Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings

-By the end of this week Mr. THAW will probably know what is to become of

-While a dog growls over his dinner the dyspeptic usually does his growling after.

-The streets and crossings of Bellefonte Tuesday were enough to give the most even tempered person a brain storm.

-If TEDDY succeeds in getting TAFT into the Presidency maybe TAFT will give TEDDY the job of sitting on the lid.

-Easter is not far off and the good old chicken hen is getting right down to work in anticipation of the usual great demand

-Honduras and Nicaragua are said to be at war over a mule. If the mule were left to itself it would promptly kick the war clouds out of sight.

-When Dowie and the real ELIJAH meet up in Heaven there will likely be a show down that will start more than a gentle zephyr in the celestial atmosphere.

-The College boys play at Garman's tonight and you can take it from us that many a Bellefonte girl will have a connintion fit over the cleverness of the dear fellows.

the theories of modern builders.

exodus of pooh-poohs, because you know office.

-MABELLE GILMAN issaid to be booked for reappearance on the stage in this country. Can it be possible that there has been a slip in her steps toward being the Mrs. President of the United States Steel corporation.

-The CARNEGIE hero medals were passed around on Monday. The man who saved the stock market panic last Thursday not having come forth with bis claims there was none saved for the hero of that catastrophe.

-Dr. Evans baving given a scientific holds a rolling pin aloft and makes things of proper description.

ers will get it where many chickens certainly will.

-Well, we had the sapling bender on Tuesday morning. Now for the robin snow, the poor man's manure and the onion snow. While spring is here these are old pass before the season is settled.

-That Akron, Ohio, man who was defending a divorce suit on the ground that he is not an habitual drunkard ought to have been given time, at least, to dig up a little sen-sen before they made him blow his breath in the faces of the jurors.

-Philadelphia wants FRANK LEAKE for head of her filtration bureau. Mr. LEAKE is probably a very good man but the name is a bad one to apply to the water department, especially since it has been leaks that have caused all the trouble down there.

-Ex-Senator BURTON, of Kansas, who will be released from his six months term in prison today proposes to edit his newspaper in defense of his acts and show up President ROOSEVELT'S pernicious activity in other people's affairs. It will be interesting, no doubt.

-One of the CARNEGIE bero medals should go to our new postmaster. His ex planation of how he wanted to and couldn't dump clerk CHAMBERS is an exhibition of asinine nerve seldom seen in communities where people are supposed to have some little intelligence.

-One by one the railroad presidents are dropping in for a call at the White House and, strange as it may seem, none of them If their silence is golden some one will be taking a ride skyward on a lot of low priced stocks some of these days.

-If the North American wants to know what ought to be done for President Roose-VELT after he gets out of office it should direct its inquiries to the railroad presidents of the country. One thing is certain they won't be running the finest trains the world ever saw just to please him as they once did. So far as they are concerned it will be a side-door Pullman for him when he goes traveling.

-The work of the capitol investigating committee is progressing satisfactorily and its greatest vindication is of the declaration made last year by State Treasurer BERRY. At that time he insisted that there was graft and corruption in the construction of the building, but the machine press of the State made the most vituperative attacks on him and insisted that he could point to no cases. Of course he could not while HAMP. CARSON was protecting the grafters with his unmeaning opinions as Attorney General, but now that the Legislature has gotten to work with an honest and determined corps of lawyers all that BERRY charged, and more too, is being found out. | Cresson.....

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The Taxes that One Corporation Has Evaded or Failed to Pay.

If additional facts, to those already furnished the people, were needed to show the inequality and unjustness of the present tax system of Pennsylvania, or to illustrate how corporations evade the payment of the moiety of taxes imposed upon them, the following figures certainly should be suf-

ficent : The Adams Express company is a foreign corporation, the stock of which is largely owned and controlled by non-residents. It is permitted to do business within this State upon the payment of a two mill tax based upon the gross amount of business done within the Commonwealth. While our courts and public officials protect its property and punish those committing wrongs against it; while it has the use of our streets and public highways for its delivery wagous in the transportation of packages and -The experience with water-proof cel- freights that it sends to or receives from its lars in Pittsburg recently has been such as thousands of offices scattered over the counto lead the people of that city to believe try, yet it pays no local toxes to mainthat water, like fire, often times explodes tain either the courts or public officers nor does it help in any way to make or keep in -The Illinois Legislature is considering repair the public highways that it uses a bill creating the office of state beer taster. daily. Even for the horse and wagon that If it passes you needn't be surprised at an it uses to gather up and deliver its shipments at its different offices it claims and is most any one of them could qualify for the allowed exemption from taxation on the ground that these are necessary to do the business upon which it pays to the State the two mills of taxes assessed against it.

Nor does it pay the pitiable two mill tax upon its gross business within the State How it escapes or evades this we do not know unless it is by a false return of the amount done, or through the gross neglect or favoritism of state officials.

The WATCHMAN has been to no little trouble and considerable expense in securing the figures given in connection herewith, and particularly in getting hold of those showing the gross amount of business done, and the expenses of doing that business, at explanation of what a "brain storm" is the 210 of its principal offices within the State. actions of the irate house-wife when she In addition to the points named this company has in the neighborhood of 2,000 fly generally will no longer suffer for want other offices in Pennsylvania the aggregate business of which will equal, if not exceed. -The Central Pennsylvania Methodist the amounts done at the places indicated. Conference is now being entertained in Ty- And to this can be added all the business it rone and knowing so well the hospitality receives from its thousands upon thousands of that town we are sure none of the preach- of offices outside of the State that has to be carried from the State lines to its patrons within it as well as for the traffic it carries through Pennsylvania in delivering goods from one State into another.

How much this would increase the total if added to the gross business within the time eventualities that necessarily come to State would be but conjecture on our part, but should certainly be sufficent to off-et any claims the company might make for deductions for shipments made to points outside the State from offices within it.

> During the past twenty-nine years this company has paid into the State Treasury a total of \$91,958.82, or an average per year of \$3,170.79. If it paid during this time the full two mill tax required by law the payments would indicate that it had reported a gross business yearly of but \$1,585 .-000. How much this amount falls short of the actual "gross business" done during all these years can only be guessed at but an idea can be had by comparing the following figures with the average returns made by the company :

> For the year 1906, according to the company's own books, at but 210 of its offices within the State it did a gross business of \$8,905,955, with an office expense of \$1,-355,790. Estimating that at its almost 2,000 other offices, not included in this list, an equal amount was done this would make a gross business of over \$17,000,000 in place of \$1,588,000 as a basis for its two mill tax. On the figures shown by the company's own accounts-the tax is should pay annually would be close to or over \$34,000 per year in place of \$3,170,79.

As evidence of the correctness of this statement the business done during 1906 have anything to say after they come out. and the expense of doing it at the following offices are given :

Cross	Receipts.	Expenses.
Allegheny City	19 918	2 670
Altoona	136 109	15 77
Aporlo	8 038	936
Ardmore	15 039	2 719
Barnesboro	9 838	93
Bedford	12 298	1 37
Bellefonte	15 711	1 74/
Belle Vernon	6 152	1 685
Bellwood	5 562	857
Berwick	11 153	2 690
Blairsville	17 963	1 825
Bloomsburg	11 788	2 411
Braddock	27 144	2 49
Bradford	18 942	3 23
Bridesburg	7 950	848
Bristol	16 197	1 639
Brookville	15 940	1 583
Brownsville	22 520	3 273
Bryn Mawr	23 753	2 501
Burnham	14 118	67
Butler	26 088	3 53
California	7 675	691
Canton	11 083	1 507
Carbondale	6 612	1 24/
Carlisle	26 341	2 876
Chambersburg	36 303	2 820
Charleroi	32 511	3 089
Chester	47 973	7 720
Chester Hill	11 117	741
Cheswick	5 430	372
Christiana	4 561	431
Cla rton	6 714	1 053
Clarion	6 9:1	967
Clearfield	20 891	2 523
Coalport	4 338	600
Coatesville	20 990	2 946
Coburn	5 038	520
Columbia	16 826	2 296
Concordville	6 027	598
Conneilsville	27 837	2 973
Conshohocken	8 244	1 145
Corry	19 989	3 734
Cresson	10 738	2 871

5 001 75 750 Wrightsville. 4 847 125 526 11 193 8 905 955 I 355 790 Total

-The many friends of John L. Given, years ago when he followed the occupation sion that our resources are inexhaustible. that he has written a book, although the be a settlement. The laws of commerce subject matter will not be of first in- are inexorable and we now warn the peoterest to the general public. Its title is ple that the danger point has been reached. treated in every phase from starting out to to avert the impending calamity but we do gather the news to the money making end know that unless the appropriations are of it. The book will appear about the end out down to the measure of the frevenues of the month from the press of Henry Holt there will be bankruptcy. & Co.

missioners held a joint meeting at Beech pled gray team of horses from D. H. Shive-Creek on Monday to decide on the repairs ry, of Buffalo Run, for \$580.00. The team to be made on the inter-county bridge, was taken to Lock Haven on Sunday and which was considerably damaged by last the Good Will boys are now drilling them training there for the next two weeks or that would lead to the arrest of the murderers week's high water.

Roosevelt's Sinister Purpose.

President ROOSEVELT means to centralize control of the sailroads in the federal government, the Washington correspondents inform us. There is no authority of law for such a movement. but the President doesn't bother himself about such things. His own inclinations are all the law he cares for and his impulses the only gaide he follows. It is a dangerous thing to have a Chief Magistrate of a Republic so constituted. President WOODROW WIL-SON, of Princeton University, says the people "unquestionably esteem Mr. CLEVE-LAND more highly than they would otherwise have done because of the imprudent willfulness which they have seen his successor display. They know now that while they love boldness and are weary of time-serving mediocrity," President WILson continues, "they would feel much safer if boldness were tempered with good judgment and striking leadership planned

along wisely calculated lines." President ROOSEVELT finds conditions propitious for such plunging into devious paths of political adventure. The pirates of the railroad world are auxious now to come under the sheltering wing of the federal government, just as the buccaneers of the insurance world were auxious for the same security when outraged public opinion was hot foot after them. Senator DRY-DEN, of New Jersey, begged for the protection of the administration when the Legislatures of the States began penalizing the crimes of himself, the McCALLS, the Mc-CURDYS and their affiliated insurance robbers. It was easy to deal with CORTELYOU but impossible to make terms with Governor Folk, of Missouri. Moreover the idea was to use CORTELYOU as a shield against FOLK, and HARRIMAN and the other railroad pirates have now taken up the same scheme and the President proposes to work it out for them. It is the greatest conspiracy of modern times, the

collossal crime of the age. When Secretary of State Root first intimated the purpose of the President, in a speech before the Pennsylvania Society of New York, it met with scant favor and the Secretary promptly apologized for his temerity. He didn't mean that the federal government would usurp the prerogatives of the state governments, he protested, unless it happened that the state governments, failed to exercise their power to the prejudice of public interests. But the President makes no such condition now. He declares positively that he will [usurp the authority and exercise it not because the state governments are delinquent but for the reason that they are too drastic. ROOSEVELT wants to save the railroad magnates from the just penalties of their crimes. They contributed the money to buy his

election and owes them the favor. It will be a sad day for the American Republic when this crime against the constitution is consummated.

Bankruptey Impending.

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The appropriation bills already introduced in the Legislature during the present session, according to a conservative Philadelphia contemporary, aggregate \$68, 134,-000. Of this sum \$25,000,000 are lembraced in what is known as the general appropriation bill. The balance of the enormous total is for charities, bounties of one sort or another and other uses. The appropriations are for two years, of course, but will exceed the revenues by not less than \$20,-000,000. Therefore there must be a cutting down all along the line, but pruning will not begin until the log rolling is over.

As that most innocent of all the looters, Governor PENNYPACKER, would say, Pennsylvania is a very rich and exceedingly resourceful State. Her mines are inexhaustible, her factories illimitable. But there is a limit, nevertheless, to her powers of endurance, and if profligacy is continued too long and extravagance carried too far, there will be a smashing sooner for later and the burden of the disaster will settle upon the real estate of the people as it always does and must. The corporations can default and postpone obligations but the

real estate can neither hide nor run away. We are cherishing up wrath against the day of wrath. We have been wasting with an old Bellefonte boy and who several a lavish hand, apparently under the delafor a livelihood was regarded one of the But we will find out differently if the profbrightest young newspaper men in New ligacy continues. The day of reckoning York city, will be interested in the fact will come and when it arrives there must "Making a Newspaper," and the subject is We don't know what interests must suffer

-The Good Will fire company, of --- The Centre and Clinton county com- Lock Haven, last week purchased a dapfor use in their engine.

NO. 12. The Republican Congress.

From the Commoner, Lincoln, Neb. At its short session recently closed the Republican congress broke all records for extravagance, and subserviency to special

It appropriated nearly \$1,000,000,000 of the public money.

It increased the salary of senators and

representatives fifty per cent.
It passed the Aldrich currency bill which takes a step in the direction of asset currency by increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$9,000, the amount of national bank notes which may be retired during any one monch and gives to the national banks the use of government funds without interest. It tried to fasten upon the people the

ship subsidy, which steal, having passed the house by republican votes, was defeated in the senate by a democratic filibuster. Here are some of the things which the republican senate either directly ignored or

deliberately defeated: Tariff revision. Popular election of senators. Income tax. Inheritance tax. Copyright law revision. Philippine tariff reversion. Citizenship for Porto Ricans. Child labor bill.

Beveridge's effort to require the date on meat products. LaFollett's valuation bill, or anti-stoci watering measure.

LaFollette's efforts to obtain for the people justice in the matter of the mails car ried by the railroads. It was a great congress-great in its waste of public money and great in its willingness to serve the special interests

Speaker McClain Says his Say.

From the Easton Argus. Speaker McClain, of the House at Harrisburg, finally put his foot down Thursday, in an effort toput a stop to the flood of new bills which has poured into both branches of the Legislature since the opening of the session. Nearly 1,100 bills have been introduced in the House and over 450 in the Senate. A majority of these measures remain tied up in the committees to which they have been referred. As a result the business of the body is becoming congested and the final days of the session will be blocked completely when everything comes up at the last minute. Whether McClain's motive was any other than honest, or not, it certainly points out a glaring defect in the methods in use in the Legislature. The action of committees in pigeon-holing legislation at the pleasure of the members and keeping the merits of the bill from dis-cussion on the door of the body is wrong from beginning to end. It is in the first place a most cowardly manner of defeating any project which may find its way to the capitol for the consideration of the members. The injury the practice works is incalculable. McClain's spur on the committees ought to bring along out with a lot of other bills, the measures which incorporate a number of the ante-election promises made by the Republicans which, since their introduction, have resposed in securi-

lators for a fulfillment of their promises. Unfair Detay.

ty in the committee rooms. The result of

his announcement will be watched with a

great deal of interest by the citizens throughout the state who look to the legis-

From the Northumberland County Democrat.

The Grangers of the State have good reason to be impatient on account of the de-lay in the passage of legislation at Harrisburg in which they are interested. Ten weeks of the session have passed and not a single one of the measures that were promised them before the election has been enacted into law. The farming interest has had a representation at the State capital all winter, but its efforts have been of but little avail.

What the Grangers want is not unreasonable. They demand the removal of unjust discrimination in the taxation of "farm property and other real estate," believing that corporate property should bear a large share of the tax burden. They want larger appropriations for schools and the State to pay a larger proportion of the expense of roadbuilding and maintenance. They favor a two cent per mile passenger rate by the railroads, and the right of "trolley lines to carry any and all kinds of freight in country districts."

These are not unreasonable demands and if the action of the Legislature should comply with them they would be far more conducive to general public interests than the measures in favor of the corporations which our State lawmakers are too much disposed to enact into law.

Another Discovery.

From the Williamsport Sun.

Among other things that are being discovered at Harrisburg in these days of finding out, it is learned that for reporting the hes of legislators and noting hills they introduce the state will have to pay nearly \$60,000 more this year than in 1905ump from \$2.86 a page for publishing the Record in one session to \$12 the following session. Two years ago the contractor re ceived \$16,190.16 for printing the procedngs of both houses in the Record and furnishing copies to the members. The Record for the session consisted of 5,661 pages which at \$2.68 a page netted the contractor \$16,190,60. The same number of pages at \$12 a page will give the contractor \$67,932 an increase of \$51,741.40. This amazed nembers who were made acquainted with the figures, and a fight is expected against these items in the general appropriation bill. The publication of the Record is awarded by contract every four years. Legislators say they will oppose the priation when it comes up and let Postmas ter Stackpole sue. They declare that the increase is beyond reason, and that if the contractor does not compromise he will get

-The Johnstown baseball team went to State College this week and will be in Spawls from the Keystone.

-The oldest citizen of Williamsport is dead. His name was John Bluhm and he was 93 years of age.

-During the month of February there were ten births and five deaths in the borough of Jersey Shore.

-The Wayne hotel at Clearfield, has been sold by Jefferson Wayne to Ed. Smith, of that place, the consideration being \$5,500.

Eleven licenses to marry were issued during the mouth of February by the clerk of the orphans' court of Perry county, The total number issued since the law went into effect is 3.874.

-The county commissioners of Lehigh county, have fixed the county tax rate this year at one and eight-tenths mills on the dollar, which is said to be the lowest rate of any county in the State.

-St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Lock Haven, which has been undergoing improvements for the past 6 months, will be reopened on Sunday, March 24. The improvements amount to \$7,000.

-A diamond ring slipped off the finger of Miss Catharine Gortner, of Shamokin, about four weeks ago, and was lost in the snow. On Monday the snow had all melted away and the ring was found in some dead grass.

-The total production of coal in the Dauphin-Schuylkill district the past year was 2,204,192 tons and there were sixteen fatal accidents and sixty non-fatal, thus costing eight lives for every million tons of coal

-All the candidates at the recent election from mayor to registry assessor, in Bloomsburg, have placed their expense statements in the hands of the clerk of courts and all report there was no expenditure for election or defeat.

Dogs are reported to be chasing deer in the Farrandsville and Queens Run dristict of Clinton county. On Monday a deer was run into the river at Farrandsville and on Tuesday another one was brought down to the river at Queen's Run.

-Peter Senhosky, who was a boarder in Chester for several weeks, stole a trunk from his landlady containing \$475 in gold, but he has been captured at Newark, N. J., and \$300 of the money recovered. He will be

taken to Chester for trial. -The Franciscus hardware store in Lewistown was entered by thieves on Thursday morning and ten revolvers were carried off. The thieves were evidently frightened away before they did any further depredations as nothing else was missing.

-Saul Watts, aged 28 years, is a patient in the Williamsport hospital. Watts was out coon hunting in the mountains back of Jersey Mills, Lycoming county. His gun was accidentally discharged as he was going over a log and a 44-calibre bullet entered his right thigh.

-Rev. W. W. Dunmire, a local Methodist minister and former newspaper publisher of Altoona, died on Saturday at the Home of a daughter in Washington, D. C., the result of a stroke of paralysis received last October. He was aged 60 years, and is survived by his wife and seven sons and daughters.

-Amos Martin, of New Castle, celebrated his 109th birthday anniversary on the 13th inst., in the enjoyment of good health. He was born near Glasgow, Scotland, in 1798, and came to this country when a boy. He served in the Mexican and Civil wars and is believed to be the oldest living soldier in the United

States. -Miss Sadie Abels, of Pittsburg, has entered suit against Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Graff, of that city, for \$20,000 damages for malicious prosecution. Some time ago Miss Abels was arrested and locked up, being charged with stealing a pair of diamond earrings from M1s. Graff, valued at \$1,200. At the trial she was acquitted, hence the suit.

-Negotiations have been closed for the transfer of leases on extensive ore and mineral land holdings in Penn, Cass, Walker and West townships, Huntingdon county, to the Colonial Iron company. The leases cover an aggregate of 5,000 acres, which will be developed by the Colonial company for its furnaces at Riddlesburg, Bedford county.

-The people of Wellsboro, Tioga county, have been considerably agitated by learning on Saturday that Dr. S. P. Hakes, local member of the State board of health, had found in Catlin Hollow, three miles distant, seven cases of small-pox in three families. The disease originated in a family that had received letters from Watkins, N. Y., where the disease is epidemic.

-One of the most palatial vehicles ever seen in the eastern part of the State has just been completed by a carriage builder in Quakertown, Bucks county. It is for Joseph Welsh, a gypsy chief, and his wife, the queen. It is richly upholstered, has several large mirrors, beyeled French plate glass windows at the sides and is gayly painted in red and green, with a handsome coat of arms, profuse gold striping and beautiful ornaments.

-Seven young men came very near being asphyxiated on Friday night in the armory at Plymouth, Luzerne county. A church fair was being held in the building and the young men remained during the night to prevent articles being stolen. The gas had not been properly turned off at several jets and a stupor gradually came upon them until about midnight, when one awoke very sick and realizing what was wrong managed to arouse the others.

-While on a business trip in Huntingdon county Wednesday, W. A. Tobias, the Mackeyville butcher, had a narrow escape from being thrown into Shaver's creek. As he was driving on a bridge on his way to Petersburg, the current of the overflowed stream. which covered the approach almost carried the vehicle, with the occupant, into the main creek, and it was with much difficulty that the horses succeeded in pulling the buggy on the bridge

-Patrolman John P. Maloney, of the Williamsport police force, was shot and almost insantly killed about 8:30 o'clock last Wednesday night by one of two supposed tramps. The murder occurred along the Reading rail. road tracks several hundred yards east of Mosser's tannery and the two men who figured in the bloody tragedy succeeded in effecting their escape. Mayor Foresman-within an hour after learning of the murder-offered an individual reward of \$100 for information They have since been captured.