Democratic Watchman.

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lak Slings.

-Yesterday morning made many a red nose turn blue.

-The ice man is happy again. Nature is fixing it up for him now, sure enough.

-It is just Bellefonte's luck to have her water pumps out of commission at a time when there is more water than enough to

-Mr. Governor SWETTENHAM might have thought that Admira! DAVIS wanted to benevolently assimulate him and his

-J. PIERPONT MORGAN is to retire from business, ie, he will still own the country, but he will permit someone else to manage it for him.

-In re-electing Senator BAILEY the Legislature of Texas has done what Pennsylvania invariably does. Vote first, investigate afterwards.

our great fall foot-ball games would be because the frauds have been consummated

trade. -WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN was thrown violently out of a sleigh a few days

ago and already some Republicans are the ground. -Representative THOMAS has introduced an anti-treating bill in the Legislature at Harrisburg. Do you think it will pass?

No, not so long as men have voice enough left to say "Have one on me." -The islands of the sea disappear before the frequent tidal waves like the babies on the ball racks at our county fairs ; except Tioga county members, for example. Dur-

time he knocks an island down.

not giving up such things without cause. -Those selfish MARLBOROUGHS! How

-The THAW trial is on in New York so that during its tedious progress you need not expect to find much real news in the metropolitan dailies. It will all be THAW, even to such silly details as the brand of toilet paper HARRY uses.

act that way.

-One who is supposed to be the best dressed woman in all of England is in this most of us are from Missouri.

ence is that the head of the Guard must be a Machine gun.

-The floods along the Ohio are causing you can bet that it is accurate. millions of dollars in property loss and untold bardships for persons living along the river bottoms. The waters are higher than they have been since 1883 and thousands of families are homeless. Surely for disasters 1907 is starting in well.

-And to think! Some one is actually trying to introduce the civil service reform practice in Pennsylvania. You know about how much chance such a hill would have in getting through the Legislature of this State where fitness counts for nothing and Machine oilers are what is wanted.

-It is rumored that boss PENROSE is growing tired of giving orders over the long distance telephone and threatens to appear in person in Harrisburg unless there is a better showing of machine fruits. All this is very distasteful to Governor STUART and a few others who are enjoying some liberties they would not have were PEN-ROSE on the ground, but what are they going to do about it? PENROSE is the boss and if he wants to go to Harrisburg he'll go and he'll do the bossing, too.

-And now it comes to pass that eleven gallons of alcohol can be distilled from a ton of green corn cobs, from a ton of green corn stalks two hundred and forty pounds of a fermentable substance that can be converted igto the finest champagne can be secured, while the waste product can be used for paper stock. If the price of the converting machine is not too high you need those dazzling possibilities in corn.

-Tomorrow the primaries will be held late everything. in Centre county. They are the beginning | The result was just what might have of political organism. If they are good, been expected. The British Governor of controlled by men of good motives, the re- the colony resented the intrusion, not to sults will be good, but if left to the manip- say usurpation, of authority, and requestulation of political backs and petty place ed the American admiral to remove all his hunters the results cannot but be unsatis- armed forces from the territory of the factory. You are a citizen enjoying the colony. To casual observers it may have greatest gift of a Republican form of gov- been a drastic remedy for an imaginary ernment. It is as much your duty to pro- evil. But as a matter of fact it was almost tect that government as it is the duty of a necessary course to pursue. As Governor the government to protect you and if you SWETTENHAM said, the robbery of a mildo not attend the primaries you are shirk- lionaire in New York afforded no excuse ing your duty. If you are for reform, strike for "a British admiral landing an armed at the root of the evil by going to the pri- party" to assist the New York police. In maries for there is where machines get their other words the interference was inexcus- to win the favor of the President. It was start and their fostering care.

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Troubled City Contemporaries.

Our esteemed metropolitan contemporaries are borrowing trouble. That is to say, they are imagining that after a rather prolonged regular session of the Legislature, there will be what is technically called an "adjourned session," during which the committee to investigate the "Palace of Graft" will be submitted and considered, and incidentally the grafters will be exculpated. We have no doubt that the result indicated will be achieved. The maj rity -Abolish the Indian school at Carlisle? of the committee will coincide with the re-Never! The most picturesque feature of cent Attorney General in his opinion that gone and the country won't stand for that. civil proceedings will not lie and for the -Why does Gen. FUNSTON fuss because reason that the grafters were faithful partimasons and hod carriers are paid more sans criminal prosecutions are not expedimoney than army officers. There is time ent. But there will not be an adjourned for him to serve an apprenticeship at eitler session to reach that conclusion. It will be accomplished at the regular session and without much circumlocation. Adjourned sessions cost the machine money.

Our esteemed metropolitan contempoquaking lest be might have had his ear to raries are too credulous for anything. They appear to believe that a considerable number of the Republicans in the present General Assembly are bent on certain important reforms and will create all kinds of trouble unless they are adopted. As a matter of fact, however, ninety-nine out of every hundred Republican Legislators care infinitely more for personal influence and recognition than civic reform. Take the that old Neptune doesn't get a cigar every ing the special session of a year ago HITCH-COCK wore the surface off the carpet be--There must be something wrong with tween his seat and the Speaker's chair runthat Panama job. Shontz has resigned as ning back and forward for orders and the chief engineer. He was getting a salary of Speaker was the notorious and still nurethirty thousand dollars a year and men are generate WALTON. Our metropolitan contemporaries, moreover, accepted the work of that session as a labor of reform while in mean of them to get at and fix up all their reality it was simply a plea in confession family differences without banging out the and avoidance. The HITCHCOCKS will play usual amount of dirty linen on the public the same game again and because they have wash line. Now the CASTELLANES didn't access to the ear of the Chair will support any legislation that is satisfactory to the machine.

The majority of the dominant element in the Legislature would stand for an extra session, probably, because they get pay for an extra session and mileage and perquisites. But it is doubtful if the managers of the machine would consent to an extra session for the reason that the people might country now. Possibly she merits the dis- of expense for purely partisan purposes. to admonish our Admirals that the sovertinction but she will discover that when it The machine wants to recover the state eighty of the President doesn't extend to the comes to convincing us she will find that treasury next fall and it will adopt the end of the earth in all directions, it will easiest and surest way to that result which not be entirely without value. That mis--The Machine is after Gen. Gobin. The is not the vindication of the grafters understanding might lead at some time to Senate is to refuse to confirm his appoint- through either an adjourned or a special consequences more painful than the rement as Major General of the N. G. P. be- session. The whitewashing will be done cause at sundry times he declined to climb at the regular session and with sufficient ston the other day. onto the QUAY band wagon. The infer- expedition to minimize the burden upon the pockets of the faithful Senators and Representatives. This is not official but

> --- The administration at Washington has determined to "ignore" the Kingston incident which is wise. A burglar caught 'with the goods on him," is usually willing to forget and forgive.

A Logical Rebuke.

Our national vanity may have been jolted somewhat by the recent exchange of compliments between Governor General SWETTENHAM, of the British colony of Jamaica, and Admiral DAVIS of the United States navy at Kingston. After the earthquake Admiral DAVIS went to the scene of the calamity with two battleships and a cruiser. His ostensible purpose was to furnish relief to the sufferers and contribute in every possible way to the amelioration of the distress which prevailed. It was both humanitarian and progressive. Promptness is as essential as liberality in the face of disaster and the whole world applauded the promptness and generosity of the American admiral.

But he didn't subsequently proceed along right lines to carry out his humanitarian aims. He signalized his arrival at the port by firing a salute which frightened the natives, already terrorized, into a belief of a recurrence of the disaster. That might have been overlooked, however, if it had been the worst. But it wasn't. Admiral Davis debarked a considerable force of sailors and marines and undertook not be surprised to learn of our offering to not only to police the stricken city, but to take corn on subscription. For what use direct its sanitary affairs. He wanted to could a printer have for money with all superintend the burying of the dead as well as the care of the living and to regu-

able.

Penrose and Stuart.

Senator PENROSE is anxious to get to refuse to vield obedience to the PENROSE

But the presence of PENROSE would be embarrassing to the new Governor who continues to keep up the pretense of independence of the machine. The appointment of MCAFEE as Secretary of the Commonwealth and concurrence in PENNY-PACKER'S appointment of DAVE MARTIN as Insurance Commisioner make STUART'S PENROSE banging like a millstone on his neck. But there is urgent need of a strong hand at the helm and the Senator doesn't feel like taking chances of an outbreak which his friends say is impending. They know that if PENROSE were on the ground the opposition to RODGERS would vanish "like the baseless fabric of a vision," and that comparatively speaking the objections of the Governor are unimport-

All things considered we are inclined to the opinion that the Senator will have his way. RODGERS is as anxious to have him in Harrisburg as STUART is to keep him away and it is a good guess that STUART will yield in this matter as he did in the matter of the appointment of MCAFEE. He had made up his mind to dismiss that Pittsburg politician from the service of the to fairly well authenticated gossip, as to tell PENROSE and GEORGE OLIVER that he couldn't burden his administration with such political flotsam. But in the end the appointment was made, notwithstanding the aversion to it and PENROSE will have his way in this other matter as well.

-If the Jamaican incident will serve buke handed to Admiral DAVIS at King-

General Carsons's Perfidy.

Attorney General CARSON has disapgrafters in the capitol building operations, or larger than the British colossus, the Mr. Carson has not said exactly that there Dreadounght, is contained in the closing nishing of the building. That would be dissertation on diplomacy. Mr. FINLEY that transactions having been completed philosophy, is not only a master of humor official document

State Treasurer BERRY has clearly shown After summarizing the requirements and of Public Grounds and Buildings for work article published last Sunday Mr. Dooley the thirty cent mark. and materials that bad already been paid glides gracefully into a reference to what for by the Capitol Building Commission- may, by courtesy, be called the Japanese ers, or at least had been included in the incident. "I heard Hogan say," he schedule upon which the bids for the con- writes, "there was talk in the Euglish pastruction of the building were based. He pers iv goin' to war with us about Japan," where superior materials were contracted D'ye think they will?" "The English pafor and the price for the best material was pers," said Mr. DOOLEY, "like our own, charged and paid. He has proved that un- ar-re conducted by renowned warryors. employed in order that favored contractors butcher shop in th' city I'd thry to wreck would have advantage and that duplicate it?" There is the whole matter in a nutpayments were made in several instances shell. No wise man will cut off his only and to the aggregate of vast sums.

tempt. It is the more regrestable, morerighteousness. But that opinion marks machines. him as the servile tool of a corrupt gang.

-Senator TILLMAN is not discreet but a stultification of the Senate.

The Ratiroad Commissioner Bill.

Mr. CREASY'S bill creating a Board of Harrisburg, according to press dispatches Railroad Commissioners will encounter a from that city, and Governor STUART is good many snags during its progress the description, depending upon whether strongly averse to such a thing. The exist- through the Legislature, the most for the sort of representatives we get for the ing conditions at the State capital don't midable of which, probably, being the fact larger amount is worth that much more, suit the big boss and he wants to straight- that he is a Democrat. Both parties are en them out. Some of the State Senators practically pledged to such legislation and there ought to be no partisan politics either taken to get the increase through without "floor walker" in that chamber, Senator in the measure or its consideration. But placing the members on record. ELLIOTT RODGERS, of Pittsburg. Scott, the Republicans are exceedingly sensitive KEYSER and McNicholl, of Philadelphia, on the point of precedence and imagine think the Pittsburger is too fresh and de- that all the prestige of the reform would clare that he ought to get his seat warm not come to them if a bill introduced by a ders have failed to subdue the recalcitrants gence of the people and think the average probably insist on substituting another bill for that of Mr. CREASY.

There is some question as to the constitutionality of the proposed legislation, moreover, which may be difficult to overcome. The fundamental law vests in the Secrerailroads and those who are opposed to regulation will probably insist that the au-Commissioners by the CREASY bill is al- noticeable through their absence. Secretary of Internal Affairs. That contention will be impaired in force to some extent by the fact that Governor STUART | member for a roll call. Only 34 of the 92 has recommended legislation along those lines and that his Attorney General, said to be an expert in constitutional law, has advised him on the subject. But it will be used against the bill, nevertheless, most assiduously.

In any event, bowever, the value of such legislation if enacted and enforced would be worth the experiment. There is pressing and insistent cause for compelling the railroads to show some measure of respect for the organic law of the State and if the Secretary of Internal Affairs has the authority and fails to exercise it, there ought to be a compelling force or the removal of State. He had even gone so far, according the authority. There is a possibility, of course, that enabling legislation is necestion into operation as there is to make the seventeenth article of that instrument effective. In that event the plain duty of sought his pastor. the Legislature is to enact such legislation and that is practically all Mr. CREASY and

-General GOMEZ, the Coban liberator, has been fined for cockfighting. That is pretty tough but the old man may find comfort in the fact that there are traditions which inculpate the late GEORGE WASH-INGTON in some of the frivolities of sporting life.

A Philosopher's Notion.

The most comprehensive answer that has pointed no intelligent observer of events been or will be given to President Rooseby his report practically exculpating the VELT's demand for two battleships as large was no graft in the construction and fur- paragraph of philosopher Dooley's recent too palpable a falsehood. But he has said PETER DUNNE, the author of the DOOLEY and appropriating the ideas of William J. there is no use in trying to recover by civ- but like MARK TWAIN, he is a satirist and il process and for the reason that no actual philosopher of the highest standard of excriminality has been revealed it isn't worth cellence. Each of his articles point a mororiminality has been revealed it isn't worth will be grafters in the al and though the Irish brogue is hardly an Bryan was never found on both sides of criminal courts. Such absurdities have adornment the Irish wit is as keen as any probably never before been embodied in an ever written and the satire quite as penetrating.

that immense sums were paid by the Board achievements of modern diplomacy in an has shown that inferior materia's were used said Mr. HENNESSY. "I'd like to see it. usual methods of awarding contracts were But do ye think if there was on'y waan source of food supply.

Notwithstanding these facts the late At- There is no contingency as remote as a torney General has given an opinion that war between this country and any Eurothe criminals can't be forced to make res- peau power. In fact it may be safely said titution or be punished in any way. He that no such thing could occur unless we bas indeed proved himself a subservient in- should in some way mortally offend anothstrument of the machine. If such an opin- er government. This country is now and ion had come from some of the machine destined to be for years the granary of the pettyfoggers it would have provoked ridi- world. No foreign government could subcule. Coming from a man who professes sist either in peace or war without access to occupy a respectable position among the to the food supplies of the United States. lawyers of the State it simply inspired con- Even if Canadian grain resources are developed to the full measure of expectations over, because b fore HAMPTON L. CARSON Great Britain couldn't afford a war with came under the malign influence of the us for the reason that food would then be machine he professed to desire just govern- contraband. For that reason we have ment and pretended to advicate civic no more need for big ships than for flying

-It has been discovered that there is a modest man living in the West who has be was accurate, the other day, in his estimate of his colleagues who have sacrificed being been different and the necessity of second to Mr. Williams that a man who having been different and the necessity of "squaring" less insistent, he has escaped the criticism of the oil magnate.

The Congressional Salary Grab.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch (Ind. Rep.) The proposed increase of congressional salaries by fifty per cent may not deserve but the action of the Honse last Friday was on the grab principle. No other char acterization will fit the unsavory methods

When, after judicions preparation of the public mind for the proposal, the House took up the legislative appropriation bill earlier in the session the courage of the members failed them and they passed the measure along to the Senate with increases before he undertakes to direct veterans in Democrat should become a law. They put for only the Vice President, the Speaker number of granges organized throughout the the House idea then that the Senate would and PENROSE is inclined to take them by man can be fooled by trifles. They will take the responsibility for making the increase general, but the Senate refused to pull the House chestnuts out of the fire. Thus balked the plan put through was devised. Littauer of New York, who retires with this session and consequently had nothing to fear, was chosen to move the amendment for the general increase. Hurry calls summoned the members. Instanttary of Internal Affairs the regulation of ly there was a babel of protest-for publication only-against railroading through the increase without a roll call. But when pretense difficult enough without having thority lodged in the Board of Railroad ing chorus of yeas, while the nays were the motion was put there was "a resoundready located by the constitution in the vision showed 138 votes for to 92 against. And that these 92 were not anxious to

carry their opposition to extremes shown upon the motion of an Arkansas seem to have been in earnest, and the Speaker ruled the number not sufficient. The House had raised its salary without being put on record and all was well. The Senate's concurrence is taken for granted.

It is true the increase does not take effect until the next Congress, but most of the next. The country would not have been dis- of them. posed to complain of the increase if the members proved themselves worthy of it. But the lack of backbone exhibited in this sneaking through of a raise the House not the courage to vote openly will hardly convince the public that that class of representatives are worth the money.

Intquitous Harvard.

From the New York Press.

An iron founder of Pennsylvania, having risen from penury to opulence, sent his son sary to put that provision of the constitu- to Harvard University. The boy was bright, diligent, and graduated with ors. Three weeks after the boy's return to his home in Pittsburg the iron founder them with a hot poker to force them to tell

"I'm greatly worried about William John since his return from Harvard," began the father. 'Ah, I warned you against Harvard

He has become a drunkard," interrupted the good man. "No, no; I asked him to take a drink with me several times and he wouldn't.'

"He has become entangled with some reature of the chorus?' "No; he knows no such women."

"Ah, it is worse; he gambles?" "No; he don't know one card from another."

"I see-I see-it is far, far worse. vard is a Unitarian university. He has come back a heathen?" The unhappy father groaned. "Worse than all that. Doctor, he believes in tariff reform !"

Roosevelt an Immense Joke.

From the Clearfield Republican. Many of President Roosevelt's critics have charged him with borrowing, stealing, Bryan during the past ten years and with trying to imitate the great Nebraskan as a champion of the common people. But he has never yet imitated Bryan in the matany question, nor has he ever side-stepped or back-tracked when once he took a position on any important question. As an imitator of Bryan Roosevelt is worse than a failure; he is an immense joke and by the time the end of his present term arrives his stock as a popular idol will be down below

Tom Johnson's Hard-Earned Triumph

From the Chicago Public. After six years' work of the hardest kind. full of perplexities, often disheartening, and sometimes apparently futile, Tom L. Johnson is now upon the threshold of a campaign for the establishment of municipal ownership in Cleveland. The reason he is only on the threshold, is because the law at presents permits him to go no further. But the traction combine of his city is at the end of its high rate possibilities and has offered to surrender. Nothing remains to be done, so far as it is concerned, but to

documents. Carson's Explanation.

appraise its property fairly and execute the

From the McKeesport News.

"Have you been guilty of grafting?" asked Mr. Carson of the architect. "No," that gentleman replied. Thereupon Mr. Carson addressed contractor

'Know of any graft?" he inquired. "I do not," said the contractor. Thereupon, having concluded a searching investigation, Mr. Carson informed the State of Pennsylvania that he could discover no trace of graft. Er-just so

Large Task of a Small Man. From the Springfield Republican.

John Sharp Williams's campaign "to save Mr. Bryan from himself" watched with interest. No one hitherto has ever succeeded in that undertaking, although several have tried. It is usually found that Mr. Bryan, by a curious perverreally has to be saved from himself is not the sort that the country most desire for its Spawls from the Keystone

-Charles Mihleder, a barber, of Franklin. Venango county, has sold a miniature electric city of his own construction to a Pittsburg syndicate for \$40,000. It is a mechanical marvel and Mr. Mihleder worked seven years on its construction.

-Bedford citizens are rejoicing over the fact that they may soon have their mail delivered to their doors. The postoffice receipts at Bedford during 1906 amounted to almost \$10,000. They hope to make up the difference which will entitle them to free delivery service.

-Recently a charter was granted the Big Valley Street Railroad company to build twenty-seven miles of road beginning at Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, and extending to Reedsville, Mifflin county. Capital \$162,000. R. W. Jacobs, Huntingdon, is the president of the company.

-Mrs. Margaret H. Philips, of Shamokin, who lived a sort of hermit life apparently in want, died on Saturday when it was found that she had twenty \$20 gold pieces sewed in little bags about her waist and was also the possessor of government bonds upon which the interest had not been collected.

-According to the Pennsylvania Grange News, Pennsylvania leads all the States in the union in grange development. During the past year 38 new granges have been es-State was 249 and the number re-or ganized was 66.

-The announcement has just been made public of the wedding of Dr. Thomas S. Wilcox, the well known young Williamsport dentist, and son of Rev. T. S. Wilcox, formerly of Philipsburg, to Miss Jessie M. Gunter, also of Williamsport, and which took place in Elmira, N. Y., in August

-The Marshall furnace in East Newport is to be enlarged, the capacity increased, and more men given employment, which will be glad news to the residents of that community. The furnace is now making from fifty to seventy-five tons of iron in twentyfour hours and this is to be increased to 100 or 150 tons.

-By order of the mayor a raid is being nade on the thousands of sparrows that gather on the trees of the court house square in Wilkes Barre. A band of sharp. shooters goes to work as soon as the birds begin to settle in the evening and 1.000 were killed on Friday evening. The Italians. members of this will be members of the gather the dead birds and make pot pie out

> -A two-headed calf, well formed, is a new addition to the livestock owned by Albert Berger, a farmer living about one mile from Newberrytown, York county. The animal has two perfectly formed heads, with three eyes in each head, two mouths and all the natural senses on both heads. The calf was born on Sunday. It is frisky and eats from both mouths.

-Six masked men entered the home of Stephen Chester, near Byrnesville, Northumberland county, on Thursday night. bound Mr. and Mrs. Chester and burned where their money was as Chester, it was believed, had considerable money about the house. After ransacking the house the men their condition is critical.

-Leah Gift, aged 80 years, 11 months and 25 days, died at Burnham, Mifflin county, January 16. She was born in Centre township, Union county, now Franklin township, Snyder county, Pa. She was never outside of her native county until the fall of 1906, and never road on a railroad train before November 12, 1906. She never saw a trolley car or rode on one before the above date. She was the last in her generation of relatives.

-Lewisburg has been robbed of one of its most substantial industries by the removal of the Monroe H. Kulp & Co. lumbering equipment to Oldtown, Md., and scores of men are thrown out of employment. For ten years this corporation has operated in the timber lands of the Nittany mountains and has removed millions of feet of logs, but now the woods have been stripped and the company has directed its efforts to new fields.

-A Sunbury man has a pair of slippers that are made of dermis or epidermis, or to be more plain, skin taken from the body of a man who was killed near Williamsport some years ago. It appears that no one came forward to claim the body and it eventually got into a hospital in this State where it was dissected. One of the surgeons there is also interested in a tannery and he had a portion of the skin tanned. It later was sent to a Muncy shoemaker who made a number of pocketbooks and a pair of slippers from it.

-William Buck, who had been foreman and bookkeeper for John E. Detweiler, a cigar manufacturer, of Red Lion, York county, for ten years, went to York last Friday and surrendered himself to an alderman, confessing that he had robbed his employer of about \$600 the past year. He was imprisoned, but Detwiler came and asked for his release saying he had helped him to make money and that he would forgive his offense and reinstate him with an increase of \$10 per month in his wages.

-Fires have been started in the new blast-furnace which was recently completed at Josephine, Indiana county, and on Wednesday the mammoth plant, which was erected at a cost of \$1,000,000, was put in full operation. The plant has a capacity of 1,000 tons per day and will employ 125 men. Stones and blowing machinery have been installed for two furnaces and when the second one is completed, which will be some time during the present year, the capacity of the plant will be doubled.

-Last week Abram L. Houch, a tobacco farmer, residing near New Holland, Lancaster county, delivered his last year's crop in Lancaster, was paid \$600 for it, went to New Holland, visited several hotels, became intoxicated, went home after dark and next morning discovered that his money was gone. Later be accused J. S. Bard and John Woomer with having robbed him. They were arrested and lodged in jail, but Sunday morning Joseph Revier found the purse with \$545, on the highway near New Holland, and the accused were liberated.