Aemocratic Watchman BY P. GRAY MEEK. Ink Slings.

MONDAY'S WANTS. A rod and a line, A hook and a can Of angle worms For the fisherman Gum boots, a basket Of lunch, and a bottle Of bait for the frog That gets in his throttle.

-The English have captured the Boer capital again, but no Boers.

-The Punxsutawney Spirit wants to know "how to make men out of boys." Let em grow up, brother SMITH, that's the surest way.

-If an anti-spitting ordinance were passed and enforced in Bellefonte we fear that some of the street corner loafers would drown in their tracks from internal floods. -It is lucky for EGAN and some of the rest of his ilk that the lime trust wasn't formed two years ago. The white-washing they got then might have been far more costly than it was.

-Every man, woman and child in this community will join us in the prayer that should our lime industries be absorbed by the proposed trust they will not meet the fate of the old Mann ax works.

-The English army has stopped buying horses and mules in this country, but that is no sign that the war in South Africa is over. Mayhaps they are going to put Havana, the blowing up of the war ship the "Bobbies" all on foot so that they will have to fight the Boers or he captured.

-Russia is said to be satisfied at last and will not fight Russia just at this time and, we suppose, the Czar of all the Russias is breathing as easy now as all those student troubles and attempts at assassination will permit.

-Yesterday brought the hands out of the pockets of many a lazy fellow it was so mild and balmy, but they all had to find it would be one for humanity. The proa friendly hitching post or store front to support them after they had gotten their flippers out of winter quarters

-The pretty daughter of Admiral HITCHBORN who has persistently declared that she will wed young JIM BLAINE, against the wishes of both her father and mother should have a care of the kind of hed she is making, for she will certainly have to lie in it.

-The Rev. SAVAGE, of New York, who thinks that our vocations in Heaven will be the same as they are here on earth must certainly have original ideas as to the qualifications for admittance to the heavenly portals. We want another job when we get up there, for Heaven won't fulfill our ideal at all if we have to be running around after delinquents all the time.

-Bellefonte borough lays 2 mills on



An Atrocious Proposition.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press who gets inspiration, doubtless, from the Postmaster General, who is editor of that paper, writes such rubbish as this : "This talk of the United States ever having made any pledge to the Cubans is ridiculous. It would have been impossible to make a pledge. Where were the Cubans to whom this pledge was made? The few thousand men who composed the

revolutionary army were scattered around on inaccessible hill tops and in swamps and certainly were in no position to demand a pledge or receive one Not one in a thouresolution until months after it had been adopted by Congress. Hence to talk of the the play "and still we wonder at crime." When the world was shocked by the atrocious crime committed in the harbor of

"Maine," war with Spain became inevitable, and preparations for the encounter began on both sides. So far as this country was concerned the "unpreparedness" for such a struggle was appalling. But Congress was prompt and unanimous. Within a few days a resolution declaring war was introduced and discussed. Pending the consideration all conspicuous men in both Houses protested that if war ensued tests of faith in this direction were frequent and almost unctious. Finally Senator TELLER, of Colorado, who is practical, moved an amendment to the declaration

United States was neither conquest nor territorial aggrandizement, and that as government of their own, the United States would withdraw from the Island and leave

the people to work out their own destiny. That is the pledge made by the United phenomenal result. The most popular States, not to the people of Cuba alone but notion, probably because it is the easiest to to the whole world, and a more sacred and reach, is that the Governor and FLINN have binding obligation has never been taken formed a political alliance. With MAGEE, by any government in any period of the in his grave a man of FLINN's temperaworld's history. Government pledges ment would naturally run to cover and as are not made to individuals, but to STONE's moral fibre is also of the spurious the world. They are binding so long as sort, there would be nothing unnatural in

The Pittsburg Surprise.

The political sensation of the week was of the appointment, Saturday, of Major that city. The appointment was made under the recently enacted law known as the that within thirty days after the signing of the bill by the Governor, he should appoint a man as Recorder of each of the three Second class cities of the Commonwealth. Within a few days of the time a Recorder was appointed for Scranton. That was easy, as the Mayor of that city being of the QUAY machine variety, was willing to lend sand of them ever heard of the TELLER himself to the uses of the machine. But in Pittsburg and Allegheny it was different. it may be said that the country is safe. In both of those cities the Mayors held out United States having made a pledge to for their rights and the Governor took the these people is absurd." As they say in full limit of time to make the appointments. Saturday was the last day and he appointed men who have thrown the politicians into conniption fits.

It is not because the Governor has made prised. After his previous use of the appublic service with political crooks and Major BROWN caused astonishment because it was so respectable. But that was not that after a continuous and exceedingly bitter contention of upwards of two years. with Senator FLINN, he should name one of the closest friends of the Insurgent leader to the office is what took the breath away. The bill was passed to tear FLINN'S political influence in Pittsburg out by the to the prosecution of the worthy and reof war to the effect that the purpose of the roots and scatter it to the four winds of has not only not done that but he has actualsoon after the cessation of hostilities as the ly strengthened FLINN in his entrenchments Cuban people were able to establish a stable and made it possible to nail every friend of QUAY in the city to the political cross.

Of course there are all sorts of conjectures as to what influences produced this conscience guides the action of those be- their getting together. But that would after he has had a few confidential talks

The New Attorney General.

The new Attorney General has been sworn in and attended his first Cabinet BROWN, of Pittsburg, to be Recorder of meeting on Tuesday of this week, when he was introduced to his associates and according to the newspaper reports of the af-Pittsburg "Ripper." The act provided fair, he made a favorable impression. Naturally he would do that. He is a man of affairs, has been making \$100,000 a year as attorney for the CARNEGIE steel compary and affiliated corporations, and knows how 12 make himself agreeable in such a company as he met at the President's cabinet table. He was gracious enough, moreover, to say that he was pleased with his environment, and all things considered

It is to be hoped now that we will hear nothing further of the Attorney General's reluctance to leave his profitable professional engagements and enter upon public obligations at great sacrifices. That farce was over played in the case of Mr. KNOX, who hesitated for several weeks before cona bad appointment that the people are sur- senting to the self-abnegation. But it can be said that the hesitation was all to the pointive power by which he has filled the galleries. In the privacy of the cabinet chamber there was no hesitation. The moral degenerates the appointment of CARNEGIE concern having been absorbed by the most colossal trust ever created the attorney who had served it so faithfully the greatest source of surprise. The fact was needed where he could do the most good. Accordingly Mr. J. PIERPONT MOR-GAN demanded his appointment and commanded the acceptance. In both cases he was obeyed instantly.

We are also informed that the new Attorney General will first turn his attention fined gentlemen of New York and Phil-Heaven. But in enforcing it the Governor adelphia who assisted Captain OBERLIN M. CARTER to rob the government of a million dollars or two a few years ago. It will be remembered that strong efforts were made to prevent the punishment of Captain CARTER and they almost succeeded through the friendly offices of Attorney General GRIGGS, Mr. KNOX'S predecessor in office. The announcement that the others concerned in the crimes are to be prosecuted now would be significant if it were not that the President tried his best to induce Mr. GRIGGS to remain in office. Under the circumstances it is possible that Gen. KNOX's zeal in the matter will cool off

The President (advancing to the footlights from the center of a chorns of cabinet ministers and Senators) : When we told them we'd make them a nation And free them in time That we looked upon forced annexation As aggression and crime -When we lured them by every assurance To fight by our side And flattered their pluck and endnrance The fact ishorus (smiling) : Why, the fact is, we lied !

The President: Now we're one of the great lying powers. In the days of our youth, When struggle and weakness Then we dabbled in truth, But when we grew big like the others And strong in our pride, ave our word to our weak island brothers, The fact is-Chorus (chuckling)

Why, the fact is, we lied ! The President : We have joined the great circle of robbers. It was long, long ago That we criticised grabbers and jobbers And were honest and slow. Now we're laughing from Main down to Texas At the idiots who cried. "But you promised us not to annex us !" For the fact ishorus (laughing) :

The fact is, we lied ! The President: Thus the Czar swore to Riga and Finland With a lie for an oath, And then from the coast away inland He trampled on both. Thus the nobles who govern Great Britain Told lies on the Nile And canceled the pledge they had written In falsehood and gu

And we, are we less than the British, Whose word is so glib? He must be uncommonly skittish Who shies at a fib ! Shall we yield to the masterful Russian As he perjures his name? It is hardly a thing for discussion-

We must play the same game. Thank the Lord, we are not sentimental! It is dollars and trade That govern the soul governmental, That's the way we are made. If we praise up the old Declaration On the Fourth of July And man's equal rights by creation, The fact is-All Together (winking) :

Why, the fact is, we lie -Ernest Crosby in Life.

These are People Who Really Mind Their Own Business.

Spawls from the Keystone

-The Superior court convened at Pitts-burg on Monday. -Mrs. Catharine Runk, of Farmers, aged

69, was on Monday married to her fifth husband, the other four being dead.

-The repairs to the Everett glass works have been completed and fires started and the blowers expect to return to work during this week.

-Charles Parker, an aged citizen of Bunker Hill, Sugar Valley, was stricken with apoplexy, while shelling corn a few days ago. He fell off his chair to the floor and fractured his left arm.

-By a strange coincidence an eight-day clock which has been in a Norristown family for over a century stopped at the very minute Helen R. Corson, an intimate friend of the family, died at her home, in King-of-Prussia, four miles distant.

-An abandoned mine, which runs under the residence portion of the Association grounds at Connellsville caved in on Monday. About 100 yards of earth caved in on Connell avenue, carrying with it parts of dwellings; out-houses and stables.

-Charles Wagner, employed in a saw mill at Lewisburg, Friday fell against a buzz saw, which severed his hand. Wagner picked up his hand, walked to the telephone and summoned a physician to his home, and then walked home and had his arm dressed.

-The saw mill owned by the Indiana Ladder company which was located on the Albert Shearer farm in Buffington township, Indiana county, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday evening. The mill was new and had been only recently located at Shearer's. No lumber was destroyed, and the loss on the mill is fully covered by insurance.

-At Williamsport Sunday night, Mrs. Coney was astounded to see a strange man walk boldly into her room through the front door. Her cries brought her daughter, Ella, into the hallway. Without any hesitancy the girl burled herself against the intruder with such force as to send him through the doorway, when she closed and bolted the door. Then she telephoned the police.

-Chief engineer William H. Brown, of the Pennsylvania railroad Monday awarded the contract for the construction of the new elevated railroad through Newark, N. J. The name of the successful bidder was not made known. Mr. Brown also issued proposals for the construction of six sections of double track, aggregating thirty-two miles, between Lock Haven and Keating on the Philadelphia and Erie branch.

-Mrs. Walter L. Main, wife of the wellknown circus man, has returned from California to Jefferson, Pa., and filed a cross petition to her husband's suit for divorce. She denies his charge of neglect, and makes the counterclaim that he had neglected and abused her. On one occasion, in 1892, when she lay at the point of death, she said, he left her and went to a place of amusement. She asks for their home at Geneva, and liberal alimony money, in addition to divorce. -John Gulick, who murdered his mother and brother, was taken from his cell into jail office at Sunbury Monday, where he was arraigned before justice of the peace Shipman on two charges of murder. When asked "guilty or not guilty ?" the prisoner was speechless. His counsel, J. Simpson Kline.

total valuation of \$1,600,000 for street pur-As the lighting, alone, costs \$4,800 a year the uninitiated are naturally looking for the recipe by which council is able to keep the streets in repair on that minus \$1,600.

-With FLINN and STONE gone into a deal to capture the leadership in Pennsylvania from the "old man" there seems to be another combination of misfits on hand in the Republican party. While we never have been on the inside of the other camp, as seen from our point of view the only time QUAY will ever be licked is when some of the opposition takes an undertaker into the combine against him.

-The drunken oil well shooter who drove recklessly through the streets of quarts of nitro-glycerine in his buggy and about one quart of fire water under his vest. He drove over curbs, fences and everything in sight, sending the townspeople into shivers of fright, but the fire water preserved him, for the nitro didn't have the nerve to blow out such a beautiful jag. lot in thereaft as several at her

-A country correspondent writes to the Connellsville Courier that he "will have to decline to quit corresponding" for that valuable journal because he has "a position now in which he hasn't time to do it" and editor HILARITY PLEASANT SNY-DER picks up the poor fellow's English in a wholly untenable fashion. Why wouldn't the correspondent in question decline if he wants to quit or why shouldn't he quit if he declines?

-The effort among learned men and women to fix a code as to what does and shall constitute a gentleman is likely to result in little more than the effort. For while there are, in general, many characteristics that must be found in a person, before he can properly lay claim to the honor of being a gentleman, they are so widely diverging in their nature as to make any set rule impossible. A gentleman might be found in the occupant of the crudest backwoods hut as well as in the cultured, refined college settlements; a gentleman might be found driving a coal wagon, as well as presiding over the fortunes of some great business enterprise;a gentleman might be found among the roughest types of long shoremen as well as among the first cabin passengers of the fastest ocean grey-hound. Wherever honor, virtue, courtesy, integrity and respect for the rights of others are found in a human being there can also be found a gentlemau; no matter what code may be laid down by the learned men and women who attempt to regulate such things.

hind them. No act of Congress rests more poses which nets about \$3,200. With this clearly on the citizens of this Republic and the old man is not lenient with those the streets are kept in repair for an entire than that pledge to give liberty, indepen- who betray him. In view of all the condiyear and the street lighting bills are paid. dence and self government to Cuba. It is tions, therefore, it is reasonably safe to true that Cuba has not the strength to en- reach the conclusion that QUAY is going force the obligation. She can't collect out of politics with the expiration of his damages for a pledge forfeited by the United States with thirteen-inch guns on the the pledge is as much a crime as robbing a promote his own selfish purposes. The al-

bank and only the most depraved will rec- liance with FLINN is the first exercise of ommend its violation.

Interesting Political Comedy.

An interesting bit of political, or shall we say parliamentary, comedy was played in Harrisburg last week, which deserves more than a passing notice. It was the actual revolt of the members of the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives against the action of the pretty hard jolts lately, and there was a chairman of the committee. It appears Ravenua, Ohio, on Tuesday, had sixty-four that the chairman, ex-State Treasurer BEACOM, has been holding all bills except such as he personally favored in his own "inside pocket." The members of the committee objected to this and as their renonstrances proved unavailing they joined President pro tem. of the Senate and Speaktogether and by resolution ordered every bill in the committee, good, bad and indifferent, to be reported and placed on the

calendar Only those familiar with the proceedings of the House of Representatives will fully appreciate the significance of such an action. As a rule all the "pinch" bills go to the committee on Ways and Means. The ent unsightly and unseemly monstrosity is. "pinch" bills are those introduced not to a disgrace to the State and should be compass, but to compel people interested in pleted or torn down. But the people will the subject to which they refer to pay for killing them. This year all such measures have been put in the pigeon hole. Mr. BEACOM said that this course was adopted mit the Legislature to put \$5,000,000 into in order to save the reputation of the Leg- the hands of a group of political adventur-

use all the proceeds. Be this as it may refuse to permit the naming of a co unavailable for use as black-jacks to extort the State themselves or permit anyone else money from interested persons.

The funny thing about the affair, however, was the brief life of the revolt. It bill could be passed through both branches occurred well on in the middle of the afternoon of last Friday and ended before midnight. BEACOM, whose dignity was wounded by the affair, called up DURHAM who had gone to Philadelphia, on the long distance 'phone, and told his troubles. DURHAM came back on the first train and summoned the recalcitrants to appear befor him. This they did with the usual promptness and the boss ordered them to reassemble the committee and reverse themselves. It was a most humiliating thing for men to do but they had no alternative. Chairman BEACOM again carries the bills in his inside pocket and the boodlers have to get along without the proceeds of their blackmailing schemes.

necessarily involve the sacrifice of QUAY he Pre

present term, and that after his election he gave STONE "letters of marque" to engage deck of a war ship. But the violation of in any form of political piracy that would the right under that agreement and it is like raising the black flag on the high seas

The Capital Building.

of politics.

The spoliators who are striving to get into the State Treasury under pretense of building a capitol have been getting some time last week that it looked as if they would be compelled to be reasonably honest. When the Fox bill came up in the Senate on third reading Senator FLINN moved to amend by striking out the machine commission, the Auditor General, er of the House of Representatives and insert in their places as many business men of high character and excellent capacity. The amendment failed but there were enough votes for it to admonish the spoliat-

ors of danger. There is the most urgent need for a new capitol building at Harrisburg. The presnot consent to such a gigantic robbery in order to provide such a building as is needed. In other words they will not perislature. Some of the authors of the bills ers who will erect a \$3,000,000 structure say, however, that the chairman was doing and steal the difference. That such is the the collecting act and keeping for his own intention is revealed in the fact that they the bills were kept in committee and were sion composed of men who would not rob

> to do it. Properly drawn the capitol construction

of the Legislature within a week. We do not believe that there would be a single vote against a measure which proposed a building commission composed of such men as WILLIAM HASSON, of Oil City ; H. C. McCOBMICK, of Williamsport ; HENRY BUD or J. C. BULLITT, of Philadelphia ; S. P. WOLVERTON, of Sunbury ; B. F. MEY-ERS. of Harrisburg. or RICHARD COULTER, of Westmoreland county. We do not insist on all Democrats or even a majority of that faith. But we do insist on men of known integrity and unquestionable intelligence, and there are plenty of that kind of men in both parties in this State.

From the Altoona Tribu -There is a rumor afloat to the effect that a great lime trust is being formed to control the entire lime interests of the its own peril, than that the same citizen's country. While we are not prepared to personality is his own affair and not an others. His pecularities, his business, his family relations, his habits, his opinions, nake a statement as to the probable outome of it, at this time, it is true that the his benefactions are his own, and nobody three big companies operating here, A. G. has either the legal or the moral right to Morris, McCalmont & Co., and A. A. drag him to the front and expose his frail-Stevens, have all been approached on the It is true some persons enjoy the notoriety of public print. They forever itch to see matter and two of them have signified a partial intent to go in.

The Democratic Organization.

do the world's work from day to day are quiet, unobtrusive people, and they decid-edly object to the mistaken kindness of the As the time for the reorganization of the Democratic state committee approaches, reportorial friend who would extol their public interest in the subject multiplies. virtues in public and no less to the impu-A short time ago but few names were mendence or the malice which attempts to make them the subject of public ridicule or tioned in connection with the chairmancontempt. When one enters public life the case is different. He must then subship and those were mostly of Democrats the case is different. He must then sub-mit to the indiscreet and untimely praise of ignorance, as well as to the slander of malice. Sometimes it is hard to bear, but it is the penalty which the American pub-lie men pays for the privilege of being a whose connection with the QUAY lobby in Harrisburg, rendered them unfit to represent the party. But within the past week names of men have been brought forward lie man pays for the privilege of public servant. from all parts of the State, and under existing circumstances nothing but the most direct betrayal of faith on the part of certain leaders will make the election of any

From the Doylestown Democra other than a fit man possible. The Morgan billion dollar steel trust in The leading papers of the State have vited Abram S. Hewitt to enter that great combine with his iron mills, but he debeen discussing the kind of man wanted The reason of his refusal does hon and there is so wide a discrepancy in their clined. or to his head and heart, and may be sum-med up in a few words ; that he had some five hundred workmen, who had been enopinions, that the subject acquires new interest. A staff correspondent of the Philadelphin Times, writing from Harrisburg the conraged to buy or build houses in the vi-cinity of his mills, and he was not willing to endanger their investment by placing other day, dwelt long and with manifest satsfaction on the proposition that the Democthem under non-resident management, "which might close down the works and racy needs a chairman who is thoroughly familiar with the pevious practices of practhrow them out of employment." Such an employer is worthy of employes, and be-tween them, there will always be harmony tical city politicians and knows all about the influences of "General Spinner," meanof interest. ing greenbacks in campaigning. Another

writer holds that such a man is not wanted. The World's Disgrace. but as a matter of fact the chairman should From the Williamsport Sun. be so thoroughly grounded in integrity that his personality would be a guarantee

The story of the looting of the Chinese by the soldiers of the allied powers was bad enough, but the revelations of out-rages upon Chinese women by these same soldiers, now finding their way into print, are almost too shocking for belief in this that he had no familiarity with the men and methods indicated. We agree with the views of the last mentioned writer as to the present needs of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania. The hope of our party is in commanding to the great and only God for the deeds of infamy that have followed the invasion of the confidence of the masses of the people China. As was the case in the looting, the American troops have been exonerated of participation in the terrible crimes comand aronsing the hopes of the Democrats. Both these results can be achieved by organizing the party committee on the highest plane, thus giving the public substan-

tial assurance that the party deserves success and having acquired it will not sell it to the enemy for the consideration of patronage or money. The selection of a man of the highest character for chairman will accomplish this result.

pears that the widest open door they are after just now is that leading to the Em-

answered "Not guilty" in his s out the whole proceeding Gulick showed no No less surely is a private citizen's motion, whatever. His defense will be dwelling his castle, over which no hostile foot dare cross without his consent, save at nsanity.

-Charles Losch, 25 years old, a farmer of Tomb's Run Lycoming county, had been nissing from his home since early Saturday morning. Tuesday a party of searchers found his body in the forest about a mile from his home. The body was lying face ties or his virtues to the glare of publicity. downward, the head resting in a pool of water only two inches deep. There were no marks of violence on the body and it is pretheir names in type and would rather be notorious than unknown. But these are sumed that he was attacked by some sort of fit and falling into the shallow water was the exceptions. The men and women who suffocated.

-Last week a giant red oak which has stood as a great sentinel in the lumber forests of Knox township, Clearfield county, and which has been admired by hundreds, was felled on the job of Samuel Mountain and Clarence Witherow recently. It measured seven and one-half feet across the stump and cut five logs which scaled 7,109 feet. Thus one by one, says the Public Spirit these old forest land marks are vanishing and very shortly the last raft will go down the Susquehanna.

-Charles Clinton, the 18 month old son of Harry C. and Margaret E. Smelser, of Altoona, died Friday evening from poison. About 10 o'clock in the morning the child went to the kitchen cupboard where on a lower shelf was setting a dish containing a quantity of dye, which had been used in coloring Easter eggs. The child swallowed a mouthful of the dye and then went into the sitting room where on the table lay several morphine pellets, which had been prescribed for the mother, and which she had let lay for a few minutes. He caught hold of the table spread and in pulling it the pellets dropped on the floor, and he picked up several of them, it is not known how many, and swallowed them. A physician stated that two pellets were sufficient to cause death.

-- A very unfortunate affair occurred Monday afternoon at McCartney, the terminus of the Moshannon branch. John Howard, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Osceola, is mine boss at the Fairmont mines, operated by the Liverights at McCartney. That afternoon a couple of Hungarians went to the mines, and finding Mr. Howard between the mouth of the drift and the tipple. asked for work. They were told that there was no opening for them at the present time. We understand that they kept on insisting that they be given employment, and as Mr. Howard was very busy at the time, he ordered them to leave and no longer interfere with his work. This they refused to do, and in the midst of the affray that became more exciting, Mr. Howard picked up a shovel and in self defense struck one of the men on the head. Unfortunately the blow proved fatal, the man dying not long after. Mr. Howard gave himself up to the authorities without delay. No one than he feels more keenly the sad termination of this unexpected tragedy. He is known as a quiet, sober and highly esteemed citizen, and there is very general regret that this trouble has overtaken him.

age of boasted civilization. Those who bow to the god of war will have to answer

Such Men are Few.

mitted upon the Chinese women. What Japan Objects To.

YOKOHAMA, April 9.--The dissatisfac-tion of Japan with Russia's action is not in regard to the Manchurian agreement, the leading papers here affirm, but with Russia's action in Manchuria. Hence Japan declines, according to an important section of the press, to consider the abandon--From the amount of indemnity de-manded from China from the powers it ap-ment of the agreement as a final settle-ment of the Manchurian question. It is argued that this question should be brought