Democratic Watchman

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Ink Slings.

-Could you imagine anything more acceptable than Tuesday's copious rainfall? -The local political game is beginning

to have a little more attraction for the publie as the fall days approach. -The rain on Tuesday was not sent by

Mr. TAFT, at least bis newspapers bave not as yet laid claim to the timely shower. -Please stop, Mr. TAFT, else we'll have the painful duty of calling together our

-A Pittsburg paper is of the opinion that "Philadelphia councilmen merit the best." Perhaps they do and perhaps they don't, but they have a rep. for getting the best all the same.

-New York is featuring a baby born without a brain. Why so proud of such a calamity. And this is not the original, for Newport is full of grown ones that were

-It is said that woman's suffrage tends to increase insanity. From our view point this is putting the cart before the borse. Insanity really tends to increase the strug-

-An Atlanta paper is of the opinion that candidate "KERN's whiskers will fundamental principle of popular governgrow on the public." Taking the prediction literally we wouldn't object to having voted for Mr. KERR at the first meeting, some of them grow on our head.

- The young New York bank clerk who committed suicide because two checks for twenty dollars each were presented against him in a bank in which he had no account had evidently not read of the career of a against Democracy but the Democratic certain BILLY MOMTGOMERY, of Pittsburg.

-An investigation of the Boston Traction Co., has resulted in the announcement that there is not a drop of water in its stock. This may be reassuring to the stockholders provided they were not in possession of the stock when the water was sageszed out of it.

greatest institution in the world." Of had to be seen at regular intervals to recourse it is. Nobody ever tried to con- frain from voting for motions and measures tradict it, but the trouble is that it is so calculated to destroy the Democratic orgreat that its front feet take up all the ganization and promote the election of room there is in the trough.

their elopement plans after walking twen. and cost some one a good deal of in corrupt political commerce with the oppress workingmen and if he had remainty-five miles deserved to succeed. Love's money. Now he is probably working in most hardened grafter in the country and ed on the beach he would probably have young dream has been responsible for many pranks but walking twenty-five PENROSE. The Republican machine undermiles through the hot sun-shine of a bot July day must have been an experience that would wear poor little Copid almost to Republican party the election of PENROSE understand less but after his administra punishment and other favors. a frazzle.

only half as long as TAFT'S. This is PENROSE to win now, probably, as he will be regarded with shame and referred to simply in conformity with conditions. Mr. wanted QUAY to win on the other occasion BRYAN has no legislative failures and and his mischievous motion in the Berks broken party promises to cover up or ex- county Democratic committee to recognize plain away, consequently all he will have Mr. KERR as the member of the national to say will be to the point, terse and truthful. His pledges will be kept and his predictions fulfilled, else we very greatly misjudge the temper of the American people sented in the party organization will ex-

seems to be a job not to the liking of the didates for national, state and county canofficials of that cosmopolitan resort. As didates. The leaders of the organization for selling liquor on Sunday the councils, have been unselfish and liberal in the past policemen, sheriff and judge say it is done and are ready and anxious to continue and that they won't and can't stop it, be. their faithful efforts for the party. Their cause the people want the liquor and they ambition is to poll the largest vote for want their jobs, so there you are. And they told the Jersey Excise Commission so. We must at least give them credit for a measure of bonesty.

-The name of Dr. LAWRENCE FLICK should be revered in Pennsylvania. From what was at first proclaimed a hair-brained theory has grown a crusade against the white plague that resulted in restoring to health over five thousand tubercular victims in this State last year. Dr. FLICK and White Haven are names that will ever be indissolubly associated with the happiness and sunshine that reigns in homes today that would otherwise have been o'ercast with gloom.

county politics now and the thing you and if it comes to that some masks will fall enough GRAVES has some personal followmust think about most is the candidate for which will reveal unexpected faces behind ing also, in Georgia, though when he ran Legislature. While we can't see how there them. is anything else for a self respecting man to do than vote for MEYER it might as well he admitted right in the beginning of the fight that TAYLOR is a dangerous element. He is slick as a greased cat and can be depended on to work any nefarious scheme districts of the State a goodly portion of lists and discontented Democrats a dozen himself through. Mr. MEYER will not re- and in voluble interviews is taking no sort to such practices, consequently it beguard against a possibility of having this able to return the balf million dollars of ever. The Democrats are not only united

likely to be the serious obstacle in the way the bank, and upon which increase is based of successful aerial navigation. After be the assumption that the bank will eventuing in the air for more than twenty-four ally be able to pay out, his interview saith hours the ship was struck by lightning and not. He takes the credit, however, to him- to begin thinking about the matter of be- of the party and an equally long time since a life-time of work and a fortune in money self and the public is left to amuse itself ing registered. This year the last day to do a number of them voted the ticket and if were burned up in a twinkling. The fate by figuring out the how of it. of this ship is the result of a perfectly There is one thing, however, that Mr. S. 2nd. It is so much easier to vote when be sure that they get around to vote when natural condition which the science of man will never be able to overcome, hence to be interviewed about and that is his man will never be able to overcome, hence to be interviewed about and that is his to have to fill out papers, hunt witnesses clear gain for the party on election day. the constant element of uncertainty in the effort to recover to the Treasury some part and qualify that you are a citizen as you usefulness of airships and aero-planes as a of that eight million capitol steal that his are compelled to do when not registered

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Pennsylvania Democrats.

The Democratic committee of Berks vigilance committee to keep you off our county was clearly right in voting down a be forgotten that shortage in the Treasury, resolution "to recognize JAMES KERR as the national committeeman from Pennsyl. get a little glory in that direction ? vania." Mr. KERR was never legally elected a member of the national committee. At Denver the delegates to the Demoeratic national convention assembled in the usual manner after the usual notice and elected Colonel JAMES M. GUFFEY as the Representative of the State on the national committees. Subsequently the credentials ommittee of the convention, without investigation or evidence against them, threw out eight delegates whose election under the universal primary had been certified by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. and substituted eight others, who may or may not have been voted for at the primaries. After that outrage against the ment, the remnant of the delegation which supplemented by the eight who had been 'catapulted' into the convention met, without giving notice to the real delegates, and elected Mr. KERR. The national committee has seen fit to ratify this crime State organization properly repudiated it at the meeting of the State committee held

at Harrisburg July 22nd. The effort to force Mr. KERR on the Pennsylvania Democracy is superinduced by a desire to demoralize and disrupt the Democratic party of the State. In the case in point the sponser for the movement was former Representative in the Legislature, -Mayor REYBURN is out in an interview CHARLES B. SPATZ, who in the session of stating that the "Standard Oil Co. is the 1899 was known as a QUAY Democrat and at the coming session of the Legislature can tion has passed into history and come prevented in 1899. But SPATZ wants committee for Pennsylvania was made to

The Democrats of Pennsylvania as reprebaust every available expedient to get out -Keeping the lid down at Atlantic City | the full party vote for the Democratic can-BRYAN and KERN that has ever been cast for Democratic candidates. But they are being hampered by mercenaries at every step. One newspaper which had to be bribed to support Mr. BERRY in 1905, is particularly active in this pefarious work and though Colonel GUFFEY supplied the bulk of the money to pay for its services, it is particularly venomous against him. Men like SPATZ, of Berks county, are willing aids in this work of treachery and they may somewhat impair the efficiency of the Democratic organization. But they will never succeed in stultifying the Democracy by approving recreancy and the sooner the effort in this direction is stopped the bet-

promote that treacherous purpose.

ter. In this connection it may become -It is time to begin to think about necessary to name names in the near future of his personal gang of pirates. Singularly

A Forgotten Subject.

State Treasurer SHEATZ is just now that is known to crooked politics to pull the funds due them for the current year ago, but that was for the reason that little credit for the fact that the Allegheny Democratic ticket. There is no such inhooves all good citizens to be on their National bank announces that it will be centive to the opposition this year, howcounty misrepresented in the next Legis- state deposits that was thought to be in but enthusiastic in their support of BRYAN jeopardy when the bank closed last spring. and KERN and their majority will be up -The fate of Count Zeppelin's dirigible In what way Mr. SHEATZ did anything to the average, notwithstanding the perairship, just at the moment of victory, is increase the value of the collateral held by sonal popularity of WATSON and GRAVES.

done a "blooming" thing in the way of trying to recover any of the money. Has or what is the matter that he don't try to

Roosevelt Ignoble Record The President has finally vielded to the aportunities of the friends of the cadets who had been dismissed, from West Point for hazing and has directed that they be reinstated. At first he was very determined on the subject and approved the finding of the court before the Secretary of War bad seen it, which was unusual. But when the powerful friends of the young men got husy it was all off with Roose-VELT. He couldn't resist the force which was brought against him. Every one of the lads had influential backers and when they came all together, they were too much and too strong. There is no use trying to turn back the current of Niagara.

We can imagine no offense as inexousable as bazing. It is the cowardly asserbappened to meet his viotim on a fair field and has his antagonist at every conceivable lug that the failure is working injury to vated one, moreover, even as such things | insincere and dishonest. go. One would have thought that Roose.

their interest. As a matter of fact ROOSEVELT's moral on of QUAY was under the scrutiny of impartial and capawith bumiliation. He leaves nothing in that line to be proud of.

Chairman Hitchcock's False Hopes. The fact has developed that chairman HITCHCOCK of the Republican national committee hopes to prevent the success of BRYAN electors in Georgia and North Carolina and will make an effort to produce a similar condition in Maryland and Kentucky. He reasons that if he could carry those four States the votes of Indiana, lowa, Kansas and Minnesota "never would be missed" by the Republicans, and all of those States are practically certain to vote for BRYAN. But HITCHCOCK's expectations will be disappointed. Georgia is as certain for BRYAN as Texas and North Carolina is as safe as Mississippi.

The HITCHCOCK hopes are based upon the HEARST movement. HEARST has undertaken, for a consideration of some kind, to divide the Democracy of Georgia. The nomination of Tom WATSON by the Populists has made some difference down there, for in spite of appearances, there are many people down there who believe him to be both capable and honest. But it was felt both by WATSON and the Republican managers that the WATSON deflection would not be sufficient so that HEARST was induced to nominate JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES as the vice presidential candidate for the gubernatorial nomination he was nearly "skunked."

There is as little danger of North Carolina, Maryland or Kentucky going wrong plastering himself all over with glory in this election, moreover. North Corolina was carried by a fusion between the Poputhe regular Democrats had repudiated the This is a Democratic year and the opportunity will not be wasted.

so in the country will be Wednesday, Sept. | they will only "hold out to the end," and means of transit. With this feature in friends got away with just prior to his that we wonder that anyones attention mind there seems to be about as much practical use perfecting them as there is in hunting for the north pole.

His predecessor, Mr. Berry, caught the rascals and convicted some of them but we don't see that Shearz has

Taft Out-Debs Debs.

Judge TAFT appears to be trying to beat EUGENE DEBS in censuring the courts. In an interview given out at Hot Springs, a satisfaction that betrays deep ignorance Virginia, the other day, he declared that "the greatest question now before the American public is the improvement of Why should not the reverse be the case? repudiates the platform of his own party on the question of the courts. The press that these elements will not support him subject. But TAFT repudiates them and ment to the progressive Republi joins in the cry.

Of course Judge TAFT is moved to this change of heart by the exigencies of poli- licans to support Hisgen and Graves? tics. He has discovered since his nomination that a vast majority of the people age hazer would run like a squirrel if he multiplying and cumulating. But the managers of the Republican party, mostly under equal conditions. But because he beneficiaries of the judicial infirmities, Butler's candidacy gave Cleveland the refused to condemn the evil. and discoverdisadvantage, he proceeds to the refine. his political prospects, he stultifies his ment of cruelty and perpetrates crimes party and himself by attacking the courts which would make a savage ashamed of in an interview. His criticism is altogether himself. The case in point was an aggra- just and equally contemptible for it is Populism. In order to detach them from

Admitting that what Judge TAFT says VELT would have been outraged by it be- about the administration of justice is true, youd the possibility of condonation. If what is to be thought of him in that conthe perpetrators had been poor, he would nection in view of the fact that he was have been. But they represented rich and the originator of the very evils of which he influential families and ROOSEVELT stulti- complains. While he was on the bench, fies himself by reversing his own order in with no ambition other than to remain there, he was the most inexorable enemy of the laboring men of the country. But QUAY. His secret affiliation with the fibre won't stand investigation. He is a for him the writ of injunction would never -The Madisonburg couple who failed in QUAY interests were notorious at the time fraud and false pretense. He will engage have been perverted into an instrument to the same interest for the henefit of Senator the moment he emerges from the dirty enstands that with a united and virile Democ. rity and honor. At present be is held in porations and "malefactors of great racy and an earnest reform element in the high esteem by men who think little and wealth" might enjoy immunity from

General Grant and Taft.

It is announced that General FREDERICK The wedding of a relative of the Genthat one of these functions would interfere with the other. This caused him a great anguish." He wanted to give practical evidence of his friendliness toward TAFT. He wanted everybody to know that whatever other people think on the subject he is "for the old flag and an appropriation." On memorial day of this year Judge TAFT in an address discussed some of the incidents of the life of the father of General FREDERICK D. GRANT with much freedom. He didn't say much about his victories on fields of battle or his fidelity in periods of danger. Probably he took it for granted that all those things were known to his bearers and required no reference from him. But he took good care to exploit the old General's weaknesses and to enlarge upon his temperamental and other infirmities. He even went so far as to charge that General ULYSSES. S. GRANT was a common drunkard and a hopeless dipsomaniac.

If General FREDERICK D. GRANT had first opportunity to brand TAFT as a liar and villifier. That would have been the manly thing for him to do. But he prefers to adopt the practices of a poltroon and fawn like a contemptible sycophant upon the man who outraged the memory of his father for the reason that he imagines he will be able to extract personal advantage. We had thought better of General GRANT. We understood his weakness but believed that, like his father, he would be able to rise above them. We think so no longer, however.

gratifying results from the campaign they promised carrying on will not weary in well doing is the earnest hope of every good Democrat in Pennsylvania. It is the first time in years that many of them have -- It is not a bit too early for Democrats shown any interest whatever in the success

week's WATCHMAN.

Where Third Party Votes Come From. From the Philadelphia Record

Republicans have been watching the or-ganization of the Independence party with

the administration of justice." In other Why should not the reverse be the case?

Why should not the reverse be the case? words the Republican candidate for Presi-dent endorses the Democratic platform and Mr. Bryan is the acknowledged leader of the more radical elements in the Democratic party. There is no reason to suppose of his party has been ver, indignant about and of course the more conservative elethe Democratic attack upon the courts and some Republican lawyers have tried hard to create a feeling of indignation on the Chicago platform has been a disappoint-Wiscousin, Iowa, Kansas and other west-era states. What would be more natural then, than for many of the radical Repub

Twenty-four years ago Ben Butler was the third party candidate, put in the field believe in the partiality to rich litigants if not the actual venality of a large number land. Especially in New York did the Retion of power against the weak. The aver- of Judges. Evidence on this point has been publican managers boom Butler. The result was that he got 17,002 votes in New York, and Blaine lost the state by 1,047

> Take a more recent and a more striking case. In 1892 the Democratic candidate was Mr. Cleveland who was not admired by the radical elements in the party, the Democrats who leaned strongly toward Cleveland the Republicans financed the Populist campaign of Gen. Weaver. He was astonishingly successful. He polled 1,041,467 votes. He carried Colorado, Idaho, Kansas and Nevada, and got one electoral vote each from North Dakota and Oregon, a total of twenty-two. But they didn't come from the Democratic party Cleveland got 277 electoral votes, includ ing all but one from California, the votes of Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, five from Michigan, one from Ohio, one from North Dakota, ten from New Jersey, thirty-six from New York, six from West Virginia and twelve from Wisconsin.

> Evidently the Populist vote came from the Republican party, and now with Mr Bryan as the Democratic candidate it is incooceivable that Democrats should turn from him to Hisgen. It is William Howard Taft who is menaced by the nomination of Thomas Hisgen.

> > The Allen and the Law.

Greensburg Review. archial form of government exists and the people are given but little voice in the D. GRANT was exceedingly anxious to affairs of state, the majesty of the law is participate in the ceremonies of notifying everything. The men clothed in the law Judge TAFT of his nomination, last week, are held in great foar and also in esteem. eral's wife was scheduled for about law. When they come to this country they sums up 570,760 acres and the timber land the same time and the General was afraid still have the same feeling toward those 58,707 acres. There are 58,240 horses and trusted with the law are not always true deal of what former Governor PENNY- to their oaths. Advantage is taken of the PACKER would designate as "mental ignorance of these aliens regarding our of liquor in Huntingdon county, especially posed upon. Some trivial offense, commit-ted torough ignorance brings an alien before a court of justice.

The officers and the justices who are not conscientious in their duties can easily make these people instruments of gain unto themselves-and sad to say too many of them are not above such practices. A class of officials well known to our better officers and to the courts prey upon the ignorance of these people and not only teach them in the end, utter disregard for all law, but rob them of their possessions. The effect of such corruption by officers and letectives is not benefitting the aliens por helping our own institutions.

Taft's Dennnciation.

for alleged knocking at the courts, coming Griffith, of Ebensburg, sitting as a board of with his Roosevelt has ever said and done is just a ed the heirs of Sylvester Crum, deceased, the little amusing. No man in the country has said more denunciatory things about the courts than has Mr. Roosevelt, nor has in him an atom of the spirit which made there been a single citizen who has ever in his father great he would have taken the a like important position given expressions Little Conemaugh at the time of the previous to the trial of a case, seeking to influence the courts, as has the President. railroad from Lilly to Flynn's curve, in In Mr. Roosevelt, in the eyes of Mr. Taft, this is praiseworthy, but for a Democrat to even look slant-eyed at the decision of a court would be in his opinion nothing short of anarchy.

A Warning For Taft.

From the Springfield Republican.

The Colorado situation is very promising for Taft and the Republicans, writes Secretary Wilson to the former, and then he adds: "They want protection on wool, horses, hides, cattle, grain, poultry, eggs, lead, etc." Evidently this is by way of warning Mr. Taft that he must not carry That our friends of the BRYAN his tariff revision views to the point of Leagues, who are just now promising such meddling with the agricultural and mining schedules of the existing law. Other interests will be heard from in due time to the same effect.

Army or Navy, Which!

From the Philadelphia Record.

preparations for constructing ships for war in the air. The question is whether this belongs to the army or navy department, into mere junk.

condition of the market warrants it.

spawls from the Keystone.

-William Berkey, of Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, has threshed four acres of oats which yielded 224 bushels, an average of fifty-six bushels per acre.

-The last span of the ill fated Mifflinville bridge, across the Susquehanna, in Columbia county, was swung on Wednesday. The bridge cost a fourteen years' legal contest, \$200,000 in money and eight lives.

-Because his sweetheart and promised bride had died at Brisbin, John Ceoseki, a Pole, at 5 o'clock Friday evening fired a bullet into his body above the heart at his boarding house near Big Soldier and is now in a very serious condition.

-Barton Pardee, of Lock Haven and Irvin Gleason, of Gleasontown, have purchased the famous stallion, "McKinney" from V. L. Shuler at Detroit, Mich. The price paid for this horse was \$35,000 and the sale has been the main topic of conversation in racing

-Negotiations have been closed for the use of the Judge Meyer residence on Water street, Lock Haven, as temporary quarters for the Lock Haven hospital and the building will soon be vacated by K. C. Bacheler and wife. It is a very large and well equipped building.

-Chambersburg has its borough and school tax duplicates ready for the receipt of taxes but can find no one willing to serve as collecter of taxes. Both the collectors of the 1906 and the 1907 taxes are not through yet with their collection and neither will undertake the 1908 lob.

-Thursday was the anniversary of the burning of Chamberaburg. Forty four years ago rebel cavalry entered the town and set fire to many of the buildings. Practically the entire business district was burned. A monument is erected in Memorial square in commemoration of the burning.

-Monday as Thomas Spodgrass was driving a team with a load of lumber across Garth's private bridge over Fishing creek the bridge broke down and precipitated wagon, lumber, team and driver into the creek below, a distance of 10 or 12 feet. Mr. Snod. grass escaped unhurt and the horses were but slightly bruised.

-The analysis of the water from the reservoir of Hastings, made at the laboratories of the University of Pennsylvania, shows that the water was undoubtedly the cause of the present epidemic of typroid fever. There are at present fifty-four cases and there has been one death. Four new cases were reported on Tuesday and one on Wednesday.

-The railroad town of Conemaugh, near Johnstown, with a population of 5,000 has appealed to the Pennsylvania State Water commission to help solve its water famine problem. Thursday night the electric light plant was shut down and the town was in darkness. A disease epidemic is feared and should fire break out a conflagration would result.

-Moth millers and other insects swarmed into the dancing pavilion at Lenape Park, near West Chester, on Friday night in such immense numbers that they interfered with the dancing programme of the Brandywine grange, Patrons of Husbandry. But at some one's suggestion the lights were put went on.

caster county, show 50,498 taxable residents. The assessed valuation of the real estate is The law is rigidly enforced and the cit. \$96,265,414 Money at interest subject to izens of these countries learn to respect the taxation, \$22,391,699. The cleared land who are clothed with authority. But they mules valued at \$1,661,360 and 32,288 head are very soon taught that all those enof cattle valued at \$763.872.

-In the crusade against the illegal selling customs and our laws. They are easily im- around the county seat, another arrest has been made. George W. Fry, of Logan township, has been taken in hands by the local constables on information made before Justice of the Peace Kelly and has given \$500 bail for his appearance at court to answer the charge of selling liquor to minors.

-Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker, who resides near Sabula, Clearfield county, was 102 years old on Sunday, and her friends celebrated the event by holding a big picnic in a grove near her home on Saturday. Mrs. Shoemaker is still in vigorous health, and works daily at her household duties and her garden. Her grandfather lived to be 110 years old, and she thinks she may duplicate this stay in this world.

-W. H. Beers, of Reade township; P. M. Mr. Taft's denunciation of the Democrats | Kinney, of Wilmore, and Sheriff Webster endorsement of everything Mr. arbitrators in Wilmore, on Thursday, awardsum of \$3,500 for obstructions washed into the mill dam of the Wilmore grist mill by reason of the changing of the channel of the straightening of the line of the Pennsylvania

-All preliminary arrangements have been completed for the third annual Labor day celebration and picnic to be held at Agar's park, Lock Haven, on September 7, under the auspices of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Clinton county. Two games of baseball and other amusements will be features of the day and an address will be delivered by the elequent ex district attorney of Glearfield county and past State president of the order, W. I. Swope, Esq., of Clearfield.

-While Mrs. Grossley, residing near Hyner. Clinton county, was engaged at milking a cow in the barnyard at her home on Wednesday morning, a bull made a lunge for her and threw her off a stool on which she was sitting. He then began to gore her when her screams brought her husband to the rescue who drove the vicious animal away with There is gratifying evidence that the War Department in Washington is making eral of Mrs. Grossley's ribs were broken and she was badly bruised and was unconscious for some time.

-On Thursday evening the last share of stock in the block of \$10,000 which it was necessary for the residents of Derry to take, in order to secure the Pittsburg High Ten-—A large crowd attended the Spring
Mills Academy reunion at Spring Mills
yesterday, but the gathering happened too
late to give an account of same in this
week's WATCHMAN.

The repairs at the plant of the Nitstany Iron company were completed on Saturday and now everything in in readiness to start the furnace just as soon as the condition of the market warrants it.