Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings

-Cousin MATT will be the joiner who will put "Cousin SAM's" cabinet together. -There will be little Christmas cheer in the country unless the price of coal comes

-The man who thinks he can do nothing for nothing invariably lives to discover his mistake.

-It must have taken a pretty large paper weight to hold that message down on the President's desk while he was preparing it.

-There is nothing strenuous in the message, unless the startling (?) announcement that we have an ocean on each side of us may be regarded as such.

-The President's message is not a disappointment to any one because he had threshed over the same ground so often be fore that nothing new was expected.

-Since the Mormon Elder SMOOT has decided to vote with the Republicaus one hears very little of the clamor of that great moral wave that swept poor BRIGHAM ROBERTS out of the last Congress, because he owned up to having three wives.

-Germany has fallen away back in the industrial procession, yet they say she has the finest protective tariff of any country in the world. The same people say that it is a protective tariff that is making the United States so prosperous. Strange, isn't it?

- The shock that the people of the upper end of the county mistook for an earthquake on Sunday night was only the warning rumbling that comes before the terrible upheaval that will occur when the name of the new deputy revenue collector in this district is announced.

-Professional foot-ball will not be very popular next season. The teams lost money this fall and, in some instances, failed to pay salaries, which will prove a very serious obstacle in the way of professional managers when they try to induce amateur players to enter the ranks of professionalism next fall.

-Congress will scarcely throw down the bars to the vest-pocket States in the southwest that are clamoring for admission into the Union and Senator QUAY will discover that though his Legislators in Pennsylvania have butchered the fence law until there is nothing left of it Congress still has one that will be, at least, "Bull" strong.

-The residents of upper Bald Eagle are convinced that they felt an earth quake shock on Sunday evening and have been comparing notes on their sensations ever since. They vow that there was something seismic doing and JOHN Q. MILES says he believes it, for he thinks the Bald Eagle needs a little warning of this sort.

-Quay has been playing a deep game with his Statehood hill. In order to get Arizona and New Mexico admitted to the Union he has been trying Pennsylvania trickery on Congress, but the old fox was caught up on Wednesday, with the result voted to perpetuate the reign of QUAYism that it turned both friend and foe against and election frauds. As long as the preshis scheme.

-TEDDY's declaration that we are fying to our vanity. Since MAX ORIEL, overcome. the French writer, informed us that we don't know who our own grandfathers were, it was a happy thought in TEDDY's telling us in his message that they were "pioneers."

-Since Bellefonte is to have a public put forth to complete the soldiers and sailors monument what better use could the build a fine hospital as a memorial to the soldiers and sailors of the county? That would be the true ideal of a memorial.

-Horse thieves in Columbia county were sentenced to seventeen and ten years, respectively, this week; a man who killed another in a fight in New Jersey got twenty years in the pen, but up here in ancient, enlightened Centre county men who kill women in cold blood and shoot down their own sons with deliberateness get only eight.

-The resignation of Dr. MILBURN, the blind chaplain of Congress, which was tendered at the opening session on Monday, takes a noted man back to private life, after being prominent in the public eye for sixty years. Dr. MILBURN's place will be hard to fill and it is altogether likely that had he been able to see as others have seen during many of the sessions of Congress his place would have been to fill long ere this.

-Congressman CONNELL is not taking his defeat with the grace that such an old politician might be expected to show after being knocked out by a Democrat in a strongly Republican district. He is preparing to contest the election, but it will scarcely avail him anything, for all of the election precincts were in the control of CONNELL Republicans and it is not likely that they would have permitted dishonesty on the part of his Democratic opponent.

-Lord CURZON, the vice-roy of India, who will soon be coronated at Durbar. is said to be in search of the throne of King Solomon, so that it may be used at the function. He wants all the splendor possible and inasmuch as he has already a King Solomon's mines in that Chicago Durbar that will outrival the most gorgeous spectacle of the ancient potentate of the Israelites. Unless "She who Must be Obeyed" steps in and saves a little for the LEITER pocket-book.



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Encouraging the Ballot-box Stuffers.

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Elsewhere in this issue, under the heading-Turning Loose the Criminals-will be found an account of the manner in which four hundred and thirty election officials, pers. Nothing like it has ever been seen. election frauds, were released by the Phila- eaten off a tin plate, it is something the delphia courts without an effort to convict like of which no other President ever dreamor a word of censure or of warning. It ed of. It takes you by surprise like the there is little hope of that; but to show them, whether they want to believe it or There is "something doing" all the time not, that as to between the courts and the in that message. criminals of Philadelphia, it is "nip and tuck" as to which violates the law, tramples on justice and outrages public decency prosperity." The prosperity, he adds, is with the greatest impunity.

The accused in these cases had been the election officers are shielded by the judiciary.

stuffers is that there was not enough evi- the custodians of the garden of Eden. dence to convict them. But the evidence could have been secured without trouble. have had a large past. He probably means The law says election officers must take the that some of our past is a long way off. proofs required by law where the claimant | which may be interpreted as a compliment. is not registered or is challenged, and the Otherwise our past would be a slow coach, penalty for failure is \$500 fine and impristhat the affidavits to those proofs be enclos- no trouble of that kind. With Roosy's help ed in the ballot boxes and sealed. If the it will be swift enough. As he says "such boxes had been opened the proof that the laws had been violated in that way could

ed to permit the opening of the boxes. these electoral frauds by voting the Repub- fill the office. lican ticket. When an attempt is made at voted for Republican candidates for Senator and Representatives in the Legislature ent election law prevails the QUAY machine is secure and it will prevail until the Re-"descendants of pioneers" is very grati- publican majority in the Legislature is

Secretary Root's Pet Scheme.

Secretary of War ROOT makes another earnest effort to influence Congress in favor of his "General Staff" project in his annual hospital and there is so little effort being Mr. Roor's pet enterprise. Its purpose is this is the weakest, a fact that can properment. Its result would be to reward fav- tion. money for the latter be put to than to orites and patronize sycophants. It was the invention of Napoleon 111, and is the ideal of the German. Kaiser. Napoleon's dependent on himself and the Kaiser uses of the Southern States which has caused so it for the same purpose. It cost France the overwhelming defeat in the war of 1870 ble Republican papers in the North, has and the Dreyfuss scandal. It has cost Germany nothing thus far because that LER, of the United States Supreme Court Empire has had no war since it was adopt-

> Secretary Roor says, in his report, "our system makes no adequate provision for have to work successfully," and adds "common experience has shown that this cannot assistants and that it requires a body of qualification for voters. officers working together under the direction of a chief and entirely separate from and independent of the administrative staff Supreme court but an appeal was taken, of the army." He doesn't reveal what nevertheless, and the Supreme court will common experience he has in mind. It filled expectations and we recall no failure of General MILES in the Spanish war.

Root hasn't been candid with Congress and the country. He wants to establish a sort sider and that is has the State or the people of kitchen cabinet in the War Department | the right to determine the qualifications of at Washington in which the merits of men voters? There can hardly be two opinions will be measured by the degree of their on that question. subserviency to the "carpet knight's" in the main office. He remembers what a haleyon time the navy had during the Spanish war with its "strategy board" which became a terror to every fighting ia. This fact calls to mind, moreover, man in the service. DEWEY cut the cable that the people of the South have no dread at Manila to escape from it, Captain CLARK of intelligent or educated negroes either in of the Oregon begged that it be kept off political or social life. It is the ignorant him during his perilous voyage from San members of the race who are influenced by father-in-law there is likely to be doings at Francisco to the theatre of war and it con-prejudices and swayed by passions that the demned SCHLEY for his splended victory restrictive measures are directed at and off the Cuban coast.

ROOT'S recommendation out of the window.

Teddy's Curious Message

The President's annual message, which was presented in both branches of Congress on Tuesday, is a novelty among state paunder indictment for the perpetration of Like his Sunday dinner of roast bear paws, should be read by every citizen of the Com- lunges, of a bucking bronco. It perplexes monwealth; not that the reading of these you, likewise and like the parrot in the proceedings will make any change in the Punch and Judy show, you wonder what opinion of the people of Pennsylvania; for he is going to say next. You don't have to wait long, however, and that is lucky.

In the outset the President declares that 'we will continue in a state of unbounded not a creature of law, but law creates it, and can destroy it. Then he hedges. "There charged with violating the election laws in will be periods of depression," he suggests various ways. Election officers admitted and "the wave will recede and the tide will the votes of men who were challenged advance." Of course he means that these without swearing them and others as re- things will happen alternately, though he quired by law. Repeaters were thus aided doesn't say so. He grows positive in the in their work by the election officers and next sentence, however. "This nation is seated on a continent flanked by two great court which was created by the last Legis- oceans." That is lovely and greatly flatlature by fraud for the purpose of perpeters our vanity. But he doesn't stop at that. trating fraud. It is a case of a degenerate He ventures to add that it "is composed of public opinion sustained by a debauched men, the descendants of pioneers." Come to think of that closely everybody who has The reason given by Judge MARTIN for ever lived in this world except Adam and dismissing all these accused ballot box Eve could say the same. That is one on

Mr. ROOSEVELT is of the opinion that we especially that part of it which happened in onment for one year. The law requires the first quarter. But the future will have a nation, so placed, will wrest success from fortune." He might have added that exhave been obtained. But the Judge refus- cept for the calamity of the assassination of his predecessor he never would have been Citizens of Pennsylvania who reside out- President and unless in the event of a simside of Philadelphia are aiding and abetting lilar accident, such a man will never again

The document, taken as a whole, is a bitthe next session of the Legislature to enact ter disappointment to those who awaited an election law which will prevent such the state paper and expected the President things every Republican Senator and Rep. to point the way to policies that would people and brighten his prospects for a con-Therefore, every citizen of the State who tinuation in the position in which he has proven himself such a miserable mis-fit.

- The President's message is but partially given in this paper because of its length and the fact that the portions omitted are not worth to the reader, either as a matter of interest or enlightenment the time it would require to peruse them. Taken as a whole the document has proven a flatfailure. Presumably for the reason that it gives no evidence in any part of courage of conviction, and is crowded from beginning to end with evidence of the trimmer's report submitted the other day. This is cowardice. Of all Mr. ROOSEVELT'S efforts to promote bureauccracy in the Depart- ly be charged to his itching for a re-elec-

The Question Settled.

It may be assumed that the validity of purpose was to make officers of the army the restrictions upon the suffrage in certain much adverse criticism in the irreconcilabeen finally settled. Chief Justice Furand United States District Judge WAD-DELL, sitting at a circuit court at Richmond, Va., passed upon the question and decided on Saturday that federal courts the directing brain which every army must have no jurisdiction. The suit was brought in the name of some colored voters who felt that they have been aggrieved by be furnished by any single man without the conditions created by an educational

Chief Justice FULLER said that the question had already been settled by the be asked to make another decision on the can't be that he means the experience with subject. That court does reverse itself GRANT during the closing period of the sometimes and in the insular cases disclos-War of the Rebellion. He certainly ful- ed a willingness to be influenced by political considerations. But it is not easy to see how another decision than that affirm-As a matter of fact, however, Secretary ing the validity of the provisions could be reached. There is only one thing to con-

The tax qualification in Pennsylvania would deprive more colored voters of the franchise if it were strictly enforced than the educational qualification will in Virgin-BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, himself, has giv-The country wants no more farces of that | en endorsement to the educational qualificakind and if Congress is wise it will throw tion for voters. It is only the malicious in the North who are object

A Lively Time Certain.

There is a reasonable promise of an interesting session of Congress. There probably won't be much legislation enacted or much good for the country achieved, for the session will be short and the leaders of the G. O. P. are more than likely to work at cross purposes. But there is a vast surplus in the treasury, \$610,000,000 in round numbers, and such an incentive to profligacy will make the lobby a lively place during the period from this until the fourth of March. Every scheme will be backed by boodle, and so long as there is a dollar in sight there will be schemes to absorb it. The members and the lobbyists will share the plunder with the departments and all

will have plenty. The most interesting feature of the session, however, will not be the appropriaappeal to the cupidity of the boodlers, but there is likely to be another matter of greater importance. That is to say on his arrival in Washington last Saturday Senator HANNA remarked, confidently, that the party will "stand pat" during the session. What he meant by that is that there will be neither anti-tariff, anti-trust nor reciprocity legislation. As the President has set his face for a little of all these things the chances are that there will be a battle of Titans. ROOSEVELT will have the patronage behind him and HANNA the treasuries

of the trusts. A guess as to which of these forces will win would be hazardous. Every body knows that the power of patronage is potent and it is equally well understood that a vast bundle of boodle is perspasive. To these influences can be added that of a deep seated antipathy between the leaders of the strike. Senator HANNA hates ROOSEVELT with an intensity which is only matched by Roosevelt's dislike of HANNA. Both are aspirants for the presidential nomination of the Republican party in 1904 and they know that upon the result of the battle into which they are about to plunge, de- Trust. pends victory or defeat of their aspirations, not only for the present, but forever. There will be something doing sure.

-If the Anthracite coal strike was a loss to everybody else the arbitrators of There are but seven of them and they have been at work for about fifteen days, all told. Already they have a bill before Congress providing \$50,000 as pay for the time they have put in. Seven thousand, one hundred and fifty-two dollars, for fifteen liberal sum to demand, but as it is the fad to swear that everything that ROOSEVELT does is just the right thing, we presume it would be next to treason in the minds of many to question the amount this committee of his is to have for accomplishing nothing. But so it goes. We pay our taxes under mental protest and then thank the Lord long and loud that we live in a country where trusts flourish, where strenuous Presidents do as they please and where the al cowards.

The Efforts of a Political Scoundrel. The public will learn with unconcealed disgust that Congressman CONNELL, of Scranton, proposes to contest the election of his successful antagonist, Mr. HOWELL. CONNELL invoked every expedient known to political venality to compass his election. He procured his nomination in his own party, according to current rumors at the time, by the most open bribery of voters. Subsequently, by the same pernicious methods, he tried to secure the nomination of the Democratic convention and only failed because of the earnest and energetic action of a group of honest Democrats. He did, by appealing to the Dauphin county court, succeed in having the Democratic nomination of Mr. HOWELL declared invalid.

Mr. CONNELL has contributed more than most men toward debauching the politics of this State. Out of his vast wealth he has fed an abnormal and absurd ambition by corrupting the voters. At first only those in actual want could be debauched. Later the ignorant and illiterate vielded to the temptation. Next the venal found it profitable to sell their votes like a huckster isposes of his cabbage and in the end nearly half the voters of the country have been taught to make merchandise out of their manhood. It was a great crime which has been perpetrated on the people of the State. Long after CONNELL'S memory has faded out of the community the effect of his actions will be felt.

He hopes now to get the seat for which he was fairly and justly defeated by appealing to the partisan prejudices of the ma-jority in the House. The Republican ma-jority in the body is perilously close and men willing to perform any political ontrage may be needed. CONNELL is willing to put himself under any obligation to secure the place. He is ready to mortgage his vote during the full term for the cer tificate and it is possible that he may get it. But it will be a badge of shame. It will be stealing in at the back door after having been kicked out through the sky-It will be acknowledging failure to win in a district in which his party had a The Fellow With no Kick Coming. From the Commoner.

John Husker on election day, said "I don't think that it will pay to leave the field, for goodness knows corn should be shucked be fore it snows, and, anyhow, I rather guess to stop to vote is foolishness. I'll make a dollar by my work, so public duty I will shirk."

So saying Husker took a chew, and on his team the harness threw; then to his field of waiting corn, he hastened in the early morn. He shucked away with all his might as long as there was any light, then in the dark he homeward went and with the world felt well content.

But while John Husker worked that day the corporations joined the fray, and by a shrewd use of the "rocks" they captured every ballot box. They won the fight and thereupon began to pile the tax on John, and squeezed him till he had to pay for working on election day.

They hammered down the price of grain sion, however, will not be the appropria-tion bills. The consideration of them will ded to John's bitter fate by boosting up the rate of freight, and having Husker's hands well tied they robbed him clean on every side. "Alas!" said John, "I'll never stay at home again on election day !'

Moral. No kick is coming, friend, your way If you don't vote election day

Where Trusts Do Not Flourish

From the Richmond Dispatch. The high Protectionists and Trust defenders in this country are very fond of flinging into the face of the tariff revisionists the assertion that Trusts exist in "free trade England." "The Philadelphia Re cord" admits that this is the case, but says that the English Trusts are either comparatively harmless or else fall for want Government favoritism, and points out, is the substantial differences be tween the Trusts in the same countries. The soundness of our contemporary's contention is illustrated by the failure of the English wool combers' Trust, for which a receiver has been appointed. This combination was subject to competition from the whole world. Woolen manufacturers in the United States are almost completely sheltered from outside rivalry by average duties of nearly 100 per cent, on woolen fabrics. The smaller woolen interests at home as well as those of the outside world had a fair chance to fight the English

Only a Play for the Gaileries. From the Clarion Democrat.

That investigation, started by the President, inquiring into Quay's circulars collecting compaign assessments from govern-ment officials was nothing more than trouble don't propose to be catalogued another case of the President playing for public applause as he has been doing in regard to the trusts. It is a singular fact that since the President began to talk so boisterously about trusts that the big beef merger with capital fixed at \$500,000,000 has been completed and will go into effect Jan. 1st next. Instead of insinuations in regard to a special session of congress soon after March 4, next, to consider the trusts days' service for each arbitrator, is a pretty and the tariff revision the President should prosecute some of the trusts under the laws we have. What is the use of enacting more trust laws if those we have are not put in execution.

Right on this Issue at Least.

The Democratic party does not need leaders so much as it needs voters. The masses do not need one to think for them; they think for themselves, and they will have no difficulty in selecting fit persons to act for them when the time for action people, at least, are both moral and politic- arrives. They do not need the services of a self-appointed committeee on nominations, and they will not award the position of standard-bearer to the highest bidder. They are glad to hear all that can be said for and against each presidential possibility, but they are not apt to be influenced by advisers who think more of a candidate's availibility during a campaign than they do of his reliability in the office

> The Breeding Places of Republican Fraud.

> From the Clearfield Republican One of the very noticeable features in connection with the recent raids upon dens of iniquity in Philadelphia where young girls are kept as prisoners for immoral pur poses, is the fact that from 10 to 40 voters are registered as living at every one of them, and every name is voted by the gang. too. This is one of the tributes the local machine exacts from the syndicate controlling these brothels. It is by such means the Quay machine is enabled to roll up its big majorities in the Quaker City.

A People Who Have No Voice In Chosing.

From the Wilkesbarre Record (Ind. Rep.) All in good season the political bosses Philadelphia will announce the candidate for Mayor for whom the alleged freemen of that city will be permitted to vote next February. The electors of the Quaker City do not have any voice in selecting the candidate, and consequently are only curious to know what manner of man the posses will select this time. After Ashbridge the city can stand anything.

Tasting the Fruits of Imperialism.

From the Philadelphia Record. The news from Manila of the death of sixteen United States soldiers from cholera is more discouraging than would be the announcement of fresh revolts. Our Generals know how to deal with enemies afield, but the pestilence that walketh in darkness they cannot hope to cope with.

Johnny Would Rather be Recorder.

From the Philipsburg Ledger. Steam heat has been advanced 40 per cent at Bellefonte, and a raise of 25 cent is promised on the price of electric Johnny Rowe will wish he had let Hewitt go to Bellefonte, when he has to him to commit the murder. He was sent to set up the price.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-For failing to send his children to school James Sicher, of Salisbury, was on Tuesday

sent to jail for five days. -The ninth internal revenue districtwith headquarters at Lancaster, collected \$263,896 last month, \$213,496 of it on cigars.

-Alderman Edward A. Mertz, of Allentown, has in two months imposed 900 fines under the pure food law, and has turned the money over to the State.

-A boulder falling in Rush tunnel, near Karthaus, on the New York Central's river line, fell on engine 2615 and hadly disabled it. Engineer Lamont had a close call.

-The Pittsburg Dispatch has published a special cable from Rome to the effect that Bishop Eugene A. Garvey, of Altoona, may be made coadjutor to Bishop Phelan, with right of succession.

-Rev. J. J. Gormley Thursday celebrated the twenty-seventh anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, at Renovo. Among those present were Rev. J. N. Codori and Rev. Louis Maucher, of Lock Haven.

-The Kuhn building at Watsontown was damaged by fire Monday afternoon. The fire started in the apartments occupied by Mrs. Simmons, who with her child made a narrow escape. The loss is \$1,000; fully covered by insurance.

-An apple butter machine has been in successful operation at Deer Run, near Doylestown. By the use of the machine apple butter is made in about three hours, and the grade is far superior to that made by the old method.

-D. W. Bryington was found at his father's home, near Trout Run Tuesday morning, dead of grief for a brother, who was killed under a log train the day before Thanksgiving. The brothers had been inseparable companions.

-William Carstetter, of Nittany valley, while assisting Harvey Moore in the east end Wednesday morning, was bitten by a vicious hog on the leg above the knee. The laceration is a painful one. It required several shots to kill the hog.

-The Sunbury school board have been compelled, owing to the scarcity of coal, to extend their Christmas vacation until Jan. 5th. The coal dealers have informed the school directors that 900 orders were in

ahead of those sent in by them. -Miss Lena Collins, formerly of Lock Haven, but for some time a resident of Williamsport, has gone to St. Louis, Mo., where she will pose for a picture for the fair. Miss Collins is pretty and well developed. She was chosen from a large class of ap-

-Elias Hartz, the goosebone weather prophet, of Reading, predicts an unusually severe winter. A drop in temperature will occur about the middle of December, after which there will be cold weather. There will be plenty of snow, he says, about the middle of the winter.

-At Williamsport Tuesday John J. Collins, of Mahanoy city, was about to board the front step of a locomotive to ride to his work at Newberry Junction when he slipped and the cylinder struck and rolled him along fifty feet. Seeing Collins' peril Roland Thompson seized him by the leg and drew him to safety

-The p er train going north Friday night on the Tyrone division, which was about two hours late, struck a horse and buggy at the crossing just this side of Curwensville, killing the horse and completely demolishing the buggy. Fortunately the two men in the buggy, named Lewis and Reed, escaped with only slight bruises.

-At the Clearfield county court on Monday Irene Wiser, Clara Davis and Lillian Franklin, charged with selling liquor illegally, to minors and on Sunday and with conducting houses of ill fame in DuBois, entered pleas of guilty. Judge Gordon placed the costs in the case upon the women, but suspended further sentence on condition that they leave the county.

-A verdict of \$2.800 has just been given against the borough of Pottsville in a damage suit caused by a defective pavement. The plaintiff was a woman who sustained minries by a fall, and at the last meeting of council the city attorney was ordered to institute a suit against the owner of the property on whose sidewalk the injury occurred, to recover the judgment, costs and expenses.

-An attempt to murder the family of James Wilbur, residing near Mills, Potter county, was made a few nights ago. Several sticks of dynamite were placed under their dwelling, a frame structure, and exploded. The members of the family, who were asleep at the time, were thrown from their beds, but escaped unburt. The building was partially demolished. Two men were arrested on suspicion of being unplicated in the outrage.

-George Markert, the robber shot by the Rev. Shellenberger, the Dunkard preacher, on Sunday morning, was taken to the Middleburg jail Sunday. Over a hundred people gathered at the depot. Three strange men were Monday night discovered in Shellenberger's back yard, where they had evidently gathered for the purpose of rescu ing the injured robber. On occasion of this incident it was decided to place the prisoner in safer quarters.

-The Presbyterian church of the Covenant case Williamsport, had its inception in 1899, and has been pending ever since in the ecclesiastical and civil courts. The Presbytery Monday took action which the adherents of the old session claim is unconstitutional, and Wednesday Judge McClure, in the matter of the old appeal for an injuction to get possession of the property, decides that part of the new and part of the old session is legal. Both sides may appeal.

-The Dauphin county judges Friday ordered the release from the State hospital at Warren of John Lawser, a Harrisburg man, who has been confined in that justitution since 1882. The man had been made insane by the death of his wife and was considered as mildly afflicted. One day he saw a horse killed and coming to the city from the local hospital, secured a revolver, and shot dead the guard, Ahaziah Livingston, as he was riding back to the hospital with him. It was thought that the sight of blood from the horse had frenzied Lawser and caused Warren soon after.