantage over his opponent in being able to make speeches, in which he has been made quite proficient by the practice he has had in addressing the Bethany Sunday School, but wire pulling is convention, and in that art he is but a novice in comparison with the Beaver states-

----- The Harrisburg Patriot exhibits most arrogant presumption in attempting to dictate the policy of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. For its own selfish reasons the Patriot is insisting that "the party has ever of harmony is left remains only because such organs as the Patriot have been unable to turn it into internal dissension. The Patriot needs to go and study a little true Democracy, of the kind that will make it or not, before it undertakes to advise others. be returned to the Georgia doctor.

Physicians are greatly puzzled over the case tion of these notes. They have depositors They say that if she does not stop death will be the final outcome. Miss Fessler is 17 years old.

-Adam Swersha, who pleaded guilty to robbing the man of \$375 at the Lewisburg bridge last September was on Saturday sentenced by Judge Bell who said : So far as you are concerned, if you had made any effort to restore part of the money you stole, your sentence would have been much lighter. However, as you submitted, I will not give the last five years. It is more likely that you the full extent of the law. You are sentenced to pay \$100 fine and costs of prosecususpend payment in gold, as they have tion and serve four years and six months in the penitentiary.

> -Andrew McClure, who many years ago was an engineer on the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad, died at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Monday, after an illness of a year or more from dropsy and a general breakdown of the system. He was the son of Joseph McClure. His father died in Tyrone and his mother at Fort Wayne. They were both buried in the Tyrone cemetery. The deceased enlisted in the war from Tyrone, and at the close of hostilities was first sergeant of a company in the Twelfth Penna. cavalry. He had been blind for more than a dozen years prior to death.

-At Jersey Shore a few days ago, Mrs. Milton Overdorf left her 2-year-old son, Harold, sleeping and went out of the house a few minutes. When she returned she saw that the child had arisen during her absence and swallowed half the contents of a bottle shot into the machine, indulging in severi- filled with laudanum. The mother at once forced a quantity of strong hot coffee down the little one's throat, which caused the child to vomit the drug. In obedience to a physician's advice the child was then taken into the air. After several hours stupor on the part of the child, he gradually overcame the effects of the drug.

-Because William Howard, a well-known young farmer of Birmingham, Chester county, is alleged to have been unable to resist the temptation to kiss comely Mrs. Annie Carson, he was arrested and held in \$400 bail to answer at quarter session court. At the hearing before Magistrate Rupert, Mrs. Carson alleged that Howard had gone to her home on business, and, finding her husband absent, embraced and kissed her. Notwithwhat counts in getting delegates to a state standing the fact that she threatened to "tell his wife," she alleges that he kissed her the second time, which made her angry. and caused her to bring this prosecution.

-Dr. E. A. Gilks, of Quitman, Ga., was a surgeon in the rebel army, and when passing from Wrightsville to Gettysburg in 1863 with Gordon's division of Lee's army, the doctor bought a horse from a man named Jacob not been so harmonious in this State in a Rudy, for which he paid \$200 in confederate long time as at this moment," but the money and promised if the money proved Democrats know only too well that what- valueless he would make the amount good. Jacob Rudy is now dead. His son, Samuel Rudy and executor of his estate and the doctor recently had some correspondence, which resulted in the doctor paying \$125 in good money to Samuel Rudy with the understand-Democratic whether its counsels are sought ing that the \$200 in confederate money shall

