Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

-The President has signed the employers liability bill passed by this Congress. It applies only to railroads.

-Ovid wrote "Fools grow without watering." The old Roman poet probably never dreamed of the modern "chaser."

-What we can't understand is how the milliners are able to make those new fashioned bats without pushing up the price of

-Yesterday's heat brought out the first wash dresses and the first straw hats that have been seen on Bellefonte streets this

-With TAFT daily getting nearer nomination on the first ballot KNOX, FAIR-BANKS and CANNON are daily getting nearer "the also rans,"

who can speak nine languages when she is in a trance. Some of these days the poor thing will probably talk herself to death.

-The American Sabbath School Union has averaged the establishment of four Sunday schools a day, for the past eightythree years and still there is room for

MER in the Blair county legislative fight is what was developed. During the per- must be ready for any crime in the cata- to act as private secretary to the Vice

-The Wilkesbarre woman whose hat was too large to let her pass through a railroad car door should try a "side door Pullman" the next time she goes traveling with her "Merry Widow" hat.

-The "Merry Widow" hat may be quite the swagger thing for the women, but if the bills are in proportion to their size we imagine that there are a lot of husbands now who would just as soon be merry and some contained in the anonymous this incident at the organization of the

-Tuesday was sure enough a nuptial day in Bellefonte. Four weddings make it look as though there are some gentlemen who are not afraid to take on new engagements right in the face of the predicted writing experts receive no credence anyhard times.

-Chairman HARRY KELLER of the Republican county committee is sitting up late these nights trying to figure out who cast that one vote for LEANDER GREEN as his successor. It certainly was "the most The characters in all thus manufactured In view of these facts the selection of unkindest out of all."

few days on the people who sent two dol- imaginable, therefore, a given word writ- nothing in the history of the past, or the want legislative favors all the time and yards of fine silk. Of course they got what machine would be precisely like the same the advertisement offered, but it was only word written by another machine made ten yards of fine sewing silk.

-Our warships are stirring up no end of patriotic enthusiasm on the Pacific coast, but if we had direct taxation whereby each one of the enthusiasts could known exactly what he is paying for the show there might be a hurrah of another kind.

is to cut out cussing during his campaign inject into the political equation informafor Legislature. If this is true we fear BERT's friends will have to learn to talk ing a little job in submarine warships that with their hands so that they will be able to understand him when he gets around.

-It is little satisfaction to know now that one corporation in New York contributed \$500,000 to the defeat of BRYAN eight years ago, yet it must be pleasing to Mr. BRYAN to know that his defeat was accomplished by the expenditure of such

-If we are really to have hard times this summer there are some things that will naturally follow: There will be a good base ball team here and lots of games, the Coleville band will get back to its old time form and more trout will be taken from the tal law. If Senators and Representatives

soldier of fortune who is after ANNA GOULD remedy lies in resignation. Their constitu- day was hardly worth coming long dis-CASTELANE, says his "future is in the ents will find others better equipped for the hands of God." So it is, sure enough, but service. The woods are full of men capable we fear there will be a charge of worship- of legislating on any subject. The public ping the golden calf when HELIE comes to schools of the country have not been workanswer up at the judgment bar.

-It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts the country to-day and if the man who is out of employments acts with the judgment that he should he will accept whatever work that is offered him. With no prospect of an early industrial resumption the savings of the frugal laborer are fast being depleted and it is no time for the man who has to earn his living to haggle over the kind of work or the wage offered. While such a condition is to be deplored that does not disprove the old theory that "half a loaf is better than no bread at all."

Bellefonte can support the stores of Belle- time. fonte by buying what they need at home. Of course some of the stores don't let you know that they are in existence but, aside from the opportunity they have to adver- Business is prostrate because of inefficient blood and treasure. That was not so long tise their wares to you, hunt them up and currency legislation and the only remedy ago that it is impossible to trace the pargive them the trade that is going out of which Congress has to offer is a commission allel to the Chester riots of last week which town. There are enough groceries and to investigate the question. But it wasn't were less destructive in the encounter for dry goods bought in Philadelphia, Pitts- these delinquencies which incensed the the reason that the facilities for repression burg and Chicago to support several good President. The tariff robbery and the cur- are greater now than they were then. The stores and now is the time, when business rency imbecility might go on forever, and industrial disturbance which followed the is dull, for you to show your loyalty to the he wouldn't mind. But he has asked for Homestead tragedy were not adjusted in a home merchants who must keep open and some absurd sort of legislation to regulate short time. The panic of 1893 who always cheerfully supply you with the business affairs and because Congress pro- and though the responsibility for that was do so? Mr. WILLIAMS may "smoke him skillfully shifted over to the Cleveland out." but the operation will not result in little things that you don't want to bother poses to dispose of that by creating a comwith in your mail order business. Cut out the mission he goes off at a mad tangent and the mail orders and give them the big threatens to kill all commissions. "More

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Price of Honesty in Washington. The most unpopular man in Congress, according to the Washington correspon--There is a girl in Portland, Maine, to fasten upon him the enmity of all the of the machine to restore the old methods just as the town council legislates for the

> Michigan, with activities in the affair, were Besides the genial Speaker was a trifle trying to show that Mr. LILLY was respon. campaign. While some of the mock reform President at a salary of, say \$2,500 a year. sible for those letters. In pursuance of dreamers were discussing a proposition to this scheme they have procured the testi- defeat PENROSE, McCLAIN foolishly turned statement by showing similarity between house and elsewhere which were distaste-

writers are made from the same moulds. must be "in touch." from the same moulds.

But Mr. LILLY must be condemned for exposing a scandal on the eve of a presidential election. The party was having enough trouble without such incidents to annoy it. ROOSEVELT'S special messages and scolding communications were supplying all the dangers that could be met and explained -Rumor has it that Mr. BERT TAYLOR away and Mr. LILLY had no business to tion that the party leaders had been farmyielded a million dollars or so a year to be divided among them. That was rank treason and, if the oulprit responsible can't be "drawn and quartered," it is only reasonable that he should be condemned and ostracised.

Madness With Method and Merit.

We sincerely hope that the President will carry out his threat to veto all legislation creating commissions to perform the work of Congress. The constitution lodges all power of legislation in Congress and shifting the responsibility implied is both cowardly and subversive of the fundamenin Congress feel that they are incapable of -Prince HELIE DE SAGAN, the French performing their constitutional duty, the ing for nothing

Of course ROOSEVELT has not been anything like proper motives. He objects to commissions, not because they are unlawful and expensive, but for the reason that the creation of them at this time would be disappointing to him. He has

The country is suffering from excessive in the pay envelopes. tariff taxation and Congress proposes to

Next Speaker in Harrisburg.

It is semi-officially announced that Representative HABGOOD, of McKeas county, resentatives in Washington, the other day, dents, is representative LILLY, of Connecti- is to be the next Speaker of the Honse of cut. Mr. LILLY is paying the penalty of Representatives at Harrisburg. Speaker of the electric railway companies of the exposing graft. He made a complaint that McCLAIN is not to be honored by re-elec- District of Columbia, Representative SIMS, a company which had been enjoying a tion, though it is said that he relinquished of Tennessee, made the startling announcemonopoly of supplying the government the congressional nomination, a long ment that WILLIAM LOEB, Jr., Secretary with submarine ships, at exorbitant prices, cherished ambition, in the expectation of to President Roosevell, owns 4,700 shares had been using "undue" means to secure wielding the gavel again. But the bosses of the stock of one of the companies. Conthe favors of Congress. That was sufficient don't quite trust him. It is the intention gress legislates for the District of Columbia, crooks in the body and the entire lobby as at the State capital during the coming seswell as that pestilential contingent which sion. The haloyou days of the Boas manis ready to sacrifice honor and integrity to sion are pleasant memories. When the keep the party in power. The party lead- party was in a repentant mood, as it was the District. Electric railways and all ers see no evil except in Democratic vic- during the last session, McCLAIN was all other public utilities are dependent upon We hardly thought, however, that this stand for trifling lapses, as occasion re- just or unjust, received at the hands of antipathy against Mr. LILLY would take quired them, and that was as far as the Congress and the President. the vicious form of an attempt to connect managers cared to go then. But next ses--What happened to poor LEE PLUM- him with a most odious crime. But that sion it will be different. The next Speaker was sufficient to remind him that the peo- functory inquiry a couple of anonymous logue and McCLAIN isn't safe. His occaple do not forget as easily as some might letters accusing Representative LOUD, of sional gleams of conscience are a menace.

mony of a New York expert in type-writers a friendly ear to the gossip. In the old who has sworn that the anonymous letters QUAY and ELKIN fight, Mr. McCLAIN were written on a type-writer in the office attached himself to the ELKIN contingent of Mr. LILLY. He supports this absurd and said some things on the floor of the words written on Mr. LILLY's machine ful to the machine men. They overlooked present Legislature for the reason that it Everybody knows how preposterous ex- was good politics to "pretend a virtue," pert testimony has become. In the recent and because it was known that McCLAIN THAW trial a medical expert testified on is tactable "if his fur is rubbed the right both sides the same question and hand- way." Therefore it was well enough to inwhere. Yet medical and handwriting ex- chair during a session of little consequence perts have some foundation upon which to and much "masterly inactivity." But next predicate their statements while this type- year things will be different. The "graft did he get it?" though nothing could basis for his allegation. Hundreds of type- during the next session and the Speaker

are necessarily exactly alike. Photograph- Mr. HABGOOD, of McKean county, may be companies of Washington are precisely The fool killer might be kept busy a ed, enlarged or manipulated in any way characterized as "inspired." There is like similar corporations elsewhere. They ten by one Remington or other make of a contemplation of the future, too rank for him. Even last year when the policy of "pretending to be good" was the rule of the organization, HABGOOD, as chairman of the committee on printing, deliberately closest confidential relations with the Pressuppressed the evidence of fraud in the record. In proportion to the amount and opportunities no greater steal had ever been perpetrated, no ranker graft indulged. And though the evidence was forced upon President Roosevett and Leader Wil-HARGOOD he refused to present it to the committee and in the face of the protest of Hon. THOMAS V. COOPER, made a report exculpating everybody concerned, though for them. Obviously, therefore, HABGOOD vear.

Gloomy Industrial Outlook.

was allowed them and that fifty cents a of both Houses. from the door." As a matter of fact it was

men would better reconcile themselves to moved to his declaration on the subject by existing conditions and make the best out no longer a scarcity of money in the commercial centres. The bank vaults are set his face for certain legislation and Con- filled with idle currency and deposits are gressmen imagine that creating commis- abundant. But the banks have acquired sions will satisfy him. They don't want their plethora at the expense of industry. to legislate on such subjects and prefer not In other words the currency has gone into to create a quarrel with him. He feels the banks because industry is too lethargic that after he has left the White House his to employ it. If the so-called "Captains influence on legislation will end and com- of Industry" were using the money that is -These are the times when the people of missions will carry action over beyond his necessary to make industry prosperous, there would be less in the banks and more

Toward the last of June, 1892, the Homecreate a commission to consider the subject. stead strike culminated in riots which cost followed

Where Did He Get It.

During the debate in the House of Repon the question of increasing the privileges Borough of Bellefonte, and the President enjoys the prerogative of approving or vetoing every measure of local legislation in right in the chair. He was willing to Congress and the President for every favor,

WILLIAM LOEB, Jr., is a stenographer President of the United States at a salary, probably, of about \$1,800 a year. In September of the same year he was promoted discovered and the committee has been indiscreet in the early stages of the present to the office of assistant secretary to the the navy; because it would make possible In 1903 he was advanced to his present important office, the salary of which is a reason for a greater navy. Do we need \$5,000 a year. The par value of the the canal for the navy, or the navy for the shares of the Washington Electric company, the concern in which he is so largely nterested, is \$100 a share and its market \$1,800 to \$5,000 a year, Mr. LOEB bas would seem to be no cause for uneasiness, been able to save enough to buy \$470,000 save as there may develop a predicted worth of Electric railway shares and live mastery of Chinse trade by Japan, or a elaborately, meantime, in the most expen-on the part of that country. In spite of the sive city on the continent.

surprising revelation were singularly not at all appalling.

All of the conditions point to the urpolite. Not one of them asked "Where even if it had been asked, though it is not a difficult problem to solve. The electric purpose in the cheapest way. No man could be expected to have greater influence on Congress than one who enjoys the ident and if the corporation in question contract for publishing the Legislative has presented Mr. LOEB with the shares which are registered in his name it may have been a good investment.

liams.

It is announced in Washington that Representative JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, the doors of the penitentiary were yawning the capable and courageous leader of the Democrats on the floor of the House of is the right man for the Speakership next Representatives in Congress, intends to mixture. We have the announcement that "smoke President Roosevell out." That campaign headquarters are to be opened for is to say be intends to make the President him in Washington and elseware and take a hand in the effort to force the benef- assurances that his fight for the nomina-The charity scheme to give employment joent legislation which he has so vigor and address. This is a pleasant hearat a dollar a day, in Philadelphia, to the vehemently and insistently recommended, jug for those who want to see the peervast army of idle working men there, is or else acknowledge that his pretense was less One cast down.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has his activity burgombe. "If the not satisfactorily solving the industrial false and his anxiety buncombe. "If the problem. Of course there was no trouble President is sincere," remarks Mr. WIL- the Hon. George Gray, of Delaware, with in finding plenty of men willing to accept LIAMS, "he and we can pass any bill that that chance in a choice between it and is pending." In other words Mr. WILstarvation, though the labor leaders were LIAMS believes that with the Democratic averse to lowering the standard of wages. force in Congress augmented by those But when the hundreds of men reported whom ROOSEVELT can control together, for work they found that only half time they will compose a substantial majority

No doubt Mr. WILLIAMS is accurate in tances for when the dollars would hardly his estimate of congressional conditions. serve the purpose of "keeping the wolf There is no question that the President has vast power over the votes of both Senators more a disappointment than a beneficence. and Representatives. There are in each Bryan's own inability to perceive the un-The truth is, however, that working brauch a good many who are purely and derlying facts. The torpidity of a State essentially mercenary. The presidential essentially mercenary. The presidential patronage will sway them to any side of vanity transformed that purely superficial of an unpromising situation. Industrial any question and make monkeys of them attitude into a pose of fervor. He imagined to bimself that the disgust and invarious ways. There are others, like prospect of early improvement. There is LAFOLLETTE, for example, who believe in like inclinations means merely a profound the theories and policies expressed in the measures in question. Still others are influenced to action by an inordinate desire to be on the winning side, for there are "floaters" in Congress as well as in the the defender of the people against trusts is the defender of the people against trusts is slum districts on election day. Al! these elements can be controlled by the President piracy" which America has yet produced. absolutely.

Twenty-seven Republicans in the House voting with the Democrats would make a States Steel Corporation, and in some case majority, capable of passing any bill at the bonds themselves, which he is indus any time, under the arbitrary rules which triously distributing for the building of the Republican machine in the body has adopted. Fifteen Republican Senators the pensioning of educators, the stupendous character of his conversion will be apparent. majority of that body capable of legislating though not so speedily. Does any sane person question Roosevert's ability to control that many votes in each chamber? a purveyor of patronage and manipulator of politics. But who imagines that he will the legislation in question. It will simply is first of all a bigoted partisan.

The Turning Point of Imperialism.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The overwhelming defeat of the president's pet project for the authorization of four great battleships, at a total cost of some forty millions of dollars, may be accepted as the first effective sign of a revulsion of public opinion against imperial ex pansion. That is, warlike expansion, with the big stick fiercely displayed, as against commercial expansion, with the big stick kept modestly and inoffensively in the background for display and use only as ceasion offers. It is now evident that the president counted upon the general satis-faction following the brilliant cruise of the battleships fleet to carry through his plan of rapid naval expansion in support of the by a pet cat. big stick idea, but there is cause for con gratulation that pride in our war power has been properly limited by a common sense view of its reasonable limitations.

Three chief reasons advanced in the de-bate in Congress for the proposed wholesale investment in battleships were the defense of the Philippines, the defense of the Panama canal and the confronting of Japan who went to Washington seven years ago | with overwhelming sea power for the protection of our Pacific commerce, and par-ticularly of the "open door" of Asiatic trade.

President Roosevelt himself for the sake of the quick and safe transfer of a war fleet from ocean to ocean. It is rather con-fusing that the canal is now pointed to as

With regard to Pacific and Asiatic commerce, and the fear of its menace by Japan as we have as yet hardly a trace of such value considerable more than that. Yet we are expected to believe that within seven years, earning at the rate of from also to the merchant fleets of Japan, there tive city on the continent.

The Congressmen who listened to this Hobson, such dangers seem far away, and

gency of preparation for commercial and not imperial expansion. Our productive writer expert hasn't even the shadow of a mill" will be operated to its full capacity have been more appropriate. Probably capacity has outgrown the home market. the question would have gone unanswered, Our enterprise oraves world-wide commercial activity. Our great canal at Panama will give us commercial opportunities of which we should be prepared to take advantage, and the trade revival of the West Indies also waits upon the opening of teat great highway, and upon the awakening of our aggressive but not war-like sea power. the bright purpose and prospect to be set before us. It fills the Far Western sky with no grim war clouds, but with the golden glow of sunset over vast fields of grain, enough and to spare to save from

frequent famine the millions of all Asia; over fleets freighted for the ends of the earth with American manufactures and bringing back to us the welcome products of other lands, a tribute fairly paid, with good will, to enterprise and industry.

And the first step is not to the building of a more colossal navy, but to the reform of our absurd and obsolete trust-protecting

Democracy's Opportunity. From the New York Sun

The Hon. George Gray of Delaware represents a new infusion in the Democratic tion will for the fature be prosecuted with

a similar message to the people. Thus we see the ground under Bryan honeycombed.

Johnson covers the original Northwest. Gray covers the States of New York, Penn-This is where Bryan will suffer since his strength heretofore has consisted chiefly in the absence of opposition. He has been strong on the surface only. The lack of declared antagonism, the appearance of agreement, residing for the most part in the default of others, these bave constituted his show of domination. And the remarkable feature of the situation has been and rooted loyalty.

Carnegie on Trusts.

When the source of Mr. Carnegie's millio is remembered, and when it is recalled that it is the interest on the bonds of the United libraries, for the promotion of scientific research, for the reward of heroism and for

When Mr. Carnegie says that the trustsand the Steel Corporation is, one of the closest imitations of that institution which America furnishes — "rob a commun-ity of its right to competition, disguise it We hardly think so in view of his record as should fill the heart of trust-busters with houndless joy. It was doubtless made in lively recollection of the practice of the Steel Corporation to exact from the public \$28 a ton for steel rails that cost from \$12 to \$14, and one can only conclude that Mr. Carnegie will next appear in the role of an reveal his hypocrisy and humbuggery. He advocate of the removal of the tariff which has made such extortions possible.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The Sheridan furnace, of Lebanon county, capacity 900 tons per week, resumed operations on Saturday after an idleness of

-The first prize in the competition for plans for the \$120,000 penitentiary to be erected at San Juan has been awarded to Horace Trumbauer, of Philadelphia. The amount of the prize is \$2,000.

-The National Guard authorities have agreed on July 16th to 25th for this year's division encampment, which is to be held at Gettysburg. Adjutant General Stewart will issue the official order in a few days.

-The police administration of Reading has decided that none of the police force dare wear side whiskers. Officers may retain their mustaches and may get special permits to retain handsome imperials, but that is the -The executors of the will of Joseph F.

Sinnott, the millionaire distiller, who died over a year ago in Lower Merion, Montgomery county, have been allowed a fee of \$122,344, on a 5 per cent basis for settling the -Verna Greth, the 13 year old daughter

of Albert Greth, a farmer residing along Sugar Run, Clinton county, died in the hospital at Lock Haven on Saturday night of blood poisoning from a scratch on the hand

-The whited bones of a mian were found in a furnace of the Crucible Steel company, at Pittsburg, on Saturday and as none of the workmen are missing it is believed that some despondent person committed suicide during a change of crews early in the day.

-Another body, making a total of 268 was recovered last Wednesday in the Jacob's Creek mine at entry No. 28, Westmoreland county, where the disastrous explosion occurred four months ago. It is impossible to identify it positively. Two other bodies are still missing.

-During the closing days of the Lenten season the school children of Lock Haven gathered 2,435 eggs as a donation to the hospital of the city. This is the fourth year such an Easter donation has been made by the school children to the hospital, a gift that is very greatly appreciated.

-The city councils and citizens in general of Pittsburg are not going into ecstacies over the proviso that the city purchase additional ground at a cost of \$1,000,000.

-Constable D. P. Lawhead, of Maderia having completed his sentence in the western penitentiary for shooting a foreigner at Hawk Run who was attempting to get away when the former was trying to place him under arrest, has been given his liberty and returned home. He is looking none the

worse for his several mouth's imprisonment. -Waynesboro has a tourist's association which has completed plans for a trip to the Pacific ocean in July and August and notbing remains to be done except the final arrangements on the part of each individual. A train of the finest Pullman cars has been secured that will accommodate comfortably 106 persons and there are already ninety-two

-William Franz, a Conemaugh youth aged 17 years, met a terrible death on Thursday shortly before noon in the Cambria Steel company's Conemaugh slope, when be was caught and crushed between a fall of "boney." His father was also a victim of a recent mine accident and is at present a patient at the Cambria hospital, suffering from the effects of a broken back.

-The main street of Sonman, Cambria county, was transformed into a river of foaming beer and liquors on Wednesday morning when county detective James L. Berkbile, assisted by sergeant H. T. Nugent and private Richards, of the state constabulary, after raiding the "Flat Iron building," smashed fifty seven kegs and 135 cases of intoxicants. John Lewis, the alleged proprie-

tor, was arrested. -One of the boldest hold ups and attempts at highway robbery ever known occurred at Landingville, Schuylkill county, Sunday, Michael Whalen and five other citizens of that place being held up at the point of revolvers by masked men. One of the men held up had a large sum of money, with him. This he dropped in the mud and placed his foot on it, thereby saving it from the robbers, who got only 15 cents.

-The two hundred roadmen employed by the Altoona and Logan Valley railway company on its lines in the city and those running to Hollidaysburg and Tyrone have learned that on May 1st they will suffer a ten per cent. cut in their wages. Many of them are disgruntled over the coming cut but no trouble is auticipated as a readjustment of working hours will enable them to make almost as much money during the summer and the condition, it is said, will only exist during the present business de-

-The mining bamlet of Leland, in Beccaria township, Clearfield county, was the scene of a shooting affray on Thursday night which resulted in the killing of Thomas Pizer, by Jacob Wingard, engineer for the coal company operating there. Pizer and his wife had not been living together for some time and Mrs. Pizer was keeping house for Wingard. Thursday night Pizer went to Wingard's house and it is stated threatened to kill Wingard who quickly drew a revolver and killed Pizer. Wingard at once surrendered to the authorities and has been lodged in the Clearfield jail.

-A novel feature in Williamsport on Saturday was an egg hunt in Valiamont park in which the children of the city up to 14 years of age participated to the number of several thousand and 200 prize eggs and over 3,000 candy eggs were scattered about in the park to be hunted, One section was allotted to children under 5 years of age, in which Easter cards and novelties were scattered fabout with the eggs; another section was for children between 5 and 11 years, and the third section for those between 11 and 14 years. Here the eggs were carefully concealed and the prize eggs had tags attached stating where the finder should call for the prize. different merchants and other individuals having furnished those. Although it rained about 5,000 people were in the park, the on-