Democratic Watchman.

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INK SLINGS.

-Governor Wilson seems able to show that he is the majority in New Jersey.

-The Cabinet of the Bellefonte council has a vacancy. The Secretary of War has resigned.

-Talk about hard times! One would never believe there could be such things after listening to the bidding on horses and cattle at a farm sale.

-New York is arranging for a new statue of Washington. We suppose the old one has worn itself out watching Wall street and its multitude of thieves.

remains for a good, old-fashioned flood on Spring creek to discover how it will be tive offices candidates chosen by paid em-

now makes them.

-Anyway, there is room enough in the Democratic party of Pennsylvania for all the people who want to parade under either the DEWALT or GUTHRIE banner, to get into the procession. There is no necessity for crowding anybody out.

-Pittsburgers know and evidently feel what it is to "sit in darkness," which has awakened a feeling of sympathy for others in a similar condition. The church records show that they gave \$80,000 to foreign missions the past year.

something it's people know little about.

-New Yorkers are complaining that their senatorial dead-lock has cost that State over \$90,000. Pennsylvania could pay twice that sum and then save money for a dead-lock that would keep its Legis. lature out of its treasury for half the time that New Yorkers think has been wasted

crats who demanded new leaders and got as bosses of their bunch such old time and all the time anti-BRYAN men as VANCE Mcwe don't hear many hailelujahs! coming up from their camp.

proud to proclaim that the new census ly announced that he is to be the PEN. Since that event no candidate of the party shows the population of that State to be ROSE candidate for mayor of Philadelphia. more "dense" than that of any other It is at the same time his reward and tion and the reason is that he opposes tives they send to Washington.

wise he would know that they are already reformers. furnishing about the "lightest" kind of reading that can be palmed off upon a gullible public.

board."

and refused to vote for the Democratic resourceful can long carry such a load. grave fault. The aim appears to be to nominee. What a hilarious crowd the

-In referring to the evident failure of people, an exchange concludes that he must be "all in." Just what or where it ever, or wherever it may be, the creature

-It took the whole of two full columns in Wednesday's North American for its editor to elucidate, to a doubting and befuddled reader, just what he thinks that paper "stands for" and then he didn't succeed to any great extent. The fact is that most people don't think it "stands" for anything. It's like an old mare the writer's father had up on his farm at one time. When he wanted her to stand she'd "kick," when he tried to make her go she'd "kick." if she got over the traces she'd "kick" or if the line got under her tail she'd "kick;" in fact "kick" she would was ever wise enough to discover which way the old thing wanted to go.

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issaries of the PENROSE machine.

-A great many of the newly elected to for The Record to see how any of the seven members compris-Congressmen will probably discort that and to defeat the Republican nominee for anything like a full vote, though it is connot doubt of the truth of this statement. In the committee responsible for Tuesnearly so great men as their imagination State Treasurer and elect WILLIAM H. ceded that in 1902 ROBERT E. PATTISON The fact was sharply reprobated in the day's action can plume themselves upon Senator in the Eighth district, VIVIAN RY's election on the liquor traffic.

who owed his election essentially to the policy seems to have been to reward should be made upon a just basis and a them in coldest blood and turned the pat- ural under the circumstances for Mr. Mc- mental law of the State tried to secure will be the honest, harmonious and effi--Milwaukee's water has been declared the Penrose machine. Coroner Jermon being one of "the holier than thou" type, on the Legislature. Of late, however, the then registered at the primary election to be too foul for domestic use—a condiscarcely waited until the ink on his comtion that shouldn't bother the average mission was dry until he offered the in- self. Other deserters had better reasons Sectarian institutions and private enter-Milwaukeean a particle. Water in that fluence of his office to the machine. VIV- than he. Some earnestly believed that prises established for commercial purcity is like political honor in Philadelphia, IAN FRANK GABLE became a more obedi- Mr. BERRY was an ideal public official poses have been supported as freely by promptly submitted to the inquisition and every spring freshet. ent too! of the Penrose organization in and entitled to the nomination. Others the Legislature, and upon precisely equal -Still another illustration of the rapidthe special session of 1906 than Keyser had reasons for their belief that his election of the washington county court in sentencing Drugthe washington county court in sentencing ity with which our customs develop. An ever was. At the next election these po-Alaskan bank, holding over \$1,000,000 of litical recreants asked the Democratic ordepositor's money, has closed its doors ganization to again pull machine chest- vote for the only candidate who was likeand promises to pay its creditors 5 per nuts out of the fire for them. Is it sur- ly to defeat him. But Mr. McCormick Mr. Deardon's resolution proposes an cent. of their claims. How proud we prising that the invitation was declined? had no illusions or delusions on the subshould be of the emulators we can point Wouldn't it have been an outrage if it ject. He knew that Mr. Berry was neither correcting it. No greater service could basis was not seized by the gentlemen to proposition is established.

A year later the element which was sant itch for office. responsible for Brown, Jermon and The average American citizen believes ever, that the evil exists and the only GABLE nominated ERNEST L. TUSTIN for in fair play. Hundreds of Pennsylvania promise of checking it lies in such a pro-State Senator and invited the Democratic Democrats may honestly believe that the cess as the Philadelphian proposes. It organization to aid them. The invitation party leaders whom these conspirators will cost something, of course. The resand the Democratic organization justly ward treachery by unjustly punishing one DON resolution promptly. repudiated the corrupt conditions. But man in order to gratify the ambition and CORMICK and GEO. W. GUTHRIE. At least. TUSTIN was elected and in the Senate has flatter the vanity of a traitor. Until VANCE been the most subservient and sycophantic McCormick became a figure in the politinstrument of the Penrose machine who ical life of Harrisburg the Democratic -A Rhode Island newspaper seems has ever sat in the body. It is now grave- candidates were occasionally successful-

State in the Union. That fact has been the vindication of the Democratic or- Democrats invariably unless he impressed upon our mind every time we ganization. And it is because of its rehave thought of the kind of representa- fusal to hip-and-hurrah for these kind of PENROSE agents-politicians who profess -The Assistant Postmaster General, to be against the machine until they are who is demanding of magazine publishers elected, and for it whenever they succeed that they make their publications lighter, to power-that the Democratic city and is either not a reader of many of them or State organization is denounced and opis considerable of a block-head! Other- posed by those claiming to be Democratic

Profligacy of Government.

-An exchange, that seems to be keep- speech delivered during the closing period life of the people of this country that it at Harrisburg now, presumably for the ing its eyes open, says that "so far we of the recent session asserted that the should be regulated with the greatest haven't seen that re-organizers McCor- cost of the government of the United care and wisdom, moreover. The framers MICK and GUTHRIE have made any move States amounts to nearly half the earn- of the School code had this purpose in gress in which to guide the mummies he to go on with the job they elected themings of all the laborers of the country. mind, no doubt. Eminent gentlemen and has in the Legislature and he wants to selves to do some two weeks ago." No, The state and local taxes add materially excellent citizens they would hardly have cover as much ground in that period as they have possibly discovered that it to this burden so that more than half the offered the people anything which they possible. The Senate passes hundreds of would cost them something and they have earnings of labor is squandered by profil- didn't believe to be meritorious. concluded to stay at home and "save their gate administration. No other govern--Mr. VANCE McCormick went clear to upon its citizenship. No other govern- the School code which eliminates local Denver, only three years ago, and "spend- ment in the history of the world has ever control of the schools and concentrates the ed his own munny" in doing so, to fight been so unjust. No government however power in the Department at Harrisburg. the nomination of Mr. BRYAN. He came substantial can endure under such con- The tendency of recent legislation both home, not as a Democrat, but a "kicker' ditions and no people however rich and in Washington and Harrisburg has this

real BRYAN men will be when marching pose than to impoverish the people. It is sible. The pending road legislation trends to the discordant music this anti-BRYAN a part of a conspiracy to subvert the gov- in the same direction. The dependence ernment and establish upon its ruins an upon the state constables to perform the oligarchy of wealth in which citizenship police duty of communities is additional Mr. Roosevelt's present trip over the will be converted into slavery and emtracts. Its politico-financial allies want vanbuskirk, was frozen to death leaf better pickings all around. All the insti- last Friday. The boy had accompanied his fathness. Want destroys independence and to relinquish it to them. To say the the vast expenditures for army and navy least of it that is a dangerous sign. means that he is "in" we don't exactly are intended to make the citizens weak The schools of Pennsylvania have know, but we are confident that what. and the government arrogant and strong. achieved excellent results under the old It is a part of the imperialism which finds system of liberal State help but absolute the one as it does the other. or the place has a surfeit of gas about it expression in dependent colonies and local control. The local school authorithat it will not get rid of for a very long hopeless subjects. It is the logical conse-

absurd or ambitious caprices. reforms in the management of affairs the schools out of politics and mainly beand reduce the expenses of government cause of the local control. It is to be to a reasonable level. It is said that at feared that the change in the methods least \$100,000 can be saved by cutting out will work an alteration in this respect the useless offices of Congress and no and if this should happen the results doubt that is true. But such a saving would be bad for the schools and for the will be of little consequence unless the public. The Legislature should consider these facts with great care. The ingreater agencies of profligacy are closed. The building of useless battleships and the criminal increase of the army must be stopped or else the process of improve- any care for the real fitness of things it under any and all circumstances unless evil. We have faith, however, that the allowed to go her own way, and no one necessary steps will be taken and that before the Sixty-second Congress expires But then some official bodies never do the leaven of reform will be active.

Not a Promising Outlook.

the so-called Democratic reformers of habilitating the Democratic party adopted of Representatives at Harrisburg, the oth-Philadelphia and the Democratic organi- by the packed jury which sat in Harris- er day, by Mr. Deardon, of Philadelphia, The remodeled bridge on High street value of that "corrupt and contented" burg last week is not promising. The deserves careful consideration and final the party, through years of defeat and sion of it again, her brother having found it on the path along which they travel to go to work. The resolution recites that for the path along which they travel to go to work. vote has been large ever since the cam- has been encouraged on a steadily in- cratic party in Pennsylvania will disap--A great many of the newly elected In 1905, when the Democratic organiza- paign of 1896. No Democratic candidate creasing scale which has become both point more voters than it will please. BERRY, the Philadelphia Democratic orga- got 100,000 Republican votes. Last fall, platform of the Democratic party adopted nization accepted and supported any canhowever, in addition to the stay-at-home by the Allentown convention last June
however, the game of peanut politics now
being played in Pennsylvania cannot do nee for sheriff, WILSON H. BROWN; for er third to TENER, the latter being influ- high time that steps should be taken to coroner, J. M. R. JERMON, and for State enced by fear of the effect of Mr. BER- check it.

the packed jury, of which VANCE C. Mc- penal institutions and public educational At the first opportunity sheriff Brown, Cormick was the dominant spirit, the enterprises. But such appropriations had been accepted? To our mind that mentally nor temperamentally fit for the be performed by the Legislature. It may whom that priceless privilege was given office. He deserted because of an inces- be said that there ought to be no reason

has come within hailing distance of elecmitted to select the candidates.

No doubt there is a good deal of merit Legislature. It is also certain that there is much need for the codification of the school laws of the State. They represent the patch-work of half a century of illdigested legislation, sometimes conflict- fice is unjust and undemocratic. ing and frequently absurd. Education A Pennsylvania Congressman in a has become so important a part of the

But we question the accuracy of their ment in the world puts such burdens judgment with respect to that feature of out. This profligacy can have no other pur- get as far away from the people as pos-

recognize no law other than their own duce politics have been resisted and renovations are dangerous.

-Had the late Republican Congress had of the capital to White Wash-ington. day's warm weather got rid of it all. waken up to what might be appropriate.

Adopt the Deardon Resolution.

The principal cause of quarrel between In the light of analysis the plan of re- The resolution introduced in the House

Every citizen of Pennsylvania favors

for such an inquiry. The fact is, how-

-The Democratic organization of the State is not responsible for the de- but it was only an incident. linquencies of the local Democratic organization in Philadelphia or any other anybody at all is the vital point. The county. Home rule is a cardinal principle of Democracy and if the Democratic organization, with an implied view to ancient town, with the result that the census figit is amenable to the Democratic voters was delegated, no authority could be of Centre county and no one else. In Danger in the Pending School Code. local organizations in several counties against the party rules. Being such, it land clay mine, after seven months' work a shaft failed to fulfill their obligations to the State organization and deserve punishin the School code now pending in the ment for the treachery. But under no principle of law or equity can the State organization be punished for the recreancy of the local organizations and the attempt to make such a vicarious sacri-

-The Legislature is rushing things reason that PENROSE will only have the interval before the extra session of Conbills a day. But Lord deliver us from the kind of legislation that is being ground

---- A few of the early garden makers in Bellefonte have already gone to work and the first beds of onions are in the ground. It won't be long now until garden making and house cleaning will be all the go and plenty of husbands in Bellefonte will have to lay awake nights planning excuses to get out of wielding the spade and the carpet beater.

WATCHMAN office, are trying to build a bridge or to dam Spring creek. The

-At Bloomsburg on Monday sixteen quence of the ascendency of men who lence of their work. Attempts to introand otherwise destroyed when the big sented promptly and courageously. Par. McHenry distillery was burned to the sented promptly and courageously. Par. McHenry distillery was burned to the flict with the welfare of her people. Only tisans in other things have jealously kept ground. What a jollification the real men lost to civic interests and blinded to had on less than half the above quantity.

> ----And now Adams county, Ohio, is troubled to find enough of Republican voters, who escaped that bribery net, to Party Rules Better than "Ripper" Tactics. make up its election boards for the local elections. In this case the "reward of virtue" seems to be a scarcity of candi- dertaken to reform the Democracy of

-There was another snow storm on ent will be too slow to overtake the would long since have changed the name Sunday afternoon and evening, but Mon-

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The Pennsylvania Democracy. From the Philadelphia Record.

A malign fate appears to pursue the sadly disorganized Democracy of Penn-sylvania—a Democracy whose fidelity to It is impossible for The Record to see

however, the game of peanut politics now didates which were presented to them by the reformers. That included the nomilected by the voters of the real Democrats of the State next June. Any temporary advantage gained by any faction FRANK GABLE. We all know what hap. In the plan of rehabilitation adopted by liberal appropriations to worthy charities, by virtue of the slaughter-house methods of Tuesday's committee will be short-lived, unless it shall be approved by the body of voters at the public election. As there will be no State candidates to elect organization Democratic leaders, betrayed these deserters. That was probably nat- wise system. The framers of the fundaths wise system. The framers of the fundaths wise system. cient organization of the party, and from ronage and influence of his office over to Cormick was among the deserters and this result by placing certain restrictions clent organization of the party, and from the judgment of the Democratic people

It is fortunate that the ambitions and rivalries, new and old, of leaders, quasileaders and would-be leaders, will be so

regret that the opportunity for cementing the party and reconstituting its lead-ership upon a harmonious and efficient

The Re-organization Fiasco.

From Senator Grim's Doylestown Democrat. If Democratic reorganization in Pennsylvania means the welding of disunited elements into a strong, aggressive, harwas reluctantly accepted and Tustin be- are endeavoring to asperse are inefficient olution provides for an appropriation of monious party, with good government trayed every obligation of honor in sup- and that other leaders might be found \$10,000 to defray the expenses. But that and the triumph of Democratic principles trayed every obligation of nonor in sup- and that other leaders might be found porting the Republican machine. Last who would serve the purpose better. But is no valid reason for opposing it. If the tion as attempted by the Committee of —If "misery loves company" it will find plenty of it among those BRYAN Demoplenty of it among those BRYAN Democrats who demanded new leaders and got can and the Democratic independents, success of its candidates is willing to realit costs. By all means adopt the DEAR. summary deposing of Chairman Dewalt and National Committeeman Guhey its only object. It does not matter that the Saturday. She was aged about 80 years. Her Saturday. She was aged about 80 years. Her roller" methods. This was bad enough,

But the fact that it attempted to depose committee of Centre county is recreant harmonizing the party. No authority legally delegated, to the Committee of students at Dickinson college. Seven by the State Committee to do what the recent campaign for Governor the it did, because such action was clearly will have no force or effect whatever.

The unfortunate part of the whole afevery sincere Democrat expected of it, namely, to take such steps as would lead to a reunited party. It had a magnificent opportunity to do the party a great service. Several legitimate courses of action were open, any one of which would have been indorsed by the members of the This was the time, not party in general. for rekindling old animosities between the leaders, but for paving the way for leadership in the future. While the committee is plenty of time to undo its mistakes. It ular and orderly way.

More Money for the Gang.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

On the theory that things must become better, the Gang plans for adding to the tax burdens of the people of Pennsylvania may be welcomed. Certainly something is needed to arouse the masses to a revolt against extravagance, stupidity and ignorance in the use of the taxing power and perhaps the riot mapped out by the Gang will perform this great service.

The excuse for increasing taxes is found in the alleged need of the State for more revenue. No suggestion of economy is heard from the Gang. It clamors --- Up to this writing it is difficult to for more and more. Its hangers on want tell whether the town council and the more jobs. Its masters want more contracts. Its politico-financial allies want work erecting something in front of the tutions and interests which are fed out of the public trough demand that more shall structure so far looks about as much like and turn election results, the Gang must ed wagon. On returning he found the boy unmake good or quit.

Pending proposals for increased revenue are little less than monstrous and —John Calv they mark a distinct step backward. They are unwarranted by the real needs of the State and they are in violent confavorably upon most of the propositions to which the Gang is definitely committed through the recommendations of the

From the Connellsville News. If this new regime which has now unconform to party rules and not resort to 'ripper" tactics it might win more of the old rank and file to its support. It claims ting away from its avowed purpose.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-Bogus silver dollars have been circulating in portions of eastern Pennsylvania during the past few days.

-Two thousand Butler public school pupils are contesting in a spelling match, divided up into districts of 125 each.

-Grove City and Slippery Rock, Butler county, will each raise \$75,000 to complete a nine-mil

trolley line linking the two. -The most complete inspection of dairies and dairy herds ever undertaken in Pennsylvania is now under way by officers of the State department of health.

-The Pennsylvania Fruit Farms company has purchased the Dewey orchards and adjoining properties. near Jersey Shore. An experienced superintendent will be put in charge.

-Unaffected by the prohibition tide that is sweeping over the country, the South Bethlehen Brewing company is enlarging its brewery so that

it will have a capacity of 100,000 barrels -Johanna Myers, a girl residing in Coplay, last week lost \$90 from her stocking, but is in posses

franchise by the personal registration act because he could not produce his naturalization papers. -The outbreak of anthrax in Westmoreland county, just over the line from Indiana, has been completely stamped out, thanks to the prompt action of the cattle owners and of the State Vet

erinary board. -Two women received licenses to sell liq from the Cambria county court this week. Both

-After three unsuccessful attempts to burn the home of Constable Solomon Gilbert, of Somerset, incendiaries succeeded on Sunday morning, while Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were away from home. The

loss is over \$1,500, with partial insurance. -There are more than seventy cases of measles at Sandy Lake, Mercer county. Six new cases developed Sunday. The schools have been closed for two weeks and the quarantine will be continued another week. The population of Sandy

Lake is about 700. -Only two rafts will come down the west branch of the Susquehanna to Lock Haven this spring, which is strange reading to people who remember how, thirty years ago, that river was filled from bank to bank with logs and rafts at

-The Superior court has affirmed the action of gist E. G. Dudley, of Washington, to pay a fine of

-Mine No. 4, at Lovejoy, Indiana county, is beng abandoned on account of the amount of water. It was at first thought to be one of the most desirable workings in the region, but its dampness made it otherwise. It is probable that fixtures will be removed to Shanktown. -Mrs. E. M. Hutchison, aged 54 years, of West

ownship, Huntingdon county, was stricken with euralgia of the face while attending the funeral of her father-in-law, Lewis Hutchison, at Mooresville, recently. The neuralgia went to her heart, causing her death two hours later. -Mrs. William Goodhart, of Leesburg, Cumber-

land county, left her baby playing with a cellu loid comb while she ran out on an errand to a nearby store. The baby crept to the stove in the

two sons are members of the Clearfield Bar asso ciation; one of her daughters is the wife of Judge Smith and the other the widow of Judge Krebs. -Acting under instructions from the postoffice

committee's prerogative extended no department, the postoffice people of Carlisle bave farther than to formulate a plan of re- just completed a recount of the population of that ures have been increased from 10,303 to 11,711, not including the inmates of the Indian school or the

-The Harbison-Walker Refractories company of Woodland, have just finished for their Woodseven feet in diameter and 160 feet deep. Considerable water was encountered during the process fair is that the committee did not do what of sinking, which retarded the work. The shaft will be used for ventilating purposes.

-The Cambria Steel company's new wire mill will be in full operation next month and the Pennsylvania Railroad company has men at work constructing new yards at the lower end of Morrellville. The work involved the razing of the old station at Sheridan, which had been an old land mark quite long enough to be historic. --Options have been taken on about 1,000 acres

of land along Slippery Rock Creek, in Butler has thrown away a great opportunity and county, between Kennedy's Mills and McConpractically accomplished nothing, there nell's Mills, just west of Portersville, and it is reported a huge power plant is to be constructed. is to be hoped that the party can yet accomplish its own reorganization in a regmotor power in New Castle and Elmwood City. -Mrs. Susan Brenneman, proprietress of the

Valley house, Lewistown, celebrated the 81st anniversary of her birth on Monday. She spent the day at her usual occupation, supervising the culinary department of the hostelry she has owned worse before we can hope to make them for forty-two years. Her friends congratulated her on her good health and activity and wished her a continuance thereof. She received more than a hundred post cards. -A peculiar malady has broken out among the chickens of William H. Snyder, of Dallastown,

York county. Within the past two days a number of them have died from apparent fatness. The flesh bursts along the breastbone and they bleed to death. Beyond the fatness the chickens are as healthy as possible. Their combs are red and when the chickens are cut open after death they show no internal sickness. -Marshall, the nine-year-old son of J. Frank Vanbuskirk, was frozen to death near Lewistown

er in moving household goods from Lewistown Junction to Alfarata when a spring broke on the be thrown their way. And since these wagon. The lad was left with the wagon while institutions and interests control votes the father proceeded to Alfarata with a borrowconscious from cold. He died shortly after reach-

-John Calvin Louder, aged fifty-nine years, a prominent citizen of Huntingdon and member of the school board, was killed in the planing mill of that place just before quitting time on Friday evening. His son was feeding lumber into a saw and the end of the board, as it came through, struck his father over the heart. Three ribs were crushed and his death was instantaneous. He was a faithful member of the Reformed church. His widow, one daughter and six sons survive. Three of the sons, George, James and Clyde, are residents of Altoona.

-By the recent death of Wilson Todd, son of the late Congressman Lemuel Todd, the Sara A. Todd Memorial home, of Carlisle, will come into possession of his share of his mother's estate, Pennsylvania would make up its mind to which was, as stated in the will, "one-half of the residue of the estate." The estate amounted to nearly \$500,000. After all the other bequests are subtracted and costs and expenses paid, it is exto want to harmonize the party, but in un- pected that the estate will net \$300,000, of which dertaking to ride over the elements which have been in control it is only getinto possession of both parts, or \$300,000.