# Democratic Watchman.

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#### INK SLINGS.

-Not quite three months until the annual crusude against the trout will begin. -It may be a little hard to hit the hay these cold nights, but it is incomparably harder to crawl out of it in the morning

-There has been enough of winter within the past few days to inspire the hardiest to pray for clouds on ground-hog

-The process of forming a Republic in China is slow but not altogether sure. Wooden shoes are not becoming to free-

-Judging from the number of charters county will be electrified before we know it.

suffered more than any others from the fun with the ten or twelve Congressmen cold weather. Most of it due, of course to the freezing up of their pumps.

---Probably the cold weather may be attributed to the chill between TAFT and ROOSEVELT. Anyway it has been equally severe at Oyster Bay and Washington.

-A western preacher would have married men wear a ring. The idea, of course, is to safe-guard unsophisticated maiden against falling in love with another's hubby.

---It is not surprising that Wall street should be financing the ROOSEVELT campaign for the Presidential nomination. \$400,000,000, his own sworn estimate, he ROOSEVELT was always obliging to Wall street and "one good turn deserves

are already planning to extend the rules of the committee was aware of the fact, to cover postmasters.

around here last Saturday and Sunday morning we are almost persuaded that of wealth and every member of the comboth PEARY and Dr. Cook are fakirs when they lay claim to having located the north pole anywhere else than in Centre

-Do you recall those awful days we had about the Fourth of last July when the thermometer was recording from 98 to 100 degrees in the shade every day for a week? Think how you longed for cooler weather then and think how ungrateful you are now that you've got it.

-Show me the man who can accept finds his water pipes all frozen up and the worst type. rushes to the plumber's to find fourteen other similarly afflicted mortals !there ahead of him waiting for help, and I will show a man too good for this earth. He Iron company with the Steel trust would is already prepared for translation.

-Dr. HORACE FLETCHER, the man who believes in making the teeth do what so many rapid eaters ask the stomach to look after, has just declared that after an experiment carried on for days he finds that he feels fine on a diet of nothing else than potatoes. What joyous news to the poor if potatoes were only cheap as they used to be.

-Mr. McDevitt, the Wilkes-Barre millionaire for a day, is not to be laughed at. He' knew just how long he could keep up the pace and quit when the one day of high living had consumed his \$2500.00. He was that much wiser than the rest of us who try to live like millionaires all the time and are ground to death in the struggle to foot the bills.

-The "turkey trot," the "grizzly bear," and the "bunny hug" are new dances that we hope may die a bornin before they get out into this neck o' the woods. It is quite enough for us to see the youngsters grabbin' each other in a death hug, The power of the Postmaster General, picking out a corner on the dancing floor and tettering away there like mechanical toys in something they call the Boston.

-Madam SCHUMANN HEINK, the great contralto, is instituting a divorce proceeding against her husband because he can't understand her children. Inasmuch as she had eight of them when she married WILLIAM RAPP probably the songstress has not given the young man time to study out the psychic relationship that should exist between a young step-father and his ready-made family.

-Why government control of telegraph | cock. lines? Why government control of anything else than government? The least governed people are the best governed people and to our mind this piling up of government supervision over and espionage into everything that the individual undertakes is growing so nearly akin to as the postal operations he would be a a monarchical form of government that much more potent force in the affairs of unless there is a line drawn somewhere, the people. Probably his desire has its and soon, there will not be much left of origin in that fact. Mr. HITCHCOCK is an our vaunted Republican form of govern-

-The unfortunate death of the late SAMUEL WILLIAMS has precipitated another fight for the postoffice in Bellefonte. Gossip is already busy making postmasters and most of it seems centered around the names of H. C. VALENTINE, W. L. MALIN and W. I. FLEMING. We do not know that any of these gentlemen are aspirants for the appointment, but and the standing of the students at graduwe do know that their loyal party service recommends them and that their personalities are such that either of them would prove generally acceptable to the patrons of the office.



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Carnegie Hypnotized the Committee.

In the course of recent events there on the subject, concerning the organization, and laughed at their disappointment.

If Mr. CARNEGIE had been a poor man things would have been different. If he had been honest frank and sincere. another result would have been registered. But because he is worth at least presumed to make fun of the committee and sustained the bluff. In other words, from start to finish, he had every mem--What if civil service should come ber of the committee hypnotized by the along and fix him in office for life just force of his wealth and he laughed at the after HENRY CUTE names the next post- helplesness of the bunch. He talked master for Bellefonte? You know they to them like a pirate and every member but not one in the lot dared to call him -In the light of the mercurial tumbling down. It was a case of absolute surrender of law and conscience to the power mittee knows that that is the truth.

Yet the incident is not without its useful purpose. The public is not as susceptible to sinister influences as the Congressional committe and while Mr. CAR-NEGIE bluffed the committee he didn't altogether fool the people. He admitted that on a former occasion he had sworn that all his interests in the steel industry were worth only \$48,000,000 and that the Steel trust had paid him in bonds of the Steel corporation as much as \$480,000,000 for his interest and now he wants a government guarantee of a fair prout on the situation philosophically when he what he got. That would be robbery of

> more than pay the expenses of a successful campaign against TAFT in the interest of ROOSEVELT.

## Mr. Hitchcock's Proposition.

Of course there are various reasons for Postmaster General HITCHCOCK's desire to acquire control of the telegraph systems of the country. Some of them are personal and some political. There never was a man in authority who didn't covet more power. This is shown in every line of life. From President to township constable it is the same. The practices of ROOSEVELT have accentuated this tendency. Everybody wants to imitate him.

The merger of the telegraph service with the postoffice activities would be a step in the direction of centralization moreover. It would greatly enhance the power of the government at Washington-The telegraph service employs a vast army of men and women. The political machine would be vastly strengthened with this increase of official patronage. under such conditions would be almost illimitable and certainly irresistible.

There are no patriotic reasons for the proposed innovation, however. The telegraph service would not be administered better or cheaper, by the government. The general public would not be benefitted in any respect by the change. An esteemed contemporary has said that "the only excuse for government ownership of anything is the ability of the government to serve the public better than private interests can or will do." There is no such excuse in the proposition of HITCH-

The Postoffice Department is not well managed at present. Mr. HITCHCOCK has increased the burdens of labor upon the employees but has abated no abuses or corrected no real evils. But if he had control of the telegraph service as well

having declared the liability act constitu- RIE, McCormick and Palmer what they tional THEODORE ROOSEVELT may con. are working to be-the bosses of Pennclude to let that tribunal continue in bus. | sylvania Democracy. iness for awhile longer.

Senior class of the Bellefonte High school, meagre telegraphic service of seventy the John Hoy farm near that town which ation will depend very much upon the stocks then and even with that advangrades made now.

-For high class Job Work come to the WATCHMAN Office.

Mr. Carnegie's Absurd Claim

has been nothing more curious, more sur. | committee last Friday Andrew Carnegie ing to forgive everybody on earth except | A western newspaper commenting on prising or more alarming than the ex. said: "The Commission should have Colonel JAMES M. GUFFEY. When he prising or more alarming than the ex. said: "The Commission should have Colonel JAMES M. GUFFEY. When he amination, last week, of Mr. Andrew power to fix prices from month to month. was first nominated for President, in "is not doing any kind of politics." This that are being applied for all of Centre CARNEGIE, before a Congressional com. It should visit plants, take notice of 1896, and the Democracy from Maine to is certainly a bit of startling information mittee. At the conclusion of this ordeal changed conditions. The Commission California was inspired to hope by his ar- to the country which has been led to bemittee. At the conclusion of this ordeal changed conditions. The Commission California was inspired to nope by his arlieve that something really exciting was in the wind. The President not doing -Report has it that the milk men have joyed himself immensely. He simply had you did before, but you will get a sure was among the first to sprag the party politics? Then in the same sense what fun with the ten or twelve Congressmen return," A sure return on what? Obvi- wheel by bolting the nomination. He who composed the inquisition. They ously on the capitalization, including the had been named for Presidential Elector, moil that re-echoes from the White House? Are we to believe that these who composed the inquisition. They summoned him to tell the truth and all water in the stocks. The Steel trust, for declined the honor and contributed liber- mid-winter "swings around the circle" the truth, so far as he had information example, in which Mr. CARNEGIE is inter- ally to the McKinley campaign fund. are merely the seasonal diametric to the tion of the Steel trust. He told them in at a billion and a quarter, half of which and is now among the most earnest a jocular way his impressions on various is water. Mr. CARNEGIE would have the workers in the movement to make Mr. in August are we to infer that it is too cold for comfort in January? But withpsychological questions, in no way con- consumers pay a sure return of say five GUTHRIE the party leader in Pennsylva- out any attempt to answer these questions. nested with the subject under considera. per cent. on that amount when only half nia. of it represents money.

> But it has no right, in justice or reason, tive in another? to ask a sure return or any other sort of

er fails to pay them for their labor. In fact nobody except the bankers and manufacturers ask for such protection against their own follies and we can see no valid reason why they should be thus favored at public expense. Mr. CARNEGIE and of the life of the latter of the word "tariff," and in its place use the term "tax," which is what a tariff really is? If every Democratic writer and speaker would use the term "the Payne-Aldrich tax bill," instead of "the Payne-Aldrich tariff tat," it comnow until the polls close. November 5th, there need be little conjecture as to offense and he had been warned by his postmaster. It is safe to say that he will now try, some other -For that matter the profits out of his kind have been expensive luxuries.

anything for anybody else.

## Mr. Palmer's False Pretense.

nounced that the incident was unimport- not wrecked. ant and that the people of the State will settle the question at the primary elections in April. In other words he announces himself as a candidate for the office of National committeemen and appeals to the people to support him.

Upon a correct statement of the facts Mr. PALMER would have had only one vote in his favor in the Democratic National committee, and that would have been his own, purchased from the mercenary Representative of the Mormon member for Utah. No intelligent man, properly informed, could have voted to support his false and fraudulent pretense to a seat in the committee, without the sacrifice of conscience and the absolute

surrender of principle. Mr. PALMER had, previous to the meeting of the committee, falsified the facts and appealed to his associates in Congress, to support him, right or wrong. Congress is a close corporation. Mostly, as was shown in the CARNEGIE hearing, the members are selfish and sordid. They determined to support their associate and every vote in the committee, for Mr. PALMER, outside of his own, was influenced by that Congressional atmosphere which is stifling to decency.

In the decision of the question which will be made by the people of Pennsylvania at the primary elections in April, a different element will obtain. Mr. PAL-MER's absurd 'ambitions and preposterambitious as well as a self reliant young President will not serve as blinds. The actual conditions will be presented and -The United States Supreme Court | the people will not vote to make GUTH-

> ---- Mr. HITCHCOCK forgot to mention years ago there was no water in the

Mr. Bryan and Colonel Guffey.

In his testimony before a Congressional Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN is will- From the Pittsburg Post.

Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, is cannot be concealed. These captains of industry have come also on record as an opponent of Mr. that the President is very much engaged to the conclusion that stock inflation has BRYAN. He wrote to a friend in another with the existing political exigencies. reached its limit and now hope to be pro-tected by law in their iniquity. Admitting been discovered to knock the garrulous that capital is entitled to a just recomthat capital is entitled to a just recom- Nebraskan "into a cocked hat." But, he, tive. His numerous mess pense the Steel trust might claim a guar- too, has been forgiven. In fact it was gress are based on politics. The recomantee of a sure return on the capital announced that Mr. BRYAN and Governor mendation for revision downward is inactually invested. In other words hav- Wilson have "pooled issues" and will ing invested \$625,000,000 in the entermake common cause in the preliminary
prise, the consumers of steel might be
expected to pay prices which would
concrate and maintain the plants in a state
clared that he is not a candidate for any operate and maintain the plants in a state clared that he is not a candidate for any is on their side and is ready to urge legof efficiency and yield a profit of five per office or public favor. Why is Mr. BRY- islation for their relief. cent. upon the investment of that amount. AN so amiable in one case and so vindic-

In all Mr. BRYAN's campaigns for the when crops fail they bear the conse- ister policies of the money powers. But quences with such philosophy as they Mr. BRYAN is now willing to accept any can command. The merchants ask no adverse report of him and act without government guarantee of profits on their reason or understanding against him. business and the mechanics would be re- Probably Colonel GUFFEY has not always garded as insane if they should appeal to agreed with Mr. BRYAN. Possibly he has the government for relief when an employ- dissented from some of the heresies

and family moved from Pennsvalley to -Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER an- Yeagertown and when driving across the tariff bill had been known and referred nounces that he will make a tour of the railroad at Reedsville with a load of to generally as the Dingley tax bill, and State, previous to the April primaries, in household goods one of his horses fell the McKinley tariff bill as the McKinley tariff bill, and the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill the interest of Governor Wilson, of New down. Realizing that it was almost train as the Payne-Aldrich tax bill, the Repub-Jersey. Inasmuch as there is no oppo- time he unhitched the other animal and lican party would not be in power today? sition to Governor Wilson in Pennsylva- took it away but before he could get the nia, the falsity of that pretense is obvi- fallen horse on its feet a passenger train ous. As a matter of fact Mr. PALMER came around a curve and struck it. would be to their advantage in some will tour the State in the interest of him- knocking it from the track. The ani- direct, mysterious way to vote for a tariff, self. He has never, in all his life, done mal struggled to its feet, ran two but who could not be cajoled or coerced hundred yards and dropped dead. The sled was badly wrecked and most of its thing they eat, wear and use. contents demolished. Miss Bertha Bi-After his complete and proper rebuke ble, of Potters Mills, who was on the sled, by the Democratic National committee, saved her life by jumping just as the having to do with protection, and if every ast week, Mr. A. MITCHELL PALMER and train struck the vehicle. The train was

> has appointed Mrs. J. E. Ward chairman of a large committee to immediately start work on the gathering together a car load of paper, to be shipped during the month of April, the proceeds of which will be given to the Bellefonte in Pennsylvania are corrupt and contenhospital. A house to house canvas of ted, whilst the other quarter is chaste the town will be made, and the paper and celestial, it is proposed to reorganize collected at regular periods to be stored the party by splitting it. The bone and collected at regular periods, to be stored in a room secured for the purpose. Every- faith and simplicity vote the ticket year one is asked to save all kinds of clean after year and ask no questions, are to be paper, pile or tie it in bundles and save for the wagons doing the collecting. These women being very anxious to get the full twenty tons, constituting a carload, a special appeal is made to every one to aid them in the work.

-The S. A. E. house at State Col- his kind. lege was badly damaged by water at the beginning of the recent cold spell. When the students went home for their holiday At the end of two days he locked up and left. The recent cold froze the water warm up the house for the students at thawed out and the water poured out on the third story, running for two days before it was discovered. Naturally the house was deluged from top to bottom, ceilings fell off and carpets and furniture ruined. The damage is estimated at sev. eral thousand dollars.

-Mervin Betz, merchant at Jacksonville, was a business visitor in Bellefonte over Wednesday night. In addition to supplying the people in that vicinity pound with everything they need in the line of general merchandise he is becoming quite This was examination week for the that when the government operated the a land owner. This week he purchased is the second he has bought within a few

Is Mr. Taft Out of Politics.

NO. 3.

the present interesting condition of Naested as the owner of bonds, is capitalized But Mr. BRYAN has forgiven him freely mid-summer vacation tour? If the Nain August are we to infer that it is too tions the significance of the agitation

On the contrary, the indications are tion as it is to woo popular support. The

The President not in politics? Indeed Standpat newspapers would have us be-lieve that he is unmindful of the Repuba return on the other \$625,000,000 which represents water or bogus capital.

As a matter of fact, however, the government owes no industry a guarantee of "sure returns" on any investment. The of the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President is in politics clear to the matter is the President in the matter in the matter is the President in the matter in the mat farmers don't ask such a guarantee and of the Republican candidate and the sin- up to his neck, and is in danger of being completely engulfed. Like a drowning man he is clutching at every convenient straw that floats by him.

## By Its Right Name.

From the York Gazette-Why would it not be a good idea for all Democrats, everywhere, hereafter to taboo the use of the word "tariff," and in

Who doubts but that if the Dingley

The word "tariff" is too indefinite. There are hundreds of thousands of men who may be brought to believe that it into the conviction that it is to their individual good to vote for a tax on every-

If Democratic editors will make it a standing order in their offices to substitute stump speaker will carry on a similar crusade, and if the movement will be made nation wide, the problem of revers--The Woman's Club of Bellefonte ing Republican victories at the polls will

## Party Re-organization.

From the Philadelphia Record. On the theory that three-quarters of the membership of the Democratic party the party, who in Jeffersonian thrust into utter darkness, whilst the celestial harness themselves to the car of progress and pick up incidental spoil. There are sinners and saints in all political organizations; but the saints cannot be trusted to draw the dividing line and make a census based upon their preferences and prejudices. As a rule

the Pharisee in politics is the worst of

This is a proposition, however, that need not be urged upon the hard-headed old dabsters who make up the body of the National Democratic committee. vacation they left a young man in charge. They very well know the difference between a bogus and a real re-organization of parties-the difference between thrustpipes so that they burst on the third floor factions. Absolute harmony of views is and when the heat was turned on to practically unttainable. Unanimity of votes is the thing desired by the Demothe expiration of their vacation the pipes crats of Pensylvania. It may be readily achieved under a wise leadership.

## Why Not in Bellefonte.

From the Emporia Gazette. At the butcher shops may be found dressed chickens at 121 and 15 cents a pound. Pork varies from 10 cents a pound to 15 cents for the best roasts and chops. Beef varies from 8 cents for boiling meat to 15 cents for the best roasts and 18 cents for the best steaks. Mutton and lamb compare in prices with beef. Fresh pork sausage is 15 cents a Bricker, Thursday visited the cell in the jail at

## Wilson's Way.

From the New York Evening Post. No wonder that Republicans say that Governor Wilson will not do. He violates stocks then and even with that advantage in operation the enterprise was abandoned.

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#### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

—While attending the funeral of her sister, in Pottsville, Mrs. Joseph Callahan dropped dead. She had not been ill and her death is attributed to shock at her sister's death.

-Enforcement of the state anti-cruelty law has been started in Hazelton by the state constabu lary in the cases of horse owners and drivers who fail to blanket their animals

-Fruit growers in Adams county are saying that the cold weather is just the right thing for this time of year and they are predicting a large crop of apples and peaches next fall.

-The Scranton iron works was compelled to go into the hands of a receiver because its manager, Herman Behrns, was in jail for running down and killing a man with an auto

-The school board of Washington announces that it means to install a moving picture mach in the public schools to be used principally in the study of history, geography, chemistry and bot

-Pike township, Potter county, has just been nulcted in the sum of \$9,200 because the supervisors failed to cover an exposed gas pipe and because they neglected to repair an

-Ermin F. Hill, Esq., of Hughesville, has for several weeks been taking care of two flocks of quail that have been making their home on the farm of Deputy Prothonotary G. M. Sones, near that place. There are about 35 birds in the

-Henry Cole, one of Northampton county's "grand old men," celebrated the 95th anniver-sary of his birth at his home, near Kreidersville on Saturday. He has never had a sickness and declares that he is now

-It is reported that the prolonged cold weather has brought the game birds of the mountain di tricts of the State to the verge of starvation. In ome sections humane sportsmen are carrying food into the woods for the benefit of turkeys

and other birds. -Ellsworth Allen, who escaped from the Washington county jail nearly a year ago, rang the sheriff's door bell the other morning before daylight and begged to be permitted to serve out his term of imprisonment. The cold weather was entirely too much for him.

-The pupils of the school at Blue Rock, Westoreland county, were somewhat startled and mazed the other day when a huge cake of ice came hurtling through the door and a lot of beer kegs began to pile themselves up on the porch.

A brewery wagon had upset. -Jefferson Harris, former sheriff of Fulton county, was sentenced a few days ago on a charge of gross negligence in permitting Russell Sipes, charged with arson, to escape. Sipes was recaptured and the sheriff convicted in October. He is to pay \$100 fine and costs and stay in jail

-John and Stephen Tunstall, the oldest twins in the State, celebrated the 89th anniversary of their birth at the residence of John W. Pellio, of Scranton, last Thursday night. They resen each other so closely that Mrs. Pellio mistool her uncle John for her father, an incident that greatly amused the old gentlemen.

-One of the lines of the Nippenose Telephone company recently went out of business in a most two days before locating it at a house where a phone had been taken out. The wires had been left sticking through the wall and one of the new

It is safe to say that he will now

way to save his small change. -Records of the state railroad show that during 1911 there were 1.114 person killed and 8,449 injured on the steam railroads in were killed and 3,752 injured. There was a de crease of 63 killed and 1,518 injured on steam roads and an increase of six killed and a decrease of 364 injured on trolley lines, as compared with the year 1910.

-When J. B. Ragan, of Johnstown, went to his cellar a few nights ago to see that everything was all right for the night, he found the stone dation wall ablaze. A gas main in the wall had burst and the gas leaked through in a number of places. Wood work in the vicinity had caught and firemen were obliged to keep a stream on it until somebody arrived who could turn the gas off.

-Having read in his Monday evening news. paper about the death on Monday of J. Woods Mussina and Lewis D. Rauck, his lifelong friends Charles D. Fisher, a veteran blacksmith of Wil. msport, Monday night remarked to his wife that his old friends were going fast. At midnight Mrs. Fisher heard her husband struggling for breath, and before she could procure a light, he

-The State Highway Department has turned into the State Treasury \$168,209 as receipts from automobile licenses for 1912, establishing a record for the first twelve days of the year. The department has registered 16,361 cars and 6,144 chauffeurs. In addition registration has been granted to 673 motor cycles and to seventeen special paid drivers. The number of dealers receiving licenses is 1,540.

-Sleeping under short covers, John McLung, a bridge worker, boarding at the home of Louis Beidler, in Allentown, is being thawed out at the hospital there after being frostbitten in bed. He retired early Monday night with the hope of getting a long sleep, but was awakened Tuesday morning by a stinging sensation in his toes, ears and nose, which were all frozen. His toes were affected the worst, and may have to be amoutated.

-Former Sheriff John E. Shields, of Westmoreland county, convicted of misconde office and sentenced to serve two years and four months in the western penitentiary, is still at liberty, having appealed to the Superior court, which will not meet until next month. In the meantime Shields has assumed his duties as comsioner of Westmoreland county, to which office he was elected in November, receiving the second largest vote cast.

-Officers of the Pennsylvania Textile comp of York, Pa., will issue \$2,000,000 in 6 per cent gold bonds, which will be sold to put in operation the bankrupt York Silk Manufacturing company and the old Monarch Silk company. This action according to Michael S. Niles, president of the new company, means that the silk industry in that city will be revived. The financial difficulties have already been straightened out and the three big mills there and the one at Carlisle will be opened between now and February 1st.

-Sheriff Allen Fultz, with his deputy, M. M. Lewistown of William Schrader, sentenced to hang January 25th for the murder of his sweetheart, Myrtle Singley, and following this consultation announced that the execution would be conducted privately. No tickets will be issued and only the jury, physicians and local newspaper re-porters will be admitted. During the visit the