# Democratic Watchman.

## BY P. GRAY MEEK.

#### Ink Slings.

-Yes, Congress had better adjourn and go home. It has done about all the bad it can do and adjournment would certainly be making the most of a bad job.

--The Mifflin county farmer who possesse a pig with three fully developed ears, must have adopted the Potter county breed. That is the only section we know of where "pig's ears" are so prolific.

- DEWEY'S defeat of MONTEJO'S fleet was very disastrous to Spain, but developments of late have proven that he isn't near the diplomat on land that he is on sea. His own knockout of himself is the most disastrous thing he has ever done.

---If the last fight in Centre county did nothing else it lined up former county chairman W. E. GRAY. He had been doing the political elquilibristic act, with a pail on each shoulder, for some time, but they caught him on Friday before the convention and WILLIE's water began to spill so rapidly that he slid in out of the wet and is now an avowed QUAVite.

-Better be something, and be it right, Than a shifting coward, in any fight.

-The papers were'nt full of the frocks and hats worn by GROVER's babies during the annual egg rolling fete on the White House lawn this year. GROVER is living in retirement at Princeton now, where the quiet life is evidently not much to his liking, for ever and anon he throws up distress signals calling for a political life boat to come and take him off.

-It is not to the credit of the United States Senate to have unseated CLARK, of Montana, and permitted HANNA, of Ohio, to remain. Both bought their elections by bribing Legislators and they should have suffered alike, but it is probable that the milliopaire Senators had an extra grudge against the red headed Croesus because he has more money than any of them.

-While the President is in New York attending the ecumenical conference on Foreign Missions tomorrow afternoon he might tell his Methodist brethren, gathered there from all parts of the world, that, according to his imperialistic notions, the best way to christianize is to benevolently assimilate with bullets and bayonets.

-Governor TAYLOR, of Kentucky, call-KINLEY? There would certainly be no gated without their advice or consent. clash of ideas between them, as both bebayonet.

ty develops the fact that there are more WILLIAM I.



## STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION. BELLEFONTE, PA., APRIL 20, 1900.

### Barkis is Willin'.

The Making of a New King. Did you ask why does not the constituour new possessions? Are you anxious to himself as willing to accept the nomination know why the liberties and rights and op- for Vice-President on the ticket with Mcare not secured to all the people who are have been looking for some time for a canunder the protection of the stars and stripes? | lidate for that office, but had been unable Simply because personal ambition and to find a suitable one. There isn't much greed for political patronage wills it other- in the office to attract men of capacity, and wise. Mr. McKINLEY rejoices in the pow- the custom has been to select some fellow er that has been conferred upon him as with a Bar'l and little brains. But by President of the United States. Unfortu- some error of judgment or accident of cirnately for his greed that power is limited cumstances the St. Louis Convention named by constitutional restrictions. Outside of GARRET A. HOBART four years ago, who that constitution there is neither proscribed was a man of brains and character, and the bounds for itching ambition, nor inhibited consequence is that the party is now em-

restraints upon the creation and control of barrassed. In order to make the work easy the President some weeks ago made Under the constitution Mr. MCKINLEY some new rules with the respect to the socould not be King, or Emperor, or dictator cial status of the incumbent of the office. of Porto Rico. Outside of it he can, in fact The manifest purpose was to excite the

Under the bill to form a civil govern- ambition of some wealthy nobody who to draw fat salaries. ment for the unfortunate residents of that would pay the expenses of the campaign island he will have more power than had and ask no questions. But none such rethe Queen of Spain, from whose autocratic sponded to the call and the announcement authority we thought we were rescuing a of Secretary Long's willingness to take helpless and oppressed people. The new the place causes embarrassment, rather than

bill, dictated by him and enacted into law satisfaction. by those professing to be his friends and Mr. LONG is not a bad man and under followers, gives him as absolute and dicta- the old rules of party arrangement would torial power over all the affairs of that not have been a bad candidate. He served island as has the Czar of Russia over the with some measure of credit in Congress

empire that he rules and speaks for. and has not been an altogether had Secte-Through its provisions he appoints its gov- tary of the Navy. The fact that DAVID ernor, the executive council, the judges A. WELLS filled that position during the and the officers who select the persons to war of the rebellion is evidence, however,

fill every appointive office. He vetoes such that it doesn't require a high order of talforces such edicts and collects such taxes as son and SCHLEY arose. Then he lost his the midsummer season has arrived.

he may see proper. The people there are absolotely helpless. dent was determined not to let any Demo-

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public patronage.

men who can be "seen." A new lot is In addition to the power that his bill dent against McKINLEY. heard of after every contest and if the lots gives him, the patronage that it enables In view of such services to the President, a week ago were quiet and orderly, the

Here is almost double the amount of the The Secretary of the Navy, Hon. JOHN entire yearly expenses of Centre county. tion go hand in hand with the flag into D. LONG, of Massachusetts, has expressed paid to four individuals for a single trip to and a few months stay in those islands. They were no part of the army or governportunities, guaranteed by our organic law, KINLEY. Senators HANNA and PLATT mental force sent out to establish a government, such as Mr. McKINLEY thinks proper for the Filipinos. They were simply visitors, without authority, without instructions or without use. And yet those four men cost the people of the United States, for a few months junket, \$117,185. And the Republican who growls the loudest about his local taxes and next fall will be blathering about Democratic management will step up and vote to endorse McKINLEY, and his government by commission, just as if it was not the barestfaced robbery of the people, and a simple ture out of seventy-two; and one little and sure way of furnishing a Republican

Senator. publican office seekers places from which

> The parallel between the political and industrial conditions of 1892, as compared with the present time, has not been com-pleted yet, but unfortunately the signs point that way. In 1892, as was stated, the

ary and culminated in the Homestead riots late. The next time they turned round, they began nearly a month later, but the the Republican judge decided that they progress has been more rapid and the trou-bles have extended with marvelous rapidity put them on the list the next day, and they were too early." in all directions. As we said last week there has been no blood shed yet, happily, fill every appointive office. He vetoes such that it doesn't require a high order of tal-legislation as his appointees may enact that ent to cut a respectable figure in that of-but there is no telling what the future has talk about "disfranchisement." He desdoes not suit his purposes. Through these fice. In fact any ordinary clerk will do as in store. As a matter of fact the clouds are scribed it as gall, and the Republican appointees he grants or refuses such fran- things go, and LONG got on fairly well already perceptible and unless the signs are leaders need not think they can cover up chises as he pleases. Through these he en- until the dispute between Admirals SAMP- misleading the worst will be here before

At Croton Dam, New York, on Monday balance, but not unnaturally. The Presimorning 600 troops were mustered to coned on the President at the White House on They have neither voice nor part in their crat attain the character of a hero in the front a body of strikers and force them in-Tuesday. He was probably there to get a government. They must pay taxes, but Spanish-American war. SCHLEY, who is a to submission. In Chicago the militia are From the Portland Oregonian (Rep.) few pointers on "plain duty" and "benev- have no representation ; submit to laws the Democrat, threatened to reach the standard resting on their arms ready at the word of olent assimilation." By the way, wouldn't enactment of which they were even not and the President set about to humiliate command to pounce upon workingmen who TAYLOR make a good running mate for Mc- consulted about, and obey edicts promul- him. He made Mr. Long take side with are indulging in the mistaken notion that Facing Everywhichway'' that it bursts in-SAMPSON and, between them, they were they are entitled to the right to strike to this poetic effusion :) As were our forefathers under King able to give the credit of one of the greatest against what they esteem to be wrongs perdon't know where you air ; When we clap our fingers on you, why lieve in holding power at the point of the George III, during the oppressive years achievements in the history of the Ameri- petrated by their employers. At Cleveland, that preceded the revolution, so are the can navy to a man who hadn't earned it. Ohio, men employed by companies in which -Every political contest in Centre coun- people of Porto Rico now, under King But he prevented the real hero of that MARK HANNA is the controlling influence. fight from becoming a candidate for Presi- are held in restraint by the bayonets of militiamen and in a dozen other "places which

## Spawls from the Keystone. -Indicati is of oil have been found at

Baumstown, Berks county. -A premature blast at the Alaska shaft, near Mount Carmel, blinded John Hinkle. who has a wife and 11 children.

-Mrs. Catharine Leibner, of Pottsville, has received word that a wealthy uncle in Salt Lake City recently died leaving her a fortune of \$60,000.

-Word has reached her home at York Springs, Adams County, of the death from fever of Miss Annie M. Gardner. at Ponce. Puerto Rico, whither she went to teach in the government schools.

-The Carnegie Steel company has been awarded the contract for structural iron and steel for the rapid transit tunnel. The amount of the bid was not published.

-There are almost two hundred rafts ly-Congressman Champ Clark got a splendid chance the other day to get back at ing along the streams of Clearfield county, the fellows who have been attacking the ready to be taken to the lower markets as south because of the alleged unjust treatsoon as the water rises sufficiently.

ment of negroes in the matter of voting -John Kauffman, residing on the Willis It was in the debate of the Hawaiian bill which brought up the principle of taxation without representation. Mr. Clark said : farm near Granville bridge, has a curiosity in the shape of a pig with three fully devel-"The other day the chairman of the oped ears, the third growing out of the base Democratic National committee ordered me to go to Rhode Island and make a couple of speeches. While I was up there of one of the others.

-Miss Anna M. Himsworth, of 129 Church street, Chester, kneeled by her bedside to learned a good deal; and among other say her prayers before retiring Saturday things I learned this: That the city of Providence, Rhode Island, has nearly half night, and was found lifeless in the same atthe population of the State ; and it has ontitude the next morning by her sister.

e state Senator out of thirty-seven. -The Alleghenv county Democratic com-(Laughter.) No southern State ever did mittee presided over by the new chairman. as badly as that. The city of Providence Thomas B. Alcorn, held a harmonious meethas twelve representatives in the Legislaing on Saturday last and selected George S. Fleming and Frank P. Iames as members of town that has only 267 votes elects a state of the State central committee.

-When the April term of Civil Court was called at Doylestown yesterday morning, six cases of the thirteen on the trial list had been settled, and all but two of the balance were either settled or continued when Judge Yerkes called over the list.

-The largest remaining tract of drift coal in the Pittsburg district has just been purchased by the Midland Coal company, and the property will be developed extensively at once in the interest of the recently or ganized American Sheet Steel company.

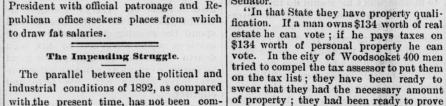
-The work of erecting the mammoth steel plant for the Sharon Steel company was commenced yesterday. About \$4,000,000 is to be invested in the plant, and it will furnish employment for 3,500 hands. A big machine shop will be erected first and the open-hearth steel plant will follow.

-An old Ebensburger, on hearing complaints of the late spring, thus expressed himself the other evening : "People who think injustice to Porto Rico by hurling enithets at the South. The pickpocket is no less guilty because he yells "stop thief !" at Branch railroad was blockaded with snow and the workmen on the court house, just being completed, had to be hauled from Cresson in sleds.

-The farm house of W. H. Strohecker, (The Oregonian, is one of the leading Rebetween Booneville and Greenburr, Clinton publican papers of the Pacific coast. It is so wrought up about the actions of "Mr. county, occupied by Perry O. Sheats, was burned Saturday morning about 1 o'clock. The contents, except a few articles, were also We've been huntin' you, McKinley, but we destroyed. It is believed that the fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp. The loss on the house is \$1,200, with \$500 insurance.

find you're never there. When we hunted through the tariff, in the place you'd ought to be, -The Susquehanna boom at Williamsport Why you wasn't 'round there nowhere, least contains about 15,000,000 feet of logs, and as far as we could see. In this Porto Rico thingumbob we thought rafting out began Monday morning, so that the mills can start up for the season. The back logs are strung all along the creeks up the river, and only a rise is needed to bring in millions of feet of timber. -There is considerable excitement in Bedford county over the discovery of iron ore 60 per cent. pure. Leases for twenty years have been obtained on the land. The Colonial Iron company, of Riddlesburg, will build a road to connect with the mines and will nse the Pennsylvania raw material rather than the Michigan. -Both Republican factions in Blair county, it is said, are opposing the application of Samuel McCamant, of Tyrone, for reappointment as a member of the board of managers of the Huntingdon reformatory. McCamant is accused of playing fast and lose with both factions, and as a result he is in danger of losing his place at the expiration of his term on May 15th. -Workmen began on Monday morning tearing down the machinery and building of the old Columbia iron and steel works at Uniontown. The project which was to have made that place an industrial centre cost its backers several fortunes. The enterprise was started in 1885 with a capital of \$450,000. Uniontown donated \$60,000 and a site worth \$25,000. Pittsburg banks contributed also. Bad management caused the crash which came in 1892 with the appointment of a receiver. -Mrs. Simon Cramer, the wife of a mill worker Monday at Hazleton, gave her life to save her 5 year old son. With a babe in arms and the boy at her side, she was walking near the railway, when the child ran in front of an approaching train. He became fascinated by the speeding engine and did not hear his mother call. Putting down her haby the mother ran to the boy and threw him to one side. She slipped and fell in front of the locomotive which killed the brave woman instantly. -Some time during the night unknown vandals forced an entrance to the Salvation Army barracks at Reading, burned the Bibles and other religious books, tore the American flag to shreds and further desecrated the place. When Captain Gleter arrived at the barracks he was horrified to find the large Bible which usually graced the pulpit lying on the floor almost totally consumed by fire, while hymn books and other religious books partially burned were strewn about the floor. It is said the police have a clue as to who the miscreants are and arrests will shortly follow. -William Hummel the quadruple murderer, was informed at Williamsport last week that Governor Stone had fixed June 5th as the date for his execution. He almost broke down, and for the first time since his arrest for the terrible crime he showed emotion. As he realized he had less than two months to live, tears came to his eyes, the first anyone had seen him shed ; his limbs shook as if with ague, and in a voice he said, "I guess it's all up with me now—that's the way it looks." He soon recovered his com-posure, however, and lighting a cigar began pacing to and fro in his cell. Hummel re-quested that no visitors be allowed to see

President with official patronage and Re-The Impending Struggle.



strikes began at New Bethlehem in Febru- him, and the judge decided that it was too

keep on growing with the rapidity of the him to distribute at the expense of the peo- Mr. LONG has a right to ask to be nominatpast few years the time will soon be at ple is as unlimited in amount as it is libhand when such a thing as an election on eral in salaries. It empowers him to appoint the question of the respective merits of the candidates will be out of the question. It

will be a sad spectacle that will confront a county like Centre, but it will be none the less true.

-The Sultan of Turkey is acting in bad faith with us. After promising to pay year. A chief justice of the supreme court at American colleges during the Armenian massacre in 1895, and permit their rebuilding, he has done neither. The result is that diplomatic relations are strained and it is not altogether beyond the range of possibilities that DEWEY may be sent over there to knock a little of the stuffing out of Turkey; at least \$90,000 worth.

-A Lycoming county sportsman club is all wrought up over the fact that among a recent consignment of trout fry they received was one fish with two perfectly developed heads. That's nothing. From the way the writer's bait disappeared on Monday, when fingers were too cold to put on new worms, we are willing to bet there are thousands of trout in Spring creek that have a half a dozen heads each, and stomachs, too, for that matter.

-It was little wonder that the soprance in one of the local church choirs shrieked "Mercy !" "Mercy !" on Sunday night, glory left for McKINLEY when they pass when the tenors and altos were shouting something about God appointing a day. The "Mercy !" "Mercy !" was in the authority. libretto all right enough, but the discord was so horrible that the sopranos would probably have resorted to just such worded shrieks, even if they had not been there. Why they say that the jarring of the wave motions of sound withered the Easter lillies that decorated the choir box.

-Bad butter usually raises more of a stink than anything else and that is the \$21.53. Now we have \$26.12. This in- Mr. McKINLEY's methods in connect reason Secretary of Agriculture JOHN HAM- crease has been brought about by the coin- with his formation of a government for the ILTON hurried off to Philadelphia on Tues- age and use of silver that had been stored Philippine islands. day to investigate the charges of crookedness in one of his departments, that of dairy and ed out-put of gold. If there is more pros- mission of three persons, with one secretary. food, made by the North American. It ap- perity in the country to-day than there was to proceed to the Philippines, examine into pears that Secretary HAMILTON'S deputies in Philadelphia have been in collusion with an increased volume of circulating medi- report what they discovered, for the Presithe wholesale dealers of oleomargerine um than to any other single condition. dent's satisfaction. It went to Manila. It down there. The deal was that the wholesalers were to sell oleo to the retailers at Democratic position of four years ago? An day, knows no more about the actual conan advance of one cent a pound, the ad- increase of \$492,645,043, in the total money dition or what is required for the bettervance of one cent being turned over to the circulation, in four years and the much ment of the people of those islands than if food inspectors as hush money. The net vaunted prosperity that Republicans are that commission had never been heard of. is likely to scoop in a great many rascals given to boasting about, coming with that and when the whole thing becomes public increase, has a tendency, if nothing more, our good Presbyterian elder will have re- to prove the correctness of those who con- ed statement of the expense of that comvealed the kind of fellows he got himself in tended for more money for the people and mission. It was furnished on Monday and vealed the kind of fellows he got himself in tended for more money for the people and mission. It was furnished on Monday and with when he jumped out of the HASTINGS should prove a squelcher for the single shows up the pretty total of \$117,185, or an dividual, is looking for what he will never bed and got under the covers with QUAY standard or scarce money advocates of the average of \$29,269 for each one of the four country. and his gang.

A governor at \$8,000 a year. A secretary of the council at \$4,000 a year. An attorney general at \$4,000 a year. An insular treasurer at \$5,000 a year. An auditor at \$4,500 a year. A commissioner of the interior at \$4,000 a

A commissioner of education at \$3,000 a \$5,000 a year. Four associate justices of the supreourt at \$4,500 a year each. A marshall of the supreme court at \$3,000 year. A United States district judge at \$5,000 a A United States district attorney at \$4,000 He may not have as much money as MARK a year. A United States district marshal at \$3,500

a year. Three members of a commission to codify the laws of the island at \$5,000 a year each. Five members of the executive council, whose salaries are to be fixed by the Porto see no way that anything better could be Rican Legislature. done than nominate Secretary of the Navy, To those he can, and will, add as his Hon. JOHN D. LONG. He is willing to necessities require and as he can find excuse. And the necessities of the Republican party for patronage know no bounds. that far. What positions HANNA needs to retain power for McKINLEY will be created, and fill-A McKinley Method of Robbing the Peoed, if, like the locusts of Egypt, the hoards

of Republican officials eat every green and growing thing on that ill fated island. The American people may love justice. If they do there will be little of power or judgment on his attempt to govern Porto Rico outside the bounds of constitutional

Proving Its Efficacy.

Four years ago when the Democrats were contending for more money Republican ment. speakers and papers denounced them as epudiationists and cheap money cranks. Then we had a per capita circulation, or an

average amount for each individual, of they can the better realize the profligacy of in the treasury vaults and by the increasin April, 1896, it is due more to the fact of their condition, ascertain their needs, and And if this is so, does it not affirm the lived fat. It returned and the country, to-

the only power that maintains even the aped for Vice President. As above indicated pearance of peace in the communities. he wasn't wanted, and if any one of the We still hope and confidently believe men who were desired comes forward and

that there will be no repetition of the everexpresses a willingness to take the complilasting blight which at Homestead stained ment, LONG will be shelved. But in the the record of civilization in 1892. But it event that no other candidate comes forwill not be for the reason that there is no ward nobody will dispute the proposition just cause for resistance against the atrocithat he will be a fit candidate for the office. ties of the subsidized trusts and the protect-He has already declared himself in favor of ed tariff barons. They are oppressing the imperialism. He is willing to take upon labor interests and robbing the producers himself any burdens which a more conof the country now as they were then and scientions and manly man would reject unit is only a question of the forbearance of der any and all circumstances, and he is of the people under the severest provocaready to perform any menial service which tion. We hope there will be no effusion of his Imperial Majesty, "the Major," imposes. blood. We confidently pray that the sufferers under the injustice will be patient. HANNA expected the candidate for that of But we call public attention to the perfect fice to give up to the committee, but he parallel between then and now and ask for will do in a pinch and if the party intends justice for the men, if the worst comes to to take that kind of a candidate, we can the worst.

#### Clouds on the Business Sky.

To those who keep tab on such things take the place and few men knowing as much about the affair as he does would go stocks anywhere from twenty to one hundred per cent less than they were in April

The people of this county have a right to consider that \$63,000 is a pretty large sum every line of business, and with a general to pay, annually, for county expenditures. slump in both hopes and prospects, the These expenditures cover the cost of maintriumphal march of a prosperity, of which taining the courts, making assessments, we have seen so much on paper and felt so building bridges, holding elections, keeplittle of it in our pockets, seems to be coming in repair the public property, maining to a premature close. taining the insane and criminals, managing

Even so optimistic a representative of county affairs, and, in fact, all the expenses the business interests of the country as incident to, and necessary for, the proper DUNN'S REPORT says : "the failures of the

control and maintenance of county governfirst quarter of 1900 seem large. In fact From the Rochester, Pa., Commoner. are large compared with last year and 1898

When they think of the multiplicity of pur-\* \* \* \* while Massachusetts and New Engposes for which this \$63,000 is considered an ample, if not extravagant expenditure, It is not a pleasant condition of affairs people will be none the worse off for know-

ing and realizing the out look. Less than a year ago he appointed a com-Some of us may think there is great prosperity in the country. We only wish every rant any such a belief and unfortunately even the seeming prosperity of which we but begun. have heard so much and realized so little, has promise of but short life.

That it could be otherwise with trusts multiplying and individual energies throttled is not to be expected. And he who looks

The other day some curious Senator introduced a resolution requesting an itemizfairs while HANNAism permeates the government, and the power of the administration is put forth to build up and prosee and hoping for that which he will never realize.

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connected with it.

hen we got there you'd been trekking, like the smooth and wily Boer; we asked the gold supporters if they thought we'd find you there, So

we'd find you sure ;

And in view of such a situation he

me one else to distract attention

Looking for the Lost.

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A Comparison that Compares.

Champ Clark on New England Methods.

And they said they guessed so, some but they didn't know just where. Alger said he hadn't seen you, and he shed a bitter tear When he said you'd gone an' left him like sinking ship last year. When we visited Mark Hanna, who was busy

countin' pelf, y, he said he couldn't tell us, for Why, didn't know hisself.

we've just kep' on a-huntin' till we' So nearly petered out, And, although we thought we had you, now we find we're still in doubt. If these lines should ever reach you, and you'd write us where you be, u'd confer a good-sized favor on your friends, the G. O. P.

#### A National Scandal From the Clinton Democrat.

Delegations representing the country poor arrive at the palace in San Juan, Porto Rico, almost daily. They tell the usual story of starvation and want, and they ask for food and work. Two important delegations have put in an appearance this week, the latest being from Aguas Buenos, consisting of one hundred men and fifty the signs of the times are not nearly so women in procession, headed by two 10 promising as they were one year ago. With year old girls, carrying black flags to signify that they were mourning for existing con ditions.

Porto Rico has been in our hands more 1899: with strikes either threatened or in than a year and a half. Yet thanks to operation in nearly every working district that pious "benevolent assimilator" who in the country; with orders falling off in occupies the executive chair, we are obliged to witness these harrowing spectacles to our humiliation and shame. And even when he was wakened up to "our plain duty" he backs down at the first political

opposition he meets. Porto Rico is a national scandal. The political party responsible for the disgrace, cannot continue to command public confidence.

#### The War Has Not Begun.

The bravery, skill and persistence of the Boers in their struggle to maintain their independence, continues to excite the adland failures have been larger than in the miration and sympathy of the civilized first quarter of any other year since 1894." world. They have been recouping their losses lately to a wonderful degree and have halted Lord Roberts in what he and either to contemplate or confront, but the his British admirers had fondly hoped would be a triumphal tour of the Transvaal. The Boers are fighting for liberty. They are defending their altars and their They are cheered on by their homes. wives and children. They are fighting for one had reason to feel that such is to be all that is worth having in human life, withthe case Unfortunately facts do not war- out which man's life is but a brute existence. In such a cause, in their own country they

can scarcely be conquered. The war has

# Dewey Not Likely to be a Stumbling Block.

From the Fulton Mo., Telegraph

There are 930 votes in the Democratic national convention. To nominate 620 are for a different and better condition of afnecessary, but 311 can prevent a nomination and deadlock the convention. The highest possible calculation, allowed to Dewey all the possible states in the last devotes, not even enough to delay the action of the convention.