Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings

-Make the platform strong, but not too

-Anyhow, whatever the outcome in November, the trip to Denver will be worth while

-The Scottdale coffin factory has closed. This is a case of a stiff business failing for want of stiffs.

-Don't celebrate the Fourth so strenuously that you won't he able to get to work on Monday.

-Strange that WILLIAM H. TAFT had to retire from the War Department to go into the greatest battle of his life.

-JIM SHERMAN'S public record seems to be nothing more than a series of attempts to raid the national treasury.

-Before the next issue of the WATCH-MAN reaches you the next President of the United States will have been named at enver. His name is BRYAN.

-So Senator PENROSE is to take the tump. Verily, that is about all his folwers have left for him in Pennsylvania. ything else worth taking is gone.

> uy your boy a twenty-five cent cant will explode so that the doctor can on twenty-five dollars for picking ler out of his face and sewing up ated fingers.

the degree of Doctor of Laws on J. PIER-POINT MORGAN. He has done more doctoring of the laws of this country than any under the control of the President of the for the greatest prosperity." That statement other individual in it.

-Democrate will vote their convictions and their principles at Denver. It will be free, untrammeled judgment that will make our nominee for President and not fear of being kicked out of a present fat tive to indulge in a military pionic hardly job.

-The simple, dignified, impressive burial of GROVER CLEVELAND might have been a mild rebuke on the part of Mrs. CLEVELAND to the present President's overweening desire for pomp and circumstance.

-The farmers of Centre county are just now putting away the greatest hay crop ever cut. Along about September TAFT will be claiming that he made it grow and a lot of numb-skulls will be for believing the story.

-The revolution in Mexico is diverting attention to the Texas frontier, where Vaqueros and Greasers are so accustomed to shooting up things that a little more of uch alarm

-After eight years in prison for com-



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Militarizing the Government.

In pursuance of his sinister ambition to militarize the government, President ROOSEVELT announces that under the Dick law we are now able to maintain a standing army of 250,000 men. The Dick law is an act of Congress which gives the federal government partial control of the militia of the several States. It is the consummation of the purpose in mind when the title of the State troops was changed to the "National Guard," and in consideration of that considerable part of the expense of mainernment. The only advantage of the national, in which it will be possible to others.

mobilize 100,000 or more.

frolic. The constitution of the United try a financial system that will prevent States defines the conditions under which panies when Providence has, by the crops the militia of the several States comes

that the assumption of such control under such abundance. There never was a peoother circumstances is a usurpation of ple of greater industry and intelligence, power. The desire of a brain-storm execucomes within the provision of the fundamental law and the chances are that after

the retirement of the present homicidal administration, the desire for such expensive laxaries will disappear. If there were any need for a standing

army of a quarter of a million in this country it may safely be said that the mobiliza-

tion of the militia, according to the scheme expressed in the Dick law, would be as good as any because it would be less expensive than maintaining a regular army opportunities to despoil the people. When of that size. But we have as little use for

average yellow dog has for two tails, unless the obj ct of the administration is to im- legislation refused to remedy the evil for poverish the people by imposing onerous and annecessary tax burdens upon them. and the trusts demanded advance payment , than usual is not a matter to arouse very It is true that poverty makes men dooile for the funds they are expected to contrib-

citizens into servile slaves heavy and need- spoliation easy and certain. The present murder of Governor GOEBEL. less taxation will achieve the result. But there is no use in maintaining a big army and already, it is said, he is going to marry after that is achieved. There won't he spirit enough in the people to resist anything.

Of course at this time everybody who imagines that he is gifted with the art of rhetorio feels that it is his duty to prepare platforms for one or all the parties. As a good many of us so imagine there are a good many platform suggestions in the public prints these days, some of which are good, some bad and others indifferent. A writer in one of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporaries, the other day, however, made some suggestions which were so unncession on the part of the States, puts a questionably good, that we hope the platform committee of the Denver convention taining the militia on the national gov- will take notice of them. The same writer urges a short platform, which is equally change perceptible is that it provides for wise. A platform, that can be placed on an annual encampment of troops, state and a post card has a clear advantage over

Excellent Platform Suggestions.

One of the thoughts suggested by this This foolish vanity of the President will anonymous writer is expressed in this go all right until some Governor of some language : "The Republican party has State refuses to participate in the military shown itself incompetent to give the counand natural resources, given opportunities United States as commander-in-ohief of the contains the merit of truth and is timely army and navy and it is a safe proposition and brief. There never was a period of and with these elements in conjunction, we ought to be snjeying an unparallelled season of prosperity. But as a matter of fact, as the same writer adds, "a panic, caused by the operation of Republican laws, has left the country full of wrecked

enterprises and is pauperizing the laboring men."

Our financial system was created by the Republican party to promote the result thus described. The purpose of those who have and still continue to control the legislation of the country is to give capitalists Congress assembled last December the a standing army of that strength as the facts were pointed out and freely admitted. But the Republican machine in control of the reason that campaign funds are needed

Drath of Grover Cleveland. No event in recent years has had as profound an influence on the public mind as the death of GROVER CLEVELAND. He was a private citizen and the plans of no ties were disturbed by his demise. But he filled a place in the hearts of American citizens which has left an aching void. be before in the brief history of the country sentiment was similarly stirred. The deaths of WASHINGTON and JEFFERson worked bereavements in every household in the land. The tragic death of LINCOLN created even a greater shock because of the difference in conditions. But neither of those great exemplars of pa-

triotic virtue had a firmer seat in the affecavail to av tions and respect of the people. It can hardly be said that the death of increased ontlay, but \$13,000,000 for land reclamation, under the light of recent ex-posures, will bear rigid inepection. This is a Roosoveltian scheme, and while never for one moment impugning his integrity, his extravagance and enthusiasm in spend-ing the people's money can be called established facts. The postal deficiency is the largest in history. The farmers are coddled in the Chicago platform by reference to the rural free duiting. CLEVELAND came unexpectedly. His health had been in a precarious state for weeks and though the hopeful reports from the sick chamber encouraged expectations of recovery the tardiness of returning strength caused grave apprehensions. His recent removal from Lakewood to his home at Princeton was interpreted favorably but the result was disappointing. That is the beneficent effect of the loved environment was not realized. Yet when the an-

Chicago platform by reference to the rural free delivery, but if its cost to these unprotected agriculturists is excessive, considered along with their tariff burdens, they might nouncement of his death was telegraphed to all points throughout the country on Wednesday morning, it caused a shock. Popular affection was stunned by a deep sense of public loss and national bereave-

It would be impossible, in the brief space of a newspaper enlogy, to give even a

ment.

pinnacle of fame. The son of a Presbyterian preacher his origin wasn't obscure, as that term is commonly understood. With splendid natural ability, however,4 and a character of inflexible probity, he and a character of inflexible probity, he and our country are supposed to cultivate made all that was possible out of his op- Mr. Taft, likewise, started Cuba a couple portunities, and patriotism, love of justice and courage to do what his conscience interpreted as the right achieved the rest. and if it is desired to couvert American ute in legislation which will make fature He tanks with the ablest and best of our statesmen. Inevitable Bankruptcy in Sight.

Spawls from the Keystone

-John, James and Hugh McLaughlin, of Osceola Mills, killed a rattlesnake last we which was six feet long, as thick as a man's leg and had twenty-two rattles and a but-

-Seven prisoners in the York county jail made an attempt to escape on Saturday and probably would have succeeded but their plot was discovered before it could be carried into effect

-The Sunbury and Selinsgrove Electric railway was opened for traffic on Wednesday and was largely patronized. The trolley line makes the two places only twenty-five minutes apart with a ten-cent fare and a half hour schedule.

-At a letting held in the county comaissioners' office Wednesday afternoon for a Soldiers and Sailors' monument, to be crect-ed in the public square in Lock Haven, E. F. Batchelder, of that city, presented the lowest and best bid and secured the contract for \$6,699

-Omer Staggerts, of Coalport, on Saturday afternoon, accidentally shot and killed his six year old son while out in the yard shoottwice exceeded since 1865. Castoms dues fell off \$46,000,000 from 1907 and internal revenue collections \$19,000,000. But the ing sparrows. The father had just taken nexcusable extravagance, the almost razen folly of the spendtbrift, is shown in aim at a bird on the fence when the boy came around the corner of the house and the disbursements. They total about \$659.000,000, or \$50,-000,000 more than in 1907 and \$54,000,-000 more than in any year since 1865, even the exactions of the Spanish war not sur-passing. Permanent improvements cannot avail to account for this excess. Canal digging will atome for \$11,000,000 of the impresent on the sureccived the contents of the gun. He died almost instantly.

-Haymakers on the farm of H. A. Sell. ear Hanover, noticed a cow in a nearby neadow strangely jumping about and bellowing loudly. Upon investigation they were astonished to find that eight weasels had attacked her. After a hard fight the farmers succeeded in killing several of the bloodsuckers and scattering the remainder.

-Conterfeiters have not lost any time in starting out to imitate the new \$10 gold certificate of the 1907 series, the first bill of the kind ever issued. Chief John E. Wilkie of the secret service has sent out notices that considerable complaint has been heard of counterfeits of this new bill, and the governnent officials are on the alert to run down the perpetrators of it.

-The Adams Express company has issued stringent order to all its agents not to accept fireworks for shipment over any of the lines of the Pennsylvrnia Railroad company served by it. This becomes effective at once. It is further said that the same rules may be made to apply to the Southern Express company which is controlled by the Adams and operates chiefly in the southern states.

-Abel Huganey, of Frenchville, Clear. field county, who early Sunday morning a week ago, deliberately shot and killed his: wife and then attempted to take his own. life, but who failed in this connection and in a serious condition was conveyed to the Clearfield county home, died Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the latter institution from the effects of the two bullet wounds received at his own hands.

-On Friday morning John Taylor, of of times on its way rejoicing toward a self-governing republic, and it is still moving traction engine and a stone crusher over the Mackeyville, Clinton county, was taking a bridge that spans Fishing creek, near Mr. Taft, likewise, has been settling anama affairs under Roosevelt's directions the structure gave way and Mr. Taylor to-gather with the heary machine terms are gether with the heavy machi ly dow there ; but they have quieted down and cipitated into the creek five feet below. The United States army engineers are making unfortunate man was nearly drowned and at the canal such progress as may be imwas in a completely exhausted state when he agined by anybody, without the aid of the reached the shore. He had several ribs various and diverse information that used and a a collar bone fractured. -A war against caterpillars is on in Wil-It will be noted that Mr. Taft has been liamsport and strenuous efforts are made to doing many things that are not yet done in the governing line, and we may expect get rid of the pest that is causing destruche gets this government to do, he tion to many shade trees and making no will do it along the same lines, and with- end of trouble for housewives by crawling onto porches, walks and even into houses. Millions of the insects hace developed as a result of last year's visitation of what is known as the Tussock moth, and in many sections of the city trees are literally cov-The Pennsylvania State Bar association. ered with them and some have already been at its recent session, took a positive posi entirely denuded of foliage and practically tion in reference to the superior court, de ruined. and that the enactment creating it should -Andrew Leiser, of Lewisburg, attorney be repealed. Who are better qualified to for the Pennsylvania Railroad company, -Andrew Leiser, of Lewisburg, attorney filed a deed from the State Reality company When the superior court was created there was a hue and a cry that it was to to the Northern Central Connecting company for forty-two tracts of land between give berths to political supernumeraries to Selinsgrove and Shamokin Dam. The whom politicans were in debt. A virtue was made of necessity, however, and it was amount of the purchase was \$173,220. The accepted, and the layman has by slow de-grees been induced to believe that it bad deed was signed by J. Murray Africa, president; John D. Mayton, secretary, and S. J. earned a right to existence by enabling prompt adjudication of long standing liti-VanZandt, treasurer. The buying of this land looks now like a railroad movement of some kind, but how far the busy move-Lawyers are particularly concerned that ment of things is off is hard to tell. cases on appeal shall be disposed of quickly and they would be slow to condemn the -With 2,200 volts of electricity coursing superior court were there any danger that through his body, and with his arms burned she calander of the supreme court would be glutted with untried cases did not exist. We doubt not that there are good and sufficient reasons back of the demand for almost through, just below the shoulder blades. Michael Mailey, a member of the West Penn. Electric company's gang of floating electricians, with headquarters at the abolition of the superior court, and Latrobe, hung senseless from a charged wire, twenty-five feet above ground, on we are prepared to take them at their word. How the legislature will view the Thursday, until Jack Williams, another local matter is another question. It is a difficult matter to uproot established institutions, electrician, bravely climbed the pole and released him from his terrible position. carryparticularly when there are comf ortable salaries clustering about the roots. ing his unconscious form to the ground. Mailey's injuries are likely to prove fatal. -The Pennsylvania, Beech Creek and Eastern Coal & Coke company, one of the biggest bituminous coal operations in the The Republican national platform, re-State, resumed operations at their mines and cently adopted at Chicago, pays Congress man William B. Wilson a proud compliovens at Bennington and Gallitzin with a view of running them almost to their capacment by approving the movement for a national bureau of mines and mining, of ity. The company during the summer did but little work, but with the resumption of which Mr. Wilson is sponsor, both in com-mittee and upon the floor of the house. This recognition of Mr. Wilson's services operations employment will be given to about 1,500 men, 500 at Bennington and 1.-000 at Gallitzin. This big company's decision by the national convention of an opposite party from that to which he belongs must redited as a great tribute to his worth to start up their coal mines is a good thing for that vicinity for other operators will and standing in congress, and very natur-ally brings to bimself and to this congresresume and the result will be bigger traffic over the railroads. -By the contamination of Middle creek. east of Middleburg, catfish and suckers by the thousands have been killed within the last week. Their decomposing bodies, now floating on the head waters of the Middle Creek Electric company's dam, two miles south of Selinsgrove, threaten an epidemic in that community. Snyder county anglers are making a searching investigation of their own accord, as notification forwarded to the State Fisheries department has so far failed to arouse action. Because of the prevalent drouth the water does not run over the dam. This causes the dead fish to float on the surface near the crust of the structure. With the rise in temperature during the last few days many of the farm properties in the at locality have become almost untenable.

agree again to hitch up and drive to town for mail. The difference against the treasury is \$144,000,000 in one year, that is, the sum of the decrease in receipts and the increase in disbursements. The Taft Style.

> From the Lancaster Intelligencer. President Roosevelt is credited with

> > to be given us.

From the Altoons Times

space of a newspaper enlogy, to give even a summary of the public services and civic virtnes which won for GROVER CLEVE-LAND his place in American history and affection. It is not sufficient to say that he arose from obscurity to the bighest pinnacle of fame. The son of a Presbydischarge them.

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One Year of my Policies.

To-morrow sees the close of the Gover

ment's fiscal year and the statement financial conditions is not a flattering

financial conditions is not a nature commentary on exclusively Republic control for 12 years. The stewardship quires a change. Expenditures top ceipts for the year by \$60,000,000, twice exceeded since 1865. Castoms of

increased outlay, but \$13,000,000 for land

From the Pittsburg Post.

He governed the Philippines as a depen-denoy of this country, and the Philippines are still governed without any bother about self-government which our states ong the road and our army keeping it on it.

Lawyers After Court.

Wilson is the Man

From the Williamsport Sun.

of Kentucky, CALEB POWERS is pardoned a gi. from York, this State. Let us hope that the matrimonial bonds will not prove as troublesome to CALEB as did the legal ones.

-The final count in the New York oralty contest has been made and the have declared Mayor McCLELLAN

The contest begun by HEARST has cost nearly half a million dollars all of which that budding young aspirant for anything and everything should be compelled to pay.

-The Texas prophet who has predicted that the end of the world will come in 1911 was mighty considerate. There is time enough for everyone to get ready. And, let us say right here, that it isn't a bad plan to get ready even though you haven't any faith in the prognostications of this would-be wise man.

-The Pittsburg Dispatch deplores the fact that ROOSEVELT was not in Washington to tell the twenty-four hundred brides and grooms who visited the capitol recently what their duty is. The chances are that they all know the ROOSEVELT idea of marital duties and very likely have done their best to carry it out without his suggestions.

-CLEVELAND is dead. When CLEVE LAND was President working men were ecciving eighty five cents a day, but meat was selling at from twelve to eighteen cents a pound and potatoes couldn't be given away at twenty-five cents a bushel. ROOSEVELT is President now. Men can not get work at any price while meat is selling at from twenty to thirty-five cents a pound and potatoes are nearly two dollars a bushel.

-Professor ROBERT HERRICK, of Chicago University, says we, as Americans, re uncultivated principally because we have no family trees on which to trace our ncestry back through generations of which we might be proud. Why bless your dear oul, Professor, we all have family trees leep in some primeval jungle where our forebears spent their mornings and afternoons tossing cocoanuts to one another long before bridge parties and pink teas came along to lift them to a higher plane of civilization.

-A large Presbyterian church on the Northside in Pittsburg has just established a rest room for babies in connection with the church. Competent nurses will be in charge so that infants may be left there a work of God for sure. What a boon it will admit of the windows being kept open will prove to the poor mothers who have in summer in order to assure good ventilano one to care for their babies at home and can't go to church without taking them clouds of dust which now sail in every ones become fretful.

A Good Thing, but not Too Good.

Governor STUART's scheme to construct a splendid highway length wise through the State is magnificent but people ought not gain is moral as well as material. But it is possible to get too much of a good thing and frequently good things "cost more than they come to," if we may be permitted to use a homely phrase. The proposed State road from Pittsburg to Philadelphia might come within this classification. In other words such an enterprise would be of limited benefit and universal expense, which would be unjust. The State's share of the

cost would be drawn, in part, from sections which would not share the advantage. Besides we are not predisposed toward road building operations in .his State under existing conditions. Road building on an

Our State Highway Department is a maohine which appears to aim at "eating up at San Juan. Therefore HITCHCOCK was money," and manipulating polities. It justified in his brutality. He was workwill be time enough to enter upon the extensive system of bighway improvement contemplated by Governor STUART when these conditions are reversed. The people are entitled to as much as possible for their money.

Highways ought to be built under the supervision of the communities they serve. A State Highway Department is probably treatment was necessary. In accordance all right, limited in its powers like that with that idea he proceeded to "pluck the which has general directive power over the flower of victory from the nettle of danger," schools, but a department organized to and in the process most of the principles of Wednesday will amount to \$421,000,000, make roads as expensive as possible, is a justice and equity were shattered. But public iniquity. The prosperity of the past what is that to ROOSEVELT or HITCHCOCK? few years has mitigated the evil effects of this system during recent times and a State when they achieve the desired and what which can be robbed of nine or ten million right has any one to butt in with suggesdollars in the construction of a capitol can tions of force or frand? HITCHCOCK is the endure a good deal of bleeding. But things logical chairman. are likely to be different in the future and

it would be good policy to delay the State boulevard until we are sure to get the have been more favorable for an observaworth of our money.

-A fortune awaits the man or woman who can invent and patent a dust protector while the mothers attend service. This is for windows. Some arrangement that glass and took a look. While the colipse tion and at the same time keep out the notable difference, very much as if the sun various athletic sports to be followed by along; only to find most of the congre-gation scowling at them should the little and making life everything but agreeable Bellefonters from about nine o'clock to the evening as a fitting conclusion of the for the business or professional man. twelve noon.

panic is a orime because it was made for purposes of plunder.

Hitchcock the Logical Chairman.

FRANK HITCHCOCK is not to be chairman of the Republican National committee after all, it seems. President ROOSEVELT According to a statement of the treasury favors him and TAFT is under moral obligation to give him the appointment. But in amount only twice since the Civil war. a vast majority of the leaders protest that The expenses for the year exceed those of to grow too enthusiastic over it. There is it is impossible. He was too course in his much to be gained by good roads and the convention work. He outraged every increase in expenditures over those of 1907 sense of propriety with his brutal methods and steam roller. His processes were precisely what were necessary to make TAFT'S nomination certain and all of would have probably been \$15,000,000 claring that that body was unnecessary TAFT's adherents approved at the time. more and broken all records. But in the light of subsequent analysis he was too raw and even the beneficiaries of his methods have become afraid.

Really HITCHCOCK has a right to claim his reward. His methods in riding rough probably that would have made us more shod over the opposition were brutal but a "world power" than ever. At least it they had the approval of the highest anthority. They were in complete accord with ROOSEVELT'S notions of "a square are starving notwithstanding the generous deal." They gave every chance to the side yield of the soil and the activity of proextensive scale is desirable only when the favored and none to the opposition. But ductive enterprise. But happily the best possible results are obtained with the that is ROOSEVELT's idea of justice. When smallest possible expense. The opposite is he hunts game he gives the animal no ageous enough to prevent that. The the rule in Pennsylvania. That is, the chance. Even in pursuit of a human schemes of profligacy were defeated and the maximum price is paid for work that "nemy he takes every advantage as is touches the opposite extreme in excellence. shown by his own account of the killing of to be hoped that the same results will an unarmed and helpless Spanish soldier be achieved by the same agencies during ing under orders of a man who makes

> brutality a virtue. If HITCHCOCK had been fair to the opponents of TAFF in the committee on contested seats his faction would probably have won anyway, but he didn't know that. He had been led to believe that the conditions were precarious and that heroio They are accustomed to forcing results and

tion of the partial colipse of the sun than it was. The sky was cloudless and scores concert, in which three bands will particof Bellefonters as well as many persons throughout the coupty had their smoked was not great enough to cause darkness will fire a salute of twenty-one guns and was shining through a mist or bank of another game of ball between State College

day's diversions.

The treasury deficit for the fiscal year. which will end on Tuesday, will amount to \$60,000,000, as we predicted two years ago, and there will be a deficit in the postoffice revenues amounting to \$13,500,000. department this deficit has been exceeded out regard to cost. any year since 1856 by \$54,000,000. The

reaches \$80,000,000. If the panic had come with the beginning of the year instead of at the end of first quarter, the deficit

If President ROOSEVELT'S plans with judge of necessity than lawyers ? respect to the army and navy had been carried out thirty or forty millions would

have been added to the shortage. But would have put us nearer to the level of Russia and Germany, the people of which

minority in Congress was alert and conrpeople saved in part from the ruin. It is when lawyers say that it is not the next session.

A treasury deficit of \$60,000,000 is ominous but it is not the worst feature of the statement which will be issued on Tuesday afternoon. According to the second the total receipts for the year

amounted to \$599,000,000 and the appropriations made by Congress during the last session aggregated the prodigious sum of \$1,020,000,000. Unless there is an increase in the revenues, therefore, and there is no probability of such an improvement, the deficit for the fiscal year beginning next an aggregate which makes National bankruptcy inevitable. Will the people of the

-The people of State College do not intend being behind when it comes to

United States invite disaster by continuing.

the despoilers in power?

sional district a distinction of unusual honor, irrespective, of political affiliation. And, too, from out this altogether happy celebrating the Fourth and they will all Mr. Wilson ought surely to be a member of the congress in which this legislation is enseted, that he may continue to give it of tion will begin at nine o'clock with a band ipate. At ten o'clock there will be a base his concededly ripened experience and judgment. Having stood on the firing line both in committee and honse, in contend-ing for this proposed measure—which has in view the diminishing of the loss of life. ball game between the Scotia and State College town teams. At noon Capt. Allen enough of the sun was obscured to make a in the afternoon there will be races and in the coal mines of the United St and its merit and necessity having thus been recognized by a national convention William B. Wilson is the man to steer its cause to sussemful fruition cause to sussessful fruition

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