Democratic Watchman.

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luk Slings.

Reformed and Methodist, alike, Can get spiritually sick And back-slide to the very teeth Of the hooks of the old Nick And still have hopes of bein saved And cured eternally For SCHMIDT and STEIN can do the job

They're Doctors, now, you see -The way the South likes TAFT is about the way Pennsylvania likes BRYAN. Both are cases of bluster without votes.

-Of course the Directoire gown is only affected by the girls who don't have to rely on sawdust to fill up their stockings or pads to shape their hips.

-In Abyssinia there can be no such thing as a man stretching his feet under his own mahogany because the wife always owns the house and everything in it.

-Now Secretary CorteLyou would like to play tail to the TAFT kite ; a very dangerous position; especially if there should

-The Mayor of Philadelphia is in the position of defending the accusation that come to

-This is the season of the year when the colleges are turning out large numbers of graduates but it is up to themselves to see that they have been turned out true men and women.

-Living expenses in New York have increased eleven per cent. in one year, but Mayor McCLELLAND probably doesn't notice it. He is not living. He is merely accept him or take me." That was suffi- HOLDT, of Missouri, Mr. Andrus. of New a change of his plans and his announcein a state of suspense.

fully postponed our war with Japan until 1909 we presume he will have had time to would have resented the insult and de- to do with the disposition of the time and that all his energies as well as the full get his osculatory organs in training by clared that they would accept neither but in no manner or form participated in the measure of his resources have been thrown that date to be sent over to kiss and make there is no independence among them. matter. He voted against the bill, as a into the campaign for TAFT with the result

of Philadelphia, has been talking too much | who was free. But there are no self-respectto suit his lawyers. Leave the "l" out of ing citizens among the leaders. The cohestalking and you will have the thing he has live force of public partronage binds them Washington correspondent deliberately tained up until last Saturday when it was been doing too much of to please the peo. all in a state of serfdom to Roosevell. fabricated this absurd story of his activity announced that "the allies have given up

-Manayunk has a real fool-killer. While out boating a man started to rocking the boat in which BESSIE ROSTUM was seated whereupon she promptly picked up an oar and knocked him overboard. She did her a private citizen without patronage or kind it undertook in behalf of its York tration of some atrocious crime or be repart, but he did not drown.

-The QUAY statue continues to be a white elephant on the hands of the commission. The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings met on Tuesday and again rotunda of the capitol on the table.

-Mr. Roosevelt is to hold his convention in Chicago next week. His policies are to be endorsed, his platform adopted and his stool-pigeon put at the head of the ticket. Thus the fake trust buster reveals his real grip on the Republican organiza- obedience to a briber indicates an absence tion just at a time when he was supposed to be down and out.

-The death of GEORGE F. PAYNE, head of the contracting firm that built the palace of graft, makes the third man connected with that scandal to pass to a world free of the cares of this life. Can it be possible the notorious treasury scandal of QUAY's

of railroad ticket sellers at Atlantic City that at the time. For that reason we In this second trial of the grafters the on Tuesday was one that the public will repeatedly admonished the public against crafty counsel of the defendants relied alheartily approve of. It is certain that a placing faith in the reform professions of most entirely on the change in public "grouchy" ticket seller can do more to WEAVER. He had proven himself sentiment which has occurred since the prejudice public sentiment against the a corruptionist and a man with such a previous trial. There were only four tation which a pirate would put on the corporation that he is working for than the record can't represent genuine reform any months between the ending of one and the same phrase. It is the burglar's notion of rates of the corporation. A traveler usual- more than a leopard can change its spots. beginning of the other but within that the equities of a midnight robbery. "We the dogs of the law when it suited their ly seeks information only when he needs it, and that with more or less hesitancy.

But the developments of the last couple brief period the control of the State Treas- have the power," those criminals would it, and that with more or less hesitancy.

But the developments of the last couple brief period the control of the State Treas- have the power," those criminals would right makes right. That is When his inquiries are met at the ticket delphia are important, nevertheless. They the people had been brought to an under- precisely the view Roosevell took of con- as he states, and Gibboney did not receive window with a short, crusty answer that indicate that the machine has so accurately standing that graft is no longer under the ditions in Chicago. After the committee it, as he likewise asseverates, we have the really tells him to get away, rather than measured the civic immorality of the peo- ban. The newspapers paid little or no on credentials had been packed by bribery, proof that the people of Philadelphia's unhelps him, he cannot but nurse a feeling of ple of Philadelphia that its leaders no attention to the second trial and the ses- of which he had full and accurate underresentment against the corporation that longer think it necessary to conceal its sions of the court attracted no more than standing, no evidence was considered. retains such an official.

-The seating of LEWIS EMERY Jr., as a delegate from Pennsylvania in the Republican national convention, was not an unexpected outcome of the contest made upon his right to represent this district. The unfortunate feature of the episode was that Col. REYNOLDS should have lent himself to the attack on EMERY, which was a malicious action on the part of a few of his personal enemies. But the Colonel never was a politician and probably has no desire to become one, though this incident should prove an admonition to him that in any fature ambitions that it is always well to ponder well over advice that is volunteered by would-be political leaders.

redemption bill. The panic of 1893 stop- ity is morally rotten and serve as a waruabsolutely; that is, it left gold supreme as anything. the standard of value and marked the end (?) of further financial flurries. The panic has resulted in the passage of the ALDRICH to accept the pastorate of the Church of the der's high standing in his class is remarkits possibilities as either silver, green-backs kle had the refusal of three separate calls, able to devote all his time to his studies, turning point has been reached and we are in Pennsvalley, one from the Maple avenue of the interstate commerce commission; about to retrace all the steps we have taken Reformed church in St. Louis, Mo., and and pursued his studies in connection with

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The Republican Platform

members of the committee nor delegates in ful fight against the proposition, embedied no hope for them. In others words those the convention. This recalls an incident in a pending bill, to purchase a tract of gentlemen and their alleged supporters not be enough wind to keep the kite in the the Republican party in this State. A Washington, for park purposes. The propo- buldozing of the Roosevell administration he is a drunkard. Think of it, the Mayor with one exception, an unimportant place outside of the group was outraged. But acquired control of the nominating ma-

date for that office." -It now appears that JIM McNICHOL, their manhood and united on a candidate was all.

> crats of the country is the result of his records. splendid ability, bis magnificent integrity and his unselfish efforts in the interests of the people. To withhold admiration from such a mar would show a lack of just appreciation. Yielding servile of manhood.

Rottenness in Philadelphia.

ments of fraud in Philadelphia. Senator than that brought out the probabilities of McNichol acknowledges that the jury was conviction were not so strong. This conthat another chain of deaths is to follow WEAVER, then district attorney and upon which that opinion was based were disposed to be moderate and expressed an blacklegs, white slave traffickers and illegal the great capitol robbery such as marked subsequently compensated by promotion in the better understanding by the defendto the office of mayor, was cognizant of ants of the plans of the prosecution and the and contributary to the conspiracy. But fact that the trial was further removed -The action of the national association every intelligent observer of events knew from the commission of the crimes.

exposures will turn the people of that city impression was created that nobody cared taken into consideration and that deter- majority-makers when their indispensable against an organization which pays them anything about the result of the trial. for their support. So long as the loot is Nothing could be more discouraging other. Justice or decency had no place in divided with reasonable liberality it may than this condition of public opinion. It the equation. It was a case of rule or ruin.

surance of the confident criminal. We are inclined to share in the opinion Philadelphia knew that in voting to restore That is why the capitol grafters who were HITCHCOCK, a political mercenary and the Republican party to power they were exempt from the first trial bad an advan- political ruffian, had seized control of the can presidential candidate has been chosen voting for the resumption of the looting tage over those who were included in that they declared in favor of the restoration, and subsequently, in the election of Mayor REYBURN, testified to their satisfaction -The panic of 1837 forced the establish- with the result. Such exposures as those ment of a federal treasury. The panic of of the last few days add nothing to the 1857 eliminated wild cat banks. The enormity of the crimes that have been perpanic of 1873 resulted in the green-back petrated but they prove that the communped the further purchase of silver and put ing to the outside world. It is inconceivthe country on a sound (?) money basis able that such a people can be trusted in

of 1907, though judged from what financiers countain, has resigned as pastor of St. was pinned on the young law student by had told us before had no right to appear. John's Reformed church, of Williamsport, United States treasurer Treat. Mr. Ryn-VREELAND currency bill, as dangerous in Incarnation at Newport, Pa. Rev. Run- able because of the fact that he was not sing. Tomorrow (Saturday) evening four machine elected, and machine running is or state banks. Can it be that, after all, the one from a congregation near his old home he being private secretary to Judge Clapp, Smith's orchestra will play all the hits and the one from Newport, which he accepted. his other duties.

A Most Mendacious Fraud.

Concerning the Republican platform The Philadelphia North American and The allies have given up the fight against called to the oversight and he remarked of it.

American wants to re-elect LAFEAN and its A party so conducted is unfit to direct in a just and successful fight against a fat | the fight against TAFT." That is only the destinies of a free people. Men so job. But unfortunately for its purpose the figuratively true, however. There has fettered are incapable of self government. proceedings of Congress are accurately ex- been no fight against TAFT to give up. It has been said that the Democratic party pressed in the Congressional Record and all Some innocent souls may have boped that is governed by one man and it is true that that is necessary to detect a fraud of the TAFT would die, get caught in the perpeofficial power exercises vast influence favorite is to keep an eye on the Record. moved from the campaign for the nominaamong the Democratic masses. But he Since the adjournment of Congress we have | tion in some other way and thus give some has acquired his power by the force of his found time to look this matter up and in- other fellow a chance. But there was no own merit. He has not purchased his vite the scrutiny of any doubting mind of fight for the nomination and there never influence over the Democratic voters by the pages to which we have referred. The will be a fight for a presidential or other delphia machine will open the eyes of the misuse of official patronage. What in- mendacious North American would better Republican nomination as long as the fluence Mr. BRYAN has among the Demo- discuss questions on which there are no

The Second Trial of Grafters.

The testimony in the second of the There is nothing new in the develop- evidence against the accused was stronger "fixed" in the SALTER case and that JOHN jecture has been fulfilled. The reasons

perverted it. Of all those concerned in the of PENNYPACKER, CASSELL was the his acquittal are more than even.

-R. Dean Rynder, son of of T. P. Rynder, of Milesburg, a student in the law school of the National University at Washington, D. C., was last week awarded the McArthur gold medal for the most satisfac--Rev. J. M. Runkle, an old Centre tory senior class examination. The medal

The Republican Presidential Candidate.

that is to be adopted at Chicago next week other conscienceless Republican organs are TAFT, we are informed by the newspaper we have the information that there are a making a strengons and mendacions effort correspondents in Chicago who are watchfew unimportant details yet to be arranged to re-elect Congressman LAFEAN, of the ing the progress of the preliminaries at but they will be left to the committee on York Adams district. For example, a short close range. By that is meant that the resolutions. Every thing of importance time ago the Washington correspondent of friends of FAIRBANKS, HUGHES, KNOX, was attended to by the President and the the North American wrote a glowing ac- CANNON and others "who also ran," have kitchen cabinet though they are neither count of Representative LAFEAN's success- finally come to the conclusion that there is of the late Senator QUAY's management of worthless land on Rock Creek, near have at last learned that the bribery and State convention was on and the leaders sition was a grab in which some influential have achieved the purpose for which they were in conference in the Senator's room. Washington capitalists were concerned, were intended. The office holders in the He handed them a list of the nominees and so palpable a fraud that everybody North and the negroes of the South have of Philadelphia! What a great city has that he had forgotten. His attention was LAFEAN had nothing to do with the defeat chinery and they will name the candidate chosen by ROOSEVELT next week.

"Oh h-l, let the convention select a candi- The measure was defeated in the House As a matter of fact there has never been on Tuesday, May 26, and the discussion is the shadow of a doubt of this result since This is the condition of servitude to spread in the Congressional Record begin- the moment, three or four months ago, to the effect that they are working too hard which the Republican party has been re- ning with page 7.325 and ending with the that Roosevelt made his reluctant decladuced. One man and he more a Populist vote on page 7,356. It was called up by ration that he was not a candidate for the than a Republican completely dominates Mr. TAWNEY and supported by the gentle- succession himself. That he coveted the the organization. Having selected the man and Messis. GARDNER, of Michigan, nomination there can be no question. That candidate there were some murmurs of and OLCUTT, of New York. It was opposed he intended to seize it is equally certain. disapproval and he declared "you will by Mr. Sherley, of Kentucky, Mr. Bart. But the distress attending the panic forced cient. Nobody wanted TAFT but the al- York, Mr. FITZGERALD, of New York, and ment was made during the first half of the -Inasmuch as Mr. Hobson has merci- ternative was more forbidding and the others. But LAFEAN, of Pennsylvania, recent session of Congress to prevent the protests were silenced. Independent men took no part in the discussion, had nothing complete disintegration of the party. Since Self-respecting citizens would have asserted majority of those present did, and that that his nomination became inevitable almost immediately.

The malignant and mendacious North | For some reason a pretense that there were other candidates had still been mainparty is controlled by patronage brokers as it is now.

Roosevelt's Idea of a "Square Deal."

The President was delighted with the capital graft trials in Harrisburg was com- work of the committee on contested seats pleted before the adjournment of court on of the Republican National committee, Saturday last and the result of the trial the public has been assured by the press may be reached before this paper is re- correspondents in Washington. The comceived by its readers. We predicted at the mittee had been packed in the interest of beginning of this second event that whilethe TAFT, Mr. HITCHCOCK, of Massachusetts, with the proxy of the member for New Mexico, being manager of the machine, and it moved "rough-shod" over the opposition. The other TAFT managers were inclination to give the opposition a chance. But HITCHCOCK, who resigned the office of First Assistant Postmaster General to be- and never successfully denied, that they come the TAFT manager was inexorable. pay large tribute for the privilege of riding Finally he appealed to ROOSEVELT and was sustained.

This is THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S idea of "a square deal." It is the same interpre- it may find it a much more difficult matter iniquities. McNichol feels confident no the usual interest. Some how or other the | Which is our rascal? Was the only question mined the bludgeon was applied to the

continue the plundering operations and may safely be said that popular indifference And this is chacteristic of ROOSEVELT. From the Lancaster Intelligencer. the chief boodler is therefore willing to let to corruption is the most prolific source of The impulse which influenced him to the whole world know. That is the ae- venality. So long as men are not shocked shoot an unarmed and retreating Spaniard at crime but are outraged at the careless- at San Juan Hill, and kill him in cold only Taft delegates from the Southern conness which reveals it, there can be no blood was natural. The Spaniard was stituency, where the delegates are habituof Mr. McNichol. In 1906 the people of actual improvement in political morals. on the other side and that was sufficient. ally made to order, since there is no popucommittee and proceeded to murder the in a convention controlled by the Southern operations. Yet by enormous majority ordeal. The political machine has since rights of all others and ROOSEVELT sus- vote, made to the order of those securing been operating on public opinion and has tained him in the outlawry. It created a its control. Hanna blazed the way in the most disgraceful condition. It practically Our excellent president, who is always graft operations, with the single exception paralyzed Senator CRANE and others who viruous and always ready to deem himself boidest. Yet at this time the chances of like fair play. But it suited ROOSEVELT and it is safe to predict that HITCHCOCK the end, has naturally felt no doubt that will be promoted for his brutality.

> change, which will be appreciated by its patrons, and now gives you two night's the cold ; and the Republican nomination pictures every evening, while the price re- is already made. mains the same, 5 cents. Tonight's program will include an especially fine pioture, "Louis XIV," hand colored, and a ing. Tickets so made do not inherit encomic pictures will be shown. Christy Henry Brown will sing. Remember you for 5 cents.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-G. W. Harringer, of Penfield, Clearfield county, has owned 1,300 horses and met with his first loss recently when one he was taking to swap dropped dead in the road.

-Droves of rats are greatly troubling the people of Great Bend, Susquehanna county, killing all the chickens and devouring everything they can get. They have come from a large tannery which was closed recently, leaving them no refuse to feast upon .

-John Forcey, a farmer residing near Woodland fire brick works. Clearfied county. committed suicide on Friday morning by hanging himself. Deceased had been subject to fits of melancholy occasionally. He was 45 years of age and is survived by his

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Summer Styles in Sermons

There is a well known anecdote of

is cut very short at this season of the year."

An equally pointed hint which the Rev.

William Powick, pastor of the First Metho-

dist Episcopal church of Stroudsburg,

received from his congregation, was made

the subject of remarks from the pulpit last Sunday. Mr. Powick declared that he

saw no reason why the summer fashions in

sermons should be cut shorter than the

winter ones. While he made no threats,

he intimated that since there is now no

time limit on Methodist pastorates, he would not submit to a time limit on ser-

mons either. To the members who asked

for "sermonettes" he remarked : "Sermon-

ettes make preacherettes and preacherettes

Despite the sympathetic intimations

which numerous pastors receive from their

congregations, about this time every year.

and should not give such good measure

from the pulpit, there is no indication that

the movement for shorter sermons in the

summer is making progress. Every con-

scientious clergyman insists on exhaust-

ing his subject, if not his hearers, before

he has finished, and knows that the process

of trimming a sermon to the dimensions of

a sermonette is apt to spoil the entire dis-

course. The "man of the hour," or of the

hour and a half, is not so popular with

modern churchgoers as the man who takes

a stopwatch with him into the pulpit and

glides gracefully from text to peroration in

larger the salary, is a rule which obtains

in some churches, but has not been gener-

ally adopted. But why should sermons be

shorter in summer than winter? The

adversary of souls is as active in the heated

season as in the depth of winter, and this

is no time to be economical of ammunition.

that those who stay awake will imbibe too

much doctrine, and the sompolent may

comfort themselves with the thought

Eye-Opener for Majority-Makers.

plug uglies generally. Having reposed

confidence in the men to whom they render

one of the big bosses in the political gang

had agreed to sell them out to punish a

Leader McNichol that he had paid \$10,000

to Max Kauffman, private secretary of

Mayor Revburn, with the understanding

that it was to be paid to Clarence O. Gib-

boney, secretary of the Law and Order

society, to defray the expenses of raids on

the illegal resorts which abound in Phila-

delphia under the protection of the politi-

ham are acknowledged leaders. The

gard this violation of faith kindly, if the

charges that have persistently been made.

roughshod over the statues are correct.

McNichol's statement is a double edger

the men whom they regarded as their good

If McNichol really paid over the money,

derworld still have a stannch friend at

headquarters. This may help to restore

their faith in human nature and be of great

assistance to the gang in rounding up the

friends had no compunction in unleashing

snooze.'

From the Altoona Times.

"The longer the sermon the longer the

are exceptions. There is no danger

From the Pittsburg Times.

make Christianettes.'

-The county commissioners of," Clinton county last Thursday awarded a contract for a reinforced concrete arch bridge, 86 feet clergyman who, remarking to a parisbioner that there is a sermon in every blade of long, across Fishing creek, near Mackeyville, grass, received the reply : "Yes, and grass to the Ferror-Concrete company of Harrisburg, for \$3, 245. This will be the first concrete bridge in that county.

-On Sunday evening two tons of powder and \$1,200 worth of fireworks mysteriously exploded at the fireworks plant of Jacob Conti, in New Castle, shaking the town as if there had been an earthquake, wrecking two houses, shattering hundreds of windows and abruptly stopping the church services.

-The corner stone of the old Presbyterian church at Philipsburg, laid in August, 1878, was removed on Friday afternoon and the contents found to be almost entirely destroyed by water. The records newspapers of the time and specimens of the silver currency had been inclosed in it, but the silver alone was unhurt.

-The Corona Coal and Coke Co., of Madera, having just recently, through its general superietendent, H. B. Swope, absorbed the White Oak Coal Co's, three operations, also located near Madera, started these mines on full time the early part of the week. This will give the Corona an annual output of about 750,000 tons.

-The largest application ever made for onstruction of a road under the State Good Roads law was filed at the state highway department from Coleraine township, Bedford county, Wednesday. It calls for ten miles 25 minutes. The shorter the sermon the and will be an extension of a road alread y built. Bedford county recently sent in applications for the building of eight roads, all being received on one day.

-An attempt was made on Tuesday night to blow up the Fairview dairy building near Houtzdale, Clearfield county, occupied at While the length of some sermons may be the time by two men and a boy. A piece of disproportionate to their breadth and depth dynamite concealed in a tin can, fused and lighted was hurled through the cellar window, the glass, very fortunately, cut the fuse in such a way as to render, it useless and the jar of the dynamite falling did not seem to be sufficient to cause it to explode.

-On last Tuesday evening a butcher named Fleming, of Lovejoy, Indiana county, who had ben out making collections, was attacked by two men as he was passing The disclosures that have come out of through a covered bridge. They knocked the breach between members of the Phila- him down, stuffed mud into his mouth to prevent him from making an outcry, kicked speak-easy owners, keepers of baginos, him in the side, breaking several ribs, robleaving any clue to lead to their identificavaluable service on election day, great tion. Mr. Fleming was pretty badly used must have been their chagrin to learn that up.

-The other night, for the fourth time political enemy.

The strife in the ranks of the organizaClearfield county, was forcibly entered by within a year, the post office at Ramey, tion developed from a charge made by thieves who blew open the safe and carried off \$150 worth of postage stamps. There was no money in the safe. There were indications that they had made arrangements to haul the safe away on a wagon, but for some reason they changed their program and blew off the safe door in the building. There is no clue to the robcal gang of which McNichol and "Is" Dur- bers.

-Newton Hamilton camp meeting grounds liquor dealers will not be disposed to reare being put in shape for the summer. The patrons will find that a number of important improvements have been made. A number of new cottages are being erected, which, when completed, will bring the number of available summer cottages up to about 200. The next time the gang starts in to round In addition to the new buildings all the up the soum and riff-raff of Philadelphia, structures which have been already erected are being gone over and will be in first class than heretofore, since they now know that shape by the time the grounds are thrown open to the public in July.

-While Edista Loughner was paring potatoes a few days ago at the home of her grandfather, Jared Loughner, at Bradens ville. Westmoreland county, she found a potato in which was imbedded a small bottle containing a two cent postage stamp and a note dated Sand Lake, Kent county, Mich., April 16, 1908, which said: "To the lady finding this note please answer and tell me the price of potatoes in your community. Yours truly, George W. Stearns." Mr. Stearns' curiosity will be gratified.

-With only a pick handle with which to defend himself, Elmer Welshons, 40 years old, of Latrobe, engineer at the Penusylvania pumping plant about a mile east of Latrobe, fought for his life Saturday morning against the murderous assault of three Italians armed with stilettos, who managed notwithstanding the defense of Welshons to inflict three gashes over his heart and a long cut on his left leg. Early in the morning Welshons had caught the men stealing coal from the bins at the pumping plant and had driven them away, which provoked the murderous attack.

-The Goodyear Lumber company has begun a march upon the last large tract of timber in Clearfield county and is establishing nine camps of 75 men each on its 20,000 acre tract on Medix run. It is estimated that there is 90,000,000 feet of hemlock and 20,000,000 feet of hard wood on it. The combined force of woodsmen engaged on the job will be about 700 and these will average ready there are applicants for every job. The Goodyears have contracted with the jobbers to cut 49,000,000 feet this year and 50,000,000 next year. This is the hemlock and pine, and the hard wood has been sold to a New England paper manufacturing company. This tract has been owned by the Goodyears for the past fifteen years but they were operating in Potter county and the Clearfield field was left untouched. If the present prices are maintained it is estimated that the profit on this tract will reach \$1,-

services are in demand.

Controlling the national committee by a large majority, the administration is seating in the Republican national convention lar vote to which respect need to be pa Ever since the days of Hanna the Republibusiness, and secured the early fruits. though partisans, believed in something the instrument of the Almighty, and as such compelled to have things go the way he directs, by the most available means to the vote of the Southern delegates in the Republican national convention was his to -The theatorium has inaugurated a command, and should go to his annointed. So it was assured to Taft with a rush. The other candidates have been stood out in a wage of \$2.50 per day and "found." Al-

It is certainly to be deduced from this situation that the Republican ticket is not to be favored with an enthusiastic followcomic picture. Miss Hendrickson will thusiasm. Machine made, they must be sure in these days to be as halting as automobile racing in Northern wilds.

-The State-W. U. P. ball game will see two night's pictures every night, all be the attraction at State College tomorrow afternoon.