Democratic Watchman.

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INK SLINGS.

-Philadelphia, is doubtless just as "cor rupt," but evidently not as "contented" as it used to be.

-The base ball schedule having been arranged for next season, we can see no reason why winter should linger to delay the progress of civilization.

-We knew all the time that sooner or later the truth would come out, but really had no idea that Senator ALDRICH was going to confess so soon.

-The trouble with the Senate food investigating committee seems to be a lack of knowing just what it can investigate without hurting the Republican party.

one of our fashion exchanges.] While we can't answer for all a great many will likely be right under some fellows arm.

food for thought without additional cost.

than Pottsville as it is now understood

-Anyhow Dr. Cook can feel that his claim to the discovery of the North Pole is fully as good as that of the Republican party, that it discovered and made this

-That investigation at Albany is showing a wonderful unanimity of purpose among Republican legislators of New York. A purpose to pocket all the graft that's grabable.

-Plenty of men are too poor to find by book agents.

ness. Can you?

-Congress expects to adjourn about difference between him and Cox. the first of May. This justifies the sus-"more convenient season."

you see on the streets, in the cars or wherever you find a crowd.

-The formation of a 12 million dollar trust by the bakers of New York, would indicate that, at this writing, TAPT's trust bustin' threats hasn't scared anybody very

of the high prices and he will achieve the if approached in the right spirit. But it's purpose if it is necessary to employ every hardly worth while and the chances are perjurer in the country to testify.

-From the many varieties of weather we are having, now-a-days, people are justified in the conclusion that Mr. HEINTZ's manager must be whispering in the ear of the weather bureau man.

-Whether a hen is a bird or a something else-a matter that ornithologists are now bothered to determine-she can at least be put down as a "high-flyer" while the present price of eggs continue.

-A Philadelphia paper boasts that "Philadelphia is a unit for a thirty-five ular sentiment began a deluge of the have adorned the bench of the highest foot water way." Just as if that city had country and TAFT personally pledged court in the country and were as proud ever been other than a unit when it was himself that there would be a sub- of their reputations for capability and ina question of getting other people's stantial downward revision of the tariff. tegrity as any jurist. But of late years

-Judging by the number of times our enterprising dailies have discovered endorsing the measure the President of Governor STONE the Attorney General Dr. Cook within the past month we are stultifies himself. forced to conclude, that as discoverers, they are almost as great as Dr. Cook himself.

-That war down in Nicaragua, that Secretary KNOX and his friend General ESTRADA, were carrying on so vigorously through the newspapers a few months ago, seems to have met a kind of a Bull

them what he has done for the people class. Take steel for example. Mr. CAR-constitution specifically declares the conduring his many years service at Wash-NEGIE advised Congress that there is no trary. In those cases, however, that sort has done for the trusts it would be easier. decrease in the rate on that commodity necessity.

again changed his program and will only ask for the passage of four of the bills, he promised the country. Possibly Old Probabilities could make more changes and variableness in the weather than Mr. TAPT has shown in his presidential purposes-but he don't

much as if there would have to be anoth- in violation of the constitution and his law. The party machine wants Sheatz er department added to the census bureau. oath of office, and the bribe changed his out and some servile tool in and law or no Else how under the sun can a record of mind. Mr. TAFT is simply a vulgar law the Attorney General is ready with the number of congressional "inves- grafter. He wanted to begin his election- an opinion to further that result. tigating" committees, necessary to do eering operations for 1912 early and pre- It is absurd, of course, but it will be white-washing for the Republican ad- fers to have the expenses paid by the ministration, ever be kept?

-Going back to the question of the from the congressional machine he depreciation of our money, a gold dollar agreed to renewing the franchise of the tariff looters to rob. now, when backed up against a two pound steak, Jon't look much bigger than 30 cents used to. And then to think that Mr. BRYAN and the Democratic people have never been charged with making it so. What opportunities our Republican PIERPONT MORGAN'S obligations in Hon- if the good is valued at its full measfriends are wasting.



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The Exorbitant Cost of Government. Colonel Andrews' Successor.

The matter of the selection of a suc-Senator ALDRICH greatly incensed some cessor to the late Colonel WESLEY R. of his Republican colleagues, the other ANDREWS as chairman of the Republican day, by declaring, in a speech upon the State committee is giving the machine floor of the chamber of which he is the managers a good deal of anxiety at pres- manager, that "if I were a business man ent. There is actually no immediate need and were given permission to manage the -"Where will the waist line be?" asks of a successor to Colonel Andrews for affairs of the government I would run in to enforce the law. On Sunday pandeoutside of calling the next State conventhem at \$300,000,000 a year less than it is tion to order there will be nothing for a now costing to run them." Senator HALE chairman to do until after that conven- was especially outraged by his statement -This ought to be some consolation tion has been held except to oversee and of a fact. He took ALDRICH off into a for our people who are troubled about the be sure that the secretary attends to his remote corner, according to the Washhigh price of food; they can at least find many duties and Colonel ANDREWS' term ington correspondents, and gave him a would have expired with that incident. curtain lecture. He told ALDRICH, accord--"Stand for a better Pottsville," ap- But there are a good many aspiring gen- ing to the same authority, that "he has peals the Miner's Journal. That ought to tlemen in the party who imagine that they made the most stupendous blunder of his be easy. Any old thing ought to be better are especially fitted for that kind of public career and that his words will be political work who understand that an hurled from the stump with telling effect election now for the unexpired term during the campaign." would give them a sort of leverage in a Since the inauguration of President

fight for a full term in the convention. McKINLEY, in the spring of 1897, the ex-Among the candidates named for the penses of the government have increased position are Speaker Cox, and resident at the rate of nearly \$500,000,000 a year. clerk JOHNSON, of the House of Represen- The expenses of the Spanish war were tatives. Incidentally it may be remarked considerable, of course, and afforded that Speaker Cox is named for every ample excuse for the increased cost of vacancy that happens to occur in any government during the administration of field of political endeavor. Until his election that lamented chief magistrate. But the field of political endeavor. Until his election to the speakership, a trifle over a Spanish war was over and all the expease agree probably knew anything about traordinary expenses attached to it disyear ago, nobody knew anything about traordinary expenses attached to it dishim. He was forced onto PENROSE then charged before calamity elevated THEOany pleasure in living, says an exchange: by the Allegheny delegation who present DORE ROOSEVELT to the office of Presi-Yes, but they have the consolation of ed the alternative of Cox or McClain. dent. Yet the expenses of government knowing that they are not bored to death The "Red Rose of Lancaster" had made continued to increase by "leaps and himself so obnoxious that even so "fresh" bounds," and it is within the limit of ac--Really, we have tried hard, but can't a person as Cox was preferred. But it is curacy to say that the last year of Rooserecall a single trust that has been busted a safe guess that the choice has since VELT's administration cost \$300,000,000 in all these years that the Republican been regretted. McCLAIN asserted his more than the last year of McKINLEY'S party has been in the trust bustin' busi- independence occasionally but he never incumbency. Senator HALE told Senator ALDRICH. made a nuisance of himself. That is the

that a less fit man will be taken.

commercial way.

Taft Stultifies Himself.

the Washington correspondent already Some fellow with more than the ordi- quoted assures us, that his "declaration picion that the reform legislation prom- nary intelligence has suggested the name made it seem that the Republican party ised is scheduled for postponement to a of ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the had squandered billions of dollars during Commonwealth, as Mr. ANDREWS' suc- the period it has remained in power." -Speaking about the price of pork, it cessor, but that proposition is not likely And that is an exact fact. During the can't be the scarcity of hogs that fixes to be taken seriously. Nearer than any period since the elevation of ROOSEVELT a its value. That's plain from the number other man in the organization McAFEE strife has been maintained to multiply measures up to the ANDREWS' standard. offices, increase salaries, add to the cost He is capable, well informed, secretive, of public services in other ways, until an sly and persistent. He has that suavity aggregate of expenditures has been reachwhich made ANDREWS successful and the ed that was never dreamed of even durpertinacity which is essential to political ing McKinley's administration. Roosemanagement. But he lacks in the complete servility to PENROSE which is nec- quarter of a million dollars during the -Senator Lodge will now proceed with course Mr. McAFEE could adapt himself secret service men guarding his person is an effort to discover what isn't the cause to these requirements and probably would not included in that figure.

An Absurd Legal Opinion.

No thoughtful person was surprised that Attorney General TODD decided that the Governor has a legal right to appoint President TAFT is disingenious if not a State Treasurer to succeed JOHN O. dishonest in his statement in New York, SHEATZ at the expiration of his fixed the other night, that the ALDRICH term. That is what the Attorney General tariff bill fulfilled the pledge of the Re- is there for. In former times it was his publican party because the Chicago plat- business to interpret the law for the Exeform promised only tariff revision and cutive and Legislative branches of the made no reference to decreased tariff government, and as a rule he was a lawrates. The Republican platform was yer amply competent to perform that purposely ambiguous on that subject and service properly. PURVIANCE, MEREDITH, because of that fact a flood-tide of pop- Brewster, Dimmick or Cassidy would The ALDRICH bill not only betrays that things have been vastly different.

promise but flouts the President and in For example during the administration advised the Governor that he might ap-The cheapest demagogue in the coun- point MATTHEW S. QUAY a Senator in try would hardly resort to the absurdities | Congress though the Legislature had just which TAFT employs, moreover, in de- previously refused to elect him to that fending the ALDRICH bill in his New office. The same official also advised the York speech. There was reduction on Governor that he had a right to veto.a more items than there was increase, he resolution submitting an amendment to substantially alleges, and therefore the the constitution to a vote of the people measure is a downward revision. It is and the Attorney General in service durtrue that there were trifling reductions in ling the PENNYPACKER administration ada number of articles upon which the vised the executive that the Legislature -Some of Congressman OLMSTED's rates were previously so high that even had the right to increase the salaries of constituents are trying to get him to tell the reduction left them in the prohibitory judges while in commission though the ington. If they would ask him what he necessity for any tariff on steel but the of a perversion of the law was a political

-It is announced that Mr. TAIT has is so meagre as to be imperceptible in a In the case in point JOHN O. SHEATZ is in commission as State Treasurer, his The truth of the matter is that Presi- tenure being until his successor is elected dent TAFT's promise of tariff revi- and qualified. Last fall A. J. STOBER sion downward was repudiated by was elected to succeed him but before Congress and that at first he was so qualifying Mr. STOBER died. This leaves indignant at the fact that he threatened Mr. SHEATZ in possession, under his comto veto the bill. But the agents of the mission, "until his successor is elected trusts in Congress offered to vote him a and qualified." But the Attorney General -And now its beginning to look very generous fund for traveling expenses, pays no attention to such trifles as the

acted upon by the Governor and probapublic. In order to get that sinister favor bly affirmed by the Supreme court.

-The three cent fare has been established at last in Cleveland, Ohio, but it is doubtful whether the people of that -The present administration has city will appreciate the result achieved gone a step further than any of its pred- by Tom Johnson. Anyway his defeat for ecessors along the line of frenzied finance. It has just "underwritten" Mr. J.

Mayor just as the victory was won indicates an indifference to the means even

Anarchy in Philadelphia.

We can see no reason for wasting sympathy on Philadelphia. A condition approximating anarchy exists there at this writing and the result is uncertain. The reports indicate that the police are exhausted and "specials" are being sworn monium prevailed everywhere within the limits of the city. The striking street car employees resorted to violence wherever an attempt was made to operate the trolley service and the authorities were incapable of coping with the situation.

Happily no deaths are reported but a number of persons were injured and the lates water nampton leaves the position of Assistant Attorney General of the United States and comes back to Ohio for the purpose of patching up differences among various factions of the Republican property damage was considerable. The strikers destroyed all the property of the

strikers destroyed all the property of the company they could find.

But there is no use in wasting sympathy on the people of Philadelphia. They have "sown to the wind" and are "reaphing the whirlwind." They have chosen incompatents to govern the city because of the same way again this fall.

But don't be alarmed. Wade has a picnic on his hands. The Foraker faction has not yet been harmonized except as it harmonized itself by helping to elect Judson Harmon, a Cleveland Democrat, as Governor. The negroes whose thirty odd. incompetents to govern the city because in such choice they expected graft. In the preservation of the tariff they have sacrificed not only honor but property. Of course they didn't expect that it would "for the sacrification of the tariff they have sacrificed not only honor but property."

Of course they didn't expect that it would "for the sacrification of the s the spoliation of the corporation barons on one side and the municipal brigands on the other. But this expectation has been disappointed and the imbecile government has left the predatory victims of greed a helpless prey to the vengeance of the mob.

The present disturbance I in Philadelphia has grown out of a strike of Legislature, do not feel safe in the hands

the traction railway employees. The traction railway is an asset of the political machine. A year ago it mulcted the public by abrogating an agreement which provided for the issue of "strip tickets" at the rate of six for a quarter. tickets" at the rate of six for a quarter. It is estimated that this incident costs the public \$2,000,000 a year. The excuse for this robbery was that the employees required an increase in wages to meet the increased cost of living. But the wages increased cost of living. But the wages 1912, which of course he cannot were not increased and when the em- he loses Ohio. ployees demanded the fulfillment of the pledge, they were threatened with dis-

An Outrage Against Citizenship.

rested in Philadelphia. After he was lodged in a cell in one of the city prisons, his friends undertook to procure his release. They offered bail in any reasonable amount, which was refused. Reputable lawyers applied to the authorities for information as to the nature of the charge against him, but were turned away.
Others asked to see him but were denied.
In fact he was treated as a criminal guilty of some henious crime, who was to be
ton, the famous Confederate general for whom he is named, and is said to possess some of the qualities of character which his uncle displayed.

President Taft and Judge Lurton have against him, but were turned away, railroaded to punishment.

known Ellis favorably for a long time. He practiced law in the respective courts What he had really done was to urge the street car employees and their friends to resent the outrages which had been perpetrated against them.

In Russia such things have been done but the whole civilized world has stood against the outrages. In America no prisoner has ever before been isolated under similar circumstances. Even the under similar circumstances. Even the something to his party in Ohio just at this something to his party in Ohio just at this the constitutional right of preparing their defense. But this man, guilty of no offense, so far as the records show, other Taft has divided the Republicans, and than encouraging those with whom he is will be lost to the President. Wade Ellis affiliated to stand for their rights, has been refused the ordinary privileges of tion for these reasons:

accused men because the managers of a He is a personal friend of the Tafts. accused men, because the managers of a He is a personal friend of the Longworths. His

some important particulars and deserves some penalty. But even in that event he is entitled to his rights as an American citizen. He must be a man of some merit or else he wouldn't occupy the office in the labor organization which he fills, apparently to the satisfaction of his assoparently to the satisfaction of his associates. But whether he be a man of merit or otherwise, he is an American citizen and entitled to the rights of citizenship guaranteed by the constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. These rights have been denied him by the authorities of Philator Republican success as the negro vote delphia in obedience to orders from a of the State. George B. Cox owns that his head after fighting with his wife who tried to

-The president of the Erie railroad thinks the high prices are only in the imagination of the people. He says "Americans are bad losers." Probably they are when the loss is the result of they are when the loss is the result of injustice and extortion. There never on the save the State and on these conditions on the doctor had left. He could not find it and his would have been an American Republic will give it." if our Revolutionary ancestors hadn't

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-The state fair at Bethlehem has been fixed for

-Young cows in Columbia county are being attacked by a new disease that is a puzzle to veterin-arians. The !ower jaws swell and death soon fol-

-Warmly wrapped in flannels and lying in a shoe box, a month-old girl was found by Edward Kirkland, a millworker, when he returned home in the morning at Leechburg. It was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saunders.

-Eighteen head of fine cattle were killed on the Brookhaven stock farm of John P. Crozer, the wealthy Delaware county manufacturer, tubercu-losis having claimed them as its victims. Other cattle in that vicinity are to be inspected

-Rev. Alpheus E. Wagner, D. D., the able pas-tor of the Second Lutheran church, Altoona, may be named as the president of Gettysburs College to succeed Rev. Dr. Hefflebower, who has tendered his resignation. His name was considered at a meeting of the board of trustees on Monday and the honor may be conferred upon him at the next meeting of the board.

NO. 8.

REPUBLICAN TROUBLES IN OHIO.

Effort to Patch them Up, and the lob it will Be

Who the Patcher Up Is, and How He will Proba-

bly go about It. Democratic Prospects Bright.

lowing we get from an Ohio gentle s, probably as well as any man liv f-outs of Ohio politics, the influer s, business interests and social jealor and control the leaders of the diffe that State. His knowledge is not

The choice of Wade Ellis for the task

He is a nephew of the late Wade Hamp-

has more money.

It is money that talks. Wade Ellis is

nilton county vote is just as necessary

-It is expected to have the new plant of the Mann Edge Tool company operating at Lewistown by April 1 to take the place of the fire-destroyed structure. The plant of the company at Mill Hall, Clinton county, is running on increase time and is turning out the work formerly done at Lewistown. It will continue to do all the com-pany's work until the Mifflin county piant is re-Yes. Wade Hampton Ellis leaves the

-The mountain town of Patton miraculou escaped being the scene of a holocaust Saturday night through the buckling of the floor of Cole's theatre, in which a motion picture show was beparty in the State, on account of which the State went Democratic in the last ing given, throwing a crowd of several hundred people together in one struggling mass. A panic resulted, the building took fire but before there was any loss of life or damage done by the flames they were extinguished. Some twenty-five peo-ple were burned and injured.

-About 20,000 adult brook trout have died in the last two months from a strange fungus disease that has broken out among them at the Spruce Creek hatcheries. State fisherymen have been unable to classify the disease. It eats the bones, fiins and gill of the fish. A peculiar thing about it is that it attacks all the fish in a pond, then skips a pond or two, then attacks another. Diseased fish placed in the ponds which had been skipped frequently have recovered.

-More than 400 men are on a strike at Tyler, Clearfield county. They are employees of the Cascade company and intend to stay out until the scale for heading work is paid them. The scale is \$1.96 and the men's present rate is \$1.75. There is considerable rock for the men to contend with where many of them work. Tine facilities for making coke are owned by the company at Tyler The products are shipped over the Buffalo & Sus-quehanna railroad, being sent to Buffalo.

-Driving too near the edge of an embankment in Bald Eagle township, Clinton county, Joseph Fravel, a Flemington teamster, went over the side his body. He gave a few gasps and died when the vehicle was lifted from him. His neck was caught under the side of the sleigh and the sliding and the struggles of the horses caused it to cut hrough his neck. Fravel was aged thirty-two years and leaves a wife and several children.

-Joining hands across the casket of the bride's dead father, Miss Lillian Lewis and Edward S. Eby were married at Lewistown recently by the Rev. W. L. Mudge, pastor of the First Presbyter-ian church. It had been her father's wish to live to see her married to Eby and at the request of the bride the wedding occurred in the darkened immediately before the same minister who mar ried the couple preached the funeral sermon.

ployees demanded the fulfillment of the pledge, they were threatened with dismissal. The result is the rioting which has deluged the city.

An Outrage Against Citizenship.

The choice of wade Enis for the task of assimmilating these conflicting elements of his party in the State is due to facts which make interesting reading.

In the first place, the President, who sent Ellis to Ohio, is just now manifesting great faith in the ability of southern men before it was decided finally last week. The first to help him out of difficulties which beset time the motion was defeated and the second time On Monday Mr. C. R. Pratt, national organizer of the Carmen's Union, was arrested in Philadelphia. After he was

suing his occupation as a tinner a year ago on one of the company's buildings, he had occasion to go down a fire escape. It is alleged that one of the landings gave way about sixty feet above the ground and Newingham fell striking the roof of another building and bounding to the pavement below. He claims to have received permanent in

over which they formerly presided, and more recently at Washington as Assistant -Samuel Rhoads was found with a gaping more recently at Washington as Assistant wound in his stomach and with a shotgun lying Attorney General he has shown great beside him in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jorability as a diplomat.

He wrote the Chicago platform, and by the use of his subtle rhetoric so framed thought to have been the cause for his rash act. the tariff plank as to make it mean revi- The oid man had acted strangely of late and a 70 years of age.

-On account of the fight between the trolley company and Patton borough last week, no trolley cars entered the town for half a week. It was claimed by the borough that the company had no right to make the streets so impassable as it did by the use of its sweeper and track snow shovelers. The snow was piled up on both sides of the tracks in such a way that the highways are said to have been inconvenient for travelers. The borough officials insisted that the crossings be kept clear. The trolley company was not able to use its sweeper and keep the demands of the borough, so ran its cars no farther than the borough

-No appeal has been made from the verdict rendered in the Clearfield county court in the D. A. Wilson case, when the defendant was sentence ed to not less than eighteen months and not more than six years in the western penitentiary for forging a railroad ticket. It is understood that an appeal will be taken. The friends of the convicted man who comes from Harrisburg and now is in jail at Clearfield, are incensed over the refusal of Judge Smith to release the prisoner un-der bail pending the final disposal of his case by a higher court. It has been pointed out that in two just the man to play Charley Taft against Longworth for enough money to make Longworth Governor and Taft United States Senator. If a deal like this went through the chances of Republican success would be greatly enhanced. For the other similar cases the prisoner was released under bail. The court bas decided that in the fu ture, however, a prisoner will not be bailed out in a case like this until an appeal to a higher court actually has been made.

-William E. Parsons, a well known former busvote. It was given to Ellis when he was take the weapon from him. Despondency over failrunning for Attorney General, and Ellis ing health is thought to have impelled him to his never went back on Cox, so he can count rash deed. Six weeks ago he fell on the steps in on it again perhaps. You may bet a big the rear of his home and wrenched himself rat apple Wade Ellis is saying right now:
"All hands around. The President's brother for the United States Senate and badly that a doctor had to use three stitches to Roosevelt's son-in-law for Governor of close the laceration. He did not sleep well the wife went after it for him. When she went back In the meantime, Mrs. Ellis, who is as she found him taking a revolver from beneath the resourceful as her husband, may be man-aging some social affairs for the Presi-would not. Then she fought for it. He threw dent's wife and Roosevelt's daughter her off and put the bullet through his head. He —An advertisement in the WATCH—dent's where and Roosever's daughter would have been 65 years of age next month.

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Two children, besides his widow survive.

information as to the nature of the charge

predatory and unjust corporation have demanded such atrocious servility at the hands of the authorities of the city.

It is a shameful and humiliating spectacle.

We are undertaking no defense of Mr.

PRATT. He may have violated the law in the Roosevelts and the Longworths. His entrance into Ohio politics was under the tuition of George B. Cox, the Hamilton county boss and saloon man. His railroad record, while Attorney General of the State, didn't hurt any of the railroads. Charley Taft has money and Ellis knows how he got it, where the \$500,000 came from which C. P. Taft is said to have spent to secure his brother's nomination. criminal corporation.

een "bad losers" in the same sense.

MAN always pays.