Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-Before Senator PENROSE gets to investigating anybody else he had better call on his fellows to investigate him.

-TERRY McGOVERN called at the White House on Tuesday. Just to give the President "de glad mit," we presume.

-The Sugar trust came out of its case for rebating with a net profit. It was fined \$18,000 for accepting \$26,000 in re- Expensive Decoration and Finishing.

-Experts have figured out that we are to have a war with Japan in twenty years. Of course the cause of the quarrel is not

-A woman burglar|having been arrested near New York there is no more doubt as to the ability of woman to hold her own in all walks of life.

-Senator PLATT's statement that the story to the effect that he is going to resign is foolish is not nearly as foolish as the dippy old Senator is himself.

561.48 in his campaign for reform. A pretty snug sum to put up for the purpose lowance or gave credit, if alterations in the of trying to make bad old Penusylvania be plans relieved that firm of the obligation

-Provisional Governor MAGOON, of Cuba, has requested some of the Senators and Congressmen of that Republic to resign and they have declared that they will not do it; so there you are.

-More power to the aspirations of one Col. EDWARD R. CHAMBERS to be made Deputy Attorney General of the State. He wants the job and if regularity counts for anything he should have it.

-Some people harp on and on about dyspepsia being a national disease with us. but they are usually the ones who are sore because their days of saussage, buckwheat cakes and fried mush are o'er.

-Pittsburgers are not satisfied with saying: Oh SHAW! these times. It takes a word with a little more of Pittsburg's fire and smoke in it to express their feelings about that post-office matter.

-PENROSE took the field early in his fight to force the President to make him dictator of patronage in Pennsylvania. And torney General ten days ago but he doesn't there are just enough sour-balled Senators in Washington to help him along with his may have been busy, meantime, and as he

-After spending more or less time in a dentist's chair for the past six months we to us that he has had time enough to make are constrained to remark that the modern an examination and if the accusation is art of dentistry would have served the purpose of the rack and screw of mediaeval restitution. One time is as good as another,

at asking questions but so far as getting re- is not always the case. In other words, the plies from either SANDERSON or HUSTON statute of limitations sometimes defeats plaster paris men-not the real, genuine band-made article.

-A Berlin man who lost a thumb in an accident had his big toe amputated and grafted onto the stump of the thumb. The operation was a success, but now when "SIMON says: Thumbs up!" this poor fellow will turn up his toes.

-The President, in his message to Congress, touched a little on every living issue. but would there not have been more certainty of legislation following it had be not generalized so much and been more insistent and specific in a few things.

-When the borough corporation paid \$105 per are light per year for street lighting there were no meters on individual consumers. The corporation is to pay only \$66 per light for the next two years, but there will be meters on every individual consumer.

-Of course there will be no question of Mr. BRYAN's endorsement of the Presi- centralized organization from which indident's demand for an income tax. When Mr. BRYAN made the same demand some years ago there was a great hurrah about such a tax being too inquistorial, but now his energies in an effort to achieve his that ROOSEVELT is the one who urges it as purposes. But his expectations will hardly a good thing it will be interesting to note be fulfilled. In the public mind the tradithe comment that it arouses.

-Judge GREEN's determination to drop the contest he had talked of starting for the office to which Col. HARRY ALVAN HALL was elected in the Elk, Clinton, Cameron judicial district is evidence that Judge GREEN is possessed of considerably more good sense than he was given credit with having when the talk of a contest first found a lodgment in his ear.

-Count BONI DE CASTELLANE, the offeast husband of one of our Gould girls, the habit of usurping powers that are danhas decided that he will come to America and be a real actor if he is paid \$2000 a week. Bon evidently thinks all Ameri- frenzied financiers find most of their opporcans are Goulds, furthermore the days of tunities in the nucertainty of currency IDA SIDDONS and LILLIE CLAY'S Female Mastadons are past and they are the only bunch-unless it might be a Little Egypt combination, that the French libertine could star with.

-After presenting that magnificent artificial lake to Princeton University some one might have suggested to Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE the advisability of transporting Skibo to be perched on its shores. Rumors coming from the other side are to the effect that recent utterances of the Laird have been very displeasing to his English friends | Carson is concerned it never will be if he and should they change the name of his can cover it up. Weeks ago the WATCHMAN home over there from Skibo to Skidoo it predicted this. He is not in office for the would be nice for ANDY to have an asylum where he could breathe the same air that he seem to unearth or prevent frauds flows into the lungs of such an eminent against the State. His only efforts so far in though passe gentleman as GROVER the State Capitol crime has been to ask a 1908 he probably thinks he won't need Cal-CLEVELAND.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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State Treasurer BERRY has called the attention of the Attorney General to the fact that \$260,435.15 was paid for "decoration and finish of plaster walls and ceilings in the grand executive reception room, House of Representatives, Senate, Supreme and Superior court room and the grand rotunda and dome" of the new capitol, to J. H. SANDERSON and to PAYNE & Co. That is to say payment for that service to that amount was made in duplicate, the Capitol Building commission have paid PAYNE & Co. and the Board of Public -LEWIS EMERY J ..., spent just \$25,- Grounds and Buildings having paid J. H. SANDERSON. PAYNE & Co. made no alto do the work. As it stands, therefore, the treasury was looted to that extent on

Of course \$260,435.15 is a trifling fraction of \$13,000,000 or thereabouts, but it ought to be enough to attract notice. The decoration and finish of plaster walls is not an expensive process except in extraordinary cases. Gold leaf costs money and where it is liberally used bills of expense ron high and rapidly. But decoration bills of over a quarter of a million dollars are so infrequent, even for public buildings of the most pretentions sort, that one would think that both the Building Commission and the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings would have taken notice and made some inquiry as to what sort of decoration and finishing was performed at such an expense. The inquiry would have revealed the duplication, al-

most necessarily. The information concerning this particular duplication was conveyed to the Atseem to have taken notice of it as yet. He stated in an apologetic letter before the election, he is short handed. But it seems correct, inaugurate preceedings to compel as a rule, in most things, but the prosecution of the late Senator QUAY for the -Attorney General Carson is a dandy misuse of the State revenues proved that it ustice and proceedings, for the recovery of funds stolen from the treasury ought to be taken promptly.

Little to Expect from Congress.

The Fifty-ninth Congress has entered upon its last session, the President has made some important recommendations but it may be said that little legislation propriation bills. It is more than likely that such legislation as the President recthat enterprise. There is a bare possibility, moreover, that the Philippine tariff bill will be passed, for justice requires such a concession to the Filipinos. But we have reason to hope that the ship subsidy and other predatory measures will be defeat-

One of President ROOSEVELT'S faults is an inordinate desire for legislation. He hopes to convert the government into a vidual life will be entirely eliminated. He wants the big stick and an appropriation instead of the flag and he will exhaust all tions of the Republic are still cherished and Congress, under the admonition expressed in the vastly decreased Republican majority, will obey the voice of public opinion. Whatever the disposition the

courage to take the other course is absent. There are some things which might be done by Congress which will fail with other things that ought to fail. For example, the currency legislation is defective and by practice though not by law the Secretary of the Treasury has fallen into gerous. But we can see no reason to hope for improvement in this respect. The conditions and they will interpose to prevent legislation which might interfere with their sources of graft. All things considered there is not much to expect out of this

Don't Mean to Uncover Anything

session of Congress.

Mr. Attorney General CARSON is out in an interview alleging that "so far no substan" tial proof of BERRY's charge of graft in the construction of the new Capitol building has been evolved." And so far as Mr. purpose of convicting his friends, nor does lot of questions of the fellows suspected of ifornia.

getting away with the swag, just as if they would tell on themselves or return the stolen money, simply for the asking of it. When he goes for the State's agents, the month ago in order to sustain the Presi-Building Commission and the Board of dent will watch with curious interest the Public Buildings and Grounds, it will look as if he was at least making an attempt to and the Senator inaugurated with the infind out the guilty parties. But announcing to the public that his queries to the builders, architect and contractors have 'evolved no evidence of graft' is only what everybody knew would be the result of his work, and more firmly convinces the public that he don't mean to have anything brought to light that can be kept under cover.

An Unfit Asptrant.

We sincerely hope that Governor PEN-NYPACKER'S expectation of a return to the bench by appointment to fill a vacancy | President. soon to be created by the resignation of Judge BEITLER, of Philadelphia, will be disappointed. It is neither unjust nor inappropriate to say that Mr. PENNYPACKER is unfit for such a service. He is either a mental degenerate or a moral pervert. If he understands the constitution and knows the law he is absolutely indifferent to his oath of office. He has violated the organic law of the State during his term as Governor, whenever the exigencies of the political machine required such sinister service. Such a man is not fit for any public office and is especially unfit for the bench.

PENNYPACKER has served twelve years on the bench, having been catapulted into recompense for some personal service. While there his court was a safe shelter all sorts of mischief. for ballot box stuffers and political criminals of all sorts. He never interfered with the industry of debauching elections or corrupting the electorate. When QUAY was under the bar of public execration PENNYPACKER rescued him by an absurd- trary he has taken advantage of one of the ly fulsome eulogy which described his in- President's mistakes to punish him for his

lowed to sink into an infamous oblivion. ish McNichol if there was anything in it In a public experience of sixteen years he for him. But with so vast a number of he has prostituted public authority to the the ticket would be defeated any way and than that of any of his predecessors been corrupt and iniquitous. He has no claim upon popular respect or even public toler- standing the refusal of President to help His appointment to the bench would be an insult to the conscience of the made a lot of gudgeons believe that his will be enacted outside of the regular ap- Commonwealth and an outrage upon the integrity of the people.

We don't believe that Governor-elect ommends in relation to the Panama canal STUART will lend himself to such an evil will be enacted for public semtiment favors exercise of power. The thought of it is electorals of Pennsylvania was greater than distressing.

Discipline the Coal Trust.

There is no possible excuse for the recent arbitrary and excessive increase in the price of coal. It is neither the result of scarcity nor of an advance in the expense of production. In fact it can be attributed to nothing other than the greed of those who constitute the coal trust. They feel that they have the power to charge whatever they please and fix the price at the highest notch which public patience will endure. There is no fear of the big stick in the offices of the coal barons. They remember how the prosecution of that trust was stopped when Attorney General KNOX was taken out of the prosecuting office.

Coal is almost as much a necessity as food, raiment and air. The production of it ought to be on a legitimate business basis. The owners of coal mines are entitled to a fair profit on their investment. The carrying companies deserve a just compensation for their services to the publie. But neither the owners of mines nor the carriers of the product have a right to combine and through the collusion fleece the consumers. The profit should be based on fair treatment. The business should subject to honest competition. Collusion which works injustice to the masses is criminal conspiracy and ought not to be tolerated.

The recent advance in the price of coal ought to be investigated and, if it is in violation of law, prohibited. We are not in favor of paternalism. We have no sympathy with unjust or undue governmental restraints. But corporations are creatures of government and should be held to fair treatment of the people. Anything less than this is injustice to the tax payers who maintain the government in order that they may be secure in property and persons. The coal trust is inviting the mail-

held so long that it may become impotent. At least the trust should be warned in ample time. -If ROOSEVELT runs for President in

ed hand of power. It should not be with-

Penrose and the President.

Those friends of President ROOSEVELT who supported Senator PENROSE's ticket a issue of the conflict between the President troduction of Senator PENROSE's resolution of inquiry on Monday. The resolution embodied a request for information concerning the dismissal of a battalion of colored troops for the reason that a few of the troops had created a disturbance in Brownsville, Texas, which resulted in the murder of three or four citizens. But Senator PEN-ROSE has no interest in the troubles of the negro troops. He wouldn't care a farthing if every one of them were dishonorably dismissed or shot. His aim is notithe weldismissed or shot. His aim is notifthe welfare of the negroes but the confusion of the field to that office.

It does look as if the President had gone too far in this affair of the negro troops. Of course it is the result of his anxiety to recover the popularity in the South which he lost in the Booker Washington incident and the postoffice affair in Mississippi. Roose-VELT is a creature of emotions. He doesn't know anything about principle or much concerning honor. He wants to be re-electconcerning honor. He wants to be re-elected President and will resort to any expedient to achieve the result he imagined that dismissing those negro imagined that dismissing those negro troops, justly or otherwise, would promote his political interests and he didn't stop to consider whether the action was legal or not. Law, organic or statutory, is alike a matter of indifference to him. that place by the late Senator QUAY as a He thinks he is above the law and in the absence of conscience such notions lead to

But PENROSE has as little frespect for conscience and law as the President and and just criticism no reasoning man will imagine he has been moved to his attack upon the President by considerations of patriotism. On the coniquities as amiable weaknesses. For that refusal to help the machine in the recent perversion of a gift of nature QUAY bad contest in this State. The President him promoted to the office of Governor. could discover no advantage in giving aid was not on moral grounds that he withnor in five or six weeks and ought to be al- take SAM SALTER to his bosom and cherhas nothing to his credit. As Governor Republicans against the outfit he thought basest uses, his administration having more simple declined to attach himself to a lost cause.

But PENROSE fooled the people notwithhim and he is now out for reprivals. He ticket represented the President notwithstanding the President's repudiation of it and that not only without the President but in spite of him. The stupidity of the he imagined and he is now taking advantage of the popular credulity to "hoist the President on his own petard." We can't say that we have any deep feeling of regret that these two selfish politicians are in disagreement with each other. There is an axiom that when "rogues fall out honest men come by their own," and we have about as much faith in ROOSEVELT as we have in PENROSE. They are both working political chicanery to the limit and it is a ease of "every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost." PENROSE has Roos EVELT on the hip and we hope he will make the best of his opportunities.

Homer L. Castle.

We learn through some of our esteemed contemporaries that Mr. HOMER L. CAS-TLE is now vehemently denouncing the PENROSE machine. This may be interesting to a few but it is not important, generally speaking. Mr. HOMER L. CASTLE is such a notorious mercenary that what he thinks of a party or an individual is of no consequence. For a consideration.during the recent campaign, he helped the machine in the crucial contest of its existence. In denouncing it now he is simply HOMER L. CASTLE has simply put him-

proving his own immeasurable iniquity. self outside of the arena of decency. In the campaign of 1905 he performed valiant and effective work in the interest of civic righteousness. Because it was appreciated he undertook to hold the Democratic party up this year for an exorbitant reward. The failure of his expectations influenced him to attach himself to the atrocious machine which he had previously denounced and in that prostitution of his energies he revealed not only inconsistency but im-

morality of the worst type.

It has been said that during the campaign Mr. CASTLE was on the payroll of the machine in the capacity of a well-paid sinecure in the office of the Auditor Gen-eral. The fact that he is now denouncing the machine justifies the inference that since election he has lost the job and is squealing. But it doesn't matter. HOMER is a dead duck and nobody cares what he says or does. He can denounce the machine "until the cows come nobody will pay any attention. neither character nor influence. "until the cows come home,"

The Cabinet Changes.

From the Pittsburg Post. President Roosevelt Monday sent to the Senate the list of his new cabinet ap-pointments for ratification by that body. Accompanying them was the appointment of William H. Moody, his present attorney reneral, as a member of the supreme court. The cabinet appointments were all hereto-fore predicted. George B. Cortelyou, if confirmed, is to be the next secretary of the treasury, instead of postmaster general, the latter place going to George von L. Meyer, at present ambassador to Russia. Charles J. Bonaparte is to give up the secretaryship of the navy to become at-torney general, Victor H. Metcalf taking the naval portfolio. The place vacated by him as secretary of commerce and labor goes to Oscar S. Straus. The rumoted re-tirement of E. A. Hitchcock from the posi-tion of secretary of the interior is confirm-

Leslie M. Shaw, who has been talking of retiring from the posession of secretary of the treasury for many manths, is now to go, as is evidenced by the appointment of Mr. Cortelyou to succeed him. Mr. Shaw has never been a striking success as manager of the country's finances, and there will be little regret at his retirement, except among those whom his policy favored. He is now going to engage in a chase after the presidential nomination, which gives much promise of being fruitless. The wiswell be doubted.

Mr. Garfield's errors in the investigation of the meat packers' trust have apparently, in the mind of the President, be in the mind of the President, been con-doned by his other services, which have been deemed sufficient also to warrant his promotion. The appointment of Mr. Moody to the supreme court has been con-demned by many leading Republican, as well as Democratic papers, and is likely to encounter some serious opposition in the Senate. Certainly, it is one open to strong

What Makes Us Prosperous.

The farm not only remains the foundation of the country's prosperity; its ob-scure magnates are the unknown captains of the country's greatest industry. They stay in the lead and are making extraordinary gains. The sum total of the output In that office he has immersed the State in a boundless and bottomless ocean of to say a word for the machine ticket. It in 1900 was less than double the value this was not on moral grounds that he withHe will retire from the office of Goverheld his endorsement however. He could nor in five or six weeks and ought to be allowed to sink into an infamous oblivion. which belonged to him.

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In 1906 the farmer shows an increase of nearly \$500,000,000, or 8 per cent. over lish McNichol if there was anything in it 1905, and of more than \$2,000,000,000, or in the store of MacDonald & Co., in Lock 31 per cent, over 1900. Prices have been exceptionally high, while crops have a solid basis to make Wall street turn

green with envy. In this one year the farmer has produced enough out of the soil to pay for all the railroads in the United States if they were drained of their water. His products for two mouths would buy a \$1,000,000,000 Steel Trust dollar for dollar, actual value, and leave a handsome margin. Secretary Wilson puts the corn crop at \$1,100,000, 000, which would more than suffice to re build the entire Harriman and Hill railroad systems and allow liberally for struction scandals and stock manipulations. Out of a \$640,000,000 cotton crop a Standard Oil Trust could be purchased and enough left over to start a few national banks and speculate in copper. "If the hens of this year," says Secretary Wilson, "had each laid a dozen eggs more than they did, the increased value of the production would have possibly aggregated \$50,000,000.

Shonts On to Hts Job.

From the Pittsburg Sun. Theodore Perry Shonts is the hired man

of Theodore Roosevelt and locum tenens o affairs at Panama. Mr. Shonts, who is off his job for a few days, for what reasons we are not informed, did a fair job of incense burning in an interview, which confiden-tially tells a palpitating public just what he thinks of his great chief. We had understood there was some rain in Panama while the great Theodore was there, "but," says the lesser, "he took it by storm. Panamans are so deeply interested in our National precedents that their summary sundering and setting aside by Him of the Big Stick overwhelmed them with admiraion. Then says this Boswell: "Mr. Roosevelt was familiar with the work the oretically, and saw and understood more during his short stay than the average man would in a much longer time." No "average man," mind you, is he to his faithful benchman. And the diggers of Panama were inspired with the thought that ed. John Kauffman, the driver, and a boy chments on our battlefields. this mean more pensions? If Teddy is great to inspire he is terrible in his sar itness his dismissal of the criticisms of the Bigelow person: "Small people, like small flies, despoil large things and large enterprises." Better be nothing than little when such great ones are around. One might get 'squashed.'

-Although yesterday was the last day for candidates who were voted for at the November election to file an account of their campaign expenses, up to late in the afternoon only three men had been heard from. Those were Hon. John Noll, who stated that he contributed two hundred it could be liberated. dollars to the county committee and spent twenty-six dollars for traveling expenses. Adam Hazel stated that his campaign expenses were less than fifty dollars and Charles Schilling, chairman of the Lincoln party, said that he spent no money at all because he did not have any to spend.

-Bear hunting is still in season and will be open until March first next.

Spawls from the Keystone

-Garrett Snyder, of East Stroudsburg, killed three bears in two minutes in Pike county, with an automatic rifle.

-Levi Bupp confessed to District Attorney Glessner, of York county, that he stole elev-

en horses in that county in two years. -Mrs. Margaret Jacke, York county's oldest woman, is dead at her home in Glenville, Codorus township, aged almost 100 years.

-The members of the Williamsport lodge of Elks are going to put \$5,000 worth of improvements on the interior of their building.

-A bear invaded the premises of J. C. Newcomer, at Bell's Landing, Clearfield county, one night recently and destroyed eleven colonies of bees.

-Ellsworth Hazlett, a miner employed at the clay mines at Queen's run, had four toes cut off by a fall of clay from the roof of the mines one day last week. -A dispatch from Scranton says that dur-

ing the month of November twenty-eight fatal accidents occurred in and around the mines of the Lackawanna and Wyoming -A bold robbery was committed early on

Sunday morning, under the glare of the electric light, when the store of Morris Fox. in Norristown, was entered by burglars and robbed of clothing worth \$1,000. -The large bank barn on the property of

William Hemming, at Imlertown, Bedford county, was totally destroyed by fire recently. The live stock was saved but the farming implements, hay, fodder, etc., were destroyed. -The total registration of students in the

University of Pennsylvania this fall, according to statistics made public Friday is 4.172. an increase of 501 over that of last year, Forty-three of the States and forty-five foreign countries or territories are represented among the students.

-William Murray, of West Scranton, 60 years old, arraigned before a Scranton alderman on some trivial charge, stumbled and fell as he entered the office. He was picked up, placed in a chair and committed to prison. Upon arriving at the station house it was discovered that he was dead.

-Reading's new \$400,000 high school for boys was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Thanksgiving day. The orator of the day was President George F. Baer, of the Reading Railway company. His speech was a protest against the new order of things and an argument in faver of individualism.

-After deliberating all through the previous night the jury at Brookville, trying Ezra Caylor, upon the charge of killing Blanche Reed in March, 1905, brought in a verdict of not guilty, at nine o'clock Tuesday morning. The verdict was immensely popular, meeting practically unanimous approval.

-Daniel L. Smeich, of Windsorville, York county, went to York on Thursday and confessed to an alderman that he had kindled the fire that destroyed the cigar factory of Samuel Sprenkle, at Red Lion, December 25th, 1893. He committed the crime to obtain \$1,050 insurance on the contents,

Haven, the other day struck a match t inspect the contents of a mouse trap. A been enormous. Here is a boom resting on spark flew into some cotton and instantly flames shot up as high as the ceiling. The prompt application of the contents of some chemical tanks prevented a conflagration.

-The barn belonging to Hon. Joseph Alexander, which was destroyed by fire at Madera recently, has resulted in a loss to that gentleman of \$2000, as well as a loss of several hundred dollars to liveryman G. W. Warrick. The barn contained from 12 to 15 tons of straw, 5 tons of hay, 300 bushels of corn and a lot of all kinds of farming machinery.

-Perhans no woman in the State has so excellent a hunting record as Mrs. Cyrus Adams, of Lagrange, Wyoming county. She is a fine shot and has been in the woods frequently this winter. Se far she has killed 55 rabbits, 117 squirrels, 2 foxes, 10 pheasants, 6 hawks, 3 owls, 1 possum and several fur bearing animals. Her bunting costume consists of a hunter's coat and a short walking skirt. Her husband and two children frequently accompany her on her hunting

-At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Karthaus Fire Brick company held at Karthaus, J. Frank Torbert, of Jersey Shore. was elected president and Ira Chatham, of Farrandsville, was selected as general manager and book keeper. Mr. Chatham has had many years experience in the brick business and will locate at Karthaus permanently. G. B. and R. B. McCulloh, of Jersey Shore, was elected to the board of directors. D. I. McNaul, former secretary and treasurer of the company, has resigned.

-An accident which might have been attended with much worse results occurred on the Tyrone division at 7:55 Wednesday evening. Train No. 5 struck a wagon and team at a crossing at North Clearfield, and one of the horses was killed and the wagon wrecknamed Kraugh, were in the wagon and were thrown out but were not seriously hurt. They were carried in a nearby residence, where their injuries were dressed by a company physician.

-On Wednesday night the large barn of the Glen Union Lumber company at Glen Union was burned to the ground and it was only by heroic work that the office and store of that company were saved from destruction William Schrimshaw, one of the fire fighters, was severely burned about the hands and face. It is thought that the fire was of incendiary origin. A lot of hay and some other articles were burned. One horse was cremated in the burned structure before

-Warren and Doram Driver, brothers, residing in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, went hunting last Thursday. After they had been out a while they separated and later, unknown to one another, ap-proached each other. Doram saw the bushes proached each other. Doram saw the bushes shake and thinking it was caused by some than the bushes of some one injured animal, fired. A cry of some one injured followed and he found that he had shot his brother. Ten wounds made by shot were found by a physician and one of these was in the right eye. The victim may lose the