# Democratic Watchman

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### Ink Slings.

- -If reports have any reliance CERVERA is badly "stuck on" Santiago.
- -Spain now has reason to regret that her Columbus ever discovered America.
- -If our navy hasn't got much work in as yet, it has at least kept itself fairly busy fishing for cables.
- -Our navy has shown to the world that it is not always the boss tenor who is greatest on the high C.
- -It has every appearance now of becoming universal. Even the Peace society of Philadelphia is at war.
- -Next Tuesday the ticket will be named the 8th day of November.
- -And now it is believed that the first effort of the QUAY forces will be to chloroform the WANAMAKER issue.
- -Although there is a constant fall in iron about the West Indies, it don't seem to make the price come down.
- -Possibly the reason most of our war bulletins come by water is the fact that they have no ground to stand upon.
- -Evidently with all his scouts and grapling Mr. QUAY has failed to find and cut chief object of hostilities with Spain, will Mr. WANAMAKER'S principle cable.
- -If New Jersey has been slow in getting her troops to the front it is hardly the proper thing to charge it to a lack of sand in that State.
- -What Mr. QUAY now needs is a censor who can succeed in blue penciling the po-AMAKER wires.
- -To the casual observer it is beginning to look as if this administration is made up of men who believe "that everything comes to him who waits."
- -The philosopher who concluded that "truth is mighty and will prevail," had no knowledge of a time when war would be waged with the cables cut.
- —The Republican State platform declares for about everything under the sun, except the one thing the people are contending the minds of some of our people appears to to be subordinate to the will of the chief for-reform in state affairs.
- -What is wanted now is to raise a flag in Cuba pretty quick, or a bit of hell among the close of the war. We trust that after are governed by his supreme direction. manage this undertaking.
- -The Philadelphia Inquirer plaintively appeals to its readers to "keep politics off Republican judges it must be wanting to witness?
- -If this war has done nothing else it has at least given rest to the poor old tail of the British lion. Twisting it has ceased to be a pastime for our people, since hostilities began.
- the "pen is mightier than the sword," the present war has proven a howling success. Where the sword has found one victim the pen has made thousands.
- have already cost the government over has not vet been furnished.
- -No matter what some men think the money question can not be kept out of the campaign. This fall it will be "what becomes of the tax-paver's money that goes into the state treasury?"
- -ARNOLD wants to get back to Congress the same old way, via the 28th route. There are some might-have-been-postmasters in Centre county who will have a little say in this matter.
- -After all the 16 to 1 issue will be the this fall. It will be, however, the sixteen dollars that are collected from the taxpayers for every one that is needed for
- -With the Pittsburg distilleries closed down and the Republican convention demanding "improved water-ways" brother SWALLOW can feel that his bombardment has badly wrecked the fortifications of the
- -Sinking a Spanish fleet is easy. Our war news sinks one on an average every day. Candor, however, compels us to admit that our success at sinking them for minority that have grown tired of machine good has not yet been demonstrated to any perceivable extent.
- the primaries to-morrow and assist in se- shown as to the means by which the nomi- dental and abnormal vote as to believe that the steamer Merrimac that was sunk at the lecting representative and responsible men nation of the machine ticket was jammed his Governor's candidacy can amount to for delegates, will fail to perform one of through. The entire proceeding showed the most important duties devolving upon that the political dictator who claims the a Democratic citizen.
- -To-morrow is the day to make your choice between Democrats who are candidates for office. Go out and do it in a manly way and don't be kicking afterwards because the man you were too lazy or careless to vote for was not successful.
- -When we come to think of the numerous victories(?) we have already had, of the
- -If you have a preference among the aspirants for county office to-morrow is the day to express it. Go out like men and work for the fellow you want nominated, and if you don't happen to succeed be manly enough and fair enough to subbe manly enough and fair enough to subgressional district should be left to take

  only issue of the State campaign. The conpeachment of the rascals who run the govthe ship made their country the victim of a

  Legislature, and the people know what mit gracefully to the will of the majority. care of general issues.



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Dangerous Aspirations. There is danger that the minds of our people will be filled with imperial notions as a consequence of the war. Although that which is presented for their performwe have not as yet permanently conquered any territory, yet we hear much talk of that the people of the county will elect on the extension of our territorial limits by er the State shall cease to have a popular conquest. There is a demand that the Philippine Islands must be retained and converted into a great East Indian dependency of the Republic. The possession of those islands will require that we should have Hawaii also, as we shall need a halfway point in the ocean passage to our domain in the East Indies. Porto Rico will be necessary as a coaling station and must be retained as one of the prizes of the war, and it may turn out that the liberation of Cuba, which was claimed to be the stand in danger of being lost sight of in the

prevailing desire for territorial extension. be shaping themselves in the public mind A party that for years has wielded the in connection with the war. Of course power of a great majority has been made these territorial acquisitions at remote distances from our shores will require a mighty lost its popular government. By a base litical war news transmitted via the WAN- navy to keep them safe under the wing of betrayal of its honest membership the Rethe American eagle. For this purpose there is a demand for a large addition of battleships, monitors, cruisers and torpedo have been nearly annihilated in Pennsylboats. A bill was introduced in the House last week for the building of forty-five of these warlike vessels in one batch, and one that has sprung from this source has inof our contemporaries declares that we flicted every form of political abuse and should have a navy larger than that of bad government upon the State. Its con-Great Britair, which we can easily secure trol has been so supreme and vicious that by the trifling expenditure of a billion it has converted the politics of the State

tion, and as regards Cuba, it should be state offices. remembered that we are pledged to the -It is said that the mules for the war attempt to rival the great navies of Europe.

It will be for the benefit of our country, \$1,000,000. An estimate of what the asses if these notions of conquest and territorial at the heads of the departments have cost, extension, and the desire for a great navy and army, shall be dispelled from the minds of our people after the war fever shall have subsided. It should not be forgotten that the American nation is a Republic and not an empire, and that our aspirations should not be of an imperial

## Strategy of the State Campaign.

The Democrats will have until the close of the present month to arrange for their contest with the Republican contingent that will support QUAY's machine ticket, prominent question in the state campaign and whether the strategy adopted at their state convention shall be judicious and effective will depend upon the wisdom of those who will draw the plan of operations in the platform.

The Republicans are ahead of the Democrats in opening their campaign, and it is a matter of great interest to observe the movements of that large element in the party that has made up their minds not to obey the orders of the boss, nor submit to the control of the machine. In no former convention were QUAY's arrogance and determination to rule or ruin more offensively displayed, while the protests of the large methods and the one man power were treated with more than the usual amount right to rule the party organization has lost none of his desire to own the Govern-

ors of the State. After these offensive proceedings the movement of the outraged and indignant Republicans who propose to put an end to the corruption of the machine as well as the tyranny of the boss will be next in or-

There can not help being an affinity bemany more we are promising ourselves and tween the action of the Republican enemies that each, through all time will have to be of Quayism and that of the Democrats who becomingly celebrated it looks very much will do their part in the redemption of the as if heaven wasn't very far ahead of the State from its present debased political condition. While the anti-machine Republicans are developing their plan of operations the Democrats should get together at their state convention with an earnest determination to make state reform the

### The Paramount Issue.

The people of Pennsylvania never had so momentous a duty entrusted to them as ance in the pending state election. The issue which they are to determine is whethgovernment and be permanently handed over to the rule of an oligarchy of corrupt politicians headed by a party boss, or whether the control of the people shall be restored and a truly republican government be re-established--in this old Commonwealth. This is really the issue forced upon the people of the State by the usurpation of a political manager who has secured supreme control through the instrumentality of a corrupt party machine.

It is unnecessary to go into details in recounting the methods and processes by which a government of the people was displaced in this State by the rule of the Re-These are the aspirations that appear to publican boss and his assistant henchmen. the medium through which the State has publican organization has been used as the weapon by which Republican institutions

vania. The rule of the boss and the machine into a skillfully organized system of public This intoxication that has taken hold of plunder. The executive power is required have been brought on by the smell of gun- oligarch, and the Legislature is filled with powder, but we hope it will subside after servile tools who in every act of legislation

the fellows who have been delegated to their common sense is given a chance to This is the condition to which the rule of a platform for a campaign that had no consider the matter they will see that in of the boss and his machine has brought other purpose than to carry out the designs case of our conquest of the Philippines it the government of our State. It is as comwould be better to sell them at a good plete an usurpation of supreme power as the bench." What funeral processions for price than to retain possession of what could be evolved from debased and perwould likely be a trouble and expense to verted politics. The long obedience of the McKinley's administration, a few patrius. As to the leprous Hawaiian Islands Republican majority has nurtured this otic flourishes about the war with Spain, they would not only be an incumbrance but despotism, allowing it to assume such au- the usual rot commending a Republican an actual nuisance in our possession. It thority that it imperiously forces its re- monopoly tariff, and other stuff in no way might be advisable to retain Porto Rico, tainers upon a reluctant party as the can-relating to real state interests. There was as it could be made useful as a coaling sta-didates which it is required to elect to the not, however, a repetition of the promises

iberation and not to the annexation of an upstart political leader insults his own that island. We certainly do need a party and challenges the resistance of every have as the result of many years of Republihe state election hinge upon the question lican neglect, but it would be absurd to whether the will of a corrupt professional politician shall be supreme, or whether a evidently under a cloud. There are indito Pennsylvania.

## What the Boss Relies On.

QUAY's political reign was never beset by so strong an opposition as it will have to contend against this year. With a formidable revolt in his own party, and the the boss would be willing to contribute probability of the Democratic organization being thoroughly united, he was never be- But the enemies of the vicious QUAY domifore apparently in such danger of complete | nation will be wise if they unite upon the and disastrous overthrow. But if his cal- question of state reform and defeat the corculations were known it would in all is probability be found that his chief reliance for a safe delivery from this danger is based on the assistance he expects to get from the the reverend candidate last year prevented the machine state ticket from being defeatvote this year for Governor he will effect give the machine a plurality and continue have so long fattened on its spoils.

Doctor SWALLOW professes to be inspired by a desire for state reform. He has done require and demand correction, and yet he is putting himself in a position to be the chief obstacle to reform by dividing the anything more than a division of the op- This ship was an old Norwegian tramp position to the machine, and a continued steamer, called the Solveig, which a year lease of power for the corruptionists.

## Testimony from a Republican Source.

Republicans who honestly desire to do their duty in ridding their State of the injury and disgrace of machine rule will manner in which its abuses have been practiced. They have been abundantly supplied with all the disgraceful details canvass has thrown light for them upon the legislative and administrative iniquities that have for years past made the government of this State a most astounding example of public corruption. When such charges have come from a Democratic source party prejudice may have been a reason for Republicans to disbelieve or disregard them; but the WANAMAKER imernmental machinery of the State comes villainous swindle.

from a source which should command the confidence and secure the belief of every intelligent Republican.

When a man of his standing in his party, foremost in its councils and liberal in its the leaders of the state organization, the revelations he makes proceed from his party hacks who "never set a squadron in support, assumes a position of hostility to knowledge of their corrupt and debasing methods. He acts from a conviction of the injury which not only the State, but his own party also, is sustaining as a consequence of abuses practiced in every department of the state government.

In the 67 speeches made by Mr. WANA-MAKER to members of his party he presented an arraignment of the machine corruptionists that left not a single one of their public iniquities uncovered, detailing them with such precision and completeness that no honest Republican can excuse himself for continuing to support a party domination whose corrupt and licentious rule nation that men of known qualifications, experience and valor, men of the regular has been so clearly exposed and justly arraigned from a reputable and reliable Republican source.

### Quay Nominates his Ticket.

The machine ticket was jammed through the state convention but not by so large a majority as to assure the boss and his henchmen that there is no trouble ahead for them later on in the campaign when the bolters will have their innings. The majority for the QUAY candidate was of rather small dimensions and it would have been smaller, and probably wiped out entirely, if every known machine device, including the intimidation and bribery of delegates had not been employed to secure the nomination for the man whom QUAY had selected for Governor.

The managers of the convention evidently thought that it would not require much of the machine that maintains QUAY's autocratic power. All that they considered of reform with which the last two state that the corporations and combinations of Such arrogant assumption of power by an upstart political leader insults his own State. Cheeky as the machine rascals be taxed to help carry on the war if they senting 10,000 anthracite miners, on Monday usually are, they hadn't gall enough to stronger navy than that which we now independent voter in the State. It makes revert to a subject on which they had

faked the voters in recent campaigns. The machine enters this state contest government of the people shall be restored cations of a lack of confidence in the efcompose the leadership depend for the success of their ticket more on the division of their opponents than on the strength of the Republican vote. The diversion that SWALLOW is making may be of such mamost of the funds necessary to keep it going. ruptionists by pinning them down to that

## Robbing the Government.

The nation has a more dangerous enemy SWALLOW candidacy. The vote polled by in this war than the Spaniards, and the enemy consists of the corrupt and sordid characters who are using the war as an oped at that time, and if he can poll as large a portunity for the practice of the most scandalous public robberies. The plundersuch a division of the reform vote as will ing of the treasury will be limited only by the opportunity for stealing, and every to keep the control of the state government | fellow who has a pull on the administrain the hands of the corruptionists who tion will be given his chance. MARK HANNA is making his big profits in furnishing coal for the navy, in addition to being permitted to work off on the governsome service in exposing corruptions that ment for \$100,000 a yacht that could not have cost him half that amount.

It is in furnishing ships for the alleged use of the navy that Uncle SAM's despoilers vote which must be united if reform is to are making their biggest steal. An asbe brought about. He surely can not have tounding instance of this form of public —The Democrats who neglect to go to of contempt and defiance, no scruples were been so puffed up by his last year's acci-swindling has been exposed in the case of entrance of Santiago harbor some days ago. since was bought for \$48,000. Repairs were put on her that brought her cost up to \$192,000, and when the Spanish war broke out and all sorts of crafts were being bought for the navy, she was offered among others, but was rejected as unsuitable. This, hownot be at a loss for information as to the ever, didn't keep her from being bought by the government. A politician who had a "pull" was given an interest in her, and he worked her off on the navy department by John Wanamaker. His remarkable for \$342,000, the government being given. swindled out of \$150,000 in the transac-

This same ship, re-christened the Merri- From the York Gazette. mac, was sent down to Admiral SAMPSON was found so worthless that the best use lican view point, not a good one, but the they could put her to was to sink her in way in which it was named clearly demonthe channel at Santiago to prevent the strates that Senator QUAY is just as much Spanish fleet from coming out. In this of a power in Pennsylvania politics as ever. performance the gallant Hobson risked his He is the man who must be watched belife for his country, furnishing a striking tween this and November. He cannot re-

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It is Mr. McKinley's Way.

There is an old saying that an army of

stags led by a lion are more formidable than any army of lions led by a stag.

President McKinley is doing all that is in

than that they are sons of their father-John

Logan, Jr., son of Senator Logan, deceased, G. H. Hopkins, C. E. McMichael, Joseph

Benson Foraker, Jr., son of Senator Foraker, Bradley Strong, and a whole

administration. It is a diagrace to our

army, too, are thrust aside to give place to

these carpet knights who are never ex-

pected to draw a sword or anything else

It Will be a Fight for Reform.

The Democratic party in common with all parties, except the Republican, purposes to make this year a vigorous fight for re-

While the Chicago platform may be,

probably will be, endorsed, the national issues raised in that document will have no

bearing on the state campaign. The issue in Pennsylvania this year is honest govern-

ment. National issues are not involved in

The people and papers who were advo-cating reform last week will, if they are

honest, be advocating reform next week,

thereafter until the polls are closed next November. With the honest reformer the

only matter for debate or hesitancy seems

to be which of the reform parties he should

support. If he chooses wisely he will vote

All for the Corporations.

Last Saturday the first decisive vote was

can help it, and it seems that they can.

But, having escaped taxation, they will now use all their influence to force an issue

the war, and they will also endeavor to

make the bonds payable in gold in order to

make it so much harder for those who pay

the taxes. Count this first decisive vote as

A Great Opportunity Offered.

The Democrats of the State should ap-

preciate the fact that they have a golden

opportunity of winning this fall. The

icket nominated at Harrisburg yesterday

is a weak one, and the chances of a Demo-

cratic victory in the gubernatorial fight are

most excellent and encouraging. With more than a possibility of electing the Gov-

ernor the Democrats should be induced to

make wise and popular nominations for the

been robbed by recent Legislatures are

ready to put a stop to corruption by voting for good men for the Legislature, and the

Democrats should place in nomination the

best men that can be found in the several

districts of the State. There should be a

Don't Want to March in that Procession

The ticket would not be a strong one if

it did not in its chief parts represent noth-

ing so much as the sinister spirit and the

his, not the Republican party's ticket. The election of W. A. Stone for Governor would

simply mean the continuance of Quay in-

fluences in the government of the State, an

influence that has corrupted our politics,

and fostered grave abuses in the adminis-

tration of the treasury department. For

that reason W. A. Stone will be opposed at

the polls by independent Republicans, who demand a business-like administration of

state affairs, and perhaps successfully op-

posed if time should bring forth a candi-

A Bitter Dose for Republicans.

late about whom all the anti-Quay forces

clean sweep all along the line this fall.

From the Philadelphia Ledger, (Rep.)

From the Williamsport Sun

except their salary.

any way.

the Democratic ticket.

From the Clarion Democrat.

From an Unknown Exchange.

-Norristown's Board of Health will rigidly enforce an ordinance prehibiting the throwing of garbage in the streets

Spawls from the Keystone.

-There is general disgust at Camp Hastings over the repeated delays in furnishing supplies and indorsing recruiting officers.

-The coal diggers in the third Monongahela pool have decided to strike for the 66cent rate adopted at the Chicago convention. -From valvular disease of the heart, induced by excessive smoking, Robert W. Stadden, a Williamsport printer, on Monday, fell

-While out hunting Morris J. Thomas, of Warrior Run, Luzerne county, accidentally shot himself in the shoulder and bled to

-Attorney J. H. McCreery, of the Allegheny county bar, is sentenced for 18 months to the workhouse for embezzlement and false

-Mahlon Powers, of East Vincent, Chester county, picked up a land tortoise, with the following inscription cut on the shell: "H. K., 1777, C. F."

party hacks who "never set a squadron in the field," and who have no other merit Jacob Astor, Jr., James G. Blaine, Jr., Wm. B. Allison, Jr., Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., Russel Harrison, G. C. Webb, of New York, a scion of the Vanderbilts, John A. -The coffin manufactory of E. E. Tuberck, at Dushore, Sullivan county, was destroyed by fire last night. Over eight hundred cof-

fins were consumed. -Representative C. W. Stone, of Warren, the defeated candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, announces he will make an open fight on Senator Quay from

array of young sports who, with the exception of young Grant, have never given any evidence of fitness for their comthis time on. -The Chambersburg engineering company nands. Blaine has none of his father's has received an order for the largest riveting brains, and his reputation is not of the machine ever made. It will weigh 80,000 cleanest, being mixed up with half a dozen woman, while Russel Harrison was the bete noir, the blacksheep of his father's pounds and will stand 16 feet high. It is for the Pittsburg locomotive works.

-Michael Grant died in the miners' hospital at Ashland on Sunday from the effects of being struck on the head with a stone in the hands of Michal Dormer at Centralia. The men had quarreled.

-Frank Tevec, aged 26 years, of McKeesport, was instantly killed in the Buhl steel mill, at that place Saturday night by being struck on the side of the head with a piece of

steel. His skull was crushed in. -The time for opening bids for the publication of the Legislative Record has been postponed from Monday next to July 6th, in order that some of the bidders may make a

change in the form of their proposals. -Samuel Bernhardt, a brakeman on the Philadelphia and Reading railway, while in the act of making a coupling at Tamaqua yesterday, was caught between the bumpers of the cars and so badly crushed about the hips that he died a short time after the accident

happened. -While a farmer was plowing on Milton Sultzbach's land, in Hellam township, York county, his two horses suddenly sank almost out of sight. It is believed there is a large cave under the farm. The horses were finally hauled out of the cavern, which is about twenty feet deep.

-Frank C. McCaulley, of Bellwood, was drowned at Big Run, four miles from Winstaken on the war revenue measure and resulted in tabling that part of it proposed low, Jefferson county, on Monday. He was working at a log camp and went to the creek by the Democrats which provided a tax of to wash. Somehow he got in where the one-fourth of one per cent. upon the gross water was sixteen feet deep and was unable receipts of all corporations. This indicates to get out.

at Hazleton adopted resolutions declaring that distress exists in the region owing to duliness of trade, and appealing to Congress of bonds to compel the people to pay for for an appropriation to relieve the people, and asking that the government use anthra-

cite coal wherever practicable. -Samuel Henderson, of Philadelphia, the ficacy of its usual methods. The gang who against the people and in favor of a select 15-year-old boy murderer, has been sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment from April 2nd, by Judge Audenreid. Young Henderson caused the death of Percy Lockyer, aged 5 years by stabbing him and concealing the body in the creek and placing heavy stones on it, to keep it from view.

-Nearly all of the Pittsburg distilleries have closed down for this season. Usually they do not suspend operations until July or August, but the increase in government tax. and the over production in 1893 have brought about a business depression which has resulted in the early closing. Business will The taxpayers who have not be resumed until about September 1st.

-The three troops of cavalry stationed at Mount Gretna, comprising the Sheridan Troop of Tyrone, Governor's Troop of Harrisburg, and City Troop of Philadelphia, have been ordered to Dunn Loring, Virginia. This will bring them into the neighborhood of Falls Church, the location of Camp Alger, which is in Fairfox county, only a few miles from Washington.

-Clark Bedell, of the Walter Main circus, had a narrow escape from death by a ferocious tiger making an attack on him while ourposes of Quayism. He made it; it is parading through the streets at Scranton on Tuesday. As he was about to leave the cage the tiger caught him and tore the flesh from the thigh to the knee on the right leg, exposing the bone. Bedell was taken to the Lackawanna hospital.

-A terrific explosion, causing the ground to tremble and the houses to shake for miles around, occurred on Saturday at Colebrook furnace No. 1. West Lebanon, operated by the Lackawanna iron and steel company, of Scranton. The explosion resulted from molten iron eating its way through the furnace bottom into the canal of water encircling it. Several men were injured, but no lives were

-Reading's sesqui-centennial opened on Sunday afternoon with three concerts-on Penn Square, Penn Common, and Mineral Springs park. The features of Monday, were a reception of visiting city officials at the Court house and a parade of civil societies and visiting associations. Over 8,000 persons were in line. In the evening its principal street was illumined with 4,300 incandescant electric lights and a discharge of fireworks costing over \$2,000.

-Paul and Edward Bottger, brothers, aged 8 and 10 years, of Williamsport, were arrested for attempting to wreck trains on the Linden branch of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad. For several weeks the lads have been breaking the locks, turning switches and piling obstructions on the tracks. A strict watch resulted in the detection of the young offenders, who are now inmates of the city almshouse. The reason given for committing the offense is that they wanted "a little fun."

From the Philadelphia Press, (Rep.) With almost any other candidate that ould be named success was assured. Only one man could make the issue doubtful, and he was chosen. We profoundly regret this action of the convention. forced upon the party a candidate who is distasteful to thousands of Republicans and cannot command their votes. It has disegarded and over-ridden public sentiment to an extent that will not easily be for-

## The Old Man is Still de Boss.

can rally.

The Republican ticket is, from a Repubthat means.