Democratic Watchman.

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-River ice isn't quite as popular just now as it will he in July and August.

-March came in with the head of a lion but the day closed like the tail of a lamb. -An Arab proverb says "all sunshine makes the desert." How we long for a little desert around here just now.

-Japan's list of contraband of war does not includei ether the Missouri mule or RICHARD HARDING DAVIS.

-The post-office thieves in Washington baying been convicted at last now make their punishment just as certain.

-REED SMOOT'S trial began on Tuesday. Other men who have had polygamous inclinations have found their trials contin-

-At a dollar a bushel wheat is profitable to the farmer, but at the same rate of increase the consumer finds his bread very unprefitable.

-New stockings being made for women have pockets in them. It will not become fashionable, however, for the ladies to stand around with their hands in their pockets.

-In the city of Washington there are fifteen thousand SMITHS, fourteen thousand Johnsons and away too many ROOSEVELTS.

Pennsylvania has been full of great Democratic opportunities for years, but they are rarely to be found when election day comes round.

-The New Work judge who has de oided that ridicule of poetry is not libel must have read a few from the pen of the poet laurate of the West ward.

-Blue-birds were heard in Bellefonte on Tuesday; that is the gentleman said he wasn't quite sure whether they were blue-birds or chippies. What a nice gentleman.

-Judge Love might have had good reasons for granting license to HARRY WASHBURN, but we wouldn't be afraid to bet that he won't tell the public the real reason.

-If "Little Fill" and JOHN KNISELY are really to make up the Republican legislative team they will have to be driven taudem, because they wouldn't be mated well enough to go to the pole.

-The University of Pennsylvania ought to have a Doctor of Appropriations degree. It would come in handy at Harrisburg about the time that institution is looking for its bi-ennial hand-out.

-President ROOSEVELT'S strenuosity is very apparent in the way he spends government money. Up to this time his little whims have cost the country over one million dollars, in addition to his ealary.

-CARNEGIE having bequeathed another two and one half million dollars for education in Pittsburg it won't be long until all the folks in that city ought to be as smart as the BIGELOWS and FLINNS.

-The Japan-Russian war will not make a good subject for dramatization for the reason that to make it true to life all the talking parts would have to be given to the Russians while the Japs would have to improve their opportunity to plunder. do all the acting.

-When Col. WARREN WORTH BAILEY and his estimable Johnstown Democrat decide to fall in behind the Clearfield Public Spirit as a bell cow he'll find himself with his head up in the air sniffin' for a scent of home many a time.

-The flood yesterday was a reminder of two years ago, except that we did not get quite as much of the cornfields along Spring creek and Logan's branch as we did the last time. We haven't recorded any complaint, however, for this little falling off.

-According to PENNY's notion there is nothing wrong in the Philadelphia bar expressing it's indignation at his trying to catapult himself onto the Supreme bench. According to the same notion there is nothing wrong in his getting there, if he can, either.

-J. AUGUSTUS BECK, the Harrisburg portrait artist, has just completed portraits in oils of former Governor BEAVER and the late Governor HASTINGS for the State Historial society of Philadelphia. He is to paint one of Governor PENNYPACKER nust as soon as the latter can find time to sit for it. If the artist only had a supreme bench in his studio, PENNY would give him a sitting right away.

-Noah Raby, who died at the age of one hundred and thirty years, is supposed to have been the oldest man living. That he used tobacco for over one hundred years of his life is said to be a fact, therefore it is not probable that the anti-tobacco crusaders will refer to him often, though no one knows how much longer NoAH would have lived had he not used tobacco at all. However this may be it is certain that he lived as long as any mortal has a right to.

-It is reported that COLONEL cham bers frightened a man out of town who was here on Tuesday for the purpose of testifying against some one of the liquor applicants from Rush township. Aside from the interest there is in learning that the COL-ONEL can scare someone most people will want to know what reason he could have had for attempting it-if the rumor be true. There could have been no harm in hearing | the party. what the informer wanted to say and that is the view the public will take of it.



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Roosevelt a Coatly Luxury. Counting what has already been paid for extraodinary expenses, such as repairs in the White House, cost of maintaining yachts for the use of the President and erecting a new stable for the President's horses and that which it is estimated must be paid during the coming summer, President ROOSEVELT is an expensive luxury. In order to accommodate his family an addition was put to the White House at a cost of \$475,445. To meet his official convenience a six-room office building has been attached to the White House at an expense of \$65,196. To fulfill his idea of holiday comfort the United States steamship Mayflower was furnished for the use of his family at an expense of \$100,000, and repairs Mormon SMOOT will "stay put," as the and cost of maintenance of that yacht and the Sylph for his personal use during the President would say. summers of 1902 and 1903 amounted to \$125,000 making an aggregate already paid

out of \$765,641 for luxuries that no previous President even dreamed of. The schedule for future payments of extraordinary expenses is modest, comparatively speaking. That is to say the estimated expense of repairing, maintaining and equipping the steamers Mayflower and Sylph during the coming summer is \$145,-000 and that of building a new stable for the White House, \$90,000, making a total for next summer of \$235,000 and an aggregate for the term of office to which he succeeded through a national calamity of \$910,641. It should be known that the expenses of his special trains and transportation service was born by the railroad companies, reluctantly, no doubt, but certainly. He simply demanded the favor and in one instance, that of his prolonged trip to the Yellowstone Park last fall it cost one railroad company \$50,000. If that obliged to vote for his expulsion or stultify himself. item had been added to the others the total

would have been increased to the extent of at least a quarter of a million dollars. When the profligate Kings of France were "on their last legs" they used to appease the wrath of their suffering subjects by providing expensive amusements for their entertainment. When corrupt Emperors of Rome were severely pressed by the indignant public which they habitually wronged, they ordered costly fetes and constitution of the country will do the rest. divert attention from their vices and probably the Republican machine managers have fallen into the same habit. At least it is certain that ROOSEVELT has been an amusing spectacle in the office of President and while he has been cavorting in costly exhibitions the work of looting the government has been going on in every department. If ROOSEVELT is given a new commission by the votes of the people, it may be expected that he will carry his abuse to a greater extent than ever and

Reciprocity Abandoned John Datzerr, Representative in Congress for one of the Pittsburg districts and practically the leader of the Republicans in the House, shook the reciprocity mask from his face the other day and frankly declared that neither he nor his party wants any of it. Ever since BLAINE rebuked the ultra-protectionists by declaring that the McKINLEY bill wouldn't create a market for a barrel of flour or pork, the principle involved in the theory of reciprocity has been a cardinal doctrine of the Republicans. The last speech of the lamented Mo-KINLEY at Buffalo was a plea for it and every platform of the party since has contained a re-iteration of his sentiment.

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But BLAINE and McKINLEY are gone and the control of the party has been surrendered to the tariff mongers influenced by covetousness and greed. The reciprocity treaties negotiated under the direction of McKINLEY by a distinguished Republican statesman, Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa, and for more than four years pending in the senate committee, have been constantly pointed to as proof of the anxiety of the party for BLAINE's hobby. But the other day Mr. DALZELL ended the matter in "one fell swoop." "We are opposed to all reciprocity," he declared, "except on articles which do not come into competition with products of this country." Probably he would stand for reciprocity on sun-

beams. Another Republican Congressman. Mr. LOVERING, of Massachusetts, entertains a different view of the subject according to a statement he made during the same debate. To stand pat on tariff duties that hinder and obstruct commerce," he observed. "is inflicting great injury upon American products which could be given a much wider and more remunerative market under other conditions." But it is the DALZELLS and not the Lovenings who are guiding the destiny of the Republican party at present and the ruinous policy will be maintained as long as it provides uncarned and undeserved bounties to the monopolies and trusts which supply corruption funds for

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Smoot's Seat Secure. If there was ever any doubt that Mormon Apostle REED SMOOT is to be allowed to retain his seat in the United States Senate it was dissipated by the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press the other day. "The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections," wrote that favored source of Republican information, "which will next week take up the case of Senator REED SMOOT, of Utah, proposes to act in an absolutely judicial capacity." If that to the action by interest in the "honor of means anything it means that the testi- the profession." They in that way ask mony will be held strictly within the rules | the lawyers addressed to express an "opinof evidence. In that case the basis of the contention will be the fundamental law of the land which forbids religious test as to Supreme bench." qualification for office and Mormon or no

The correspondent continues that it the purpose of those who are pressing the matter 'to keep politics out of the case as much as possible." Precisely. The Republican national committee, through its secretary, PERRY S. HEATH, made a corrupt bargain with the Mormon church under the terms of which the polygamists were to vote as a unit for the Republican party and the Republican party was to give the polygamist organization, in the person of one of the Apoetles of the Mormon church, a seat in the United States Senate. Both parties to the agreement have fulfilled their obligations thus far. That is, the Mormon church unanimously voted for the Republican candidates and REED SMOOT was elected to the Senate and seated. If the corrupt bargain were alleged as the cause for his expulsion and supported as it might be, there would be no escape from that result. Every Republican would be

But the managers are not going to allow any such thing. They will need the Mormon church next fall and in order to keep it in line for the ticket they will keep SMOOT in his seat. It will be no difficult matter to achieve that result. All that is necessary is to "keep politics out of the case as much as possible," and rest on the assertion that SMOOT is a Mormon. The peachment" and add "what are you going to do about it." Section 3, of Article 6, of that instrument declares that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." That will end the dispute with a triumph for polygamy and cant.

Ignorant or Venal, Which?

Attorney General CARSON has asked the Dauphin county court to issue a writ of mandamus to compel the State Treasurer to pay the salaries of the judges of the Supreme, Superior, Common Pleas and Orphans' courts under the judicial salary law enacted during the last session of the Legislature. The law provides for an increase of salaries to judges in commission at the time it was enacted to an aggregate of about \$200,000. Section 13 of Article 3 of the constitution specifically and unequivocally forbids the increase of the salary of any public official during the term for which he was elected or appointed. The new salary law is therefore obviously in conflict with the constitution, on which account State Treasurer HARRIS refused to obey it.

The Attorney General contends that the new law is valid on the ground that the constitution provides that judges shall be paid adequate salaries and the provision which forbids the increase of salaries of public officials does not apply to them, because they are not public officials. But his petition for a mandamus is not intended to bring that question to a decision. On the contrary he simply asserts that the office of State Treasurer is purely ministerial and that when an obviously improper warrant signed by the Auditor General is presented to him he is obliged to pay it just as if it was a just claim against the State. If he can induce the Dauphin county court to take that view the State Treasurer will have no alternative except to pay.

But what position does this leave the Attorney General in. He is the law officer of the Common wealth and his construction of the law is either the result of ignorance or venality. The proceedings in the constitutional convention makes that fact clear. When section 13 of article 3 was under consideration Mr. CALVIN, of Blair county, offered an amendment exempting judges from its operation and it was debated at considerable length. Finally it was defeated by an overwhelming majority. Later Mr. ARMSTRONG, of Williamsport, renewed the effort to exempt the judges and he again failed. Mr. Buck-ALEW vigorously opposed the proposition and during the debate declared that he could "see no reason why the judges of our law courts should not be left on the same footing as other public officers."

-Spherihe for the WATCHMAN.

Protest of the Lawyers.

One hundred and five prominent Philadelphia lawyers, mostly Republicans, have signed a protest against the consummation of the conspiracy to transfer Governor PEN-NYPACKER from his present office to that of justice of the Supreme court. The protest is informal, so to speak, but emphatic. That is to say it assumes the shape of a petition addressed to the lawyers of the State and declares that the signers are influenced ion of the propriety of nominating and electing the Governor to a seat upon the

"As the disapproval of the profession seems to be universal," continues the manifesto, "it is thought desirable to get the whole body of the bar of Pennsylvania in touch upon the subject." In other words, the signers of the petition, among whom are some of the most distinguished lawvers of the city, obviously aim to unite the bar of the State in a systematic and energetic opposition to the nomination of Governor PENNYPACKER to a vacant seat on the bench. They imagine, probably, that in the face of such an organized opposition Senator QUAY would be frightened into the abandonment of his scheme, or else that purposes by fear of defeat.

Possibly the gentlemen are accurate in their estimate of the courage and obduracy of QUAY and the sensibility of his marvelously constructed cousin SAM, but we are inclined to doubt. This is a bad year, no doubt, for QUAY to cavort, for his own reelection is involved in the battle of the ballots next fall. But revealing the"white feather" isn't a QUAY characteristic or vielding, as FALSTAFF put it, "upon compulsion" one of his customs. If QUAY wants to nominate PENNYPACKER he will achieve the result even if every lawyer in the State is opposed to him and if he doesn't want to it is on his own account rather than out of consideration for cousin SAM.

Fatrhanks for Tail of the Ticket. FAIRBANKS, of Indiana, is to be the Republican nominee for Vice President on the ticket with ROOSEVELT. In fact according to a Washington correspondent of one of the ROOSEVELT organs, the President himself selected the Hoosier Senator and for very plausible reasons "FAIRBANKS is satisfactory to the business interests of Wall street," the writer alleges, "and that was the influencing cause of his selection." Of course there were other reasons though they were overlooked purposely.

Indiana is one of the pivotal States the coming contest. Of late years it has been looked upon as a substantial Repubican preserve but with ROOSEVELT as the andidate everybody knows that it is lost. It was in that State that he was called off the stump two years ago and sent nome under the pretense that something was the matter with his leg. As a matter of fact, however, there was nothing the matter with his leg. It was his head that was affected. He had been uttering succession of silly platitudes on the tariff and the trusts and the party managers came to the conclusion that unless he was silenced the ticket would be de feated. Accordingly a fiction about a sore leg was invented and he was sent home, with much ostentation.

The Republican party has no more chance of carrying the election next fall without the vote of Indiana than the Burgess of Bellefonte has of establishing a coal gess of Belleronte has of establishing a coal more and was the oldest of 12 children of the late Arunah S. Abell founder of the Republican leader and every intelligent citizen understands this fact. The late BENJAMIN HARRISON despised cow-boy politics and his influence is still potent in the popular mind of Indiana. But ROOSEVELT imagines that with Senator FAIRBANKS on the ticket the Hoosier opposition can be overcome and for that reason FAIRBANKS has been selected.

-It is just possible that the recent rather mysterious visit of former Judge GORDON and former Senator McQuown, of Clearfield, to this place has its explanation in the granting of a wholesale liquor license to HARRY WASHBURN, in Rush township. In fact GORDON and McQuown are reported to have been receiving congratulations in Clearfield yesterday on having landed a license for WASHBURN. The latter's notoriety in Clearfield county we will deal with at more length later, suffice it to say now that he is regarded by many as nothing more than a political boodler and heeler, whose influence is to be thrown to Love and the missionaries from Clearfield county.

-The condition of William P. Dunoan, of Philipsburg, is very much improv-

NO. 9. Comfortable Feeling for Congressman

nasyivania Contingent as a Rule Seem Certain WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.-With the exception of Representatives Shiras, Porter and Brown, of Allegheny county, and Representative Alvin Evans, of the Nineteeuth district made up of Bedford, Blair and Cambria counties, all the present members of th House from Western Pennsylvania have the comfortable feeling that their nomination for another term is assured, and that they will be elected in the fall unless the Democrats show more signs of life and energy than they have displayed for several years. Representative Bates, of the Twen-ty-fifth district, to-day had all anxiety removed from his mind by information that the time for making nominations in his district had expired without any Republican announcing himself a candidate for Congress against him. This gives Mr. Bates a record, as it is said to be the first time in 40 years that any man has been given a consecutive nomination for Congress

in the district. in the district.

Representative Acheson, of the Fourteenth district, Huff of the Twenty-second, Cooper of the Twenty-third, Smith of Twenty seventh, Sibley of the Twenty-eight, and Dresser of the Twenty-first, are also supposed to have cinches on renomination as basical districts. Mr. Dalzell. There is some show of opposition to Mr. Dresser, but it is not expected to amount to anything substantial, as gentleman is regarded by the "boys" of his district as one of the hest things that ever came down the political pike. There is a story floating around Washington to the effect that in the campaign of 1902 Mr. the Governor would be driven from his giving up something like \$40,000 for the necessary" expenses of the campaign.

DEEMER HAS OPPOSITION. Representative Elias Deemer, of the district Clinton-Potter - Tioga - Lycoming has a fight on for renomination, the outcome of which is still regarded as uncer tain here. Representative Evan's retirement is settled on, it appears, and his successor as the Republican nominee from the Nineteenth district will be John M. Reynolds, of Bedford, a recent convert to Republicanism, who was assistant secretary of the interior under Cleveland's second

The Sufferings Satiors Endured. Penniless and Almost Destitute of Clothes They Were Picked Up. Belonged to the Wreck.

NORFOLK, Va., March 1 .- Penniless and almost destitute of clothes, six members of the crew of the wrecked schooner, David P. Davis, of Bath, Me., which were picked up off Hatteras during a gale by Diamond The Davis was run down and dismasted off Hatteras last Friday night by an un known schooner. The schooner's crew of ten men manned the three pumps and worked until they were exhauste ing his vessel doomed, Captain Erwin or-dered the Davis abandoned Saturday morning and a boat was launched and manned In the meantime the dismantled wreck had been sighted by the Diamond Shoal lightship, which sent off a boat to take the survivors. The lightship's boat had to yawl with its ten occupants, and Captain Erwin, Mate Dittman, Second Mate William H. Yaman and Seaman William Rowley were left in the boat, while the other six occupants of the boat, who were ex-hausted, were removed to the lightship's lightship's boat for them, a tank ship hove to and picked up Captain Erwin and his

companions and steamed northward. The Davis was bound from a South Atlantic port to Baltimore with a cargo of phosphate. The seamen who were brought here are Engineer Charles Groskan, R. A. Mosley, William Pearsall, Thomas Towns, James K. Newton and S. C. Holtz. PHILADELPHIA. March 1.-The tank steamer Toledo, from Sabine Pass, has arrived at Marous Hook, Pa., with four members of the crew of the wrecked

chooner, David P. Davis. Publisher E. A. Abell Ends Newspaper

Baltimore Sun Proprietor, Last of 12 Children

BALTIMORE, Feb, 28.—Edwin Franklin Abell, president of the A.S. Abell company, publishers of the Sun newspaper of this city, died at his residence today aged 64 years. Mr. Abell was born in Balti-Sun, and by his death the last of the found-

er's sons has passed away. Upon finishing his school studies, at the age of 16, Mr. Abell entered the counting room of the Sun. He had given his atten tion more closely to the management of his father's estate and not until the death of George W. Abell did he assume direct con-trol of the paper. Since the death of his brother he has been the directing head of the paper's politics and views on national questions and local affairs. As director of his paper it was his fixed policy to keep his personal identity from the public gaze and in this he achieved a notable success. Mr. Abell had been noted throughout a lifetime for his charitable deeds, always

performed in an unostentations way.

Walter W. Abell, son of the dece who has been in practical charge of the Sun for the past few years, will continue to conduct it.

Cavalry Horse Prices go Up.

IRKUTSK, SIBERIA, Feb. 29 .- The price of horses is rising rapidly. Over \$40 is now offered, while a week ago \$20 to \$25 was the price. This is explained by the demand for horses at Baikal and the probable requisition for the army.

St. Petersburg Sends Arms.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 26.-A further con signment of guns and ammunition was despatched from here to the Far East today.

All churches are filled with soldiers, offering up their devotion prior to their depart-ure for the Far East.

Spawls from the Keystone

-'Squire L. K. McCullough, a prominen leading Clearfield citizen and a prominent mason, died Wednesday morning, after a short illness, aged 71 years.

-J. E. Gearhart, of knitting machine fame, of Clearfield, will build a new factory in the spring. He has worked up an immense trade in that line.

-Two new cases of small-pox developed in Williamsport Sunday and one case has been reported from South Williamsport, up to the present time it is estimated that 5,000 persons have been vaccinated in that city.

-Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hood celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary at their home in Indiana this week. They are the oldest couple in Indiana county, and both are in perfect health.

-New York Central railroad men are fearful of a strike in the soft coal region and the proceedings of the Indianapolis convention the coming week will be watched with the greatest interest. A strike will mean another dull summer for Jersey Shore and there would be very little Pennsylvania division

-In consequence of a rush order from the Japanese government for locomotives the Baldwin locomotive plant, in Philadelphia, has established a new record by the construction of seven locomotives in a day. The engines ordered by Japan are for the military railroad that will connect Fusan on the southern coast of Corea with Seoul.

-The body of Col. J. G. Kurtz, quarternaster of the 148th regiment, and a former resident of Bellefonte, who died in Washington about ten years ago and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg, was disinterred recently and taken to Mifflinburg for burial. Upon lifting the casket it was found very heavy and in being opened the corpse was found petrified-turned into stone. Bodies are occasionally found petrified. caused by a peculiar chemical condition of the soil in which they are buried.

-Sam Shanker, a Mill Hall merchant, received a letter a few days ago from his father at Wasser, Russia, giving some information regarding the condition of things there since the war began. All business, he says, is paralyzed, industries are closed and the talk is all about the war. The reserves are being increased by calling out additional men, and 30 sharp shooters from each company of the army is being selected and sent to the front. The people, he says, are given no informa. tion regarding either the defeat or victories of the Russian army

-Treed by a hungry bear, David Renner. of Johnstown, was almost frozen before help arrived and he could get down from his uncomfortable perch. Renner was walking from DuBois to Clearfield when, at a secluded place in the road, he met a big black bear. Bruin showed no disposition to stop when they met, and Renner at once took to a tree. The bear walked 'round and 'round the treeand showed not the slightest inclination to go away. Renner was in the tree in the severe cold for a couple of hours before a team came in sight. Then the bear fled and Renner was rescued, almost frozen.

-The Pennsylvania railroad company will shortly erect four hospital cars. The cars ble. The only semblance to the usual Pennsy coach will be in their length and exterior color. They are each to have an operating room for the surgeons, a room with several beds for the injured, a department of supplies and quarters for physicians, nurses and attendants. One of these cars will be per manently located in Philadelphia, one in Pittsburg and one in Altoona, and one in another section of the road, where several branches converge. The regulation hospital cot will be used on the cars.

-Even common table salt has not escaped adulteration at the hands of unscrupulous dealers, according to the reports now being prepared by chemists under instructions from Dr. Warren, dairy and food commissioner Within a few days the pure food agents will summon more than a score of persons for selling adulterated table salt. Just what the dealers use as an adulterant has not been made known, but of 40 samples, purchased at various places by the agents the chemists report that they found 36 of the specimenadulterated. Dr. Warren has ordered his attorney to begin prosecutions and action will be taken as seen as the chemical reports are complete. The crusade against adulterated foods, Dr. Warren says, will be most complete this year. His agents are securing specimens of everything which the people eat and drink, and persistent violators will e prosecuted.

-About one hundred thousand dollars will be expended in the erection of new churches in Altoona the coming season. The First Methodist congregation will erect handsome church, costing about \$50,000 ... the site of the old one. The Simpson Meth. dist congregation will re-build and remodel the present structure and \$15,000 worth of improvements will be made. The Second United Brethren church has purchased two lots in the East End and a new church will be erected as soon as the cold weather break up. St. Joseph's Catholic church will be the name of a new church which the German Catholics will build during the summer ou the corner of Crawford avenue and second street. A new edifice will be erected by time Mt. Zion Baptist church where the old or " now stands, at Fifth avenue and Twentysecond street. The building will cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

-John Benson, who has been doing carpenter work at Slate Run, repentant and nournful, appeared in Newberry on Thucday afternoon with a tale of woe. Possessing just one dollar, he was looking for a bed for the night, intending to walk back to his work to start over again in savings his ear ... ings. According to his recital of his troublehe fell in with bad companions, was gotten under the influence of intoxicants and the robbed. Benson is a Swede, and he told a straightforward story to the effect that lin came to Williamsport to consult a physicity and also to deposit his saving of sever t months, \$100, in a bank. In a Pine street hotel, near the Reading station, he claims some men told him that grip was his illness and a glass of whiskey would help him. He took the whiskey, and then he lost. his gran, eventually becoming in such a condi-that even this strenuous weather di-bother him, for he didn't know but a roses were blooming.