## Democratic Watchwan.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

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Now doth the busy candidate Make promises galore, And swears he'll be a better man Than he's ever been before. -Next Tuesday will be ground-hog day. Look out for your shallow, Tom.

-Why didn't you run, Tom? We could have had such a nice time campaigning together.

-Tom doubtless thinks there is something worth living for now that he has found a candidate.

-Wouldn't it be the best ever if Gen. MILES were to receive the Democratic nom. ination for President and be the man to defeat ROOSEVELT?

-The real reason that Russia and Japan find it inconvenient to get together is because Japan's navy can't sail on land and Russia's infantry can't walk on water.

-There might be lots of money in the egg raising business; especially at the present price. But what good is the high price when the hens can't be persuaded to lay? of an ideal Judge. If he reaches that stand-

ble over J. PIERPOINT MORGAN and flying machines both on the same afternoon. The fidious to the people of the State. jump from one subject to the other wasn't so great, after all, when the affinity of each for wind and water is considered.

-The new Republican organization in Centre county is made up of COLONEL office required him to do, because of his chambers and private TOM harter. A fierce army, isn't it? It would either be a case of the lion leading the ass or the ass leading the lion, if there were not so much doubt in the public mind as to whether there is any lion at all in the bunch.

-The arrest of Mayor CARTER HARRIson, of Cincago, for responsibility for the Iriquois theatre fire, is not a serious nor direct reflection upon that eminent gentleman. It is, however, a warning to officials everywhere, that in the future the public will be more insistent that every safeguard that law and order throws about their daily life, is properly operative.

-Mme Patti declined to fill a concert engagement at Butte, Montana, Tuesday evening, because at that high altitude there was too little air and too much smelter smoke for her silver throat. Judging from the opinion of eastern critics as to the quality of her voice on this, her positively "farewell trip," a little smoke might do it good. Smoke is usually a preserver of old things.

-The Philadelphia Press is of the opineventuality. The outrageous gerrymander by which seven hundred thousand Republicans are given thirty-three représentatives in Congress and four hundred thousand Democrats only one is a disgrace that we didn't think the Press brazen enough to allude to.

-The rather unexpected and eccentric action of Colonel WETMORE, of St. Louis, in leaving seventy-five thousand dollars to the Democratic party for the dissemination of Democratic principles is best explained by the fact that the Colonel is a resident of St. Louis. The recent expose of the grafting in the Legislature of Missouri and the council of St. Louis must have convinced our benefactor that some of the Democrats have been back-sliding and need being done over in the faith of JEFFERSON and JACKSON.

-The unseating of Congressman How-ELL, of the Lackawanna district, in order to make a place for WILLIAM CONNELL, the defeated millionaire, is the most brazen piece of partisan politics ever played in the lower house of Congress. With no other justification than that HOWELL, a poor man, bought his election over CONNELL, a millionaire and a notorious contributor to campaign corruption funds, the committee on elections has reported in favor of unseating the former and the Republican House The "end of the next session" of the Senate will permit partisan prejudice to sway its action.

-The Altoona Times strikes a key note when it says "We have the greatest confidence in Mr. BRYAN's ability and honesty of purpose but we don't believe he is speaking for the six million people who and the opening of the regular session, the voted for him twice in insisting that the 16 to 1 plank should be again in the national platform." Just so. Mr. BRYAN is a great statesman, a man of whom this appointment and retain the commission country has reason to be very proud. His recent trip abroad revealed him in a manner that surprised foreigners at his depth and acumen in affairs of government, but the silver issue is not for this campaign. It has been fought for twice and lost twice and an effort to cram it down the public neck a third time would be the height of upon both Senators FRYE and HALE, of folly.

-The political pot is beginning to boil in this county; the latest evidence of it being the Republican intention to bring "Little Fill" back into the political arena for another go at the Legislature and GEORGE E. LAMB is the pet candidate for prothonotary. This is putting Philipsburg a little strong on the ticket but it will take fixing up over there after JOHNNY GOWLAND, HARRY WARFEL and ANDY Bolger get through with their post-office mix-up. But then it won't take two such past-masters of politics as COLONEL chambers and private TOM long to straighten any kink that may happen in the Philipsburg postmastership, for you know that postmaster questions are tom's long



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Pennypacker's Startling Methods.

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Some of our esteemed contemporaries have curious notions of the distinguished gentleman who occupies the office of Governor of this State at present. The Philadelphia Record, for example, can't see how the Governor can possibly run for Justice of Supreme court against a gentleman whom he himself appointed to the office- In obedience to his sworn obligation, our esteemed contemporary reasons, he selected SAMUEL GUSTINE THOMPSON from all the lawyers of the State because more than any other be measured up to the high standard -With an unwitting eye to the eternal ard, the Record continues, substantially, it fitness of things Congress got into a squablis the Governor's duty as a citizen to vote for him and failing to do so will be per-

From the view point of our esteemed contemporary we can understand its perplexities. If Governor PENNYPACKER had selected Justice Thompson, as his oath of pre-eminent fitness for the office, his conscience, if he have any, would; compel him not only to vote for his election but to influence all other voters to do the same thing. But as a matter of fact the question of fitness probably never entered into PENNY-PACKER's mind in selecting a successor to Chief Justice McCollum. It never does into any of his appointments. Political expediency is his only guide and if the appointment of a jail-bird to the highest office in his gift would promote his own or appoint SMOOLEY, the Mormon bishop. QUAY's political plans he would appoint

him. Of all the men who have ever prostituted the public service of Pennsylvania the most absolutely reckless and dangerous is SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER. He has neither pride of opinion nor pleasure in consistency. He is simply avain, conscienceappointment he has ever made was that of therefore, that he can afford to "go up less and daring old man. The best Judge JACOBS to a seat on the Common Pleas bench of Dauphin county. But when a corrupt machine subsequently nominated purpose, as it was boldly stated, "of rebukion that the next congressional delegation | ing the old idiot" he calmy and serenely from this State will contain but one Demo- turned in and supported the machine nomicrat. It might prove true, but the Press nee and let the distinguished jurist who should be ashamed to even hint at such an served his purpose of punishing recalci- delegates to the Republican national trancy to QUAY to an ignominious defeat. Nothing that he does is surprising.

Constructive Recess Busted.

Senator TILLMAN, of South Carolina, brought out an interesting fact the other day. During the course of a speech in the Senate he incidentally referred to President ROOSEVELT'S "constructive recess" between the close of the extra session and the beginning of the regular session on the first Monday of December last. It will be remembered that about the first business presented at the regular session was a batch of presidential nominations, including that of Dr. LEONARD WOOD to be a Major General in the regular army. It was pointed out that nominations made during the session didn't carry commissions with them until after confirmation to which the reply was that they were recess appointments, the recess being "constructive," and happening between the adjournment of one session and the beginning of the other.

When Dr. Wood was first nominated for Major General in the army Congress was not in session and a commission was issued to him. Under the constitution and the laws that commission was good, and carried with it the authority and salary of the office until "the end of their next session." was the adjournment of the extra session and Dr. Wood's nomination not having been confirmed, he would necessarily drop back in rank and pay to a Brigadier General. But though only a moment elapsed between the adjournment of the extra session President declared that there was a "constructive recess" and nominated Dr. Wood again, thus enabling him to claim a recess and pay of the higher rank.

Mr. TILLMAN referred to the matter the other day in connection with a similar nomination of a negro named CRUM to the office of collector of the port of Charleston, South Carolina, and protested against such an interpretation of the constitution where-Maine, protested that the Senate would not be so silly. "There was no recess between twelve o'clock noon and twelve o'clock noon of that day," he said," and the Senate will so declare at the proper time. If that be true the commission of Dr. Wood as Major General of the army expired at "twelve o'clock noon" of that day, and if he has drawn pay as Major General since he owes something to the government. Meantime the President's absurd "constructive recess" is also exploded and the with it.

-"I'll show them who runs the Re publican party of Centre county."-T. of party organization.

Polygamy and the President.

That REED SMOOT, Apostle in the Moron church, is secure in his seat in the United States Senate is made certain by an incident which occurred in Washington the other day. SMOOT holds the seat, as we have previously stated, as a result of an agreement made four years ago between the Mormon church and the Republican National committee. The conditions were that the Mormon church would help the Republican party and the Republican party would help the church. The first fruits of the agreement was electing Republican electors at the last presidential election and the second the election of REED SMOOT to the Senate.

It will be remembered that when the Legislature of Utah, in fulfillment of the bargain, announced the purpose to elect SMOOT a Senator, there was a loud protest from every section of the country and ROOSEVELT, who appears to be a moral coward, was inclined to back out. He did go so far as to recommend the election of a less conspicuous officer in the church than SMOOT. But his advice was disregarded and SMOOT chosen a year ago. Thereupon with the view of placating public sentiment the President announced that he would not re-appoint S. Wood SMOOLEY. a bishop in the Mormon church, to the office of assayer of the mint at Bois City, Idaho. The other day he announced that he had changed his mind and will re-

The reason for this change of mind, a under the fostering care of the Republican party the Mormon church has prospered amazingly of late and has spread out so that it now pretty nearly if not altogether and several others of the small western States. The President has concluded, him the votes of Utah and the other States and at the election next fall.

Quay Orders Instructions

Senator QUAY has announced that the vention for this State will be instructed for ROOSEVELT. It is understood that he said to the President that such a thing had never been done before and that he was reluctant to order the innovation. But the President was obdurate. He declared that he had been giving QUAY free use of the patronage to sell or trade during the nearly three years since his induction into office, and now it is his turn. We haven't heard that he reminded QUAY of the unlawful use made of the patronage at the time that PENNYPACKER was nominated. But whether he did or not the "old man" yielded and the order to instruct has been

All this comes from the night mares which the President has been having lately with regard to the nomination. He has ecome morally afraid that he will be defeated and that HANNA will be the nominee instead of himself. He knows how deeply QUAY hates HANNA and how intensely the hatred is reciprocated and he shares the feeling of QUAY in the matter. But these sentiments don't prevent him from realizing that if HANNA wants the nomination he will get it. The President is vain and silly, but he never looses sight of his danger. He can't convince himself that HANNA is unpopular. His vanity doesn't take that form. It's rather of the type that makes cowards.

We don't think there is any doubt of ROOSEVELT'S nomination. He is very foolish and wretchedly craven, but he is a good deal of a politician and he has neglected no opportunity or failed of no effort to secure the nomination. The other day the Postmaster General issued notice to federal officers that there was no objection to them going to the convention of delegates, the obvious purpose being to get postmasters and revenue collectors to represent the Southern States and he has intimated in various ways that federal officers in the North are expected to do their share. Notwithstanding all these things, however, he is frightened and has made QUAY consent to instruction.

The Platform and Candidates. We sincerely hope there will soon be an end to acrimonious discussion as to what sort of a platform and candidates shall be nominated by the coming Democratic national convention. The issues of a campaign and the fitness of one man or another for leadership of the party are proper subjects for friendly consideration in that the success of the party. But the declaration that unless such a policy is asserted incident will carry a rather severe rebuke in the platform and such a man nominated as the candidate the ticket and party will be opposed, is objectionable because it is demoralizing if not absolutely destructive

It is the duty of Democrats, high and low,

able to a decisive and enduring victory. With a fit candidate and a suitable platform the Democracy will go to the country with a confidence and aggressiveness which will contribute largely to its success. But the splendid outlook may be impaired and by bickerings among party leaders concerning questions which are yet to be party this year.

to support the ticket. Presumably the convention will nominate the best candidate and adopt the best platform possible. The conventions are usually made up of capable, earnest and intelligent representatives of the party. In their combined wisdom they may determine to omit from the platform this year something that appeared important four years ago. Or in the development of events it may be deemed advisable to include this year something which wasn't even thought of then. But whatever is included or omitted the platform will express what appears to the majority of the delegates to be the best summary of pertinent issues.

The Democratic national convention which meets in St. Louis this year will be guided by the highest impulses of patriotism and encouraged by radiant hopes of success. Every promise before it is favor-

Senator Burion's Trouble.

Senator BURTON, of Kansas, has been inannounced upon reliable authority, is that taken money as a consideration for in- spring, when the ports of Vladivostok and fluencing the Postoffice Department. The Rialto Grain and Securities company of St. Louis was transacting a business of doubtful character, largely through the mails, holds the balance of power in Idaho, Nevada and was threatened with a "fraud order." To avert the result they employed BURTON, who is a hanker, to influence the Department officials and paid him \$2,500 in five against" the opposition to polygamy in the checks of \$500 each. The fraud order east if the Mormon church will guarantee was withheld and the business continued for some time. Finally the postoffice a machine politician to succeed him for the named, both in the nominating convention scandals drove the firm out of business and the investigation revealed the Senator's The water had fallen thirteen inches this connection with the matter.

Republican statesman. He is very earnest- ed in a sheet of ice, two or three inches ly for ROOSEVELT for President but we thick. on's really see how he will escape the consequences of his relationship with this fraud. A couple of weeks ago Senator DEITRICH, of Nebraska, got out of a very similar scrape by proving that he had taken the money before he was sworn in as Senator. In his case a postoffice had been moved from one building to another at his request, he having been paid by the owner of the new building for his services. If he hadn't been a Senator he wouldn't have been able to effect the result. But the court held that because he hadn't taken' the oath of office he wasn't a Senator and

the transaction was not criminal. Senator Burton admits the transaction including the checks, but claims that he was acting as attorney. If he were a practicing lawyer that defence would at least be plausible. But he isn't a practicing lawyer. He is a banker and bankers don't as a rule get counsel fees for their friendly services. Still there may be a way to get BURTON out of his trouble. The political machine is resourceful and as PERRY S. HEATH was extricated from a deeper hole no doubt BURTON will be rescued. If he were a Democrat there would be no hope for him. Even a HAN-NA Republican would find "a bard road to travel" But being for ROOSEVELT he has a chance.

The Hub-Bub at State College.

While it is not the desire or the inclinain the local squabbles that disturb other places than Bellefoute, for there are always enough here to keep a live newspaper busy, the last issue of the State College Times contains such a manifestly unfair gain time. attack on the council of that borough that we feel justified in calling the attention of the citizens of State College to a few things that the present administration deserves lasting credit for. While we know little about the controversy over the opening of Pugh street and the laying of side-walks, where they should or should not be, or as to whether the councilmen have permitted personal feelings to out-weigh public interests in those questions, it must be admitted that State College borough has very exceptional street lighting for such a small place. This has been secured by the present council in a way that has added no additional burden to the tax payers of that place. They have better streets and crossings, since the present nunicipal organization has been in power, debts outstanding when they assum-ed the duties of their office have been paid spirit which works for the public good or and such extraordinary expenses as large the success of the party. But the declarataking care of a small-pox patient have all been met without increase of taxation and on a very slightly increased valuation.

These are facts that our contemporary the Times, should weigh over against the grievances it appears to have before con-demning the council of its home town as a body of mercenary, self-interested-per-

As It Stands Between Russia and Japan.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch. One of the elements of the speculation as to the cause for the Russian retrograde in the Korean-Manchurian dispute is furnished by a report that the French government the bright prospects materially damaged made a declaration to Russia that it would not be drawn into the quarrel, even if England should take sides with Japan. determined. No man has a right to thus of signs that France is opposed to war, such destroy the prospects of the Democratic a declaration would be an extreme reversal from the old alliance. But it would be a sufficient explanation of the Russian change of base from advancing claims in Korea to protests that she must maintain her status in Manchuria

> Indeed, if France kept out of the quarrel there would probably be little need of England's interference. All reports indicate that the Japanese navy is so far superior to the Russian in morale and efficiency as to leave little doubt that it would control the seas between Japan and the mainland. If that were the case the problem for Russia to maintain an army large enough to meet the Japanese forces over the single line of the Siberiau railway would be a desperate one. In our Civil war General Sherman found that the task of keeping open a line of supplies to support 100,000 men over the railways for the few hundred miles between Nashville and Atlanta was too much for him, and he solved the problem by sending Thomas back to Nashvide, abandoning the railway and striking out for the sea without a base. For Russia to try to support 300,000 soldiers over the ill furnished Siberian railway for thousands of miles would be a fearful task. If she could not win early and decisive victories on land that difficulty would spell complete disaster.

It is noticeable, however, that the naval issue would be much improved for Russia dicted in St. Louis on the charge of having if hostilities can be delayed until the Port Arthur are free of ice. That is a contingency for the future that may yet turn the pacific tone of present news into actual war after the lapse of a few months.

Towns Get But Little Relief.

Loss Placed at \$2,000,000. Thieves Were Looting and Posse is after Them With Guns. Electric Light Plant Out of Service, Town is in Darkness. \$10,000 Relief Fund Has Been Subscribed For Aid of Sufferers.

WILKESBARRE, Pa. Jan. 25 .- There was but little relief from the flood at Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Espy this afternoon. morning, but remained stationary to-day. The cold weather has added to the discom-Senator BURTON is a very influential fort and all the flooded towns are envelop-

The ice is still gorged in the river from. extends to the bottom and is so tight that the water is flowing across the farm lands. instead of the channel tonight. The pack is higher than the bridges at Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Ruppert, and if the gorge moves the structures are doomed. At Bloomsburg tonight men and boys were skating about the flooded portion of the town. A gang of thieves is looting the houses and a posse armed with guns is after them.

Catawissa is in bad shape. The town is without light and all the coal yards are flooded. At Espy one-half the houses are uninhabitable. The hotels and residences at Bloomsburg and Berwick have been thrown open to the homeless.

The Pennsylvania railroad's Sunbury division is under six feet of water from Cata wissa to South Danville and the Blooms burg division is out of service between Bloomsburg and Danville. Ice ten feet high is piled on the tracks of the latter road The damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. Ten thousand dollars for the sufferers

was subscribed at a public meeting at Bloomsburg tonight. In this city the water has been steadily receding and for the present all danger is over between Towanda and here, a distance

Japan Waits.

of eighty miles.

But intimates That Russia Must Send Answer

Tokio, January 26 .-- The Japanese gov ernment has diplomatically intimated to Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister, that an early response is desired to Japan's recent note to Russia. It is calculated here that the Japanese note reached the tion of the WATCHMAN to get mixed up Russian cabnet on the afternoon of January 16th and it is felt that sufficient time has elapsed for its consideration and the preparation of a response. The Japanese gov ernment is unwilling to permit evaslons and delays, which are designed to

The future course of the Japanese government is a carefully guarded secret. length of time that Japan is prepared to await the pleasure of Russia is unknown. It seems proyable that it has been determined to act decisively witein a few days. The popular temper has long opposed fur-ther delay. While many object to Japan's taking the initiative a majority would now welcome the issuance of a brief ultimatum and a declaration of war if that should prove ineffective. Some outside opinion here inclines to the belief that the activity of the Japanese will be limited to the seiz ure of Corea, which enterprise it is thought Russia would not oppose. The Japanese government proceeds with absolute secrecy and the people of Japan are not even in-formed of the exact demands made upod Russia.

Pittsburg Recovering from Flood

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25. - The railroads are rapidly recovering from the effects of the flood. In the Pittsburg district the conditions were practically normal to-day, and the only trouble experienced is on some of the branch lines through Ohio. The offic- freight train and was struck by the belated ials express hope that all the lines will be free from the high water within twentyfour hours. With the passing of the flood, the officials have roughly estimated the damage done by the flood, which is not as heavy as the previous floods at this time.

of two years ago.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The next annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will be held in Belle-

-The abutment of the Lycoming county bridge over Loyalsock creek, was Saturday damaged to the extent of \$2,000 by an ice dam. One end of the bridge sagged down several feet.

-Professor S. M. Tressler, of Dickinson seminary. Williamsport, while in the act of taking a flash light photograph Saturday evening last, was severely burned about the face by an explosion of powder.

-Burglars Monday night entered the post-office at Wilcox and dynamited the safe. When the strong box was opened they took therefrom \$750 in cash and a lot of stamps. The men escaped by the aid of horse and sleigh.

-Miss Josephine Bruner, a maiden lady aged 58 years, living with a maiden sister eight miles west of Somerset, committed suicide Saturday morning by slashing her throat with a butcher knife. Melancholia is assigned as the cause for her act.

-Blair county had 47 prisoners in the Western peritentiary during the year 1903. The total cost of their maintenance was \$4,-444. They earned in wages \$1,500, which amount deducted from the sum for maintenance leaves the net cost to the county \$2,-

-Thomas H. Jackson has offered \$100 reward for the return of the body of Charles Snyder, his brother-in-law, who disappeared from his home in Huntingdon, on the 13th inst. He is a man about 38 years of age, decidedly stooped, 5 feet 5 inches tall, smooth face, dark hair and eyes, shrinks from meeting people.

-Isaiah Conley, aged 75 years, associate udge of Bedford county, died at his home in Shellsburg Saturday, after a short illness. Judge Conley's ancestors were among the early settlers of Adams county and his father located in Napier township, Bedford county, where Judge Conley had lived all his life. The latter was a captain during the civil war and in 1864 had a thrilling escape as a prisoner of war at Macon,

-A. Close McClintock, of near Salona, fell near his home on Thursday morning, which was the morning the surface of the ground was covered by a sheet of ice, and struck the back of his head, the shock of which produced paralysis of the neck, which impairs his speech to the extent that he cannot express himself only in monosyllables. A consultation of physicians failed to bring any relief. His condition is quite seri-

-Frequent robberies of loaded freight cars in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Conemaugh of late have annoyed the officers connected with that concern, and this has led to some diligent work on the part of the railroad policemen, of whom there are several stationed in that vicinity, A clue was recently followed up which resulted in the recovery of nearly \$300 of goods and the arrest of nine men in connection with the

-Hollidaysburg is beginning to experience the noise and din that belongs to a main line town. The general movement of and Petersburg cut-off railroads began last Thursday. A dozen main line freight trains of 500 cars now pass through that town daily and this number will be increased as soon as the present cramped facilities of the East Hollidaysburg round bouse will be improved and in a short time the New Portage locomotives will be housed there.

-The people of Jenner and Quemahoning townships, Somerset county, are much wrought up over the death from rabies of Charles Gindlesberger, the boy who died at Critchfield postoffice on Wednesday of last week. They have circulated a petition to the State sanitary stock board, asking that all the dogs in the two townships be muzzled until such time as all danger of the development of rabies is past. This was done because the dog whose bite is believed to have been responsible for the boy's death had been fighting with dogs in various places, and several of the dogs have died.

-The anniversary of Williamsport Commandery, Scottish Rite Masons, which will be celebrated this week, is an event which is not only of interest in Williamsport, but to Scottish Rite Masons everywhere. The steady and rapid growth of the body consistory has been almost phenomenal, and its membership of over 800 will be increased this week to over 1,000. The principal event will be the unveiling of the life-size marble statue of the late William Howard, whose greatest monument is the cathedral in which it stands. It took place Wednesday evening and was open to members, visiting brethren, candidates and their ladies.

-The Rev. J. C. Kreusch, of the Presbyterian church, of Somerset, was found dead in his room in the Presbyterian parsonage, about 6:30 Saturday morning. For the past week the Rev. Kreusch had been suffering from an acute attack of indigestion, but seemed much improved. He prepared his Sunday morning's sermon Friday evening, and, just before retiring at about 9:30, appeared to be in the very best of spirits. As he did not appear at his usual breakfast time, a member of the family went to his room and there found him, already dressed, lying dead upon the floor. A physician who was summoned pronounced death due to organic heart trouble, which had seized him after he arose.

-Mrs. Catherine Kinley, residing a short distance below Antes Fort, along the P. and E. railroad, was struck and instantly killed Saturday night by train No. 1. Mrs. Kinley, who was 44 years old, left her home at 5 o'clock and went to Jersey Shore on a visit to friends. On her way home she stopped at Gheen and Spigelmyer's grocery store at Antes Fort to make a number of purchases, after which she started to walk home, going down the railroad tracks. It is supposed Mrs. Kinley stepped out of the way of a passenger train, which was running at a high rate of speed to make up lost time. Mr. Kinley, becoming alarmed at his wife's long absence from home, started up the railroad tracks at 11:30 o'clock, in search of her, The cost of repairs will not be like that and was horrified to find her mangled body lying between the tracks.