Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings

-He is the lucky farmer who has all of his spring plowing done.

-Honor bright, now ! How many trout did you catch yesterday ?

-Base ball is on and this is the summe of the ampire's discontent ; made biting winter by the frosty jibes of the fans.

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The School Code

simple act of the Legislature is sacred.

tentiary.

-The Legislature has adjourned. Mos of its great works was creating new offices and raising the salaries attached to old

-That rain on Tuesday night put color into the grass, water in the cisterns and started the fragrant outon bursting from the ground.

-Fifteen obildren by the name of PINN amination in the schools of Sidbury, England. Surely those PINNS must have heads.

-If the new school code should become calls for.

-The waters were too muddy for good troat fishing yesterday but the fisherman whose bait bottle was long enough had the usual good time of the first day's sport just the same.

-A Kentuckian convicted of a double murder has just been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. Of course a great deal depends on who is murdered and what for in the blue grass State.

-The man who has a lot and is out of employment could make no better use of his time than in making a garden in which he could raise enough vegetables to keep him nearly all of the summer.

-It is remarkable, but true, that the and Representative in the General Assem-Kansas editor who wrote an obituary notice of a friend ; concluding it in these words : "He had been married forty years and was prepared to die," is still living. panishable by imprisonment in the peni-

-The roar of Niagara was stilled for a day last week because of an ice gorge above the falls. The hum of industry has been stilled for months, because of a gorge of laws inimical to economic conditions.

-It is had enough for the price of flour and meat to be going up the way it is, but insult is being added to injury by putting the price of ice up so high that it is so much more expensive to keep cool about it.

-It was not to be expected that those ranaway members of the House would be very severely reprimanded ; especially since their votes were necessary to the passage of the bills that the bosses had to push through during the closing hours of the in the Senate committee would carry it riage. seasion over until two o'clock Tuesday morning.

-Receipts in Philadelphia have increas- Five hours for printing would have brought



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Standard Oil Benefitted.

The School code was literally "jammed" It has been ascertained that a vast mathrough the House of Representatives at jority of the members of the House of Rep-Harrisburg on Monday night. It was sub- resentatives in Washington were deceived torily, reported out and passed on first bill there was a provision for taxing imreading. This expedition was necessary in ported petroleum and by-products at twenon Thursday. No legislation can be enact- ducing the tax on petroleum and by proed on the last day of the session. All bills ducts to one per cent. In another part of must "be read at length on three separate the bill all by-products are taxed at the days." If it had failed of first reading on rate of twenty-five per cent. During the a law it is probable that a lot of school di- Mouday night this would have been im- closing moments of consideration the Ways rectors will die of indigestion in their ef- possible. There would only have been two and means committee brought in an amendforts to digest the voluminous obanges it days, Tuesday and Wednesday, in which ment putting petroleum on the free list. to work. On that point the machine lead- The effect of this is to put the by-products ers are punctilions. They don't mind tear- in the class which is taxed at the rate of

ing the constitution into tatters, but this twenty-five per cent. The difference between one per cent and If a man violates the law which prohibits no tax on petroleum is insignificant but the larceny, or arson or breach of the peace, he difference between one per cent. and twenis usually arrested and punished. The ty-five per cent. on by-products is vast. penalty for perjury is a term in the peni-Among the by-products are gasoline, axle tentiary and stealing a loaf of bread is grease and various other commodities good for thirty days in jail at least. The largely used and which constitute a more constitution of Pennsylvania provides that valuable product of the Staudard Oil com-"no bill shall be considered, unless referred pany than the petroleum. While the to a committee, returned therefrom, and amendment was pending Mr. PAYNE was printed for the use of the members." The fundamental law also provides that "every were adopted these by-products would go bill shall be read at length on three differon the free list and he declared each time ent days in each House." Every Senator that they would. But since the bill has gone to the Senate it is admitted that the bly takes an oath that he will "support, by-products will be taxed at the rate of obey and defend the constitution." Violat- twenty-five per cent., which will make ing an oath is perjury under the law, their importation impossible.

An effort is being made this afternoon to have the bill recalled from the Sepate to The school code was not read at length on correct this grave fault but up until the three separate days or on one day in the time of going to press nothing has been House of Representatives. It was not accomplished. The Standard Oil lobby, legally referred to a committee of the Speaker Cannon, Mr. PAYNE and Mr. Senate, considered in the committee as con- DALZELL are striving with all their power templated by the constitution or returned to prevent the recall and they are likely to therefrom and printed for the use of the succeed. But the incident will serve to Senators. It would take three hours to acquaint the public with the treachery of read the bill in the Senate committee and these political leaders who by such tricks five hours more to print it for the use of rob the people of hundreds of millions of the Senators. It was taken up in the dollars for the benefit of the Standard Oil House at eight o'clock on Monday evening. company. Possibly the Senate will do If it required three hours to read it, it could justice to the taxpayers in the matter but not have passed the House before eleven it is a good deal to hope for. ALDRICH is o'clock. Three hours more for reading it a relative of ROCKERFELLER by mar-

The Last Legislature. The Legislature has adjourned finally and the people of Pennsylvania may well that thoroughfare at such speed that the on Monday night, however, with all these congratulate themselves on the fact that dust not only hangs over them like a cloud details completed. Necessarily there was its opportunities for evil are ended. It is but sifts through window and door cracks not invidious to say that it was the worst into the houses and renders keeping the Legislature the State has ever had. We are house clean an impossibility. Some of the unable to call to mind a single redeeming quality. It began had and ended worse. No public interest received the slightest consideration at its hands. Under the direction of JAMES MCNICHOL, of Philadelphia, it perverted everything to the base uses of the political machine. There was

Promise to the Ear. Senator ALDRICH assures the public that From the Lancaster Intelligencer. his tariff bill cuts the DINGLEY law rates on all the necessaries of life. If that be sequently on the same night sent to the by the leaders in the item which affects true his measure is a public benefaction. Senate, referred to a committee, perfunc- the Standard Oil company. In the original Taxing the necessaries of life is had economic policy. The wage earners are the wealth producers and it is enough for them won prizes recently in a competitive ex- order to get it through before adjournment ty per cent. That item was amended re- to pay taxes on what laxaries they indulge themselves in. The necessaries are required to fit them to produce wealth. If they are taxed on those things their power of production is impaired. If the power of production of the wage earners is impaired the wealth of the country is diminished. Under those circumstances if revenue conditions require that necessaries of life be taxed, then the taxes ought to be as low as possible.

The policy of the Republican party has always been and so far as the records show, still is, to tax the poor in greater ratio than the rich. In the PAYNE bill, for example, the cheap stockings which are worn by women of ordinary means are taxed at the rate of more than one hundred per cent., while the silk stockings worn by rich women are only taxed about thirty per cent. This discrimination against the wives and asked repeatedly whether if his amendment daughters of the wealth producers of the country is autrageous. It expresses the obligation of the Republican machine to the manufacturing barons of the country. It is the recompense which these favored individuals get for their contributions to the campaign corruption fund. It is really their graft out of Republican policies.

The trouble is, however, that Senator ALDRICH'S bill may cut the DINGLEY rates without doing any good. In other words most of the DINGLEY rates on the processaries of life are so far beyond the prohibitive line that it may be cut five, ten or twenty per cent. and still be prohibitive. Such a change doesn't do the working men any good in the way of reducing prices and any good in the way of reducing prices and it doesn't do the country any good in the rangements for the publication of a monthmatter of producing revenue. It simply fools the people with the impression that it is tariff revision downward without being It is stated that the magazine will be open downward enough to cheapen commodities to contributions from United States senaor increase revenues. In other words it is tors, members of congress, governors and a false pretense so far as tariff reform is other prominent representatives of the concerned and in that it fulfills the purposcerf the Republican machine.

Spawls from the Keystone

-The spring term at the Indiana Normal school has opened with an enrollment of 600 students, and its believed the attendance will reach 700.

-E. J. Kelley, woods superintendent for J. E. DuBois on the Hick Run Lumber operations, has killed five bears and forty six coons since last fall.

-John and Harry Brickerhoff, of York, are missing and their mother is minus \$300 which she had placed in one of the boys' trunks for safe keeping.

-A force of men in employed putting the Falls Creek glass plant in shape for operation. The factory when started will give employment to sixty men and run for thirtyfour weeks.

-Charles Parkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. The federal House has passed over to the Nicholas Parkins, of Drane, a former resi-Senate the tariff bill with a vote which dent of near Philipsburg, was killed Wednesday evening by a fall of coal. He was 19 years of age.

-A magnificent monument to the soldier and sailor dead of Montour county has been completed in Danville and will be dedicated in May. It is seventy three feet high and cost \$25,000.

-A deed transferring 403 acres of land in Clinton township to Edward A. Kelehof, of turned to it and the president has had op-Philadelphia, for \$23, has been recorded in portunity to point out to it the need of its Lycoming county. Land at less than 6 cents traveling in the road as the Senate has laid an acre is certainly about the record for it out. The Republican membership of the cheapness. House is notably amenable to the Senate

-The school board of DuBois proposes to make a \$90,000 bond issue, the money to be a revenue tariff, but doubtless if it had been in the majority it would have had used in the purchase of a site and the erection of a new High school building. The conmore trouble in consolidating its vote than sent of the voters will be necessary before is had, or than the Republican majority the issue can be made.

had, the Democratic membership being notably not readily bound by party man----Commissioner of fisheries William date. What the country needs is a revenue Meehan is hopeful that he will soon be able tariff which demands a duty of some sort to restock the Delaware river with sturgeon, upon all importations. There is little jus- a fish that was practially exterminated tifications for freeing anything from duty twenty years ago to satisfy the demand for 'real" Russian caviare The federal government needs to lay

more duties upon all articles imported to an extent that will realize the money -John Homsher, the oldest postmaster in point of service in the United States, is dead needed for its support; and so long as it raises revenue in this way it should confine aged 83 years. He was appointed by Presiat his home in Bartville, Lancaster county, itself to it and leave other subjects of taxadent Buchanan as postmaster at Bartville tion to the states. The moneys needed for and he has served ever since.

-William N. Frew, the personal representative of Andrew Carnegie, in Pittsburg. is said to be building an immense house at the cost of more than \$1,000,000 as a wedding present to his daughter Virginia, who is soon to be married to young Thurston Wright.

-While walking on a deserted street in Dorrancetown, near Wilkesbarre, the other night, Miss Anna Jenkins, of West Pittston, was attacked by a highwayman who proceeded to gag her after which he robbed her of a \$300 necklace and a diamond ring worth \$150.

-The United States Geological Survey has ecently published a topographic map covering the area known as the Smicksburg quadrangle, which comprises about 225 square miles of land between Punxsutawney and Dayton. The land is rich in coal and natural gas is found in some portions.

-The Chambersburg Valley Spirit has been ued for \$10,000 damages for libel by M. R. The magazine will fill a great need if it Reiser, Ph., D., president of Wilson female adheres closely to the fundamental princicollege. The prosecutor alleges that that paper some time ago printed a number of injured his standing in his profession. -The largest business deal to take place in York for a long time has been completed by which the York Felt and Paper company has been merged into the General Roofing Manufacturing company, of St. Louis, as a result of which the York plant will be considerably enlarged and become the largest of its kind in the world. -The Central Penusylvania Lumber company intends to build eight miles of Standard gauge railroad in Clearfield county this year. The road will extend from Penfield to Laurel Run, entering a tract of 50,000,000 feet of timber, 4.000,000 feet of which they expect to get out this year. The company is expecting a busy season

the country's support have become so great that it requires heavy importation duty to secure them ; and affords the opportunity to furnish all the protection that home industries need to make them profitable ; but the skill to lay these duties so as to be protective and not prohibitive, and the resolution to so make them is a severe strain upon the natural wisdom and virtue. Democracy's Magazine

From the Johnstown Democrat. We bail with much auticipation of delight the announcement of Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national ly magazine to be known as the National Monthly and to he devoted to the interests Democratic party.

-Bishop street housekeepers complain jority of the magazines published now are

practically united the Republican members and represented the Democratic minority, barring the Louisiana members, to whom sugar means more than party. The Re-publican vote was consolidated by concesons that it is to be supposed will be modified by the action of the Senate, which is expected to work out a bill that will be very dissimilar to the measure as it now comes from the House, and which will be accepted by that body when it has been re-

in a tariff laid only for revenue.

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The Tariff Bill.

and the administration. The Democratic ninority made play for

ed thirty per cent., so 'tis said, since the introduction of the pay as you enter street o'clock Tuesday morning. cars. This proves one of two things. Either a big pile had been knocked down before or passengers hadn't been paying before they left.

-The Legislature that could pass bills increasing the salaries of judges in the State to the amount of three hundred and forty thousand dollars a year and could not pass a pension bill for the old soldiers might have some trouble explaining its action to its constituents.

-Mr. PATTEN isn't a farmer but he has succeesed in forcing the price of wheat to \$1.29, the highest figure it has reached since JOE LEITER cornered it years ago. He isn't a farmer, we say, but the farmers who have any grain to sell think he is the whole obcess just the same.

-A law passed by the Legislature last week abolished the office of county auditor and created in its stead the office of comptroller, a one man job, so that if the Gov. ernor approves the bill Messrs. Pontius, Musser and Beck will compose the last board of auditors for Centre county.

-Three seniors of the Union theological school in the first place.

p and plenty of lime and whitewash used. t costs so little to have a clean, bright, weet smelling house and the return is so great that we often wonder why so many copie live in squalor when the cheapest rightness they can get is cleanliness.

--Dr. JOHN MARSHALL, professor of hemistry and toxicology in the University of Pennsylvania, has been investigating and has made the announcement that whiskey is not an antidote for the poison of a rattlesnake bite. The Doctor probably knows, but his statement isn't going to lican paper than the Chicago Record keep the fellow who gets bitten and has a bottle in his pocket from trying the remedy that we all had faith in long before soience got so nosey.

-The Senate has passed the bill directing the QUAY statue shall be set up in the ment and charging its own party with rotunda of the capitol. If it were to be labeled "the horrible example" it might says in part. prove an admirable object lesson to visitors to the State's palace of graft, but as a serions memorial it will be a mockery and if our Legislators are too craven to see it hemselves the late Senator's real friends ought to prevent what can only appear in

and jeers.

it properly before the Senate at seven The Senate adjourned at eleven o'clock

a violation of the constitution and the oath of office of every man who participated in the operation was broken. No Senator can justify himself for this crime against the Commonwealth. If a hungry man steals a ham he is punished. Why shouldn't these men be punished for perjury of which they are guilty. The school bill may have some merit and to pass it in the proper and legal way might not have worked great

injury to the public. But to jam it through as it was put through the House on Monday night creates contempt for the Legislature, discontentment with the law corrupt managers were brutal in their canand provokes the spirit of anarchy.

The Country was Buncoed That the country was buncoed last fall

the WATCHMAN has never for a moment the session. The scamper in breaking the doubted. Possibly some of its readers quorum might have broken some bones have not agreed with the repeated asser- but that would have made it no worse. tions of this belief, but it must be slowly The disgrace lay in adopting the methods dawning upon them that if the country of the mob in order to prevent an expreswas not bancoed in the election of Presi- sion of the decent impulse of a majority. dent TAFT and a Republican Congress The decent impulse didn't abide long. Be-

industrial paralysis of the last year of influences were projected into the affair seminary failed to pass the examination ROOSEVELT'S term, which every one knows and as former Speaker MCCLAIN stated it for admission to the ministry because they now was precipitated by laws that make it the bad measure was made to look good. do not believe in any of the miracles of the possible for Wall street to corner the mon- But an intelligent and just public will not bible nor in the Divinity of Christ. How ey of the country, was cleverly ascribed forget or forgive. There will be a reckonin the world do you imagine three such to the natural slowing up of the busi- ing sooner or later and "the voice of the doubters ever broke into a Presbyterian ness machine before a presidential elec- people is the voice of God." sion. Republican campaign spell-binders

-The time is here when cellars and pounded this proposition into every ed. We expected little from it and have and yards should be thoroughly cleaned audience they faced and then pounded bard- not been disappointed. But it may serve er on the promise that if TAFT was elected a good purpose. It was once said that business would revive at once; but if it "the wickedest man in New York served should be BRYAN the stagnation would the purpose of restraining evil." His evil continue indefinitely. It was TAFT and example disgusted others inclined to be what has been the result? Neither he nor bad and saved them from the consequences the Congress he has called into special of iniquity. The memory of the Legisla session has made good a single one ture which has just finished its evil life may of the promises made last fall. And awaken the public conscience to the imnow, five months after his election, business is lifeless and the corpse is showing signs of actual decay. In fact so precarious is the condition of the country that no less prominent and influential Repub-

Herald acknowledges that it Wa buncoed last fall when it put confidence in the Republican party and supported its nominees. In a most condem-

natory editorial confessing its dissppointpromising one thing and doing another, it 1898 when Leiter endeavored to do the

If false pretenses in securing election to office constituted an indictable offense there would be work for a federal grand jury right now, involving Republican Representatives in Congress. There never has been a more shameful betrayal of con-fidence than is witnessed to day on the part of lawmakers who assume to represent the people of this country. We admire the courage of the Record-

the future as an object of flippant jibes Herald, but deplore the fact that it, with so many others was so easily buncoed.

dor. They seemed to take pride in their infamy.

The incident of last Friday was only a trifle more disgraceful than other events of

something very akin to it was done. The tween Friday and Monday some sinister

We are glad the Legislature has adjourn portance of electing fitter men to the office. There is great public danger in the methods of the last Legislature. One session of such a body creates more of the spirit of anarchy than a thousand EMMA GOLD-MANS can in a hundred years.

-The cash price reached by wheat in Centre county this week is higher than it has been since the war, with but two exceptions, in 1888 when "Old Hutch," of Chicago, tried to corner the market and in same thing. Buyers in this county have been offering \$1.25 and \$1.30 cents a bushel for wheat this week and fortunate is the farmer who held his crop until now. Of course the big bulk of Centre county wheat was sold months ago but there is still a good supply being held by those farmers who even now don't believe wheat has reached it's top price.

that during dry weather, when the dust is deep on the streets, automobilists traverse

women even threaten to organize a broomstick club and deal summary punishment on the offending automobilists. Whether they do so or not they might find consola. tion in the fact that they are not the only ones to suffer with the dust and dirt, as it is just as bad on any other street in the not an attempt to conceal the iniquity. The town as it is on Bishop street. And why blame it all on the automobilists ? Why

not blame it on the dust? There never was a dirtier time with dust than the latter part of last week and beginning of this, and that would have been the case without an automobile on the streets, and to punish the offender the broomstick brigade would

have been compelled to fan the air in reality. As long as automobilists keep within the speed limit they should not be condemned any more than the man who drives a horse.

> -A number of firemen in Bellefonte remarked on Tuesday morning that they were unable to tell where the fire was from the alarm sounded and apparently thought the fault lay with the engineer at the eleotric light station. Is it not just possible that the firemen themselves were confused by not having a correct knowledge of the signals. The writer has heard every alarm counded for a long time and they were always correctly given according to the code given long ago by the chief of the fire department. One long blast simply means a fire, and if nothing more is sounded it means the fire is outside the borough limits. One long and one short blast means the North ward; one long and two short, the South ward; one long and three short, the outhern portion of the West ward, and one long and four short, the northern portion of the West ward. With a thorough knowledge of the above code anybody should be able to understand the alarm as it is always sounded at the electric light | station.

-The opening installment of "Polly of the Circus" will be found in this week's WATCHMAN. It is a story of unusual interest and you cannot afford to miss reading it. In fact, if you are not now a subscriber of the WATCHMAN you should become one at once in order to be assured of getting every chapter of this remarkably

---- The farmers bave been unusually their ground in readiness for sowing oats. origin or who its sponsors.

more or less controlled by plutoeracy and one of the dangerous signs of the times is that nearly every magazine of note is lending aid and comfort to the spirit of militarism and war. There are a few notable exceptions. But the average magazine contains every month something extolling war, the preparations for war and a militant government generally. This is a threat against democracy and a national magazine really devoted to the cause of eace and equal rights to all is something to be desired. Whether Mr. Mack will give us such a magazine remains to be seen. If he does he will render his country a service. We are convinced that a magazine which honestly and fearlessly stands for the principles of Jefferson and Jackson will find a welcome in the homes of all faithful Democrats and assure its permanent success.

Corruptionists Win. From the Pittsburg Post.

Political bossism remains to stain the fair nominations bill proposed by Governor Hughes, because the little clique of Woodruff Parsons-Barnes political despots was strong enough to kill it. Governor Hughes' bill was a model

measure. Economically, no flaws could be found in it. But it would have put a orimp in the odious methods pursued by the Republican bosses who use the State

government as their plaything. The prediction might be ventured that those New York legislators who voted against the measure will live to regret the day they did so. No State which has adopted the direct nomination plan is ready to go back to the old convention scheme, which gave to the political ma-

chine carte blanche to do what it wished with public offices and public trusts.

There have been some setbacks. sure. In some States which operate under direct nomination laws, scandals bave occurred that equal those of the old convention days. But these are not because of the new law, but in spite of it. The cor-ruption that has occurred in Wisconsin, for example, is due to the lack of sufficiently stringent laws governing the wrongful use of money to procure political preferment. Direct nomination is not a cure all. But it is a step in advance, and it is regrettable that New York has turned it down.

Signs of a Break.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independen.t Has the Republican State organization determined to break with Governor Start ?

The studied efforts of "organization" leaders in the Legislature to give affront to the Governor by scheming to defeat measures of legislation which he is known to favor, notably the malicious assault made upon a department of his administration, that of Highways, indicate that there is an unfriendly disposition toward the Governor on the part of the ruling element in the Legislature. That this apparent hostility to the Chief Excontive of the Commonthrilling story. Read the opening this week and you will surely want to finish it. will generally attribute it to the fact that

-Punxsutawney will soon have a new industry if the efforts of the hustling people there are successful. It is the building of a siik milk which at the start will employ 100

hands with an annual pay roll of \$36,000. name of another State. The Legislature of Thirty-five thousand dollars is required to New York has failed to enact the direct secure the mill and the greater part of this secure the mill and the greater part of this amount has already been subscribed, the local lodge of Red Men taking \$1,000 of the Daper.

> -Despite her 105 years, Mrs. Rachel Yingling, of Three Springs, Huntingdon county, takes the deepest interest in everything going on in the world. She was never sick but once-when she had the measles in her 65th year. She has always been a great

walker, and until she passed the century mark used to walk sixteen miles to the place where she was born, in Maryland, to see the children of her old friends.

-The Pennsylvania state commission in the dedication of the Petersburg monument

to the memory of the men of the third division of the Ninth army corps, Hartranft's division, with a legislative committee, will on Friday ask President Taft to deliver an address at the dedication. It is probable that the date will be fixed for May 19th and the veterans of the division will be transported to the field as guests of the State.

-Muncy is to have a jubilee on May 15th. when the fifty-sixth anniversary of the organization of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held in that town. Representatives and members of the order will be present from all over Central Pennsylvania and many lodges will attend, accompanied by bands, to participate in the parade, which will take place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The State officers will be present as well as a number of prominent speakers who will make addresses.

-Some person who attended services at the Roscoe Methodist Episcopal church, of Washington, Pa., on Sunday evening, April 4th, either made a big mistake or showed unusual liberality. The church board recently inserted in a local newspaper an advertisement that there had been found in the collection plate, after the Sunday services, a \$1,000 note. The church officers state they believe the large bill came there by mistake. They offer to return the money to the plate.