## democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

Senator Knox says "things look good" to him. The Senator is not from Missouri. -The hand that rocks the cradle is by

no means the same one that rocks the boat. -Our entire naval fleet is to be transferred to the Pacific, but only for pacific

-The prophets who got so gay about "the cool summer of 1907" are in the ice

-The fellows who are so anxious to get into war with Japan ought to be delegated to do the fighting

Booze seems to be gradually crowding the fire cracker out as a proper method celebrating the Fourth.

-The railroads of the country consume eighty-four million ties annually, yet we wonder where our forests are going to.

-The most hopeful sign we have seen hung out for Democratic success in 1908 is Tom Lawson's prediction that if Roose-VELT runs for a third term he will get forty per cent. of the Democratic vote.

-It is said that gold can be beaten so experiment to prove this statement.

-With all the bad streaks San Francisco has been showing within the past year it must be acknowledged that she does put paper that assailed him. her bad citizens in jail and keep them there, when the degree of their badness is

-Mayor REYBURN, of Philadelphia, by he has subscribed himself as "fraternally," secretary of the appointment of Senator GRADY as diadding his present title of "Secretary of Columbis, Ps. J. rector of docks and ferries, in that city, the Fifth Reserve association." We ashas just given the people of Philadelphia sume that nobody will question Mr. another illustration of the fact that spas- GRIER's right to address veterans of the

it" says fighting Bos Evans of the Ameri- undeniably. That he is the secretary of can navy, concerning the war scare with the Fifth Reserve association is equally Japan. We will take it from BoB but if indisputable. He has usurped no power war really should come the Japs will have and misrepresented no fact. There remains yer, an upright man, an honorable gentleto take it from BoB too, and take it good nothing for consideration, therefore, exand hard.

-The haste with which all the Standard oil fellows got to Chicago for their trial might be construed as a reflection on the seriousness of Chicago justice; especially since everybody remembers how persistently they evaded service that would have put them in the scales of Missouri justice and needlessly incensed this mercenary the present admirable State Treasurer, who would probably have died in the pen- is the head. He knows next to nothing of ly they evaded service that would have

that had much promise and possibly more revenue resources of the State to meet. The schemes. He said that the election of a one moral shortcomings, it is about time of an honest fortune than the sum he tried bill as it passed the Senate appropriated successor of the same sound fibre is essentiate that he should be quietly dropped into the to steal has been wrecked.

-The visit of one of the state factory inspectors to Bellefonte this week has re- SHEATZ personally "electioneered" the sulted in orders that fire escapes be placed on fifteen buildings in this town ; some of them so ridiculously unnecessary that it looks as though the law were designed more to swell the business of fire escape manufacturers than anything else.

the Panama canal isn't surprising at all. GRIER. The one is a government job, the others corporation ; yet TEDDY can't see that he ought to set his own house in order before he gets the "big stick" after others.

-The action of council in voting to accept the PRUNER orphanage in the face of the wishes to the contrary of the majority of the taxpayers of the town was as condemnable as the act of the Burgess in vetoing the resolution was commendable. Councilmen are elected by the people to represent the people and not their personal fanaticisms, petty jealousies or spites.

- ree President FAIRBANKS is reported as having dashed from the hotel veranda and rescued a lady from drowning in Yellowstone lake on Tuesday. There is no doubt of this story's having been arranged for presidential advertising purposes for the hotel is too far from the lake for even a pair of legs as long as the Vice President's to cover the distance in time to save anyone who has fallen in. KNOX will have to get some one to steal his diamonds now.

-If the Pennsylvania Railroad company giggling girls and "masher" boys who crowd its station platform in this place ing trains it has undertaken a service to The practice has grown to such proportions that travelers get to and from the cars only broken up effectually.

-Col. HAYES GRIER, of Columbia, has fallen under the ban of the North American's unwarranted abuse because as a valiant old soldier he has called on his comrades to vote against SHEATZ for State Treasurer because of the part he played in defeating the soldier's pension bill. Col. GRIER's war record is better than anything the North American can produce and his call to his comrades will certainly bear more weight than the villifying answer of journal guided more by expediency than

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Mr. Sheatz and the Pension Bill.

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The mercenary and mendacious Philadelphia North American made a scurrilous attack on Mr. W. HAYES GRIER, editor of the Columbia Independent, the other day, because he has exercised his right to urge associates in the late war of the Rebellion to vote against the Republican candidate for State Treasurer at the coming election. Mr. GRIER, as the mercenary North Amerion states, was a member of the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves during the Civil War and enjoys an enviable record as a soldier. He is a Democrat and may have made mistakes of the head. But he has not made the old Republican bosses happy anything near as frequently as our mendacious contemporary and its mercenary editor has thin that one ounce of it will cover a space achieved that result. As a matter of fact, one hundred and forty-six feet square. It however, what he has done in the past is is not likely that many people will try the irrelevant in the present affair. The only question to be considered in the premises is the relative accuracy of the statements of Mr. GRIER and the mercenary news-

Mr. GRIER, we infer from the statement of the North American, has sent postal cards to a number of veterans whom he has addressed as "comrades," and upon which modic voting for reform will not bring real Civil war as "comrades." If faithful, efficient and courageous service in battle -"Take it from me, there's nothing to and bivouac conveys the privilege it is his cept the accuracy of his statements, for he accepted it with a complete understand- the Declaration of Independence. even a journal as unfair and mendacious ing of the obligations involved. Fully as is the North American will hardly deny aware that acceptance meant a hard cama citizen and a soldier the right to oppose any candidate for ample reasons. At least against corruption afterward, he has asno fair-minded American will assume such sumed the burdens.

put them in the scales of shistour justice only about a year ago.

That fools men can be is illustrated in the fate of Chester B. Runyan, the in the fate of Chester B. Runyan, the New York bank clerk who tried to get away with \$96,000 of the bank's cash.

The commissioners of sales freasurer, who would probably have died in the pentite for its operations. He is in touch with none of its workings. He is in touch with none of its operations. He doesn't know anything of its ramifications. Even its capital zation is a matter of guess-work as in the fate of Chester B. Runyan, the on Appropriations, of which Mr. John O. Shearz was chairman, increased the appropriations for pensions for soldiers of propriations for pensions for soldiers of indices him to the office. They exhausted every effort to indice the fate of th Already he is in a felon's cell and a life the Civil war to an aggregate beyond the \$1,000,000 which the House Committee tial to complete the reforms he has beincreased to \$5,754,375. This is a matter gun. The Democratic convention selected place in which he is so fit to abide and proof record. It may be added that Mr. House Committee to make the increase, while he must have known, if he knows anything, that that was beyond conscience. He abhors corruption and will the resources of the State. That is the fight it incessantly and uncompromisingly. sum and substance of Mr. GRIER's accusation and it is completely supported by the The fact that railroad contractors in this country excavate twice as many cubic yards of rock and dirt in a day, with the same class of diggers, as is being done on point and confirm the statement of Mr. same class of diggers, as is being done on point and confirm the statement of Mr.

On the other hand the paper referred to states that "it would have been easy for not only know how to trace corruption but Mr. Sheatz and his colleagues to have passed along a bob-tailed measure without be providing funds for the pensions," and punished. adds that "SHEATZ was urged by some of the gangsters to do it, as that would leave it so defective as to make an executive veto almost certain." This assertion is Republican State convention and secured his nomination, notwithstanding the best judgment of the party leaders was adverse to such a result unless the country contingent asked for it.

This same mendacious sheet further has actually begun a crusade against the falsely states that SHEATZ busied himself "in pressing revenue bills to provide funds to meet the pension bill. As a matter of upon the arrival of the afternoon and even- fact Mr. Sheatz made no effort, so far as the records reveal, to pass any of the revenue bills. the traveling public, as well as Bellefonte He never opened his mouth in support of citizens, that will be greatly appreciated. any of them and careful observers of the proceedings express doubts as to whether he voted for some of them. The truth is with the greatest difficulty and should be that during the session of the Legislature a vast number of lives and which is certain he appears to have had no purpose except the promotion of his own ambitions, and to achieve those results he "sold himself body and soul to the machine," to borrow the language of another bogus reformer in that body. The mercenary editor of the untrathful North American who aspires to the title of "boss of the Republican machine." has a right to support Mr. SHEATZ in pursuance of his bargain. But he has no right to malignantly assail a citizen and soldier for exercising the same privilege with respect to another candidate.

The following is Mr. Grier's appeal to sion of the Republic is the consequence.

his "Comrades of the 5th, Pennsylvania Reserves" of which the Philadelphia gangs new organ so vociferously complains:

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Yours fraternally,
WM. HAYES GRIER,
ary Fifth Reserve Association

An Admirable Candidate. The Democratic State convention justicoming campaign, JOHN G. HARMAN represents the best element in the political the keynote of liberty throughout the life of the country, the highest type of world. No thought of the human mind, American citizenship. He is an able law- no expression of the human tongue, since man. He didn't seek the nomination but great an influence on the affairs of men as

No party could have made a better nomination. Recently WILLIAM H. BERRY, ing a monument to the memory of a man induce him to "go along" with their tal delinquencies, not to refer to his obvisuch a candidate in the person of JOHN G. test that his constant appearance on public beguiled to acquiescence in anything which | science. has not the approval of his keen and active

It was the concensus of opinion among the leading Democrats that legal learning State stand higher in mental and moral equipment. No lawyer of his age is his superior in learning and ability. He will he will have the courage to assail it. If he is elected the treasury looters will not only

Roosevelt's Costly Ambitton

President Roosevelt's latest absurd enterprise may cost the country an expensive not supported by any testimony and is so war but it is necessary to the fulfillment of absurdly improbable that it may be dismissed as a deliberate falsebood. SHEATZ proposed movement of the entire naval never made careful estimates of the re- force from the Atlantic to the Pacific may sources of the State in connection with provoke a declaration of war from Japan. any pending appropriation bill. He But it will practically guarantee the reappeared to be anxious only that nomination of Roosevelt as the Republithe appropriations be large for that can candidate for President and he wants policy made him popular with his col- to compass that result at any cost in life leagues in the House and created the and treasure to the country. ROOSEVELT legislative lobby which overwhelmed the will allow nothing to stand between himself and his ambitions. SHAKESPEARE'S most atrocious character, RICHARD III. could have gone no farther than he is willing to venture for another term.

There is no possible excuse for the naval enterprise contemplated and practically certain to be fulfilled. Some irresponsible jingoes in Japan may have spoken indiscreetly. But they could have exercised no influence on the governing power of the empire if they had not been assisted by the governing power in this country. That is to say, the mischief makers in Tokio are being supplied with arguments for their contention by the storm-brained disturber of order at Oyster Bay and between them they may precipitate a condition which will not only cost millions in treasure but to end in humiliation if not disaster.

But it will promote ROOSEVELT'S ambi-That the object of the absurd but costly enterprise is to aid ROOSEVELT to a third term admits of no doubt. No President who had the interests of the public at heart would take the hazard which is clearly involved in the proposed naval movement. No President whose impulses are patriotic would pursue his ambitions at such a cost to his countrymen. But ROOSEVELT is absolutely indifferent to the welfare of the country. He is utterly regardless of his country. He is utterly regardless of his obligations to the public. He has set his art on a third term and will achieve it, if

Concerning Mr. Pennypacker.

Is there no escape from the cant of PEN-NYPACKER? On the Fourth of July this olling patriotism and advising the people to be good. "Patriotism," he said, "is spirit of self-abnegation for it takes the to achieve any good purpose." That truharch in Norristown. The presiding offihad introduced him as "a just judge, a criminating historian and an upright izen." It was followed by the statethat the Declaration of Independence
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Stott is Going for the Present.

According to current reports, JOHN E. STOTT, secretary of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, is to be dropped out of the public life of this State. STOTT has been known for years as the "handy man" of the QUAY-PENROSE machine. He went to Harrisburg in 1884 as a messenger in the Treasury. He speedily developed qualities which make a man invalnable to those who are operating unlawful schemes. He was promoted rapidly, therefore, and at the time of the political eruption which landed Hon. WILLIAM H. BER-RY into the office of State Treasurer, STOTT

At the time of the transfer of the office from MATHEUS to BERRY, the most strenuous efforts were made to induce the incoming treasurer to retain STOTT. Every Republican of any influence appealed to Mr. BERRY in behalf of STOTT. The importunities only excited suspicion, however, and Mr. BERRY determined to dismiss him. At the reorganization of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, a few days later, Mr. BERRY was asked to vote for STOTT and make his election unanimous. He again refused, though Governor PENNYPACKER and Auditor General SNY-DER kept him in the place, and SNYDER gave him an appointment in the Auditor General's office, so as to supplement the meagre salary by the compensation of the other place.

Of course everybody wondered why so great an interest was taken in STOTT, and the wonder continued until he appeared as a witness before the commission investigating the capitol graft. Then the facts were revealed. He knew so much and told so little that conjecture ran riot for a time ernor had to admit that his presence in public life is no longer tolerable. STOTT is a useful man only to those who are ennot without hope, however, and if the Re- spector on the job. publican candidate for State Treasurer is elected next fall it may safely be predicted that STOTT will be restored to favor and place. soliane.

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Wicked War Talk.

From the Pittsburg Sun.

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The Declaration of Independence needed no extraneous influences to vitalize or immortalize it. Before a musket had been offered to support it, it had convulsed the whole civilized world. It aroused the spirit of liberty in France almost as promptly and quite as effectively as it stirred the patriotism of the American colonies. Even in the British parliament its echo was heard and its effect felt. It was the masterful explosion of the pent-up wrath of a people who had suffered wrongs for years, and if there had been no muskets to protect its fied the bighest estimate of its wisdom in there had been no muskets to protect its animated by a tawdry, venal treachery, the selection of its standard bearer for the author and those who sustained him in the did by comparison.

Who Told The Truth.

From the Johnstown Democrat For a generation John D. Rockefeller has been held up before the youth of the land the Declaration of Independence.

It was hardly to be expected that Mr.

PENNYPACKER would understand the significance of the Declaration of Independence.

A man who estimates QUAY as the equal of CLAY and WEBSTER and is willing and anxious to canonize vice by erecting a monument to the memory of a man. degree of ignorance of all that the Standard Oil company has been doing that Penny-Snyder, Mathues and the rest pleaded in connection with the \$9,000,000 capitol graft. Mr. Rockefeller has been innocent of any knowledge of rebating or other illegal practices. He has known nothing of the business or other details of the greatest of all trusts. Yet he is the same man who has been lauded to the skies for more than a quarter of a century as the financial and organizing genius of the age. He is the same man who has been held up as the highest type of the success ful man whose success has been due to patient industry, to thrift and consumate skill and knowledge. Now which view of Mr. Rookefeller is correct? Shall we believe the oil king himself or shall we believe those who have made him subject to unstinted enlogy?

Jail Them!

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

Washington is now reported to be moving against some more of the trusts, the big tobacco trust being the head now offered to the block. This is very well; but we sug-RY into the office of State Treasurer, STOTT held the important office of Cashier of the Treasury and Secretary of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings.

At the time of the transfer of the office derers, the first lot still roaming without indictment; since this raises suspi-

cion that the government is perhaps not intending to bring the scamps to justice. There is Harriman, who ought to be in jail, if ever a man should be, but against whom the hand of the law seems to be presently paraized. The President was hot on his trail, which now grows cold. Something seems to have dropped in to stay the energy of the prosecution. And may we believe that the big gang of millionaires who are in the tobacco trust are in any more real danger? Is Mr. Bryan or Mr. Schley or any of the complines, who have Schley, or any of the combiners who have gotten together to monopolize the tobacco trade to be punished first? Perhaps but probably not. The tobacco trust is an ideal trust, and a five sample of the sort the law against monopoly was prepared to drive out of business. It is simply a combination to control tobacco manufacture and raise prices and has no pretense of any

-On Wednesday R. B. Taylor received a new Kelley ten ton steam road roller and is now in shape to go right ahead with and both the Auditor General and the Gov- the building of the new state road between Bellefonte and Milesburg, work on which was commenced this week. As the road must be built within sixty days the work Club, of Wilkesbarre, 130 trout under the gaged in intrigue and for the present, at will have to be pushed quite rapidly. legal size. He was given a hearing before least, there is nothing doing in that line in Samuel H. Diehl was last week appointed Harrisburg. The machine managers are by the state highway commissioner as in-

-In just one month, or since June 10th, the date the new scalp law went into effect, the county commissioners have paid bounties on the scalps of thirty-nine foxes, -Did you have a glorious time cele- two wild cats, six minks and ninety-eight

pawls from the Keystone

-Bloomsburg banks announce that they will pay 3 per cent interest on time depos -Hail in York county on Sunday did onsiderable damage to corn and other crops. Before the storm the temperature was degrees in the shade.

-A big gas gusher has just been tapped on the Addison Whisner farm, five mil from Clarion, which is spouting gas at the rate of 2,000,000 cubic feet a day.

-The government has acquired 360 acres of land for National park purposes at Gettysburg. The land is adjacent to Reynolds' grove, in part of the first day's fight.

-Although in the heat of midsummer, the city of Chester has several citizens who are looking so far into the future as to mention their candidacy for mayor next February.

-The residence of William Irwin, in Du-Bois, was entered by thieves recently and robbed of \$20 and the contents of a child's bank. The silverware was not disturbed.

ever moored along the Pittsburg wharves was to be seen on Sunday, when over 300, representing a cost of \$250,000, were clustered -Extremely heavy rains have caused the

-The largest number of empty coal barges

cellar of the \$300,000 court house in Pottsville to sink three feet in some places. It is feared the court house has been undermined for coal and may collapse.

-Great damage was done to tobacco, corn and other crops in the eastern part of Laucaster county, on Sunday, by a cloud burst which flooded every stream, deluged lowlands and washed the soil away on sloping

-Bids for the new \$100,000 Pine Street Methodist church in Williamsport have been opened and tabulated, and the contract will likely be awarded in a few days. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible after the contract is let.

-Beginning Monday an increase of twentyfive per cent. was made in the wages of employees of the Macbeth-Evans Glass company, of Pittsburg. The advance restores the wages to what they had been prior to January 1st, 1907.

-While Mrs. George Berk, of Yoe, York county, was shutting her young chickens into coops on Saturday evening a large hawk attacked her and badly lacerated her face with its beak and claws. It is feared she will lose the sight of one eye.

-On Saturday Harry Correll, a motorman, aged 28 years, was suddenly stricken blind as he placed his hands on the power handle to start a West Penn street car at Fifth avenue and Locust street, McKeesport. His sudden blindness is a mystery.

-The waving of a red table cover by the wind in the parlor of the Jefferson hotel, Phoenixville, on Saturday so enraged a bull that was passing by that he rushed through the open door and overthrew the table and chairs and threw the guests into a panic.

-While Mrs. Henry Horn, of York, was plucking roses a few days ago for a friend, she jagged the index finger of her hand

Architectural and Wood Working company, of DuBois, for the erection of the new county poor home, on the Allison farm near Indiana town. The Orner bid was \$121,800, being the lowest of eight propositions made by as many contractors.

-During the month of June there were 144 marriage licenses issued at the prothonotary's office in Hollidaysburg, surpassing all previous records. The eldest June bride this year was 57 the youngest 16. The majority of them were in their twenties. Thus far this year the prothonotary bas issued 507 marriage licenses.

-While Miss Florence Metherill, of Bloomsburg, was riding on a merry-go-round, Saturday, William Strausser threw a small water snake at her to frighten her. She was frightened so badly that she fell from the machine and landed on her head. Several physicians worked over her for several hours before restoring her to consciousness.

-Last Thursday evening Peter Griffin, of Lock Haven, a member of the police force of that city, dropped dead in the corridor of the jail there. The cause of death was heart disease, probably brought on by over-exertion. He had made an arrest for drunkenness and had considerable trouble in getting his prisoner to the jaii. Mr. Griffin was 50 years old and unmarried.

-While Mrs. Horace Stiger, of Mill Hall, Clinton county, was cooking dinner one day last week, a package of sulphur, which had been lying on the shelf back of the stove, fell down and caught fire. She picked the burning paper up with the intention of throwing it into the fire when the stuff exploded and she was terribly burned about the head and face. Her condition is regarded as serious.

-Mrs. Anna McCloy, the mother of Mrs. A. G. Saxman, of Latrobe, is 93 years of age, and last Monday morning had a re-markable experience. She got out of bed and was making her way to the bath room when she lost her balance and fell down a flight of twenty stairs. The noise of the fall wakened Mr. Saxman, who went on a tour public utility. It is not criminal, save as the statute law makes it so. There is no direct robbery, as there was in the Harribad sustained no serious injuries, not even a bone being broken

> -George E. Riley, the Wilkesbarre fish and game warden, charged with catching 130 trout under legal size, and sentenced to spend 1300 days in jail, must serve his sentence. Riley was arrested several weeks ago by members of the State Constabulary on the charge of having sold to the Merchants' Alderman Pollock, who fined him \$10 for each fish, making a total of \$1300. Riley refused to pay the same, and then the alderman sentenced him to serve 1300 days in the county jail, one day for each dollar fine. Riley took an appeal from the alderman's judgment and on this appeal the argument was held before Judge Ferris who dismissed the appeal, affirming the judgment of the alderman and directed that Riley must serve the sentence imposed by the aiderman.

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