Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Int Slings.

-Govenor-elect STUART promises fine. Let us hope that he will make good every one of them.

-France has excluded American hams, but American dollars and American beiresses will still remain on the free' list.

-There is hope for the population of the land in the fact that only eleven football players have been killed aud one hundred and four injured thus far this season.

-Wages are going up, so are the prices of necessaries. Everybody is satisfied but the fellow who hasn't had a raise. The advance is equivalent to a reduction for him. -One woman dies suddenly to eight men who go out in a flash. All of which goes to prove the general proposition that even in death women will not be bustled

have in Norway.

-Today the deer season ends in Pennsylvania. While the mountains seem to be full of game very little would have been captured, had it not been for the tracking snow on the first two days.

-That New York woman who says that a quarter million a year isn't more than enough to spend on dress must be thinking of applying for the job of head scrub-lady in the new Pennsylvania Capitol.

-It might be all right to recognize the Democratic party in Philadelphia but the recognizers should remember that numerically the whole outfit is too weak to stand any reading out of the party follies.

-One million dollars is the daily payroll in Pittsburg's greatest industries. Think of it. It means over two dollars a sinister sort. day for every man, woman and child there, though a large percentage of Pittsburg's conserve the public good in two ways. population is not in the wage earning bus- That is it might make citizens of rural iness at all.

the average net earnings of all the railroads residents who insinuate themselves into in the United States were \$3,580 per mile. jury boxes for evil purposes, for city men \$787,596,877. The greater the earnings of they are willing to vote "early and often." course, the greater the argument for a twocent mileage rate.

-When Secretary SHAW intimated that there might be graft in selecting a site for men are proverbially averse to jury service Pistsburg's new post-office the smoke and fire both fle w from the midst of the "disdecide upon one of the three sites offered.

-JOHN D. ROCKEBFELLER has lost ten million dollars through the decline of brought about by im



BELLEFONTE, PA., NOVEMBER 30, 1906.

An Interesting Proposition.

The proposition of Judge ERMENTROUT, of Berks county, to restrict jury service to men who have actually qualified themselves to vote might serve as a remedy for one of the greatest civic evils. The law, according to that distinguished jurist, provides that only qualified electors are eligi- ple. ble to jury service. Qualified electors, he adds, are those who have complied with all the requirements of the election laws. That -In Norway every prospective bride is is to say in the cities a man must have regcompelled by law to show a regular certifi- istered by personal application and have cate to the effect that she is a competent paid State or county tax within two years, cook. What sensible mammas they must in addition to the other conditions prescribed by law. In boroughs and townships the personal registration is not essential

but the payment of tax is. Service on the jury is highly prized in the country as a mark of recognition if not a hadge of distinction. Properly chosen the juries are made up of representative citizens of the several towns and townships of the

county. It implies a full measure of public confidence and personal intelligence and is tion. No doubt the application of Judge ERMENTROUT'S rule would guarantee a

more general desire to qualify to vote on ships, for that reason. In the cities jury remote chance of graft. Jury fixers sometimes pay liberally for jury service of the

communities more auxious to qualify for carry and McCLAIN has been chosen.

-For the year ending June 30th, 1906, voting and diminish the number of urban The plan is not absolutely free from objec-

it might work bad results. That is business and not too anxions about voting. There-

Roosevelt's Glory Questioned.

Brigadier General NOBLE, retired, of the United States army, is loading up a vast

he is right in this estimate, though the President has not interfered much with corporate power of great magnitude. But whether he is right or not the fact that he announces his purpose to antagonize the

strengthening the President among the peo-HARRIMAN is a dangerous man and with two and one-half billions of dollars behind him he is a menace that cannot be overlooked. It has long been apparent that some of the rich men of the country have been striving to make the government an instrument of their own. ROCKERFELLER had this in mind a few years ago and they still entertain it. That would be a greater evil than paternalism and if Mr. HARRIMAN persists in his annonuced policy he will make centralization a cherished theory of the people. Better government control than that.

Frank McClain for Speaker.

At a conference held in the office of Sen-

shameless emissaries of the machine who otherwise.

Durham's Home Coming. One of the important lessons of the recent election has already fully developed

and is easily interpreted. Former Insurance Commissioner ISRAEL W. DURHAM, a flourish. President will go a long way toward head of the Boas Mansion contingent, has returned home, and, according to esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries, resumed the business of bossing the Republican

machine at the old stand. Immediately after the election of a year ago, Mr. DUR-HAM seeluded himself in a remote resort in California. The impairment of his health was given as the ostensible reason for his self-expatriation and his physical condition was more or less precarious. But those who analyze as well as observe understood that there were other reasons for his departure. The gossip about criminal

prosecutions and the general demoralization of the machine force had something to do with it, they said. This conjecture is practically confirmed

by Mr. DURHAM's return immediately ator PENROSE, last week, in which besides after the election of this year which restoran honor worthy any good citizen's aspira- that statesman ISRAEL W. DURHAM and ed the machine to confidence if not to pow-State Senator McNICHOL participated, it er. During the campaign the (candidates was agreed to elect Representative Me- of the machine protested; that victory CLAIN, of Lancaster, speaker of the honse would not promise immunity from punishthe part of citizens in the towns and town- at Harrisburg, according to some esteemed ment. They declared that in the event of contemporaries of Philadelphia. The only their election every participant in graft service is mainly prized because it offers a aspirant for the honor besides McCLAIN and greed would be brought to account. was SAMUEL B. COCHEANE, of Armstrong Their oppononts predicted the opposite as county, and he was too had even for PEN- an inevitable consequence. Mr. STUART ROSE. DURHAM and MCNICHOL. As may be honest, they said, and his inten-Thus the ERMENTROUT proposition might QUAY said of ELKIN when that gentleman tions good. But he will not be strong aspired to the nomination for Governor, enough to fulfill his pledges. The return COCHRANE would be too heavy a load to of DURHAM is the complete verification of

that prediction. It is the positive and That selection implies a complete and circumstantial proof that the gaug bas been unqualified return to the methods and restored to power and wouldn't have put purposes of the machine. FRANK B. Me- thority. DURHAM wouldn't have put ''How did you say the election came unqualified return to the methods and restored to power and will exercise its au-The total ust earnings for the year were of that sort rately pay their taxes though CLAIN, of Lancaster, is one of the most binuself within the jurisdiction of the courts

they are willing to vote "early and often." shameless emissaries of the machine who The plan is not absolutely free from objec-tions, however. In the cities, particularly, Two years ago when WARD R. BLISS, who had been chairman of the committee on proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that lock, stock and barrel. The country is still safe and-" appropriations, died, McCLAIN who was the machine is again in the saddle, not second on the committee wanted to be contrite or improved, but determined to fore a considerable number of them might chairman. But PENROSE and DURHAM make the most of its opportunities. It the manufacturers of clothing, and the interested" and public spirited gentlemen of that city who were trying to help him would want the whole bocdle and would There will be no "house of mirth" like the not be willing to divide with anybody. BOAS Mansion during the coming session tics, and I ain't going to sit here and listen The decision increased McCLAIN at the of the Legislature, but the gang will be to you babble away on something yes don't know nothing about." As the door't know nothing about." rights of an independent citizen. But it on the old lines and enacted by didn't last long. Before the session was methods as formerly and the plunder will dad smiled a queer little smile and began be divided as before. But the people will reading the society columns of the morning half over he was the most servile sycohave no cause of complaint because of this. paper. phant in the body. The election of McCLAIN would be an They voted for it deliberately and if they insult to the conscience of the Common- are too stupid to exercise the right of self-From the Philadelphia Ledger. wealth. It would mean a session of fraud government, intelligently, they have a and false pretense, a carnival of corrup- right to pay the penalty. tion. He has had a long and varied experience in the Legislature and his mental at-The Cent-a-Mile Excursions. tainments are probably ample to guarantee The penny-a-mile excursions to view the is a millionaire and a relative of the Astors. efficient service. But morally he is unfit capitol at Harrisburg ended with that of He goes into politics as a hobby, the same for so important an office and his servility last Saturday. They were begun three or to the machine makes the mention of his four weeks before the election and altogethname for the place a menace to the interer took in the neighorhood of 50,000 people ests of the people. We sincerely hope Mcto Harrisburg. That many curious visitors CLAIN will not be chosen. COCHRANE is necessarily did a good deal of harm to the bad and his election would be a disgrace. building and furniture. Out of natural tral Trades and Labor Council of Rochester But it would be less dangerous than the curiosity to confute or verify charges of and the Rochester local No. 23. He is in election of McCLAIN. graft they scratched the walls, soiled the good circumstances and a bachelor aged 38. Martin H. Glyon, the comptroller-elect, is trimmings and punctured the upholstery, a former Albany newspape. man, a mem-The Amende Honorable. but in the course of time those things Senator LEWIS EMERY Jr., recently the would have been done anyway, so that it and a self-made man. In 1898, when 26 Fusion candidate for Governor, has with- dosn't matter much. Therefore the excur- years old, he was elected to congress. He drawn the charge, made in a public speech sion may be regarded as a success. They

The Morning After.

From the Lincoln Neb. Commoner "Ab, it was a glorious victory !" ex-claimed Mr. Bildad, looking up over the morning paper and stirring his coffee with

"It was a glorious victory. The grand old party of freedom won a signal triumph against the hordes of discontent and preindice and hate. The business interests of the country are still safe, and those who would force the American workingman to compete with the pauper labor of Europe, and all who want law to do for them what they are too lazy and worthless to do for themselves-all the enemies of progress and protection and prosperity have been relegated to the rear by a most decisive-

'We are out of coal, Mr. Bildad," said Mrs. Bildad in a low yoice. "Gosh, what's the matter ?" howled Mr. Bildad. "It's only two weeks since

we ordered the last ton, and it cost me a dollar more than it did last year." "Yes, and when I asked the price again yesterday, I found it had gone up another

dollar. "The infernal robbers !" shouted Mr. Bildad. "They've got a trust and in cahoots with the railroads they are robbing us. I'll not stand for it !"

"Johnnie must have a new overcoat, and I can't get one for less than ten dollars. I could get one for six two years ago that was better than the ten dollar one now.' "There it is again ! An honest, hard work-

ing man is robbed on all sides by these gigantic trusts," howled Mr. Bildad. "And the freight on that barrel of ap-

ples ma sent us was more than the apples would have cost here." The railroads are ruining this country

with their insatiable gread," groaned Mr. Bildad. "We must have sugar, coffee, flour and butter today, my dear," said Mrs. Bildad.

"Great Jehosophat, woman !" roared Mr. Bildad. "It seems that the higher the prices these infernal trusts charge us the more you use. This household has got to

out ?'' queried Mrs. Bildad.

"I see that the president of the coal trust, and the manager of the sugar trust, and all "Women don't know nothing about poli-As the door slammed and Mr. Bildad's

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Percival Emerick, of Shartlesville, has a tree that is bearing the second crop of plums the size of hickory nuts.

-The Baldwins are paying out in wages \$15,000 a week at their new branch locom tive works at Eddystone.

-The Chester county prison is overcrowded, having eighty-eight inmates and there are two men each in many of the cells.

-Henry Clouser, 73 years old, was married at Reading to Mrs. Caroline Seidel, who is 70. It is his fourth matrimonial venture and her second.

-An attempt at jail breaking wes frustrated at Clearfield the other day by Deputy Sheriff Carlisle. Two bars had been cut which held the lock in the bathroom and also one of the heavy bars of the window in

-The city of York has an organized benevolent society to look after the wants of its needy poor. During the past year aid was given to 1,200 persons and coal, flour, potatoes and other provisions to the value of over \$3,200 were distributed.

-The employees of the Williamsport Pasenger Railway company have been notified of an increase of one cent per hour in wages. This means that the seventy employes of the company will have their wages advanced from 184 to 194 cents per hour.

-The Allentown Portland Cement company has been organized to build a monster cement plant six miles north of the city. The company is capitalized at \$2,000,000. Dr. J. D. Erdman is president of the company and C. D. Strauss secretary and treasurer

-Deputy Revenue Collector Fred W. Cranston stamped the balance of the 30,000 cigars made in 1860 by Reuben Kleinert. who refused to pay the tax on them, and they are now being bought as relics, the boxes being stamped "Kleinert's Cigars, Relics, Made in 1860."

-Miss Polly Simpson, the heroic little Keystone telephone girl, who saved hundreds of dollars' worth of property by remaining at her post and giving the alarm when she discovered the Darby postoffice building to be on fire on June 18, is just recovering from a critical illness.

-Snyder county has but one colored peron within her borders. No Snyder county candidate for office ever received the vote of a colored man. "Old Black Harriet," as she is known, has resided at Selinsgrove for at least forty years. She says that Sunday was her birthday and that she is 116 years old.

-The largest and heaviest deer of the season shot in the vicinity of White Haven was brought in Friday night by Henry Fulk and Lyman Wagner, of Lehigh tannery. It was a five-pronged buck weighing 290 pounds dressed and was shot by Mr. Fulk at the junction of Shingle Mill and Tobyhanna creeks.

-Hunters arriving in DuBois, Sunday, from the mountains of Elk county bring an account of John Dielt, 18 years old, being killed by a bear on Saturday. Dielt had shot the bear, bringing it down, and went up to bleed it, thinking it dead, when the animal arose, tore off one of his legs and one of his arms and disemboweled him.

is up to Chicago University and a few of ly quoted in a news dispatch from Seattle. those other institutions that are not afraid He says that President ROOSEVELT did not of tainted money to have some sort of a benefit sLow for the poor old man.

-The fact that all the world is beginning to look to America for its lumber and that our exports in this product have increased thirty-three per ceut. within the past year is warning that we should be careful. Lumber is getting scarce in this country already. The prices tell us that. And if we would not rob ourselves entirely something must be dove to prevent its export.

-A Philadelphia girl lost her garter on the street on Tuesday and her stocking came down. Of course no one would ever have been the wiser but she had \$106 in bills in her stocking and the roll of money fell out because she was too modest to pull it up. What a super-sensitive lady. All summer she doubtless wore a peek-a-boo waist and showed a large section of her anatomy for nothing whereas she wouldn't even run the risk of exposing a little leg for \$106. At the seashore she would have to do that also for nothing.

-The wise ladies and gentlemen of the land are just now discussing the subject of sort of pre-nuptial probation during which than they do during our formal engagement period. The why or the wherefore ment "Everybody works but father."

-If it were possible to compile statistics bearing on the case we venture the asthe deer and bear killed by hunters in the opposition to President ROOSEVELT'S policarry a mile or more on the dead level and country is pateroalism of which Mr. of the hunter. Would it not be a matter | ease. scriptions.

pending legislation against the trust. It cargo of trouble for himself if he is correctlead the charge up Sau Juan hill. Everybody knows that the charge up that hill is,

or was, the principal asset in the President's political store-house. It was that charge which gave him all his military glory and earned for him most of his civic distinctions. But for that achievement he never would have been thought of for Governor of New York and in the absence of it his election to that office would have been impossible.

Vet General NORLE if he is accurately quoted, declares that ROOSEVELT had nothing to do with the incident. "There have been a lot of foolish things written about that charge," General NOBLE says, "but it was the Tenth who really captured San Juan. We did not see anything of ROOSE-VELT. He was at a little hill two miles away-Kettle hill they call it. I was senior officer of the Tenth at the time and we didn't see anything of ROOSEVELT." Nothing could be more explicit. Nothing is left to conjecture. NOBLE was there beyoud question. He was promoted for his

ROOSEVELT.

What ROOSEVELT will do to NOBLE may trial marriages. The plan contemplates a be imagined but it can't be described in advauce of the event. Retired officers of the prospective bride and groom get to- the army are amenable to discipline quite reveals the fact that Mr. MoNICHOL had the notion that the average man who viewgether on more serious and intimate planes as much as those in active service and as **ROOSEVELT** is proud of the reputation he acquired at San Juan he is more than likeof the change we know not. But we do ly to be incensed at this challenge of his know that if this trial marriage scheme integrity, for it is an implied accusation of church or the state most of the do-less ROOVEVELT'S claims in relation to San young fellows of the country would be Juan hill have been challenged. But it is boarding with the parents of the silly girls | the first time the challenge has come from of the land and we would have to put so high an authority and it is likely to crepe on that beautiful song of content- make everybody "sit up and take notice."

An Ominous Rumor.

We see little to commend in the report sertion that more than ninety per cent. of that EDWARD HARRIMAN will make active transaction. As a matter of fact MCNICHOL NYPACKER as a charlatau. woods are brought down at ranges of less cies with respect to railroads. What Mr. than one hundred yards. Then why the HARRIMAN says about the danger of gov- machine leaders by performing any isinister do with the questions involved in the necessity of Winchester, Colt, Marlin, Sav- ernment interference in private business is age and other high pressure gons that will true. The greatest present men are to the

be retarded in some of his plans. "Probably get the chance.

agent of the QUAY machine in the purchase carry excursionists at a ceut-a-mile and service on that occasion. Yet he didn't see of the votes of recreant Democrats for W. make a profit.

of the House against General WILLIAM H. invention of Governor PENNYPACKER. KOONTZ, the candidate of the Fusion With the low cuming of a fox that perrenforces. Mr. EMERY says that investigation nial humbug and colossal frand conceived nothing to do with the affair and with char- ed the building would be impressed by its acteristic candor he makes the amende hon- vast proportions and magnificence and disorable. He could hardly do less and he credit the charges of graft. That idea inwants to evade no onligation.

At the time Mr. EMERY made the accusa- people. It assumed that the average citizen

service which might be needed. of the hanter. Would it not be a matter of wise legislation for the State game com-mission to eliminate the high pressure and mission to eliminate the hi

T. MARSHALL, of Allegheny, for Speaker The penny-a-mile excursions were the ferentially aspeased the intelligence of the

would ever receive the sanction of the false pretense. It is not the first time that tion we expressed a doubt as to the ac- is unable to differentiate between "extravacuracy of his information. That the re- gance and crime and being unable to tell creant Democrats were bribed is absolutely whether ornaments and moulding were certain and has not been denied. Ever made of mahogany or putty, would consince the event, moreover, they have been clude that the building was worth all it ostracised by decent people and hanging cost. It was a dishonest estimate based on on the skirts of the Republican machine a criminal impulse. It was an unmitigated like mendicants. But we had never heard frand conceived and uttered for the pur-MCNICHOL'S name associated with the pose of deceiving the public and fixes PEN-

> was at that time simply a ward heeler who The actual value of the work and materwas making his way into the favor of the ials in the capitol building has nothing to charges of lawlessness in connection with

We have not heard how or from what the construction. The main fact is that source Mr. EMERY acquired the misinfor- valuable or otherwise the expenditures kill at a distance fully that great. They ROOSEVELT is the mest radical exponent of mation on the subject, though we are cer- were made in violation of the constitution are a menace to the life of every man who all time. Bat corporate control is a poor tain that he had it from what he considered and that every man who participated in ventures into the woods in the open season remedy for even so great an evil. In fact a credible source. A very candid and the operations committed perjury. The and do not add one bit to the equipment the cure is infinitely worse than the dis- courageous man it was natural that he extravagance is criminal of course, for a should atter the charge when he believed man occupying a fiduciary relationship to

automatic guns. Such a prohibitive act value of \$2,500,000,000. He proposes to op- istic. But we can't imagine that McNICHOL the real turpitude lies in the fact that the would conserve the safety of the hunters, erate this vast property in violation of law. suffered in reputation from the charge. He profligacy was in violation of the constitupromote accuracy in shooting and at the That is why he objects to the President's has committed many worse crimes and the tion and that the Governor out necessary same time do more toward protection of railroad policies. He apprehends that if principal reason that he didn't do what appropriations for charity in order to maingame than any of the present legal pre- ROOSEVELT's policies are in force he will was charged against him is that he didn't tain a balance in the treasury to make the

profigacy possible.

ame foot steps echoed in the distance. Mis. Bil-

Who They Arc.

In New York the Damograts elected the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, comptroller, state treasurer, attorney general and state engineer. The Public Le adds: "Lieutenant Governor-elect Chandler as a man buys race horses or yachts or some other amusement. John Sibley Whalen, elected secretary of state, has been a resident of Rochester for thirty. eight years-all his life. He is national organizer of the Tobacco Workers' International Union and president of the Cenher of the Albany bar, an eloquent speaker was reelected to congress in 1900. A master drawn the charge, made in a public speech sion may be regarded as a success. They during the campaign, that Senator Mc- satisfied a good deal of public curiosity and Julius Hauser, the successful candidate for NICHOL, of Philadelphia, had been the established the fact that the railroads can state treasurer. Sapville, L, I., is his home. Frederick Skene, the young Astoria civil engineer who has been elected state engineer and surveyor, will become one of the most important factors in public office for the next two years. He will exercise a direct influence over the expenditure of the \$100,000,000 appropriated to enlarge the canal system; he can change the plans of his predecessor for spending what remains of the \$50,000,000 appropriated for good roads. He is 33 years old. William S. Jackson, elected to the office of attorney gener-al, is first assistant district attorney of Erie county. He was concerned in the prosecution of the Buffalo cemetery scandal thieves, and made an enviable record in connection

Forcing The Millennium. From the Baltimore American.

with that."

Thomas A. Edison celebrating his fiftyninth birthday, prophesied that the world would soon have flying machines, cheap antomobiles and a dozen other marvelous

thin "Do you think, sir," said a young lady reporter, "that the world will ever be Christianized?"

Mr. Edison smiled. 'Not only do I think so," he said, "but I think we shall both live to see it. Just look at the way these big improved ma-chine guns are wiping out the heathen."— Baltimore American.

Don't Know Any Reform.

From the Altoona Times. If the Hon. Frank B. McClain, of Lancaster county, is made speaker of the next House, it will quite likely sound like nition of the term "reform ;" it has been omitted entirely from his lexicon of machine politics and practice.

-At the next monkey dinner in Newport CARUSO should play the lion.

-An enthusiastic man living in Lycoming county is sure there is natural gas in great quantities in certain localities in that county. It is his expectation to find its hiding place whereupon he will provide a new and cheaper fuel for the people of Williamsport. In the meantime he will be looking around for money with which to carry on his re. searches.

-Covered with burns from head to foot, James Marshall is in a critical condition at his home in Latrobe. He was smoking when he went to the cellar for powder Wednesday morning. A spark dropped from his pipe, causing an explosion which shattered the house and set fire to his clothes. He ran into the street but was caught and the flames extinguished. His sister is a raving maniac from the shock.

-In a concerted and determined effort to stamp out the present diphtheria epidemic in Tyrone, where there are at present thirtytwo cases, the local school board and the board of health adopted stringent measures which, with added requests, will effectually prohibit the congregation of children in school, Sunday school, church, places of amusement, social functions or on the streets for at least a month.

-Because she went on the stump in behalf of her trade unionist father. William B. Wilson, who was a successful candidate for congress from the Lycoming county district. Miss Agnes Wilson was called before the convention of the American Federation of Lador in Minneapolis Thursday and rewarded for her "brave and courageo's efforts" with a diamond studded watch and a huge bouquet of chrysanthemums.

-One of the three boilers belonging to the Clearfield electric light and power plant blew up Sunday wrecking the plant and Smith's four-story grist mill adjoining. Hundreds of panes of glass in that part of the town were broken. John Byers, the engineer, and the only man in the building, was slightly hurt. The electric light company's loss will be between \$75,000, fully insured. Smith's loss will be between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

-Lemon Gill, the eighteen-year-old son of Aaron Gill, of St. Lawrence, Cambria county, is lying in a serious condition in the hospital at Philipsburg as the result of hunting in the woods near his home. While going through some underbrush the shot gun trigger came in contact with one of the twigs and the weapon was discharged. Most of the charge entered Gill's right arm, badly mutilating that member. Blood poisoning followed and the arm in all probability will have to be amputated.

-Williamsport is face to face with the question of increasing the city taxes to meet the growing expenses of the municipality, and it is stated that the situation cannot be successfully met in any other way than by a higher tax rate. The joint finance committee of councils of our sister city is to meet for the purpose of devising some method of securing an equitable and uniform method of assessing property in that city, the belief of the committee being that such was not being secured by present methods.