Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-Have you made any sacrifices for Lent. -Do you believe that story about GEORGE and the cherry tree?

-The election is over and it is altogether probable that the men who got the most votes were elected.

-All that many men save by making lenten sacrifices is squandered on the Easter bonnets worn by their wives.

-Our Republican friends are wondering why they picked so many lemons in a gar-

den where so many political peaches grow. -Philadelphia still remains corrupt and contented. Her political revivals are more noted for the back sliders they produce than anything else.

--- After the THAW trial is ended the settle their differences and we hope they will use axes in the operation.

-The two-cent car fare law in Pennsylvania, if it ever becomes operative, will probably result in giving the public less luxurious coaches and slower trains.

-A Chicago minister asserts that dancing makes the feet grow large and upon the same proposition we might add that preaching makes the tongue grow long. -A few blue birds seen on the bills a

few days ago reminds us that spring housecleaning time marches on with sprightly step while our physical energies cower. -The harrowing experience of the N. Y.

C. R. R. with high speed electric trains

-The way the Bellefonte Methodists

-The Legislature has been in session six weeks and two bills have gone to the Govalmost as much as "solid Mahogany furni- sufficient respect for the constitution to the office he coveted and in his gratitude ture."

-Congress is to saddle all responsibility for the Panama canal on President Roose-VELT notwithstanding that ROOSEVELT will be gone long before the canal is completed.

-Just what the reformers in Philadelphia are going to do about it is a question that Mr. BLANKENBURG and Sunny JIM will have to argue out. Their battle of ballots is over.

-ADALINE PATTI, the great singer was sixty-four years old on Tuesday. If this be true she must have started her "fare- our lady-like Senator bad no alternative. life was a long continued period of iniwell tours" of America when she was about sixteen.

upper House of Congress. Thus has the result of a sincere respect for the funda- ances as he does in the article in question. Republican party carried out its compact with the Mormons and thus is polygamy flaunted in the face of the public.

-CARUSO demands three thousand dollars a night for singing in grand opera in this country next season. The demand is not known to carry with it any special liberties in the monkey houses of America.

-The best evidence that the people of Bellefonte appreciate the work of an economical and careful official is presented in the overwhelming majority Mr. HOWLEY, a Democrat, received for over-seer of the poor in this largely Republican borough.

-The new clocks that were bought for the various departments in the capitol are being refused because they are too large and dollars each and it is reasonably certain President on that account, however. that the State didn't get them on "tick."

-Baltimore's first attempt at an open all night bank has turned out unsuccessful. so near akin to Philadelphians that we pre-

-The captain of the ill-fated Larchmont dead lion."

a building designed for twelve it is past of the Bellefonte hospital counts for anyup to the Legislature of Pennsylvania Bellefonte and some parts of Centre couna few thousand.

discloses, in a remarkable way, the abso- it is confidently believed that Section II of been growing in the spring contests. Aside | to invalidate it. from Bellefonte borough, where for years there has been a disposition to vote for men and not parties for the local offices, we find Nearly two months have elapsed and only a Republican judge of election and several two bills have been sent to the Governor. other officers elected in rock-ribbed Demo- Of course the spring elections have been cratic Walker township. While in Patton, the cause of the delay. The majority just as staunchly Republican, there were a didn't want to show its purpose until after number of Democrats chosen. All over the vote for municipal offices throughout the county the returns bear proof of the the Commonwealth. But there is no longer effacement of party lines and the lesson any reason for concealment and the floodthis carries is that if party organizations gates will be raised immediately after the are to remain intact there must be none resumption of the session next Monday but the very best men named for office and evening. McNichol will crack the whip their nominations be free of taint of manip- and the procession will move forward toulation or double dealing.

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Senator Knox and Reed Smoot.

Senator Knox, of this State, made a very

ing thrown out of the House of Represen- so that he wasn't elected at all. tatives 'crotch and orupper," a few years With a full understanding of these facts ago, we protested, not against the expul- Judge PENNYPACKER accepted the work sion of a Mormon, but against so grave a of the ballot box stuffers and has been makes us feel that the old steam engine at violation of the constitution. But ROBERTS their grateful friend ever since. The eleca forty-mile per hour gait is fast enough for pretended to be a Democrat and among all tion law which made such a perversion of the Pharisees in both chambers there wasn't the vote possible has likewise been fondly one to remonstrate. He wasn't an Apostle cherished and insidiously defended by him give money for missions has lead many to in the Mormon church or a polygamist in during the years which have elasped and suspect that there is a mint in the base- practice. But he was a Mormon and a no reasoning or inducement could prevail ment of that big gospel factory up on the Democrat, the Republicans needed the vote on him to include ballot reform among the in the House and he was unseated and the subjects of legislation, when such inclusion constitution was flouted.

> is now a Republican in Congress who has crime was the vehicle that carried him into plead for its maintenance. That it is a for the service he prolonged its existence its merit. A year ago when the President any of the Salters or other denizens of the was violating the constitution by usurping slums and votaries of vice who cast the powers not delegated to him, KNOX went fraudulent votes or procured the casting of along, reluctantly, but he went along. them. The receiver of stolen goods is no pointed out infractions of the constitution | courage to commit the burglary. in the matter of the dismissal of the negro troops at Brownsville, Texas, Knox gnash- honor of Pennsylvania which can never be ed his teeth but acquiesced in the outrage. obliterated and probably it is as well that He had to do it. There was a strenuous it shall remain to remind posterity of the man at the other end of the avenue, show- greatest crime against the Commonwealth mental law of the land. But unhappily He compares the "Palace of Graft," to we can't bring ourselves to this amiable "what the Parthenon meant in Athens," exorable logic of events to the belief that crimes committed during its construction Senator Knox is moved by allegiance to in the most vituperative anathema. In the same source.

--- The bureau of commerce presents to the public the interesting information that there is a marked decline in the amount of champagne imported. We wouldn't recommend any friends of ours to bet on the unwieldly. They cost over one hundred election of the Prohibition candidate for

Work of the Legislature.

The emissaries of the contractors' com-The reason, of course, is that the people of bine in the Legislature imitated the ostrich, Baltimore sleep at night. In this they are | which plunges its head in the sand to conceal its body, again, the other day. That sume they will be asking JIM McNICHOL is to say, they rushed through the House an over there to help boss them while awake. | inadequate two cent a mile rate bill for the purpose of fooling the public into the belief evidently stood strictly upon the proposi- that a measure of that character is really tion "that self preservation is the first law contemplated. The bill as passed is absoof nature." However cowardly his act in lutely worthless. It provides for two cent being first to leave his sinking boat he a mile rates, but as Representative BLAKESprobably consoles himself with the thought LEE, of Carbon county, pointed out, rethat "it is better to be a live dog than a quires no fit service for the price. In fact it leaves a door open for extras which will -With twenty-two patients crowded into practically nullify the reform.

But even at that there is no intention to the point where thinking about the needs pass the bill. It was believed that the pretense would help the machine in the spring thing. Doing is the thing now and it is elections in Philadelphia and the bill was rushed through. But it is hardly a secret now that the intention is to defeat it in ty have done well and do not propose to the Senate or cripple it with some absurdly falter in well doing, but if millions of the unconstitutional provision which will nul-State's money can be spent else where why lify it the moment it is brought to a judican't this over-crowded institution receive cial review. It is quite possible that the Railroad Commission bill will pass in prac--The election in the county on Tuesday | tically its present form for the reason that lute non-partisanship that has gradually Article XVII of the constitution will serve

The truth is that all present indications point to a session of unusual venality. ward its destination of graft.

Pennypacker and His Administration.

It was once said of a public man who able argument, the other day, against the talked volubly but without reason, that unseating or expulsion of REED SMOOT, of "whenever he opened his mouth he put Utah, who represents the Mormon church his foot in it." It may be as justly said of and the polygamist propaganda in the Governor PENNYPACKER that whenever he United States Senate. The Senator held, takes his pen in his hand he makes an egrefirst, that it is legally impossible to unseat gious ass of himself. In an article coverthe Mormon Apostle and the only way to ing an entire page of the esteemed Phila-THAW lawyers will have plenty of time to get rid of him is by expulsion, which re- delphia Public Legdger of last Sunday his quires a two-thirds vote. Unseating him ex-excellency exemplifies this fact most by a simple majority vote, Senator Knox strikingly. After a prolonged and entirely continued, would be a most dangerous in- irrelevant preliminary he refers to the sacfraction of the constitution, and "the be- rifices he made in accepting the office and ginning of the end" of the Republic. The declares that he was "elected by the largthought of it made his heart bleed copi- est majority ever given in the State to a Governor save one occasion." As a mat-We confess to having been deeply touch- ter of fact his majority as returned was exed by the force of Senator Knox's argu- actly 91,036 and there were 80,000 frauduments and the logic of his reasoning. Pre- lent votes counted for him in Philadelphia, cisely the same points have been asserted in 40,000 in Allegheny county and 30,000 in these columns time and again. When other cities and populous districts, making Representative ROBERTS, of Utah, was be- a total of 150,000 bogus votes in his favor,

would have guaranteed success during the We are glad to learn, however, that there special session of 1906. That agency of recent development detracts nothing from as long as he could. He was as guilty as More recently when FORAKER and others better, morally, than the thief who has the

But let that pass. It is a stain upon the ighted if we could imagine that it were the science of the people by boasting of misfeas- body with their transparent subterfuge. frame of mind. We are forced by the in- and vilifies those who refuse to condone the the memory of Senator HANNA rather than view of such things it is difficult to indulge by fidelity to the constitution of the coun- the amiable opinion that PENNYPACKER him with a club. try. Smoot's presence in the Senate is the was honest but misguided during the time result of HANNA's partnership with the that he was associated with these affairs. Mormon church and KNOX's presence in It is more reasonable to take the practical the capital at Washington is ascribable to view that he understood and participated in the grafting operations.

Beware of Gift Bearers.

Mr. JOHN D. ROCKERFELLER has somewhat estentationsly announced a contribution of a trifle of \$32,000,000, for educational purposes. This sum, not in money but in stocks or bonds of some corporation in which Mr. ROCKERFELLER is interested, is to be given to the National Board of Education, an institution created at the suggestion of Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE some years ago. A difference of half a cent a gallon in the price of oil would reimburse Mr. ROCKERFELLER in less than a year, and singularly enough the price of oil was increased that much the day after the gift was announced. The transfer of the property will hardly be completed in a year.

We don't think much of these munifient contributions to educational or charitable institutions by every rich man. They are usually made at a time that the donor is menaced by retributive justice and the purpose is to placate public opinion and turn public indignation into popular approbation. They are rarely paid in cash, moreover. Cash payments won't serve the purpose nearly as well. The contribution of stocks or bonds creates a sort of partnership between the philanthropic gentlemen conducting the institution benefited and the practical gentleman who makes the donation.

After it is accomplished the philanthropists are pained when they hear that the benevolent person is threatened because they imagine that his injury might impair the value of the property.

Some years ago Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE tried to get into partnership with the government at Washington by endowing a National University with bonds of the Steel trust. He justly reasoned that if he could consummate such a scheme the Steel trust would be secure against inimical legislation for all time and the effect would be an increase in the value of the bonds which he retained sufficient to make the amount of his donation. There were some men in authority at the time, however, who had perspicacity enough to see through ANDY's little enterprise and they prevented it. ROCKERFELLER may have some similar purpose in mind. Anyway "beware of the gift-bearing Greeks."

Prize Whitewashing Operation.

The directors of the Pennsylvania railroad have given to the public a specimen of whitewashing which is entitled to the prize. During the Interstate Commerce commission inquiry last summer it was developed that vast numbers of the officers and employees of the corporation had acquired shares in various coal companies and that such companies were immensely favored in shipping facilities. It was universal- From the Philadelphia Record. ly agreed that the conditions were inimical to public policy and that where such shares had been acquired without the payment of shipping points. Investigation has been ped down by a vandal. money it was criminal. The principal of- made in 1900 counties, covering practically ficers of the company promptly concurred the whole farming area of the country, in this view, declared that they would investigate and what they would do to those involved would be plenty, after the facts had been ascertained.

though conducted secretly, nobody doubted that it would be searching and the The investigation was at once begun and ed that it would be searching and thorough. Weeks and weeks were spent in and cost of hauling 16 cents per 100 pounds. the examination of witnesses and doon- Reduced to terms of cost per ton mile, the ments and people who understand such 27 cents. things began to look anxiously for an exodus from the Broad Street station building. They were surprised, therefore, when the rate of 44 cents per 100 pounds for the encommittee of the Board of Directors who conducted the affair reported the other day product is for hemp, which is hauled from that only eleven employees and none of the farms to shipping points at an average cost officers of the company had violated the moral obligation which forbids such traffic iu valuable property. The eleven black sheep have been culled out of the flock, we shipping point, corn, oats and barley are are glad to know, and from now on the whole force is ready to join a Psalm singing society on the slightest provocation.

of the officers and employees of the Pennsylvania railroad company have been guilty of the offense charged against them by the 16 cents, and wool, 44 cents. Interstate Commerce commission. In order to give legal form and the semblance of regularity to the operation most of them farmers in hauling their own produce. gave notes to the amount of the market largely by regular freight wagons, and the value of the shares but with a specific or implied understanding that the obligation ing rates per 100 pounds.

----Congressman DEEMER, of Williamsto run again in 1908. His defeat last fall would have admonished most any other man that he wasn't "hankered after," but probably DEEMER wants hints conveyed to

The Japanese Incident.

We have information from Washington that the school authorities of San Francisco have vielded to the importunities and menaces of the President and agreed to permit the moral and physical Asiatic lepers to mingle freely with the white children of the city in the public schools. The consideration for this great danger to the community is the promise that Japanese coolies will no longer be permitted to come to this country. It is always easy to get such a treaty with a government which has military tendencies. The men are wanted at home for compulsory military service and the implied charge that they are loathsome is not resented for that reason. But the San Franciscans are paying a high price for the imaginary advantage they secure.

It is rather creditable to the Japanese coolies that they are auxious for the educational facilities which the public schools of San Francisco afford. In their own country, though they are willing to make any sacrifices for it, they are deprived of schools, not because of poverty but for the reason that illiterates are more tractable in slavery. So they wan; to come here and having come want to learn, and though over school age in years and vice, they want to go to the schools where they can associate with the handsome and wins ome young girls of white people who may thus be drawn down to their own moral level. And the authorities of San Francisco have consented to this because ROOSEVELT who has no relatives there to be polluted, wants to exploit his imperialistic notions at this vast

Japanese coolies have proved strong competitors in the labor markets of the Pacific coast and it is small wonder that there is considerable feeling against them in indusrial centres. The hope of getting rid of them was, of course, the enticing reason which influenced the San Francisco school authorities to accept the President's scheme. But some other influence must have worked on the minds of the Senators jobs and yet they bave put thousands of science in the Senate?

-Secretary Root replied to a resolution of the House of Representatives for information with respect to a tariff agreement with Germany, the other day, that such information will not be made public during this session. In other words the Secretary of State reminds Congress that it can "go hang," if it wants to, or to sheol if it prefers that destination.

An Argument for Good Roads.

The Department of Agriculture has been gathering statistics to show the cost of haul

with the following stated results: The average cost to the farmer of hauling wheat from farms to shipping points is given as 9 cents per 100 pounds, the average distance hauled is 9.4 miles, and the average wagon load of wheat weighs 3323 rate for wheat is 19 cents, and for cotton

The highest cost of haul is for wool, which is carried on an average 39.8 miles tire distance. The lowest cost for any one of 6 cents per 100 pounds, the average distance hauled being 5.2 miles and the average load of hemp weighing 3393 pounds For the entire distance from farm to each hauled at an average cost of 7 cents per 100 pounds; bay, flaxseed, rye and timothy seed, 8 cents; wheat, potatoes and og society on the slightest provocation.

As a matter of fact scores if not hundreds cents; rice, hops and buckwheat, 11 cents; the officers and employees of the Penn-(other than potatoes) and cotton seed, 15 cents; cotton and fruit (other than apples),

Except in the case of wool, practically all costs represent the expense incurred by

The total tonnage of farm products haulwould never be presented for payment. ed on country roads in the United States is Like all other legal fictions, this was a not known, but of twelve leading products false pretense but not a crime that is ac- it is estimated that nearly 50,000,000 tons ing his teeth and swinging a big stick, and which QUAY ever perpetrated, though his tionable in the courts of justice. But the were hauled from farms during the crop turpitude is quite as palpable as if the year 1905 6, at a cost of about \$85,000,000, Gratifying as this revelation of improve- quity. It ought, however, to restrain causfer had been in the form of a gift and local mackets. Of this traffic, 40,000,000 ment is, we would be very much more de- PENNYPACKER from insulting the con- the whitewashing directors have fooled no- tons represent the weight of corn, wheat and cotton, and the cost of hanling these on Tuesday night, to steal a locomotive. three products was \$70,000,000

A stronger argument for the building of good roads, or for the extension of trolley port, has already announced his intention roads with the freight-carrying privilege, could hardly be presented.

Old Gang is in the Saddle.

From the Altoona Times.

The voting in Philadelphia on Tuesday proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the old gang, which was temporarily in eclipse, is again in the saddle. Congress man Revburn has been elected mayor by a majority of over 40,000 which is almost as large as that given for Governor Stuart last Mr. Revburn was generally regarded as

the organization caudidate, and was op posed by a fusion of the City party and the Democrats. All the arguments used in the previous reform campaigns were hurled against Revburn, but it was a difficult matter to arouse the voters to the pitch of enthusiasm that culminated in the temporary overthow of the gang a year ago.

Although the Durhams, the McNichols and other members of the gang are again rehabilitated, the lesson learned will not likely be soon forgotten. The hundreds of thousands of votes cast for Potter, the fusion caudidate for mayor, constitute a formidable opposition that will act as a deterrept and prevent a repetition of the shameless debauchery and perversion of government that caused Philadelphia to be contemptuously referred to as "corrupt and contented."

There may be contract grafting and the utilization of governmental functions for the aggrandizement of individuals, but it will be a long time until they are practiced as brazenly as they were before the up-heaval came. The gangsters will be timorous of again invoking a scourge of the public wrath.

A continuation of the City party is the hest insurance against rotten government The Democracy in Philadelphia is atroph ized and but a little less rotten than the old Republican gang, so little can be hoped for from this source. The gangsters, however, will be held in check by the virile, alert independent organization that has done so much for the regeneration of the city of Philadelphia.

Where the Money Belonged. From the Pittsburg Post.

Judge Kunkel, of the Dauphin county court, has decided that the State has no

claim to the enormous fees collected by ex-Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, who is believed to have secured \$141,223 from 1899 to 1904. The same ruling applies to ex-Commissioner George B. Luper, who received \$15,883, and exner James H. Lambert, who got \$28 182. In addition to these fees these men were paid salaries. Their claim that they had a legal right to the fees has thus far been vindicated. But even if it is finally sustained by the highest court, there can be no doubt that these fees should in Congress who have consented to this never have been directed by law to be paid atrocious arrangement. There was no dan- to the commissioners as individuals. They should have gone into the State treasury. ger that Japanese coolies would take their That they did not do so was because the leaders planned otherwise and girls in San Francisco in peril of an evil had the legislation drawn accordingly. greater than death to gratify the impulse This \$200,000, it may be remarked, is but a hundredth part of the public money dibe that patronage is stronger than conmachine and which should have gone into

President Mitchell, having no scales to the State treasury.

Spawls from the Keystone

-Altoona's \$500,000 High School will be dedicated by State Superintendent of Instruction Schaeffer, March 22.

-Fellow workmen saved William Bodine from drowning in Catawissa creek, at Bloomsburg, when he fell in while cutting ice.

-Fear that her husband would be se prison for alleged violation of the fish laws drove Mrs. Samuel Schwenk, of Glendale,

-In three successive ovsters that Hugh Garren opened in a Bethlehem restaurant he found three good-sized pearls, which a gem broker valued at \$300.

-A boil under his left arm caused the death of William Balsinger, of Altoona, aged 47 years, a Pennsylvania raildrod moulder, It superinduced blood poisoning.

-The Sullivan county jail at Laporte has but one prisoner-and that a man accused of murder. And that man is there because of a drinking orgie in a lumber camp.

-Three thousand eggs in a year for twenty hens is the record which Samuel Parkhill, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, claims for his bevy of feathered beauties.

-One hundred trolley poles erected west of the city by the Altoona, Hollidaysburg & Bedford Springs Railway company, which is to connect Bedford and Altoona, were chop-

-There are nine applications for license in Huntingdon county at license court which will be held March 4, 1907. Six are from Huntingdon, two from Smithfield township and one from Orbisonia.

-I Calvin Fornest of Redford, recently secured a patent on a harness fastener. Patent attorneys have offered to have it patented in foreign countries for a commission, and have advised Mr. Earnest not to sell his right for less than \$8,000 or \$10,000.

-A number of counterfeit dimes are in circulation in Altoona at the present time. They made their appearance a few days ago, but where they came from is a mystery. They are fairly well executed, and on account of the small denomination are rather easily passed.

-Aroused by the scarcity and high prices of farm preducts, the Wo-man's Club of Montgomery county is planning for an 'Agricultural Day" on February 28, to be devoted to a discussion of scientific agriculture. The advantages of State college will also be discussed.

The finding of the head and a portion of the body of a man, late Sunday afternoon, created excitement among Landsdowne residents living in the vicinity of what is known as the "Dump," a section of land used to deposit ashes and other refuse gathering in North-west Philadelphia.

-Charges have been addressed to President Roosevelt by nearly 1,000 citizens of Carlisle, asking for the appointment of a commission to take testimony on charges against Caleb C. Brynton, postmaster at that place, alleging that "he has not devoted the proper time to the business of the office and that he has been politically active in violation of the civil service rules."

-Two drunken boys made an attempt at the round house of the Maryland and Penusylvania railroad at York The wate man heard investigate found one of the boys up on the seat in the engine cab with his hand on the throttle side. They said they were news boys and intended to take a ride to Delta.

-Indiana will have but two licensed houses next year. Judge Telford's decisions on twenty-eight of the thirty-three applications have been filed. The Moore and the National hotels are the only two granted licenses at the county seat. Three other applicants were refused. Licenses have also been granted at Creekside, Chambersville, Rossiter, Wehrum, Heilwood, Cherry Tree, Arcadia, Lovejoy and Glen Campbell.

-Martin McConnell, a car repairman employed at the Avis yard, Lycoming county, had his left foot so badly mangled Wednesday morning that it had to be amputated. Mc-Connell was walking on the the tracks and did not notice the approach of a train back of him until it was nearly on his. He made an effort to get out of the way but his foot caught on a rail and he fell. The train passed over his foot, nearly severing

-Mrs. Zeller, the wife of John Zeller, of Annville, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite at her home on Friday and their two children, Lydia, aged 13 years, and Mary, aged 5 years, were so badly burned and lacerated that there is little hope of their recovery. The house was wrecked. Zeller placed three sticks of dynamite in the stove to thaw and went to work neglecting to tell his wife that the dynamite was in the oven.

-At the annual meeting of Group 6 Pennsylvania State Bankers' association, comprising the counties of Blair, Bedford, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield and Huntingdon, held at the First National bank building at Tyrone officers were re-elected for another year. They are: F. K. Lukenbach, of the Blair County National bank, president, and Mr. Blandy, of Osceola, as secretary. A number of prominent banking men of various parts of the country were present and addressed the bankers.

-The old Packer House, one of the largest hostelries in Sunbury, and the Seebold build ing, adjoining the hotel, were practically destroyed by fire Monday, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000. The Seabold building is an apartment house and guests in both buildings were compelled to flee. While the fire was in progress thieves were found rifling the rooms in the hotel and one man was arrested. The burned buildings were located along the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad and traffic was delayed several hours.

-The convention of District No. 2, of the United Mine Workers, which is to be held at DuBois, beginning Tuesday, March 12th, will be a meeting of unusual size and importance. The customary place of meeting has been Altoona, a city nearer the centre of the the district which extends on the south to the Maryland boundary line. It is certain that Cengressman Wilson, the national negotiate at other points, will also attend.