

Democratic Watchman

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Ink Blotting.

We fear this cold snap is too much of a straw to even encourage the ice men to grasp at it.

If times are hard this summer, our pet, the Colville band will be good. Mark the prediction.

It is time to begin feeding your hens Diamond dyes if you expect the rabbit to lay any real Easter eggs.

That CANNON in Washington isn't spiked but someone was thumbing its vent pretty well for a little while on Monday.

If it were not for that African hunting trip our fickle people would probably already be forgetting that we have one ex-President living.

The ash heaps and empty cans on the back lots will soon have to make way for that army of yellow kids that is ever ready for a game of scrub.

The hen that wouldn't lay when eggs were thirty-five cents the dozen oughtn't to have the face to cackle when she drops one at the present price.

The aggravating thing about March weather is whether. That is, whether it will rain or whether it will shine.

Mrs. CARRIE CATT has gone to Germany to preach woman's suffrage. She is said to be a splendid talker, but we'll bet a plain Maria could make more noise.

The population of Russia is increasing at the rate of two and one-half million a year. It is expected that this rate will continue if the Japs keep their hands off.

The coming of the first circus of the season is already heralded and our poor old friend GUTZLER HAAG is no longer about to set the pace for the early game makers.

The Lackawanna, Pennsylvania and Cambria steel companies have announced a reduction in wages. So much for the satisfaction of the fellows who voted to "let well enough alone last fall."

So the county court house is to be enlarged and improved. Let us hope that it will not be with the same kind of architecture that is practiced on so many of the beautiful shade trees of the town.

When the Democrats advocated an inheritance tax it was regarded as being entirely wrong. Now that it is a feature of the new PAYNE tariff bill of our Republican Congress we presume it will be hailed as just the thing.

Another revolution is raging among those terrible South American Republics, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador, and whether it is a mule or a bag of tobacco that they are going to fight about.

The PALMER girls, of Colorado Springs, have just been left six million dollars because they insisted on remaining with their father, instead of going off and getting married. There, girls, is something for you to think about the next time some chap comes praying for your hand.

If some of the energy were spent now that was in evidence just before the election trying to manufacture a hopeful view of business conditions possibly the future would not appear as dark as it does to so many. Air-made business booms are not the kind that amount to anything more than bubbles.

England was aroused the other day by the discovery that Germany is getting a navy. It was a scare, of course, started to get money for the naval budget from JOHN BULL's subjects, and it succeeded just like the Japanese war scare was worked on our credulous people for the sake of ship building concerns.

According to the best authority the "style clerical" and "Moyen age" are to be the real things in ladies' clothes for the summer. It is interesting to note that in the latter the waist line must be only six inches above the knee, and naturally the question arises as to what the boys will actually be doing when they attempt to squeeze their girls.

The proposed new school code might have served a great public need had it provided for the establishment of a course in statesmanship in some of our Colleges of higher education. Then we would have had somewhere to go for material for the Senate. A PERKINS and an OLIVER are not the right size to represent a great Commonwealth like Pennsylvania in the upper branch of Congress.

To the dogs with your pessimism and toades with your fears of the decadence of patriotism. Didn't 188 American citizens out of a total of 399, down at Washington on Monday last, face a CANNON'S mouth without fear or flinching—all for the public good—and every one of them a Congressman, too? Really we feel like revising our convictions that the patriots had skidded from, and that patriotism is an unknown sentiment in this country.

Jig-saw puzzles are becoming the undoing of staid old Sabbath habits in Bellefonte. Men and women, alike, look blankly toward the pastor at the morning service. They are not listening to the sermon. They are trying to figure out the picture puzzles in the Sunday Press so that they can win a jig-saw. Others are at home working away at the puzzles themselves. Everybody borrows wherever he can and Sunday has become a puzzle day. Alas, it is too bad, but it is so, none the less.

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Time to "Sit Up and Take Notice."

How far the present Legislature purposes carrying its extravagant propositions, or how great an obstacle to the unwarranted voting away of the people's money Governor STUART will prove, are matters that the future alone will tell.

How many more propositions to multiply officials and enlarge the pay of those now holding offices will be presented, the Lord only knows. But up to date the bills already presented for these purposes alone will aggregate in amount between four and a-half and five millions of dollars.

For fifteen more Judges and higher salaries for the one hundred and thirty we now have an increase of \$640,500 is asked.

For other public officials who are now paid by the State this proposed increase amounts to \$240,900 making a total annual increase of \$4,669,720.

And this without promise of any betterment in the administration of any department without additional duties required in any office; without hope or expectation of anything nearer justice than we have become accustomed to, or without a single requirement of any individual now occupying official positions that the duties of his place be performed more promptly, or to the better advantage of the public, than they now are.

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Evidently we have reached a point where the taxpayer and the citizen who does not want all the resources of the State mortgaged for all time to come to pay government office holders should "sit up and take notice."

Will they do it?

CANNON Re-elected.

As we had every reason to believe he would, JOSEPH G. CANNON, of Illinois, has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Sixty-first Congress which assembled in extra session on Monday.

But we are disappointed in the failure to make such changes in the rules of the House as would have given the minority the protection against wrong to which it is entitled. Parliamentary rules are not intended to promote the purpose of the majority to oppress the minority.

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own party are driven from his support, there are Democrats to make up for the loss. That is precisely what Representative FITZGERALD, of Brooklyn, did on Monday.

Less than a month remains of the present session of the Legislature and nothing has been done to provide revenues to meet the enormous expenses of the State government during the two years for which the present body legislates.

We can imagine nothing more imprudent than this utter disregard of the necessities of the State revenues. No doubt the Senators and Representatives depend upon the Governor, through the exercise of the veto power, to make the expenditures square with the revenues.

According to Auditor General Young the discrepancy between the receipts and expenditures, even if the appropriations are no greater than they were two years ago, will be considerable.

Governor Stuart's Wise Veto.

We can all join in the commendation of Governor STUART for his veto of the bill increasing the salaries of police magistrates in Philadelphia.

The present Legislature seems to be determined to bankrupt the treasury. The members are probably proceeding upon the principle which influenced one of the carpet-baggers in the south during the reconstruction period to write to another who under apprehension that justice would overtake them had gone away.

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Time For the Brakes.

Possibly you don't care, or perhaps you don't want to know, but the WATCHMAN proposes giving you the information anyway, and you can profit by it or not as best suits your own ideas or purposes.

For the eight years beginning with 1903 and including 1910, for which the official estimates are already made up, the governmental expenditures total over \$7,000,000,000, with deficits amounting to over \$300,000,000.

And what have we to show for it? A few warships as unnecessary and useless as a pair of hot-heels would be on an Arizona desert; an army of highly paid lawyers in search of public lands that have been stolen from us;

You may like it or you may not, but between brothers, don't you really think it about time to put on the brakes? If so, you know how to do it,—demand of these you have been voting with—the Republicans—a change of policies that will curtail the extravagant prodigality they have been guilty of.

If you have not been voting that way, of course, you can't do much but sit down and wait until the stamp tax, that is just ahead of us, strikes the other fellows.

Why Not the Same Opportunity For All?

In advocating a revision of the tariff so that it will give to our manufacturers of iron and leather free raw material, the Philadelphia Press says:

They are ready to hand in Cuba. Free iron ore would give the independent steel works on the coast the raw material they need to maintain their competition.

Correct beyond doubt is the Press. No one will dispute its statements, nor can its conclusions be questioned. But why stop there the Press quits? Is not free lumber, and wool, and coal, just as necessary for our manufacturers and our people as are bides and ore?

Why should an iron mill or a tannery have the right to secure that which constitutes the principal basis of its product be privileged to buy where it can to the best advantage, and our paper mills, our carpets and other textile manufacturers be denied the opportunity, just as well as we can iron or leather?

—The death of JOE W. FUREY removes one of the men whose names will ever be indelibly associated with this paper. His years of brilliant service on the WATCHMAN left an impress that can never be effaced.

—The middle west the Illinois Central is a first-class power. Mr. Dickinson has been the chief lawyer of that corporation. One E. H. Harriman controls its destinies.

—According to the published reasons for Mr. Dickinson's selection as Secretary of War, he is to represent that as a member of the cabinet he is to "represent the Illinois Central."

—March snows have been falling this week and the ice men still feel encouraged.

Partial Diary of Workweek.

From the San Francisco Voice of the Unemployed.

DEC 29.—Landed in San Francisco tonight in answer to wire to come to work. Went to office and was told that man whom I was to relieve had changed his mind and would remain at work.

DEC 30.—Haunted offices all day. Then answered ad calling for 100 men to take part in Fillmore St. carnival parade.

JAN. 1.—Answered ads all day. Bill and I on two-meal schedule as exchequer is getting low.

JAN. 2.—Same.

JAN. 3.—Ditto. Sunday.

JAN. 4.—Knocked off one meal from schedule.

JAN. 5.—One dollar left. Bill got race tip, wanted me to put last plank on it. Nothing doing. The horse won and Bill wanted to flick me.

JAN. 6.—Bill gets job on lumber schooner as 2d cook. Leaves me broke.

JAN. 7 to 12.—Lived on some free lunch. Had one square meal with friend from San Diego.

JAN. 13.—Got job as laborer on California St. building, \$2.50 a day. Worked all day without eating and spent night in all night pool room.

JAN. 14.—Foreman advanced me \$2.00. Ate 3 squares.

JAN. 15.—Sunday. Muscles ache so I can hardly move. Spent most of day in bed.

JAN. 16.—Worked. Carried flooring upstairs most of day.

JAN. 17.—While unloading flooring in a hurry during hard rain, got knocked off joint and hip badly wrenched. Had to quit. Foreman sorry, but—

JAN. 18 to 23.—In bed in lodging house. Four meals.

JAN. 24 to Feb. 2.—One night in "Wholesaver Will" Mission; brought away large crop of live stock. Most nights in street and all-night saloons. Spent days working.

FEB. 3.—Came to Unemployed League Headquarters. Got square meal. Slept well under pile of newspapers.

FEB. 4.—Lady took my name, and said there was a possibility of my getting work in railroad office. Boy's work and pay. But hope I get it.

As Others See Us.

From the London Daily News.

On the subject of tariffs, the message suggests a lamentable lack of sound economic thinking. The new President reserves like our tariff reformers. The principles he lays down for the government of the tariff are: (1) Revenue; (2) the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad; and (3) retaliation.

The deficiency in revenue this year alone amounts to twenty-five millions sterling. By a curious coincidence that is precisely the amount of the deficiency which that other country to which our own Protectionists love to point has incurred in the same financial year.

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Secretary Dickinson's Constituents.

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—The tax payers of Castanea township, Clinton county, are petitioning for the building of a state highway between the city line of Lock Haven and the bridge over Bald Eagle creek, of vitrified brick, which though more expensive than a macadamized road, they contend would be cheaper in the end.

Spawls from the Keystone.

A monument erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of Moutour county, at a cost of \$30,000, is to be dedicated on Memorial Day.

There have been four deaths from typhoid fever in Lincoln township, Somerset county, within eight weeks, and there are a number of other cases, some of which are quite critical.

The E. Keeler company, of Williamsport, will ship to Panama about April 1st, twelve 410-horse power horizontal boilers, to be used in the large electric plants on the canal operations.

There is considerable alarm in Shamokin over the prevalence of scarlet fever and stringent quarantine regulations are enforced to prevent a further spread of the disease through the schools.

The Punsztowney chamber of commerce is busily engaged in the endeavor to raise \$35,000, an amount which it is said will be the means of bringing to that town a \$150,000 silk mill plant.

Sunday was rally day in the Methodist Episcopal church in DuBois and interesting services were held morning and evening which were largely attended.

To make sure of having an abundant supply of water at all times the New York Central railroad will drill another well at the round house at Junction, Lycoming county. One that has been drilled has been doing good service.

William Jennings Bryan, who spent Friday afternoon and evening in Clearfield, is quoted as saying that during his sojourn here his feet were cramped often by one man that they had been in any other place the wide world 'round.

G. A. Bierly, a blacksmith of Greene township, Clinton county, on Thursday moved his shop, 30 by 30 feet in size, to Logantown, a distance of three miles, where he will be located hereafter. Twelve horses and a traction engine were used for pulling it.

Rev. F. L. Bergstresser, a former pastor of the First Lutheran church in Tyrone, on Sunday evening unanimously elected pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, Chambersburg, recently made vacant by the removal of Rev. C. G. White to Millersburg, Dauphin county.

There are now 600 tuberculosis patients at the White Pine sanatorium, Franklin county, in the old and new camps, the latter including forty neat and convenient cottages. In a few days 120 additional patients will be accommodated in the infirmary, which has just been completed.

Westmoreland county has a floating indebtedness of \$592,123.10, for which the county commissioners have arranged to negotiate a bond issue of \$500,000, at 4 per cent. interest. Besides this debt the county has a bonded debt of \$1,000,000, incurred by the building of the new court house.

As a result of a visit to Williamsport by Dr. Thomas H. A. Stitz, of the state health department, the local tuberculosis dispensary is to have larger quarters and better equipment for carrying on the work. There are at present 112 patients being treated at the dispensary, and fifty-four others are on the list.

The appearance of six strangers among the land owners along the foot of the ridge in and around Kingston, Westmoreland county, claiming to have been sent by a big Philadelphia corporation to secure oil and gas leases upon about 3,000 acres of land, in that locality, is creating considerable excitement among the farmers.

Those interested in securing a home for the Young Men's Christian Association of Jersey Shore, have succeeded in raising \$6,000, the amount required to purchase the unoccupied knitting mill property, and now an effort will be made to raise \$1,000 more to fit up and equip the new building so as to meet the wants of the association.

William L. Corson, a well known business man, of Williamsport, who was prominent in Masonic circles, committed suicide Tuesday night in the Masonic Temple. He entered one of the rooms alone, drank the contents of a bottle of carbonic acid and when found was seated in a chair dead. There was no known cause for his act.

The borough council of Chambersburg is holding up the erection of the new building at Wilson college, because the site selected is on the route of the old turnpike a small portion of which was changed some years ago, and the water main supplying the town with water will be under the building, if erected there, thus endangering the town's water rights.

A Syrian of Williamsport, who gave his name as Jack Peters, was on Saturday found guilty before Alderman Kellenbach, of taking six game fish out of season, fishing with an outline in daytime and fishing with a line without a tag, as required by law, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or undergo an imprisonment of 110 days. Peters is an old offender.

The residence of N. L. Hoover, in DuBois, was entered by burglars one night last week, while all the members of the family were away, and only the housemaid was in the house. They made a rich haul of fine diamond rings and other rings, chains, pins, etc., with emerald, amethyst, sapphire and pearl settings, and twenty-five dollars in money. The total value of the articles stolen is about \$1,000.

B. F. Shibley, jeweler, of Lewistown, has purchased the livery stable owned by Clifford S. Thomas, which he will enlarge and remodel, to make it a complete fire-proof garage and automobile repair shop, and part of the structure will be occupied by W. Molter & Co. for the manufacture of the M. & S. controller and economist, a device or attachment to automobile machinery which is meeting with a ready sale.

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