# Democratic Watchman.

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#### Ink Slings.

I'll be the big boss of the whole blamed machine,

The grand Googoobum of the county; I'll drown imitators in an old soup tureen, And run things by payin' the bounty. These new chingorees may continue to swell On the strength of their new found possessio But wait 'til old Googoobum starts given em ---Well - then watch them get in my procession

-Altoona will be nothing but one long drawn out Knight next week.

-Two new postmasters appointed in Centre county this week just means two new QUAY workers. One in Potter, the other in Harris.

-Governor ROOSEVELT, of New York, painted a very excellent word picture of himself in his speech at Buffalo, a few nights ago, when he said: "The average politician is a fellow who promises everything to the reformers then does everything for the organization."

-The report is given credence among the local politicians that the HASTINGS people have the delegates already set up in every precinct in the county and that they are already felicitating themselves on controlling the next county convention and electing their state delegates.

-If Dr. ROBERTS can demonstrate that injecting the life cells of a young goat into the human system will rejuvenate old peo- ring that influenced and controlled the ple we are ready with a counter proposition to the effect that one contact with the but- number of revenue bills were originated and ter end of an old goat will make the youngest person feel the effects of senility.

-The persistence of the beggars became so annoying that ANDREW CARNEGIE had to leave London and fly for his Skibo castle up in Scotland. You know ANDY believes that it would be a disgrace for any man to die possessed of great riches and this army of mendicants are determined that so sound a minded man shan't die in disgrace, if they can help it.

---- The wild story that was sent afloat, on Sunday, to the effect that GROVER CLEVELAND had died suddenly while walking about on Middle Bass Island, Lake Erie, proved to be a canard. GROVER died his political death three years ago, but he proposes delaying the other as long as possible, and that is only human nature.

-Gov. STONE needn't have told anyone that he is opposed to higher education. His action with the school appropriation bills speaks plainer than any words he could utter on that subject. What he should have done was to make known his feeling on such matters before he was elected, then the people would have seen down appropriations for educational pur-





Who is Responsible.

Under the circumstances the cutting down of the public school appropriation \$1,000,000 by Governor STONE was probably the best thing he could do.

But who is responsible for the circumstances?

This is the question that the taxpayers will be asking when they get enough gumption into their heads to realize that there is something radically wrong and offensively rotten, both in the legislation and general management of the affairs of the old Commonwealth.

The House of Representatives at Harrisburg during the last session of the Legislature, was controlled by the anti-QUAY sentiment of the State. The Senate was the sycophantic and subservient tool of the boss of the state ring. It was this ring

that dictated the nomination and elected Mr. STONE Governor, and it was the same action of the Senate. In the House a passed that would have provided abundant means to support all the charities and public institutions of the State, as well as furnishing the usual amount of assistance to our public schools and educational institutions. In every instance, when these bills effected corporations or interests from which the Republican state ring--Mr. QUAY and his henchmen-annually draws its political stipend, they were voted down by the Senate.

The Democrats and antiQUAY Representatives did their best to furnish revenue sufficient to meet all the necessary expenditures and outstanding obligations of the State, but because they proposed raising part of these funds from sources that never have, and do not now, pay their just proportion of taxation, a QUAY Senate, that heeded and was largely guided' by the advice and wishes of Governor STONE, voted

down these propositions and left the finances of the State in the condition they are now in.

It was to save corporations and brewers of beer from bearing a portion of the there will be trouble enough to secure a state taxation, that the public school fund has to be robbed now.

This is the reason the revenues are short to it that he wasn't troubled with cutting of the appropriations. It is the reason the however, ALGER was kind when money was needed and like most men who accompublic schools are to be robbed of part of modate in that way, he is exacting. Alheir income, and the burdens of increased

An Interesting Problem.

The army beef scandal has taken on a new form. The jobbers in and out of the vestigation began, and were inclined to be Centre county was his action on the apconciliatory for a time. But now that the propriation bills for the Pennsylvania State report has been in their favor they are College and the Cottage hospital at Philipslikely to take a different view of the situa- burg. He cut the later's amount from tion. Instead of running with the hares \$14,000 to \$12,000 and the appropriation they are now disposed to hunt with the for State was pared down to the extent of hounds. It is the accusers that are to be \$11,000. on the defensive hereafter. Exposing crime is the vice and perpetrating it the

least, and ALGER'S will is the law of the present administration. In view of these facts it is not surprising to

learn that it will be impossible for Generals \$1,000. MILES and MERRITT to both remain in the army, nor is it difficult to conjecture which of the two will be obliged to get out under the circumstances. At the beginning of the war anybody with an analytical mind would have at once seen, under such conditions, MERRITT would be put on the toboggan. He was on record for having condemned ALGER for desertion and cowardice and though MILES wasn't in high favor at the time, he was preferred to MERRITT, but since then MERRITT has learned a thing or two. He has acquired the art of crooking the pregnant hinges of the knee "where thrift may follow fawn-

ing." As a result he escaped the danger and privations of the Philippines and secured favor by what looks greatly like shirking. Having gone that far it is natural that he should resort to sycophancy as a medium of gaining further favor. But it is doubtful if ALGER will be able to carry out his present plan of driving MILES out of the army in order to promote MERRITT to the chief command. The country will not tamely submit to an outrage, and McKINLEY will hardly take the risk of provoking popular resentment in that way. Unless the signs are misleading re-election without provoking additional opposition, and ALGER's scheme would be prolific in that respect. Nobody can tell.

Governor STONE completed the work administration, which includes Secretary that was left for him to do by the of War ALGER, and the beef packers, are last Legislature, on Monday, and started about to become aggressive. They have off on a fishing trip to West Virbeen on the defensive since the in- ginia. The all important matter to

The Legislature had given the College \$66,557.90 but the Governor pared it as virtue. That is the ALGERian rule, at follows before he would approve it: For repairs and maintenance of buildings and

maintenance and improvement of steam plant, \$2.500 For maintaining campus walks and roads

For mainter ance of the department of physics

and purchase of additional apparatus for physical research, \$1,000. For maintenance of the department of civil engineering and equipment of the hydraulic laboratory the sum of \$2,500. For maintenance of the department of chemistry, including the chemical museum, \$2,000. For maintenance of the department of psychology, including psychological laboratory, \$1,000. For maintenance of the biological and botanical laboratories, \$1, 000.

President Atherton's View of the Cut.

Probably the matter of most interest to Centre countians before the last session of the Legislature was the appropriation budget, since our great institution of learning, The Pennsylvania State College, was hopeful of securing just such sums as were actually needful for the carrying on of the work of its various departments. The Governor cut the appropriation, along with the others, and while his action will hinder the progress of the College to a certain extent president ATHERTON looks at the act in a most philosophical and kindly way. While expressing his regret that the Governor found it necessary to reduce the already small appropriation voted to the College by the Legislature, he believes that "the Governor acted in perfect good faith and with a purpose to deal as fairly and considerately as possible with all the conditions of a very perplexing situation. The Governor's determination to reduce the large

The College Appropriations Cut to the Extent of \$11,000. The Little Red School House Must Suffer. From the Pittsburg Post.

Papers throughout the country, as well as the educational interest-and it is an interest professionally and financially—are vigorous in criticism of the lopping off of nearly a million and a quarter dollars from the usual appropriation for school purposes in Pennsylvania. On its face it may be a retrograde step, but there are good reasons in the way of explanation. It simply re-sults from the extravagance and jobbery in state government that has been going on for years, and for which the Republican party and its accepted bosses are exclusive-ly responsible. We heard nothing of this kind when Robt. E. Pattison was Governor and guarded and protected the financial in-terests of the Commonwealth with ability and integrity, even hampered as he was at all times by a hostile Legislature. If Geo. A. Jenks had been elected Governor we are confident that nothing of the kind would

have occurred. A leading Republican paper of New York declares that the reduction of the school funds is a fitting sequel to the operations of the Quay treasury ring, and repeats facts well known in this State that the school funds were diverted to pet banks to be loaned to ring favorites. As a matter of fact and as a single instance the hundred thousand dollars that the late State Treasurer directed should be loaned out of state funds deposited in the Peoples bank to the Quays was part of the school funds of Pennsylvania and in this way: At the time there was default in the payment of the school quota to the counties and instead of this \$100,000 and many other thousands being applied to that purpose, it was loaned to politicians and speculators on the orders of the Republican bosses. For years the school fund was plundered by these people or distributed as a reward for personal and factional purposes. The counties, deprived of the state quota due them, were forced in some cases to issue bonds to borrow money; in others the school year was out down, and again in others the school year was teachers was reduced. And all that the school funds could be used for speculative purposes by machine politicians and speculators, or if they did not so use them, they shared in the interest contracted to be paid by such rotten banks as the Peoples for state deposits.

Those very Republican politicians who have been raiding the school funds of Pennsylvania have been at the same time posing and making capital and votes as the particular advocates and champions of "the little red school house." No State of the Union, unless some of the southern States under carpet-bag and negro rule, can match this debauchery of the public conscience here in Pennsylvania. And it is in

progress to-day, as county after county is, voting confidence in boss Quay by electing delegates to a state convention to nominate the surface of the stream in such quantities outstanding floating indebtedness of the other candidate for State Treasurer to h

#### Spawls from the Keystone.

-The new frame Baptist church at Jersey Shore was dedicated Sunday. The building cost over \$2,000.

-The Juniata county Agricultural society has set the time for holding its annual fair at Port Royal for September 13th, 14th and 15th.

-Miles Henderson, of Barree township. Huntingdon county, has a dog that will hunt nothing but snapping turtles and catches lots of them.

-The executive committee of the Old Pennsylvania Canal Boatmen's association will meet at Blairsville in the near future to set a day and place for the next annual reunion.

-The venerable Rowland Francis, one of Cambria county's earliest settlers, died Saturday morning at his home in Cambria township, at the age of 99 years. His death was caused by ailments of old age.

-There will probably be no direct punishment for those who steal plants and flowers from graves and in some cases rob them of their top soil, but the person who has fallen to the level of a cemetery thief certainly occupies a place with degraded humanity no better than that of the highwayman.

-The body of John Rohn, the wealthy lumberman of Three Runs, near Karthaus. who has been missing for a month, was found under a pile of saw dust near his saw mill Thursday. The several hundred dollars he had with him are missing, and he was evidently murdered. Detectives are at work on the case.

-The Hazleton National bank and First National bank gave notice recently that on June 1st they will reduce the interest rate on deposits from 3 to 2 per cent, per annum. The local banks are not able to profitably invest all the money deposited with them Over \$3,000,000 are on deposit in the Hazleton banks.

-The Queen's Run fire brick company, of Lock Haven, has received by cable a large contract for fire brick from Brazil. The brick are to be of special sizes and shapes and will be used for purposes for which it is impossible to procure suitable stock in foreign lands of as good quality as those made by the Queen's Run company. The contract was secured without competition.

-During the storm on Tuesday of last week the barn of J. R. Lute, near Grip postoffice, Indiana county, was struck by lightning, but was not fired. J. R. Lute, Isaac Lute, John A. Keith, J. L. Davis, Samuel DeHaven, and G. W. Patrick had taken refuge in the barn and all were considerably stunned. A cow was killed by the bolt, and the structure was somewhat damaged.

-The county commissioners of Fulton ounty offer a reward of \$100 for the arrest and delivery to the jail in McConnellsburg. of McClellan Pennell, who shot William C. Beatty, at Barnes Gap, Fulton county, 'on the night of April 20th. Pennell is about 30 years old, height 5 feet 10 or 11 inches, of slight build, dark complexion, black hair, smooth face, nose drooped at end, long, slim feet.

-An oil spring was recently found near Elmer, Potter county. The oil appeared on that the matter was investigated and the spring was found to be overflowing with oil. The flow is not very steady, but once a day a small volumn of oil is given off, the flow lasting for an hour or less. The spasmodic flowing of the spring indicates the presence of -William Flick, proprietor of the Flick house at New Centreville, Somerset county, and the postmaster of that town, died Saturday a week ago, in the 66th year of his age. He was also postmaster during the Harrison administration, and was commissary-sergeant of the Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania volunteers, and served three years in the army during the civil war. A wife and one daughter survive. -Emanuel Getz, of Jersey Shore, is now lying in bed suffering from a very painful injury. Mr. Getz is a blacksmith, and while shoeing a horse the animal became obstreperous, and in his efforts to quiet him, Mr. Getz fell, and the horse fell on top of him. Mr. Getz's body was bruised and all the ligaments in his left leg were torn loose. Mr. Getz was taken to his home where his leg was placed in a plaster of paris cast. -The corner stone for a new United Brethren church at Windber will be laid Sunday, May 28th. The structure, which will be frame, will be erected at the corner of Graham avenue and Ninth street. Clark & Son, of Hooversville, have the contract and the building is expected to be completed within three months. The trustees of the church are the Rev. E. F. Wriggle and the Messrs. Hiram Baumgardner, E. L. Reed, H. R. Shaffer and David Reed. --Mrs. Mary Beck, of East Ridge, near Cherrytree, Indiana county, perhaps the oldest woman in that or adjoining counties. slipped and fell several days ago, fracturing her hip joint. Dr. E. R. Erhard, of Cherrytree, is the attending physician. He reports that although the break will not heal the woman has stood the shock well and promises to live for some time. She enjoys good health, and, although almost 102 years old, until two years ago she was able to do her own work. On June 2nd she will celebrate her 102nd birthday, and if her health permits her friends will make merry the extraordinary event. -For the first time in many years mass was celebrated at Spruce Creek, last Sunday, Rev. Father T. W. Rosensteel pastor of Saint Matthew's church, Tyrone, was celebrant. The services which were attended by several hundred people, were held in the improvised chapel at the home of James Cullen, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the church diocese. The saying of mass in the quaint old village revives a church service of many years ago, when Spruce Creek was one of the pioneer towns of Central Pennsylvania, and mass was at regular intervals celebrated by bishops and priests now deceased, and some yet living have grown old in service of their faith. The new railroad work at Spruce Creek has brought several hundred workmen to the town: many of them are Catholics. On the third Sunday of every month Father Rosensteel will cele--You ought to take the WATCHMAN | brate mass at Spruce Creek at 10:30 o'clock.

-Dr. ROBERTS, a country practitioner down in Missouri, claims to have discovered a new elixir of life and a large institution for treating patients is to be started in Chicago. His scheme is to take the life cells from the lymphatic glands of a young goat and inject them into the human system. The doctor has a great head. There can be no question but that a few hypodermics of such a fluid would make even an old man feel like a kid.

-Dr. BRIGGS has landed in the Protestant Episcopal church. He was ordained on Sunday so that the once heretic Presbyterian is now a regular form Episcopalian. The Doctor insists that he is still on the road to Heaven; having merely changed his line. But if he continues questioning the accuracy of the Bible in the future as he has done in the past, he will waken up, when GABRIEL toots his horn, to find that he has been side tracked en route.

-Tyrone merchants are looking sad eyed at one another because a slick swindler has just done them to a turn. You know how it hurts anyone from Tyrone to be nipped and it is little wonder that they feel sore because they have just bought a lot of clay bricks, wrapped up in tin-foil, that were "guaranteed" to rid their stores of all kinds of pests, from the loafer who cuspidates on the stove, to the mice that have a binding contract with the cheese. The swindler got a good price for his clay, but he gave his victims a good "josh" that they won't soon forget.

-Our troubles in the Philippines are not near at an end, yet every day brings fresh rumors of a portentious nature from Cuba and Puerto Rico. In Cuba Gen. BROOKE fears grave trouble in distributing the \$3,000,000 that our government has appropriated for the rebels. They hesitate about laying down their arms and under the influence of such malcontents as MAYIA, RODRIQUEZ, SANGUILLY and others are inclined to resent our further occupation of the island. Another clash might not be far distant. In fact, the situation is re- Republicans of Centre county to get togarded as very serious.

-If Governor STONE had gone up to State College and taken his recreation on propriation. The Republican certainly the campus of the public institution at takes an unique view of the situation. If more reinvigorated than he will by a West to turn in with its side while it keeps on Virginia fishing trip. He would also have shooting away at the goose that is laying made the discovery, if he is not insensible their golden eggs there is only one concluto the Creator's handiwork, that the camp- sion for us to come to and that is that the us there is the most beautiful, naturally, of editorial writers on the Republican are as any in the country. Perhaps if he had green in politics as they are in journalism. gone there and comprehended what Nature has done so lavishly for the place he wouldn't have with held the \$1,000 that was asked for the maintenance of the campus, walks and roads.

taxation thrown upon the shoulders of those least able to bear them. The responsibility for this condition of affairs rests solely and alone upon the political ring of which Governor STONE is the official representative, and this responsibility can neither be shaken off nor lessened by any pretense of devotion to the inter-

of the State. are responsible for the lack of revenue that of the administration became frenzied over necessitates the reduction of the appropriations for the public schools.

ests of the taxpayers or the financial honor

This is a fact that every day's proceedings of the last session of the Legislature will attest. amp

-When the coal miners and others, for whose relief and assistance the Philipsburg hospital was established, realize that that deserving institution has been compelled to stand a reduction in its appropriation from the State of \$2,000 in order to relieve foreign and domestic beer brewers and the great corporations of the State from paying a fair share of taxation, they will begin to appreciate the kind of benefits that are to be had from the continuance in power of a political party that is willing to rob its own charities for the advantage of such interests. Robbing the hospitals and schools to save brewers' taxes should have a tendency to open the eyes, even of a Pennsylvania Republican.

#### Original Ideas on the Production of Harmony.

In parallel columns the Republican says: In parallel columns the *Republican* says: "There are no satisfac-fory nor convincing rea-sons that can be advance-ed for the continuance of factionalism and dissen-sion in our ranks. \*\*Let us set aside everything prejudicial to the inter-ests of our party and, for-ances, fancied or real, unite together in giving our friends, the enemy, the stiffest proposition they have met with in Centre county in many a day." "The Governor en-they have met with in Centre county in many day."

In one column our contemporary urges gether and in another it berates Governor STONE for having cut the public school apthat place he would have found himself far it expects the QUAY men in Centre county and laws as perpetrated by Postmaster Gen-

> ----Many a Philipsburg girl is walking with a limp because the board of health of that place has ordered all vaccinated as a tion under foot an innocent diverson. The precaution against the spread of small pox. ATKINSON episode is in point.

together it is an interesting problem and the public will watch the solution of it with deep concern.

A Tempest in a Teapot.

The EDWARD ATKINSON episode is very much like the traditional "tempest in a teapot." It was a sensation for a day and will be a matter of regret for all time. It is Governor STONE and his friends who The small minds that rule in the councils an imaginary offense and committed a crime against the spirit of the law and constitution, greater than that which they complained of could have been, even if it had been what they imagined, which it was not. So palpable an evidence of incompetency and unfitness has rarely if ever been revealed in a civilized government before. Those peanut politicians in Washington are making a sorry spectacle of themselves. Mr. ATKINSON, whose passion for pamphleteering, though amusing, is hardly harmful, had compiled from the Congressional Record some matter which he regarded as pertinent on the conduct of the war with Spain. As we understand it there was little or nothing in the document he was distributing other than that taken from speeches of Congressmen, delivered on the floor of the House. But little CHARLES EMORY SMITH, who is rattling around in the chair once occupied by MONTGOMERY BLAIR and later filled by WILLIAM L. WILSON. conceived the notion that the soldiers in

the army of occupation in the Philippines ought not to be permitted to read the matter, and he took upon himself to rifle the mails and abstract from the pouches the ATKINSON pamphlet. He had no more right in law or reason to do that than any tramp has to cut a pouch on its way from the railway station to the postoffice in this town. The inviolability of the mails is one of the boasted traditions in this country. But when cheap clerks are entrusted with the work of tull grown men, which seems to be a rule of the present administration, there is no telling what may happen in any given direction.

There was nothing treasonable in the pamphlet which Mr. ATKINSON had prepared for circulation, but there is treason in the wanton violation of the constitution eral SMITH, in rifling the mails enroute to the Philippines. But such things are among the natural developments of this era of immature minds. There are men who talk freely about the sacredness of the flag and think there is no harm at all in stuffing a ballot box. Criticising the actions of an official is, according to their ideas, a grave offense, but trampling the Constitu-

State must commend itself to the judgment of every citizen, and the College is willing to take its share of cutting until the finances of the State are in better

shape." -That thousand Princeton students, who tried to break up PAWNEE BILL'S wild west show, on Monday, as they had done with WASHBURN'S circus last year, found that the cowboys and Indians were just a

little "too many" for them. It was lots of fun for the collegians to pelt the passing paraders with stones, exploding cannon crackers and antique eggs, but when the helpless riders in the wagons called the ALKALI IKES and RUBBER NECK JIMS of the plains to their assistance the sport was changed entirely. The smart youngsters were lassooed, dragged and bumped about in a most unceremonious fashion and very soon cried for quarter. Most of them were afraid to go to the show that night as the circus people had told them very plainly of the various sections of their hide they had better stay away or behave. It was a lesson that was good for them. The circus people were comporting themselves creditably and it is a pretty commentary on the manliness of the students of one of our greatest universities that a crowd of red skins and cowboys should have to rebuke them for flagrant indecencies.

-Governor STONE has done what no other Governor has dared to do, cut down the appropriation to public schools. He has reduced the amount annually given to the schools by \$1,000,000, which simply goes to show that the QUAY people don't hesitate at anything, even the hindering of public education, when they want to work

## In the Jaws of the Destroyer.

for each other.

The Linn & McCoy chain works, between this place and Milesburg, are announced as among the concerns forming the chain trust, organized last week. We hope it will not be with them as a similar move proved to Mann's axe factory a few years ago. At the time it entered the trust it was doing a prosperous business and giving employment to from thirty to fifty men.

Three months afterwards there was neither axe-factory, work for the men, nor income for the proprietor. The whole thing was wiped out completely, the works dismantled, machinery removed and buildings allowed to go to ruin. Whether the Milesburg industry will be spared the fate of the axe factory, time alone will tell.

-----If you want fine work done of every description the WATCHMAN is the place to have it done.

liking. He's a Soldier Not a Show Fool.

From the Philadelphia Times.

The most utterly preposterous and shameless proffer ever made to a brave man, fine soldier and a great fighter is that which the State Fair association of Kansas has laid before Gen. Funston. It calmly pro-poses to pay the soldier hero of the Philppines \$1,000 to swim the Arkansas river with his nine soldiers of Calumpit and show his countrymen how they did it in the

The enterprising association proposes to throw up earthworks opposite Wichita, where the fair is to be holden, and to man Wichita, them with enough of competent cowards to give the whole matter the highest realistic form. They are to be captured amidst the greatest applause, of course, and it is men-tioned incidentally that this novel feature cannot fail to ensure the success of the fair itself, as well as to provide an interesting and valuable object lesson in the art and practice of war to the youth of the State and to its visitors. It is needless to say that Gen. Funston will certainly decline that if they cared to preserve the contiguity His business is real war, and in it he is the peer of the bravest soldier whose name honors our history. To be placed upon the level with a five-legged calf or a horned colt would be to permit himself to become more ridiculous than the unfortunate Hobson, whose brave deeds are shadowed by his mistaken choice of place for osculatory practice with admiring young women. The lesson of Hobson is not likely to be lost upon our returning heroes, but that such a sublimely ridiculous offer should be made to Funston in a State which should feel dignified by his citizenship, and made in calm expectancy that it could be seriously entertained or fail to awaken a storm of derisive indignation through the country, is almost beyond the range of belief. The fool-killer has a job out in Kansas, and particularly with the people of Wichita and the Fair association which has headquarters there.

# Dingley Tariff Burdens.

From the Boston Herald. The Dingley tariff law has been of no benefit to the wool growers; it has been of great disadvantage to the woollen and worsted manufacturers, and has compelled a great many of the American people to go without the clothing they have been accustomed to use and are desirous of buying. It furnishes an illustration of the disastrous effects of this form of protection, which injures practically everybody and is of advantage to nobody.

### An Honest Recognition of the Truth. From the Philadelphia Press.

It would be idle to disguise the fact that the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania is far more respected to-day than it has been before for many years. The action of its representatives at Harrisburg during the legislative session has been such as to invite the confidence of the party people forfeited in former years by the intrigues and trades of corrupt and selfish leaders.