# Aemocratic Watchman. BY P. GRAY MEEK.

#### Ink Slings

-After REEDER is through with CHAM-BERS, DALE, QUIGLEY et al they will look like dirty deuces in a new deck.

-Old Probs must have taken a dose of liver medicine lately. He seems to have straightened up and gotten down to business in weather making.

-Under the present Republican administration the government is costing \$220,-000,000 more a year than it ever did under a Democratic regime.

-The Russians are in a position to understand Gen. SHERMAN'S great epigram, "War is Hell," to the fullest. Because they are certainly getting it.

--There were two feet of snow in the streets of Cripple Creek, Colorado, on Monday as a result of a blizzard that day. We thought the hail we had bad enough, but it might have been worse.

-The St. Louis fair had them all beat on the opening day attendance. 187,793 pers ons wasn't bad, especially when it is known that the first day at the Chicago fair drew over forty thousand less.

-When you come to town to the circus next week remember that you can't buy gold mines anywhere for fifty cents and if you try to do it from the circus shark it is likely to be as bad an investment as Lake Superior or U. S. S. common.

-It is said that every man has his price. All that is needed is a bid that is high enough. Looking at the county property about the court house we are led to believe that a few tickets to a circus lau ded the County Commissioners.

-The Japs have at last succeeded in bottling up the Russians in Port Arthur harbor. They succeeded in sinking a dozen merchant vessels in the channel. It is the kind of a bottle, too, that isn't calculated to stimulate the Russian spirits.

-If JOE SIBLEY wants to be the next not have to be so long. The Lord deliver the State from the likes of a SIBLEY! PENROSE and QUAY are bad enough. Let us have something better when the opportunity presents itself.

-There must be something in being Retleman who will tell three of them to WILBER FORCE REEDER won't be in the trio, either.

-The stranger in Bellefonte just now might naturally wonder at the display of



# BELLEFONTE, PA., MAY 6, 1904.

### A Crime Against Industry.

The enormous expense of the Roose-VELT administration has become a subject of popular comment as well as a cause of Monday last with a balance in hand grave concern. An increase of expenses during a period of war may be excused for sum \$3,939,887.33 is in the sinking fund the vast expenses of war are an extraordinary charge which must be met promptly in order to preserve the credit essential to the successful prosecution of military operations. But enormous expenses in times of profound peace indicate profligacy in administration and a comparison of the expenses of the ROOSEVELT administration with those of his predecessors in office shows an alarming measure of extravagance. In fact they are criminally profli-

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An Expensive President.

gate. A statistically inclined contemporary has ascertained the exact amount of the disbursements of the several administrations of the Federal government which have conducted wars since the formation of the government. The first of these was the second administration of President MADISON during which the war of 1812 was fought. The total expenditures for the four years of that administration amounted to \$130,-542.794. The administration of President POLK during which the Mexican war was conducted spent in four years the sum of to \$115,028.45 a year and for the full term \$173,299,266. During the first adminis- the aggregate would be \$230,056.90. If tration of President LINCOLN through the average gain was, say one-half of one which the Civil war ran from start to finish, the expenditures amounted to \$3,347,-802,909 in paper money which was equiva- the campaign fund for the full term would lent to a little more than 1,500,000,000 in be nearly \$300,000. That is a considerable Senator from Pennsylvania the wait might gold. But it is known that the Civil war sum with which to "grease the machine," was the most expensive in the history of the world.

President MCKINLEY's first administration was expensive but there was reason for it. Within two years of his inauguration

the Spanish war broke out and with Genof them after it now, but LOVE is the gen- War and the necessity of forced operations

State Treasurer WILLIAM L. MATTHUES We have REED SMOOT, Mormon apostle, in entered upon the duties of his office on the United States Senate for another year, thanks to the Republican party. This promoter of polygamy, this criminal under the amounting to \$16,464,897.77. Of this vast laws of Congress and of God, acquired a and \$12,525,010.44 in the general fund. seat in the Senate of Congress originally This money is distributed over the State through a bargain between the Republican national committee and the officials of the in banks chosen by the State Treasurer on such terms as he is able to make with the Mormon church in 1900. The late Senator HANNA, then chairman of the Republican custodians, two per cent of the interest gonational committee, had an idea that the ing to the State. If there is any profit over and above the amount fixed by law vote of Utah would be necessary to elect as interest, it probably goes to the camthe presidential ticket that year and he dispatched PERRY S. HEATH, secretary of

paign fund in the main. It may be assumed that a considerable amount of the the committee, to make the bargain. money is deposited in banks in which poli-HEATH agreed to give the church a seat in ticians are interested at the rate of interest the Senate and SMOOT'S presence there is prescribed by law, the conditions being the result. that they take care of the party interests in

the communities in which they live. During the greater part of Mr. HARRIS term of office every dollar in his custody could have been placed in safe depositories at three per cent. and over. At the beginning of his term the balance was \$11,-502,843.43. At no time during the two years that we can call to mind has there been a less sum than that in the treasury. One per cent. on that sum would amount per cent. more than that, which is more than likely, the profit to the Treasurer or

as one of the participants in another form of loot testified it was used for. A good deal of ballot pollution could be achieved with that amount of money.

If every penny of the proceeds of such vast balances were covered into the Treaspublican county chairman. There are four eral ALGER in the office of Secretary of ury it would still be iniquitous. Just taxation contemplates the collection of in preparing for hostilities money "flowed only such sums as are absolutely essential stand back when the time comes, and Col. like water," to use a homely but expres- to the maintenance of government, ecosive phrase. In addition to buying arms, nomically administered. All taxes come ammunition and other equipments for from the earnings of the people, no matter in the hands of Mr. HEATH and that was a troops, purchases for the navy were made how they are levied and collected. If long stride in the direction of quieting the in a most reckless manner and hundreds of charged against corporations the corporacircus posters and banners on our streets ships which were absolutely worthless tions consider them in fixing the charges and wonder how it is that telephone and were bought and converted into junk. of services to the people so that the people electric light companies that are given Notwithstanding those extraordinary and pay in the end. Moreover, the charge ultihowever, the aggregate disbursements of who is obliged to pay either in increased expenses for living or decreased wages. He was in office, during which the Spanish must pay, for there is nobody below that he can shift it upon. That being the case fied, amounted to only \$1,906,136,611. the collection of \$16,464,897.77 from the That was a trifle more than the cost of the people in excess of the amount required for profligate government is a crime against the industrial life of the country more inform us, and the ceremonies of dedication

The Main Buildings of the St. Louis Ex position Brilliantly Illuminated Monday Night.

> The Penusylvania Building at the Big Fair was Dedicated at Noon Monday. A Number of Speeches Made.

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ST. LOUIS, May 2 .- When the first regular day of the Louisiana Purchase exposition had drawn to a close a flood of light from thousands of electric bulbs that line the tops of the main buildings illuminated the grounds so that day almost continued. Throngs of visitors begau pouring into the grounds early in the evening, in anticipa-tion of the illumination feature. Music of bands and falling water lent attraction to evening visitors. The plaza became the central point of interest, as the main exhibition buildings close at dark.

The illuminated grounds are open, however, until 11 o'clock, so that visitors may enjoy the "Pike," the waters and the

When SMOOT was elected the decent pub-White lights will be used in the illumination for several nights and then 20,000 colored electric bulbs will be used. It has lic sentiment of the country was outraged and protested with great vehemence and not been decided which color will be used. earnestness. But HANNA was a man of his The "intramural railroad" started running today with a limited number of cars. word and he kept faith with the polyga-

An inviting exhibit is the palace of horticulture, where there are five thousand plates of apples, pears, oranges and other fruits, embracing every known variety of fruit raised in America

Official announcement of the total number of persons who attended the opening of the exposition on Saturday will not be made known until the count has been verified beyond question, according to President Francis. President Francis said that owing to the great interest manifested throughout the country because of guessing contests, every precaution would be taken to avoid a mistake. The count will probably be announced soon.

The Pennsylvania building at the world's fair was dedicated at noon.

The dedicatory ceremonies were opened by a selection from the Filipino band. James H. Lambert, a member of the executive board of the state commission, then introduced Lieut. Governor W. M. can party can be made permanent. In Brown, the chairman of the day. Henry some respects the contract has been put on F. Walton, speaker of the House of Repre sentatives, followed with an address in which he spoke of the great resources of the Keystone state and extended Pennsylvania's welcome to her sister States, to the exposition and to the world at large. President Francis responded in behalf of the exposition, Congressman Jas. Tawney, of Minnesota, but a native of Pennsy vania, followed with au address in which he enlogized his native State and bespoke

her wide extended hospitality. Philip H. Johnson, architect of the Pennsylvania building, came on for the dedicatory exercises. In an interview with him at the hotel Jefferson he gave the de-

#### Spawls from the Keystone.

-A large freight locomotive on the New York Central broke all records Monday afternoon by pulling a train of 121 empty cars from Cammal to Jersey Shore.

-W. J. Maxwell, who sued the Pennsylvania railroad company for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a fall in the Logan house at Altoona, Pa., was awarded \$188 by a Blair county jury.

--Cresson will have a new passenger station in the near future. Plans to that effect have been completed. The facilities for the transplanting of passengers from the main line to the Cambria and Clearfield division are unsatisfactory and provisions for the change have been made.

-Thursday night the postoffice at Burnside, Clearfield county, was burglarized, the safe blown open with nitro-glycerine and stamps, money orders and registered letters to the value of \$100 taken, besides a small sum of money that belonged to postmaster John Conners.

-City treasurer Frederick Sheffield, of Altoons, dreamed Saturday night that he was undergoing initiation into the fraternal order of Eagles and had been commanded to fly. He obeyed by jumping from the third story window and fractured a leg. The Eagles' initiation ceremony must be a bird.

-Having been falsely accused of a crime, and being of a sensitive nature, Harry L. Stewart, of Eden Hill, near Birmingham, who graduated with first honors from the Spruce Creek High school last week, committed suicide Sunday morning by placing the muzzle of his Winchester rifle against his face, the charge killing him instantly.

-A Philadelphia and Reading railroad detective was immersed in a pond at Williamsport Sunday by two boys, whom he was endeavoring to arrest for stealing a ride. The young fellows were determined to evade capture, and had a tussel with the detective on the top of a steep embankment, rolling him into the pond. By the time he had emerged from the water they had made their escape.

-When the fleet of rafts from Lock Haven were taken down the river some weeks ago, one of the largest of the number stuck on the bar below the Shamokin dam and remained there until Friday, when Benjamin Costly and several men dislodged it, and started to take it to its destination. A short distance on this side of Selinsgrove Costly, who was standing at the guiding oar, alone, was seen to suddenly reel and then fall. When the men reached him he was dead.

-In burning an old bed tick a Slav woman at Leckrone, Fayette county, Wednesday destroyed \$900 in United States paper currency which her husband had saved. In the haste of house cleaning she forgot that the money was secreted in the old bed tick and set fire to the straw. After it was burned she remembered the money, but could find no vestige of it, except some silver dollars that had been wrapped in the paper money.

-Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock while Mrs. Margaret Matthews, an aged widow lady, was engaged in burning brush in the garden of her home at No. west Twelfth street, Tyrone, her dress caught in the fore assistance could be render. ed she was so seriously burned that death was almost instantaneous. She was aged about 70 years and is survived by three sons and three daughters, viz : William, of Rockville, Pa.; James, of Pottstown; Stewart, residence unknown; Mrs. Fred Weston, of Tyrone, and Anna and Catharine at home. Her son Stewart formerly drove for the Adams Express company at Tyrone. -Edward Dively, an Altoona machinist, has brought suit against five young men of that city for \$1,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been inflicted while they were hazing him at Patton, on November 11th last. Dively accompanied the Altoona football team to Patton, and declares that the defendants, seeking to have some fun with him, tied a rope around his legs and pulled him out of bed; that they tried to throw him over the transom above the door, but failing in this they suspended him from the ceiling and dropped him headfirst into a tub of water, pulling him out and dropping him in again. As a result of this treatment he says he has lost much time from his work. -It is likely the divisional encampment of the National Guard this year will be held at Gettysburg, that being the choice of National Guard officers, but the selection will not be made until a meeting of the general officers of the Guard is held. It is unofficially announced that the Guard will go into camp on July 23rd, remaining until July 30th. Chief clerk George D. Thorn, of the state department, representing a committee of Gettysburg citizens, has submitted a proposition to Adjutant General Stewart offering to raise a sufficient sum to pay for water, light and rent of the grounds. It is said that the selection of a permanent camp ground, for which an appropriation was made by the last Legislature, will be deferred until it is known whether or not the government will establish one of the national camps in the Conewago valley. If this is done a State camp will not be necessary, as all military organizations in the States embraced in the district may use the government grounds. -The four men, Oscar Gardner (white). and Edward Rhodes (white), of Camden, and New Brunswick, N. J., William Atkins (colored, of Jersey City, and Thomas Barnett, (colored), of Kentucky, who were implicated in the attempted murder of Harry Heinmann, near Warriorsmark, Wednesday, April 21st, when Heinmann lost a leg and was robbed, plead guilty to two charges at the court of oyer and terminer held in Huntingdon on Monday. The first charge was assault and battery with intent to kill, and the second highway robbery. The prisoners demurred about the "intent to kill," but upon the recommendation of District Attorney Williamson for liency on account of pleading guilty, the court sentenced them each \$20 fine and four years at separate and solitary confinement in the western penitentiary. As a side remark he said : "I could sentence you all to ten years and really feel justified in so doing, as there are many robberies of the kind that you have participated in that I feel that a lesson should be taught some one." The -The Republicans nave decided to ed men, but that this is not a proper time lesson should be taught some one." The 'staud pat' on the tariff issue. A blind to say so aloud. He should have been in-

Smoot's Seat Secure

franchises as public utilities are permitted to sell their poles for bill-board purposes.

-With the expenses of the government shooting well over the two billion dollar mark we rise to inquire: How is it with the old soldier? Is he getting an increase of pension to correspond with the enormous increase of expenses? If not, he should ask the reason why.

-A Philadelphia physician says the Japs are short because their legs are short and that some day when they do away with their custom of sitting in cramped positions their legs will lengthen out and they will be just as tall as any of us. How thankful the Russians ought to be that the Jap leg isn't any longer than it is.

-The present administration of ROOSE-VELT has cost over two billion dollars more than did MADISON'S second term in which the war of 1812 was fought; three hundred million more than LINCOLN'S administration during the Civil war and over five hundred million more than MCKINLEY'S term during the Spanish war. What a price to pay for the services of such a man, The Life and Times of Thomas Smith. for you will all acknowledge that he is neither a MADISON, a LINCOLN, nor a MCKINLEY.

-Has Bellefonte lost all of her dignity that she should give free rein to the rival bill posters of rival circuses? While a circus could possibly bring no more pleasure to any one than to the writer, yet we are forced to oriticise the authority, what- tive period of the government. ever it may have been, that permitted our principal business thoroughfares to be converted into a bill board simply because two shows chance to be trying to heat each other out for business. Surely there are enough blank walls and regular stands in the Continental Congress, a justice of the the town to make ample advertising, so Supreme court of Pennsylvania, reputed why permit the flaunting of gaudy banners from every post or wire that could be and attoiney for General WASHINGTON in found. Free tickets have been the bait. the Virginia claims case and other im-Borough officials have been bribed by their portant government litigation, we venture generous distribution and the County Commissioners have even gone so far as to make the public property about the court house native State, would regard him merely as look like a crazy quilt of gaudy bills, for a few reserved seats. The telephone companies and the electric light company have | lutely no knowledge of the important role given the use of their poles and wires for the same consideration, so that we call man of the period extending from 1745 upou council to forthwith tax all such to 1809. poles, as they should be. Franchises and pole lines were granted these companies for the purposes named in their charter, not to make money or other valuable con- public a work that is designed to make the siderations out of them as bill boards. They will not permit the posting of a the minds of those who cherish it. It is a church fair or fireman's festival bill on fine octavo volume of 250 pages, with forty their poles, because they get no tickets for illustrations and introduction by the Hon. it, but with a circus it is different. Therefore if they are to derive benefits other pion & Company, 1305 Walnut street, than those for which the poles were erected it is time for the borough to tax each limited to 500 copies it is likely they will and every one of them.

it might be added needless expenditures, the first four years in which MCKINLEY war was fought and the Philippines pacigovernment during the Civil war.

Now comes the administration of President ROOSEVELT. It began in September atrocious than burglary or even homicide. 1901, and has run just two years and eight months. But in that period of profound peace the expenses of the government have reached the enormous total of \$2,640,000,-000. No war has been fought during that time, for we had the official proclamation of the pacification of the Philippines some time before the death of MCKINLEY. Then what excuse is there for making the expenses of the government about double what they were under MCKINLEY, notwithstanding over a year of actual and costly war? It must be found in the reck-

essness of that bronco buster in the expenditure of the people's money.

In these days of much patriotism, and

manifest devotion to country we are often painfully reminded of the ignorance of the American people of the authentic early day history of the country. So called historic novels are popular, but at best their readers acquire only a superficial knowledge of the conditions as they existed in the forma-

For instance, it would be interesting to know just what percentage of the American people are acquainted with the fact that such a character as THOMAS SMITH ever existed. Though he was a member of to be the greatest land lawyer of his times, the assertion than even ninety-nine per is simply dictation. cent of the people of Pennsylvania, his one of the numerous SMITHS, should they hear him spoken of today and have absohe played among the patriots and states-

Mr. BURTON ALVA KONKLE, formerly director of the historical work of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, has given to the memory of THOMAS SMITH a living one in HAMPTON L. CARSON, published by Cam-Philadelphia. Inasmuch as the edition is be at a premium ere long.

Achievements of Congress.

The Congress which adjourned on Thursday last was the shortest unlimited session since 1818. By unlimited we mean the session which is not limited by the constitution and may continue, if the Members desire, until the time fixed for the opening of the following session. The last session of each Congress is necessarily short for beginning on the first Monday in December it expires, because of the expiration of the term of office of the Members on the 4th of March following. But the other session may run from the first of December when it begins until the last day of November following, thus rounding out a full year. It may be said that the only credit-

able achievement of the session just ended was its brevity. It can be said that it passed the appro-

priation bills, but that is no great thing that Pennsylvania will raise the common under the present rules. There was a time when passing the appropriation bills was a matter of some difficulty. Every Member on the floor had a right to discuss each item in every one of them to the full measure of his inclination and offer any amendments he liked. But it is not so now. The bills are read and each side given an hour or two for discussion, without the right of offering an amendment, after which they are railroaded through under the spur of party exigencies and probably not a man on the floor understands a single provision they contain outside of the "gentleman in about there participating in the ceremonies charge." That is not legislation at all. It

plied.

of bad morals.

It is within reason to say that every one of the appropriation bills might have been passed within three weeks from the beginning of the session instead of waiting five months ou them, which was done. We say this understandingly because during the entire time of their consideration not an improvement or an amendment of any kind was made except such as were fixed upon by the committee on rules. Aside from them, however, the only measures of legislation enacted were the bill for the government of the canal zone in Panama and the ratification of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. There were four or five thousand pension bills passed, probably, but they are passed by the clerks of the two Houses and even those who introduce them scarcely know what they mean.

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It is a Low Level.

mists as long as he could. Finally, how-

ever, he was obliged to yield to an investi-

gation. That could have been completed in

thirty days and within a day after the re-

port was submitted the agent of the poly-

gamists might have been thrown out. But

FORAKER, of Ohio, Mr. ROOSEVELT'S pres-

ent champion in the Senate, came to the

conclusion that the help of the Mormon

church may be needed to carry the election

this year and he interposed for delay until

after the adjournment of Congress. This

The result is that SMOOT is made secure

in his seat for another year and by that

time public sentiment will probably become

reconciled to the outrage and the bargain

between the polygamists and the Republi-

an enduring basis. That is to say the si-

lencing of the Salt Lake Tribune, the invet-

erate and tireless opponent of polygamy

and Mormonism, has been effected forever,

or at least so long as the property remains

opposition to polygamy. But the settling

of SMOOT in his seat is necessary to fulfill

the bargain and it looks now as if that will

accomplishes his purpose.

The Pennsylvania building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was dedicated on Monday with appropriate ceremonies. It is one of the largest State structures on the ground, the dispatches were becomingly elaborate-and unique. The Filipino band discoursed the music and "Oleo Bill" BROWN presided. That was a combination to conjure with. It was eminently fit that the Speaker of the last "unspeakable" House of Representatives of the Legislature should be the orator of the occasion and that Representative Hoy, of Clarion, and Representative IKELER. of Columbia county, should have been conspicnous figures in the drama.

The burden of Speaker WALTON's speech was the public schools. A distinguished poet has said that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." Judging from the praise which such men as WALTON bestow on the public schools they are becoming the refuge of the political highwaymen of the country. "The schools of America spendid garden." form one of the bulwarks of liberty," ob-

served Mr. WALTON, "and as the nation moves onward and upward to a higher

place of power and influence, we predict schools to even a higher plane than they now occupy." What he really meant is that the schools of Pennsylvania are now one of the principal sources of graft and that the appropriations will be increased in order that the "rake-offs" may be multi-

It is a shame and disgrace that the dedication of the Pennsylvania building at such a place and on such an occasion should scurvy politicians as "Oleo BILL," Press Muzzler WALTON and such others as were at St. Louis. Have we no eminent lawyers, no great statesmen, no distinguished clergymen who might have been summoned from the body of the people to speak for the great State of Pennsylvania on such an occasion? Hitherto Pennsylvania has not been wanting under such couditions. But now it appears we have fallen to so low a level that our Representatives on such an

---- President ROOSEVELT's fear that the Democrats will make him the issue is not without sense, for what better issue could any party desire than the one to be found in the extravagant, headstrong, unsafe President of its adversary ?

man could see that it is only a bluff.

sign of the structure. He said "Buildings of historical interest in Penn-

sylvania to be reproduced could not be adapted to exposition uses. Therefore I decided that this house should agree in a general way with the style of architecture of the exposition. At the same time the columned colonial effect of the entrance follows closely the simple style of the old capitol building at Harrisburg, which ourned some years ago. The lines of this building are purely classical. It is 226 leet long and 105 feet deep. The entrance is imposing, with its grand approach, fortytwo feet in width. The house is certainly laid out for convenience of visitors. On the first floor is the rotunda with large reception apartments and immense shaded verandas on either side. In the rear is a postoffice and express department. Visitors may have their mail from now sent in care of the Penusylvania building, if they choose. Up stairs are the art galleries and in the rear facing the west is a fully equipped hospital room, where a nurse will be in regular attendance. The furniture and furnishings are in perfect harmony and give a suggestion of the state colors in blue and gold. The gardens outside the building are adorned with trees and shrubs native to Pennsylvania. The hyacinth beds are in the form of keystones and give a most harmonious touch of color to the

### Lots are Jumping Every Day. From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

There are many speculations as to the exact meaning of the strange announcement recently telegraphed from Rome that excavations in the forum had uncovered a monument to Mettus Curtius, the noble vouth who, in the lays and chronicles of old Rome, was said to have leaped into the mysterious chasm which had opened in the forum, and which would not close without a sacrifice. It was stated that the closed mouth of the chasm itself was found near the monument and the truth of the story thus conclusively proven, but everybody is asking how it was proven, and there are have been committed to such a group of even those who are at great pains to point out gravely the absurdities of the legend. e New York "Sun," however, avows a debt of gratitude to those who are digging in the forum and thus reverently re-

the record of Mettus Curtius : "M. Curtius," says the "Sun," is one of the most attractive characters in history, the prototype of the Citizens' Union youth, whatever they called themselves, who were to follow. When that yawning chasm opened bottomless in the forum, like a subway excavation, and the various medicine men declared that only Rome's noblest and dearest could stop the gap, Mettus, the reformer, looked about him and, natoccasion are a group of decrepit politicians urally, seeing nothing better or choicer than himself, kindly jumped in, and the yawn closed over him

## Not Wanted in the Navy.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Lientenant Boyd, who refused in New Orleans to accept colored recruits for the navy, has been transferred to some other post where he will not make a mess of things. He ought to have had sense enough to know that the navy does not want colorgenious enough to find some other excuse. 1y. sittle a dilive must be ballool