## Aemocratic Watchman

sodt ils 'Ink Slings.

-Little onions and garden seeds are coming in for their share of attention.

-Notwithstanding the general inclination to Hail, gentle spring, it came in raining in the most approved fashion.

-With a steam road-roller Bellefonte councilmen can vie with the Brockerhoff automobile in making a fuss ou the streets.

-Poor Jules VERNE is nearing the portals of that mysterious somewhere that even his master imagination could never

-Judging from the dispatch with which the equinoctial got here Old Probs must Panama affairs shocked the conscience of intend to run things on schedule time this the whole world. In that matter Presi-

-The defeat of the bill granting franchises to trolley companies to carry freight as well as passengers, is not what is holding up the Bellefonte-State College line.

--- President ROOSEVELT is to hunt bear in Texas and lion in Colorado as part of his recreation this spring. Nothing is said as to whether he proposes using a gun or the of the government itself and the creation of big stick.

-Old Spring creek must have made a have caused. New Year's resolution not to get full this spring. The way the snow and rains have stated. A Mr. and Mrs. READER, of Alapassed off has been a matter for which we are profoundly thankful.

-The last Congress spent just \$31,000,-000 more than the Fifty-fifth, which had to en to finance the Republic of San Domingo. provide for the Spanish war. Thus it is that That is to say, they had made an agreement peace under the ROOSEVELT idea is more expensive than war under McKINLEY.

-The PRUNER home for friendless children is a reality on paper, but unless a larger income than \$2,500 a year can be figured out for it it can never be as much of a memorial to the testator as it will be a burden to the towns of Tyrone and Belle-

-Count Cassini can see no reason why the Russians should sue for peace. But then, you know, it is much easier for the count to cultivate a war-like spirit in his luxurious home in Washington than it would be if he were making tracks for Harbin with a dozen Japanese bayonets brandishing under his coat tails.

-The Sultan of Morocco has just appointed RAISULI, the bandit who carried our Mr. PERDICARIS off into the mountains some time ago, to be Governor of several provinces in that country. The Sultan is a very astute gentleman. He couldn't make RAISULI obey his law, so he is going to try him as an executor of it.

money for the Russian war, has decided was to be made in installments. At this that "honor has been satisfied" and peace negotiations should be begun. It is sur- and interposed its constitutional prerogapris ing that France has waited as long as tive of ratifying all treaties. Thereupon she has to become convinced, when it is the President declared that the protocol considered that the duellists in that country usually "satisfy honor" without spilling | treaty would be negotiated and sent to the a drop of blood.

-Lazy people in Holland are placed in a cistern and given a pump with which, by false statement that an attempt had been lively work, they are just able to keep the inflowing water from rising over their heads. The cure might prove a certain one in Holland, but there are a few who spend their days on the street within sight of the WATCHMAN office who we are sure would drown rather than exert themselves at the pump.

--- The Gazette's idea that the Democrats have been responsible for the indebtedness of Bellefonte borough is like most of tom's ideas; a simple display of ignorance or a voluntary inclination to lie. The council of Bellefonte has been Democratic only five years in the history of the town. The entire \$119,000 indebtedness being incurred by Republican bodies.

-Our Episcopalian brethren seem to be very much exorcised these days over the condition of their church : while the members of other denominations look on with qualms. The millennium must surely be approaching since the lethargic Episcopals are waking up to realize that christian usefulness means something more than reading prayers when it suits them to attend worship.

-The Pennsylvania Legislature should not fritter that \$20,000 on a cold, inanimate gossip frequently within the last thirty those institutions have been neglected so inexpressive monument to QUAY in the years, or since the tariff tax was taken off long? Has it ever occurred to the philancapitol park at Harrisburg. It would be better to call on Dr. SCHAEFFER, the State in which there were greater returns in the that the wards of the Commonwealth have superintendent of public instruction, to way of campaign contributions. But hith- been kept from year to year in wretchedhave a delegation of school children plant erto it has been a sort of ephemeral note or a plum tree in the park when the next arbor day comes round. That would be a memorial worth the while to QUAY.

-- A very romantic bit of reading was the story BESSIE McCAFFERTY gave to the Philadelphia Inquirer on Sunday. The young lady is evidently reaping the harvest of sorrow that always follows too great confidence in strange men and it should remind others who are prone to do as she did that home, with a good mother, however humble it may be, is far more to be desired than the gilded allurements of the most plausible rascal.

\$100,000 for missions has been spurned by amount of the tax, in consequence of its im- These gentlemen have become exceedingly the congregational ministers of New Eng- position. That was the principal reason delicate gentlemen. They must go to the land. They put their refusal of the tender that the tax was taken off coffee soon after seashore or mountain retreats in the sumon the ground that the church cannot con- the close of the civil war for the revenues mer and to the mild climates of the South scientiously use money that it knows has were too great and it was necessary to re- and far West in the winter. This mode of been amassed through 'methods that are duce taxes in some way. The protection- of life is expensive, but it has become necmorally iniquitous and socially destruction ists wouldn't consent to a reduction on any essary to the politicians and the mentally tive." In theory they may be all right, but of the protected articles and coffee was the infirm and physically incapable must sufin practice we could never bring ourselves only thing left. the devil with his own weapons.



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The San Domingo Conspiracy. As the conspiracy to seize San Domingo is completely uncovered, the iniquity of it passes understanding. No such national orime was ever attempted before. The dent ROOSEVELT organized a conspiracy for the secession of a portion of the Republic of Colombia and the subsequent organization of a bogus Republic out of the secession. It was a violation of every principle

of international law and a subversion of all the cherished traditions of our own country. But the San Domingo iniquity is even worse. It involves the subversion an empire on the ruins which it would The facts of the matter may be briefly

bama, who have won considerale reputation and acquired much wealth through international financial operations, had undertakwith the President of that Republic to compromise its public debts and discharge its financial obligations, public and private, the custom revenues to be their security. Their attorney in the transaction was WIL-LIAM NELSON CROMWELL, of New York, who had been the attorney of the administration in the Panama affair. After the agreement had been made and the READ-

ERS were about to enter upon their duties under the contract the administration at Washington became aware of the matter and implored President MORALES to cancel the agreement and deal directly with the government at Washington. This was done for the reason, as stated by MORALES, because he was afraid of ROOSEVELT's big stick.

the READERS had been broken off President MORALES entered into an agreement with the agents of the government at Washington which resulted in a protocol under which naval officers of this country were to take possession of the ports of entry of San Domingo and the administration -France, being tired putting up the guaranteed the debts, payment of which stage of the game the Senate "got wise" was only a temporary affair and that a Senate for ratification. This done Assistant Secretary of State Loomis procured the made to assassinate President MORALES with the view of hastening operations in the Senate. The trick was exposed, however, and instead of promoting the purpose it turned the Senate the other way.

Immediately after the negotiations with

There could be but one purpose for this conspiracy and that is to get control not only of the finances but of all other governing powers of San Domingo at once and subsequently using that as a precedent for acquiring the same power over all the other Spanish-American Republics. Panama is already securely fixed and the President's power over that bogus Republic is more complete than the KAISER'S authority over the affairs of Prussia. But the lust for power which has been so abnormally developed in ROOSEVELT urged him to further experiments and this San Domingo fiasco is the logical consequence. It is a crime against the constitution vastly greater than that committed by JEFFERSON DAVIS and should be punished by the impeachment of every man engaged in it.

The Talk of Tax on Coffee.

The talk of taxing coffee is assuming serious proportions. We have heard such tentative suggestion. But this time it is a atrocious political machine might draw serious matter. The impending treasury deficit must be met in some way and to the follow a full treasury? Probably not, but available than taxing coffee. It is estimat- in Mr. AMMERMAN'S revelations concerned that a tax of five cents a pound would ing the Danville asylum. Every machine yield an average revenue of \$55,000,000 a Republican has known for years just what year, which is just about what will be needed to balance the books.

There is no tax which would go as direct- them. ly into the treasury as that on coffee. There -Mr. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER's offer of cost of the product over and above the for division among the machine managers.

lesser price of coffee it is doubtful if they is lamentable, but true.

would willingly acquiesce in a tax which would increase the price. But the alternative is a reduction of expenses and the politicians will never stand for that. That would out off the graft beyond question and whatever the people think of an increase of the price of coffee the politicians will impose it rather than cut off their graft. We must have warships and a big army to satisfy the yearning for power of President ROOSEVELT and if a coffee tax is necessary to that result the coffee tax must come even if the poor people have to pay as much to meet their additional expenditures as the rich, by increasing the price of the coffee they drink.

A False Alarm

Congressman Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the House committee on military affairs, is authority for the statement that after Japan has completely licked Russia she will cast covetons eyes on the Philippine Islands and either compel us to sell them at a sacrifice or take them by force of arms. Of course that is nonsense of the shabbiest sort and still the possession of property so far away from home is a dangerous thing, as Spain discovered when she got into a war with us and as Russia has ascertained since the beginning of war with Japan. The occupation of Manchuria has already cost Russia more than it is worth and there is always danger to us in possession of the Philippines.

But Congressman HULL wasn't influenced to his expression on the subject by any fear that Japan will ever try to take the Philippines by force. He was talking to frighten his colleagues into liberal appropriations for the army. During the discussion of the Naval appropriation bill Congressman BUTLER, of West Chester, made a similar statement and for the same reason. He didn't believe it himself unless he is an ass and he probably didn't expect to fool any other Congressman. But he probably did think that he would alarm the country by it and thus bring pressure on Congressmen to consent to the big appropriation. All Republicans talk to the people as if they were fools.

Japan will never attack this country on account of the Philippines or for any other reason and we would be just as secure against attack if our navy was one-third its he limit that it used to be, as now. There are various reasons for this but it is only necessary to mention two. Of these the first is that Japan understands the vast resources of this country and is too intelligent to hunt disaster, and the second that after her victory over Russia she will be content to turn her attention to repairing the damage and restoring the resources of Japan. The Russian victory is great but expensive and recovery will be the first thought of Japan.

Lamentable but True.

There is a reasonable probability that the charitable and corrective institutions of the State will be improved as the result of legislation to be enacted during the present session of the Legislature. Representative AMMERMAN's exposure of the condition of the Danville insane asylum has aroused public sentiment to such an extent that the machine will hardly dare to neglect this demand of humanity. That institution and others will be enlarged and improved. They will be put into something like sanitary condition and that accomplished patients in such institutions will have at least some chance of recovery. The wards of the State will no longer be

kept in living tombs.

Have thoughtful citizens of Centre county ever gravely considered the reasons why coffee in order to preserve it on other things thropic and Christian people of the State ness in order that the managers of the "graft" from the bank balances which Republican mind there is no way more it is the actual fact. There is nothing new he stated but no relief has been volunteered because the money was affording profit to

With a balance in the State Treasury of would be no protection in it at all for the \$15,000,000, the wards of the State have reason that there is no coffee grown in this been kept in peril of their lives and concountry and therefore there would be no stant wretchedness for the reason that the manipulation of prices so as to add to the treasury balance yielded \$300,000 a year fer in order that the profligate politicians able in it, but we have not pondered deep to believe that it would be wrong to fight But now that people have got used to the can indulge their expensive fancies. This enough over it as yet to attempt a criti-

Republican Party for Fraud.

Last week the Republican majority of the Legislature declared itself in favor of protecting vice and crime in the passage of the Puhl bill, the purpose of which is suppression of the Law and Order society of Philadelphia. This week that atrocious act has been fitly supplemented by a declaration in favor of ballot frauds expressed in the vote against the resolution of Senator GRIM, of Bucks county, to discharge the committee on elections from further consideration of the personal registration bills and that in the House upon a similar resolution offered by Representative FLINN, of Elk county. Both resolutions were de, feated by a practically unanimous Repubican vote. In the Senate three-Republicans voted for honest election out of forty. In the House seventeen Republicans out of 189 voted against ballot box stuffing.

The action, deliberately taken, settles once and for all, the false pretense that the Republican party stands for integrity or decency. That a majority of Republican voters of Pennsylvania favor honest elections we have no doubt. It would be a slander on the fair fame of the State to say otherwise and an insult to the public conscience of the Commonwealth to even infer such a thing. But unhappily the Republican organization is not the party and its purpose and aspirations are diametrically different. The rank and file of the party stand for patriotism, progress, probity, while the organization represents the antith. esis of those virtues. It stands for crime and vice in private life and corruption, venality and spoliation in public affairs. It is the exponent of everything vile and the votes on the Publ and Ehrhardt bills and against personal registration were open ex-

pressions of that fact. In P hiladelphia at every election there are from sixty to one hundred thousand fraudulent votes cast and in Pittsburg half that number. As Senator DEWALT said in his speech in favor of GRIM's resolution that is not the worst of it. Election frauds are spreading throughout the State so that in every city it is revealing itself. In Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Harrisburg, Johnstown and in communities of lesser population padded registry lists are compassing their evil consequences and the result is that the governing power in the State has become a band of pirates more present strength and our army cut down to daring and demoralizing than any ship's All told, Russia has sixty-five Grand crew that ever scuttled ships on the Spanish main. They control the election through

fra uds and rob the public by legislation. How long will the people who believe in honest elections and just government endure such a state of affairs?

An Investigation Needed.

There is bright promise of work for the big stick in Venezuela. The outlook for further operations in San Domingo had grown dim with the adjournment of the expenditures. Senate last Saturday and the future looked drear enough for our strenuous President. With nothing to do except the routine labors of his office Mr. ROOSEVELT would be palace. a sad figure indeed. But that contingency has been avoided, in all probability. With characteristic luck Venezuela comes forward at the opportune moment and creates a disturbance with some French interests. That is, the government of that Republic has seized the property of the French cable company and an encounter is likely to be the conse-

Of course the President will not permit France to attack Venezuela with force. That would be a violation of the Monroe D octrine and a complete subversion of the ROOSEVELT Doctrine. In defence of the M onroe Doctrine it would probably be necessary to notify France to "keep off the grass" and that might provoke war with our European sister Republic. But Roose-VELT won't assert the Monroe Doctrine in the matter. The ROOSEVELT Doctrine will suit him better. Under that dootrine he and figures that Commissioner Garfield did can encourage France to action and then hecter and brow-beat Venezuela. That wretched weakling can't resent or resist that the average net profit to the packers, anything we do and what we will do is instead of 2 per cent. on the cattle, is \$7.41 ully her to our heart's content.

It's a trifle strange, however, that things al ways happen ROOSEVELT'S way. When a revolution was needed on the Isthmus of Panama it happened. There is a suspicion that the idea originated in Washington and a certainty that the enterprise was financed there. But ROOSEVELT declares that he knew nothing of it until it was completed and Presidents never lie. Subsequently things happened just as he wanted them to in San Domingo but he protests that he had nothing to do with the matter and politeness requires us to believe him. But we hope this Venezuela business will be more closely investigated. When a man's house burns down too frequently the Insurance companies think "there's something doing."

-EDWARD A. UFFINGTON VALEN-TINE'S new novel "Hecla Sandwith" is ont. Many local characters are recognizAnd Yet Its only What was to Be Ex pected.

From the Lincoln (Neb.) Commoner.

President Roosevelt's inaugural address was disappointing. Ushered into the highest office within the gift of the people and assuming responsibilities of a position to which he was chosen by an overwhelming plurality, he had the opportunity of a life-time—and he did not improve it. There is not a sentiment in the address to lift it above the common-place—not a sentence that will be quoted. With the people marshalling for a hand-to-hand struggle with plutocracy there is no bugle call-no inspiring or encouraging word. In so far as emphasis is placed on anything it is upon war-like preparation to meet an imaginary foe. He talks as if this nation, after being unmolested for nearly a century, was about to be menaced by the combined navies of Europe.

In so far as he refers to domestic prob-

lems he deals in generalities and uses phrases which may be construed to mean anything or nothing. His friends must regret that he has failed to give the world a state paper of high merit and those interested in reform will see in the address an evidence of weakening in his fight against corporate aggression. The party leaders have been using the "harmony" argument on him and warning him that an attempt to secure any radical legislation will result in a split in his party. If the inaug-ural throws any light on the subject of all it indicates that the harmony argument is having its effect.

mother Tax on What the People Use. From the New York World.

In their search for a source of revenue to relieve the deficit the Republican leaders are said to have fixed on coffee. Thanks to the extravagance of Congress, the Government promises to be even shorter of funds next year than it is now.

Secretary Shaw says that cheap living is had for a people. On that theory food should be taxed, either by the Government or by the Trusts under a system of Government protection. Every family has its breakfast table and every breakfast table its coffee cup. A tariff on coffee would result in the double benefit of raising money for the Administration and raising its cost of living to the consumer. Then Secretary Shaw might say of coffee what Shakespeare eth him that gives and him that takes."

But no Administration would hope to get off, after levying another food tax, without an agitation for tariff revision. a Roosevelt might hesitate to start a tempest in a coffee pot.

Expensive As Jingoes in America.

From Le Cri de Paris.

Dukes, counting the members of the im. perial family; the Czar's uncles and broth- box contained nearly three hundred silver ers receive an annual pension of 4,000- dollars, and the silver was black and tarnish-000 rubles each.

From the day of his birth a Grand Duke's child becomes entitled to an annual pension-1,000,000 rubles if a boy, 500,-000 rubles if a girl. The revenue of the existing Grand Dukes exempt from all taxa- loss being estimated at \$25,000, with \$6,000

To nationalize the country would mean the wiping out of the entire debt of Russia

When the Czar Nicholas married, the danseuse Kezcesinskaia, who was charged

You Are Right Brother "Democrat." From the County (Mo.) Democrat.

"Governor Folk merely told the truth working at the place. when he said that the evil of corrupt electionsin the cities is largely due to negligence and lack of interest on the part of ionest, intelligent, well-meaning men in in what order. Under the old scheme purthose communities. But the country district should no longer stand as guardians of their by brigade and the Third Brigade will in all high-collared, kid-gloved city cousins. If probability camp at beautiful Mt. Gretna, but these city men will not go to the polls, cast there has been considerable talk the past their votes and suppress the hoodlums, then let the hoodlums run the cities! All American citizens who are too lazy or too timid to vote are entitled to neither sympathy nor protection."

Which ! An Attempt to Deceive or An Evidence of Ignorance.

From The Dallas News. Editor Cuthbert Powell, of Kansas City, eaves of Commissioner Garfield nothing not know what he was talking about when he reported that the packers made a profit of only 99 cents a head. Mr. Powell shows a head, or 15 per cent. on the price of cattle and that this profit is turned every two or four weeks-twelve to twenty-four times a

We Need It. Too. A Chicago man has received from the

editor of the Harvey (N. D.) Post the following note: It is reported that one of the fastidious, newly-married ladies of Harvey, N. He needs bread with his shirt on. needs bread with his pants on; and unless some of the delinquent subscribers to this 'Old Rag of Freedom' pay up before long, he will need bread without a thing on, and North Dakota is no Garden of Eden in the

The Way to Obliterate Sectionalism

From The Atlanta Constitution.

The more Pesident Roosevelt demonstrates that he is a patriot before he is a partisan the firmer becomes his hold on the hearts of his countrymen and the fainter the track. The engine was upset and the becomes the lingering trace of sectionalism. | mail and baggage car was smashed.

Spawls from the Keyston

-Twenty-three pretty girls who will gradnate from the McKeesport High school in June have decided to put a ban on all young men friends who smoke cigarettes.

-In the Superior court, last week, Judge Orlady handed down a decision stipulating that persons who operate a fish basket net specifically permitted are liable to a nenalty of \$25.

-Governor Pennypacker has issued a preclamation setting aside Friday, April 14th, and Friday, April 28th, as Arbor days and urges that they be appropriately observed by the planting of trees.

-Ex-Sheriff H. Dill Loveland, successor of Loveland & Son, of Antes Fort, has, through his attorney, John T. Hyatt, of Jersey Shore, filed an application in bankruptcy in the United States district court.

-Gov. Pennypacker, having signed the bill hereafter it will be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$300, for any one to give a cigarette or cigarette paper to any person under the age of 21.

-Devoid of clothing and laboring under the delusion that he was a part of the Japanese army advancing on Mukden John Wallock, an industrious laborer, was found walking about in the snow one day last week in Tamauqua.

-A man was caught in the very act of breaking a lock on a corn crib on the Klasener farm, below Jersey Shore, a night or two ago, and as a result he carries a 38 caliber ball in one of his legs, which was fired by David Fulkrod, who has charge of the farm.

-Dennis Sheehan, who was convicted of manslaughter for the killing of his son, Clarence, at Curwensville last summer, was sentenced last week by Judge A. O. Smith to pay a fine of \$100 and serve eight years at solitary confinement in the Western peniten-

-The authorities at Portage are hopeful of being rid of smallpox in the next couple of weeks. There are but seven cases in the hospital and all are convalescing. There are several other cases scattered through the borough and all are on the high road to recov-

-Fourteen carloads of immigrants passed through Altoona, last Thursday morning enroute to the west. There were a number of Italians among them and several got off the train and were escorted to the colony on Ninth avenue by a number of their friends who were at the station to bid them welcome to the city.

-F. M. Fox, a Pittsburg freight brakeman residing at Millwood, was run down by an engine at New Florence, at 5 o'clock Thursday morning and instantly killed. His train had stopped and he was walking along the track and failed to notice the approach of the engine, which was running west.

-A recent Cumberland paper gives an account of the lynching of William Pennel said to be Clem Pennel, formerly a resident of Bedford county. He, it is said, was lynched for brutal assault in western Illinois. Be-Even fore the lynching he confessed to the burning of Mrs. Cornelius Norris and grandson, ten years old.

> -Miss Fannie Long, of Stroudsburg, this State, who was buried a few days ago, was not a believer in banks. In all parts of her house were found packages of money amountng to many hundreds of dollars. One banded from age.

-A mill for the manufacture of keg heads. etc., employing twenty hands, at Huntingdon, was destroyed by fire, last week, the tion amounts to the grand total of fourteen insurance. Two buildings, all the machinery. 7,000 feet of piping, 180,000 keg heads, etc., were destroyed. The plant was owned by the Walsh Manufacturing company, of Pitts-

-While going west past Bolivar station on the Pennsylvania railroad last Thursday, a with amusing his leisure moments, received as a present 4,000,000 rubles and a empty steel hopper cars blew up killing or gineer George Ribblett, of Altoona; probably fatally scalding fireman George Hysong and conductor Griffith Hare, and injuring a dozen of a crew of thirty trackmen who were

-Nothing is known as yet where the National Guard will camp next summer or sued in the years gone by the camps will be year about doing away with the brigade camps and of making Gettysburg a permanent camp ground.

-Two camps of brawny choppers have just begun the task of felling Clinton county's last big tract of hemlock timber-that in the Hammersley Fork region. This tract adjoins the operation of Brown, Clark & Howe, of Williamsport, whose loggers are cutting the Oleona timber, and expect at least four years more work. There are 500,000,000 feet of timber on the Hammersley Fork tract, and most of this will go to the saw mills of Goodyear Brothers at Austin, and the Lackawanna Lumber company at Cross Forks.

-To be sure that no one would interfere with him in his effort to kill himself, Henry Kettle of Shamokin walked to a mountain top last week, cast away his coat, rolled up his sleeve and cut an artery, so as to bleed to death. When in a dying condition from loss of blood he was found by several men, who tied bandkerchiefs above the wound and stopped the flow. He was carried back to town for medical aid. He is in a critical condition and wants to recover, saying he did not know what he was doing when he slashed himself.

-An accident on the Cresson and Clearfield branch of the Pennsylvania railroad near Bradley Junction on Saturday afternoon resulted in the death of engineer John Gearhart, 46 years old, and Frank Kurtz, 25 years old, a mail clerk, both of Cherrytree. Jacob Miller, a fireman, of Altoona, was canght under the wreckage. His foot was amoutated at the Altoona hospital. Several passengers were cut and bruised, but none were seriously injured. The train ran into a pile of earth and rock, which, becoming dis-