Democratic Watchman

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-Have you started your Christmas shopping?

-Now is the time to get the coal bin gcod and full.

-Next week we'll do a little turk killing on this side of the Atlantic.

-Turkish bullets have had no terror for Bulgarian soldiers, but going up against Turkish cholera may be a much more disastrous undertaking.

-Isn't it awful, MABLE? Poor President TAFT had to issue the proclamation to the people to be thankful because they had elected WILSON President.

-Why not get the choice articles. those that have not been fingered over by everyone else. You can do it by be-

----- A good deal of money was wasted by over-enthusiastic partisans during the past six months but it is still in existence

-The Russians are about to expend thirty-four million dollars on their navy. The Japs will probably begin to plan the afloat.

----Let us see. Congressman WILLIAM B. WILSON was elected three times under the Old Guard Democratic State commitized body.

the most mischievous.

next Legislature meets.

----Speaking of Armageddon the conflict was less destructive than some people imagined it would be but then the principal warrior was mistaken in the cause in which he was enlisted.

-If you want to send a friend a most

than his.

STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Mr. Bryan Should be Cautious.

In his statement to the public Colonel For the sake of harmony in the party ROOSEVELT refers to the platform of his late party as a "contract with the public." JENNINGS BRYAN will not undertake to merged under a burden of woe. The This is a silly figure of speech which he control the policies of the President and prospect of an extra session of Congress used frequently during the campaign, Congress under the incoming Democratic to revise the tariff has filled him with of the electoral college. and was absolutely without significance administration. Mr. BRYAN is a distin. the spirit of calamity. He has enjoyed and almost as certainly without sincerity. guished citizen of the country and a con- the full measure of tariff graft so long and almost as certainly without sincerity. guished citizen of the country and a con-A contract, according to Webster's dic-tionary, is an "agreement of two or more has not been elected political boss, has not been elected political boss, whole packs of hungry wolves at the Na-Polk in 1844 had nearly two-thirds of the ginning your Christmas shopping at once. A contract, according to Webster's dic- spicuous member of the party. But he that the very idea of relinquishing it is persons, upon a sufficient consideration Neither has he a monopoly of the ability whole packs of hungry wolves at the Naor cause, to do, or to abstain from doing, and patriotism of the party. There are a tional door and pestilence, famine and and those who try will get a share of it some act." On the part of the people good many Democrats in this broad "land death are the inevitable consequences. who supported Colonel ROOSEVELT for of liberty" who are quite as well inform. The pirates of old probably experienced President, there may have been an agree- ed and just as well equipped for leader. the same mental anguish when their opment to deliver sufficient votes to elect ship as Mr. BRYAN, but so far as our in. portunities in the open sea were taken him. On his part he agreed to have en- formation extends, none of them has been away by the influence of advancing civ-

Roosevelt and Flinn.

have enacted.

acted certain legislation which he knew invested with a franchise to run the ilization. But FOLWELL needn't despair. capture of the prizes as soon as they are he had no power and little inclination to President and the Congress. Consequently, so far as ROOSEVELT was Baltimore convention instructed to sup. Civil war came upon us while high tariff

concerned, the agreement was a fraud | port Champ Clark for the Presidential and false pretense. He had no hope or nomination. Those instructions were can policies in absolute control. The tee and defeated once under the reorgan- even expectation of finding, on the 4th given by direct vote of the people at a panic of 1907, organized to force the Tenof March, a Congress in sympathy with primary election held according to law. nessee Coal and Iron company into sur------Among other good things to be the things he recklessly promised to do At a time when Mr. CLARK was leading render to the Steel Trust, came while expected is the speedy dissolution of the in consideration of the support given him the contestants for the nomination and tariff board. Of all the expensive and by the people. In other words, he was when he had a majority of the delegates worthless bodies in the country that is deliberately "gold bricking" the public in his favor Mr. BRYAN deserted him, beand an agreement of that kind is not a trayed his obligations to the people of -Penn State is celebrating her Penn. contract legally or morally. In the case Nebraska, and cast his vote for and gave jority in the House had indicated its pursylvania day today. Here's hoping that in point it was a purpose to deceive. No- his influence to another candidate. It pose to check the tariff spoliation and the Pennsylvania will give Penn State some- body knew this better than ROOSEVELT. may be said that he knew CLARK could thing worth while celebrating when her During the campaign he persisted in it never get a two-thirds vote. So did many practically assured. Then business men with full understanding of its character others who adhered to CLARK nevertheand in referring to it as a contract since less. Mr. BRYAN's recreancy, under the the election he is simply aggravating an circumstances, may have been shrewd offense which was without justification politics but it was bad morals.

in the beginning and is a crime now. That, however, is a matter to be set-In his testimony before the Senate tled between Mr. BRYAN and his Nebrascommittee which inquired into the cam- ka constituents upon one hand and Mr. paign expenditure of candidates, Mr. CLARK and Mr. BRYAN on the other. But acceptable Christmas present send the ROOSEVELT'S friend BILL FLINN declared it should be borne in mind that Mr-WATCHMAN for a year. The cost is under oath, that he never intended to CLARK occupies an important position in small and the expression of your good fulfill a contract which he offered to the public affairs of the country and an will renewed every week during the year. Turning a contract which he offered to the public anary of the country and an make with the late Senator QUAY. It intimate relation with the incoming Dem--Why worry so much about the reor- was a gold-brick he handed to the for- ocratic administration and he is likely to with the world on equal conditions and it ganization of the Republican party. Just mer Republican leader of the Republican resent any undue interference with the wait until WILSON has had a little chance party of Pennsylvania, he said, but it was Congressional end of the programme on to run things and all will probably agree so atrocious a proposition that even QUAY the part of Mr. BRYAN. In this feeling that there is no need for any other party balked at it. Probably ROOSEVELT had Mr. OSCAR UNDERWOOD, also an import-

-It is highly probable that President- took to enter into a "contract with the the future, is quite likely to share. Mr. elect WILSON will be astonished by the public" which he knew was impossible of BRYAN went out of his way to traduce ness it is a gain. If he will get out of previous election had obtained a stated took to enter into a "contract with the the future, is quite likely to share. Mr. Lance. If Folwell realizes his-weak- mary non number of other distinguished American fulfillment unless he is denser mental- Mr. UNDERWOOD a short time ago and the way of self-reliant and capable men

Third Term Ghost Laid.

Mr. FOLWELL, president of the Philawe sincerely hope that Mr. WILLIAM delphia Manufacturers' club, is still sub-

Put the Drones Out.

Other forms of graft are open.

Mr. BRYAN went as a delegate to the All the panics we have had since the tax laws were in full force and Republi-ROOSEVELT was in the White House and there were overwhelming Republican majorities in both branches of Congress. It continued until after a Democratic maelection of a Democratic President was inspired with hope and confident of the future threw off the shackles of fear and resumed industrial activity.

Probably Mr. FOLWELL can't get along

will be a blessing to the country when they are called into the control of the commercial and industrial activities instead of the grafters who depend upon the same idea in mind when he under- ant figure in the Democratic activities of government bounties for their mainte-

will be better.

little taste of trouble.

will be an element in politics.

The Presidential Term.

In a Minority of the Popular Vote.

From the New York World. President-elect Wilson is not alone among his predecessors in failing of a majority in the popular vote while com-

Within the time when electors have been chosen directly by the people, John Quincy Adams in 1824 gained the Presi-Electoral College but a minority in the popular vote. Zachary Taylor in 1848 was outvoted by the Democrats and Free-

Soilers. Franklin Pierce had nearly three-fourths of the College in the great Dem-ocratic sweep of 1852, but a popular ma-jority of only 93,000. Buchanan in 1856 was in a popular minority. Abraham Lincoln in 1860 was heavily

in a popular minority. Hayes in 1876 lacked both a popular plurality and ma-jority. Garfield in 1880 had a plurality of about 7,000 and was in a minority of over 300,000. Cleveland in 1884 was in a small minority, though barely elected; and in 1892 was in a minority of nearly 1,000,000 when the Democrats swept the country. Harrison in 1888 was elected by a minority of the total popular vote. The present situation is more exactly comparable with that of 1852 when the Whig party went to pieces, and that of 1860 when the Democratic party went to pieces. It is the Republican party which ow breaks up, and it is largely for the Democracy again in power to say how long that party is to remain a divided majority or a united minority under that

Abolish the Party Square.

From the Greensburg Argus

another name.

without subsidies. To care for impected and incapables is an admitted duty of the State and we have no objection to making provision of some sort for the FoLWELLS and others who are incapable of conducting their own affairs. But there are plenty of American manufac-there are plenty who can compete By the abolition of the "party square' Pennsylvania would obtain a reasonably

one or many party designations. The temptation to a voter to vote in a primary other than that of the party to which he belonged would also be greatly weakened, if not eliminated altogether. By the use of separate primary for each party, and the limitation of pripercentage of the total vote, the remain-

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-An United States court jury gave Walter Bird Jr., of Bloomsburg, and his father \$5,000 damages for injuries the young man received at the Wheel plant. They had asked \$50,000.

-Mrs. John J. Maloney, of Willia thought her husband sleeping when she arose a few mornings ago, but a little later found him dead of heart disease. He was aged 62 and was proprietor of a grocery

-John Frampton, near Marion Centre, has 100 age from thirteen acres of groun He has one stalk on which there were twenty-fit small, but perfectly formed heads, each devel-oping where a leaf should have grown.

-Ira Beatty, of Punxsutawney, a Bell tele phone lineman working at Johnstown, came in contact with a live wire and fell twenty-five feet. He may possibly recover from a fractured skull arm and leg and perhaps internal injuries.

-George A. Drake, a farmer of Wayne town ship, near Huntingdon, was burned to death last Friday when he fell on his lantern while intoxicat ed. He had gone to the barn and having fallen over his lantern, was unable to get up. The or saturated his clothes, and before help arrived he was incinerated.

-Harry A. Fox, aged 42, whose salary is \$10,000 a year, and who is a designer for a large Philade week at his home in New York, because of his inability to cope with the next spring fashions. He could not see his way clear to figure out the general trend of the spring fashions.

-While in a fit of uncontrollable temper, Geo Montgomery, a third grade pupil in the Mount Union public school, slashed Priscilla Hockenberry across the fingers of her right hand with a penknife, nearly severing them just above the knuckles. It is said that about two years ago the boy killed a playmate while in a fit of anger.

-The Crawford hotel property, of Williamsp has been purchased by the Young Women's Christian Association and that organization will soon have one of the finest homes in the State. It is not four years since the association outgrew its first quarters and now another move is made necessary by the growing usefulness of the asso ciatio

-A carload of female patients Friday were removed from the State hospital for the insane at Danville to the new hospital at Rittersville. The patients removed comprised the third carload that has been transferred from Danville to Rit tersville. It is, however, the first consignment of females that has been removed to the ne district.

-The Clover Run mine of the Madeira-Hill Coal Mining company, located near Mahaffey, has resumed operations after being idle for a period of several months. A force of 200 miners will be employed at the operation, which has an output of 300 tons daily. Superintendent W. R. Wilburn says that the output is to be doubled within a short time.

-Mrs. Kate Edwards, slayer of her husband. who has been confined to the Reading prison for the past eleven years, has refused to endorse a petition for her release. Although the meeting of the prison board was held behind closed doors, it was stated that Mrs. Edwards was so use around the warden's home, that he did not wan to be deprived of her services.

-Mrs. J. C. Blair has directed the board of directors of the J. C. Blair Memorial hospital, at Huntingdon, to go ahead with the plans for the new nurses home, which will cost \$20,000. She nclosed a check for \$500 for preliminary work. The construction work will start at once. The home will be erected on the grounds close to the ospital and will relieve the congestion at the

-When Grover Cleveland left the White House in 1886, Peter Kreezmer, of Indiana, Pa., declared that he was going to wear a beard until another Democratic President was elected. The other lay Kree er visi ted a barber and it cost h cents to get operated upon. Some day Presidentelect Wilson will receive a watch chain made of human red hair which has been adorning the chin of one, Peter Kreezmer. -Judge Whitehead sentenced Arthur Dorman at Williamsport Saturday, to 10 years in the penitentiary, with a minimum of nine years and to pay a fine of \$500. The sentence was imposed upon the first count of the indictment charging Arthur Dormap with breaking into the house of Robert McEwen. Sentence was suspended on the second count, charging theft of a ring be longing to Mr. McEwen's daughter. -Albert Mase, a former Kane man, evered his head from his body with a jack knife in a barber shop at Warren last Thursday. Despondency following illness is believed the cause. He had been acting strangely since a severe illness in the spring. He seemed posses sed of desperate nerve as two big slashes with the knife were made, the second severing the jugular vein and cutting his throat from ear to ear. -Augustus Miller, the well known and ever progressive farmer of West Logan townsh The principal schedules that should be considered were twice revised by the Democrats and Independent Republicans in the Congress and they require but little change, and that downward in a few par-ticlars. There need be no investigation by any commission, for the schedules, as these were introduced in the House, were -Four diamond drills are testing out a large coal field, consisting of nearly 50,000 acres, that is now under option in Indiana county near Mar. Nashville west two miles below Willet and is the largest tract of coal that was ever optioned in Indiana county. It is stated semi-authoritatively that this deal will shortly be consummated and a mer-ger of a large part of the coal in Indiana county will result. -On information sworn before justice of the peace Reed, of Ridgway, by L. C. Hauber, of St. Much can be done by business men in Mary's, defeated candidate for State Assembly. making up their minds to adjustment of A. J. Windfilder, of St. Mary's, judge of the re. cent election, was arrested and waived a hearing and gave bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the next term of Elk county court. It is alleged that Windfilder violated the rules of his office. The case has stirred up much interest and the proceedings will be closely followed. -G. W. Straley, bookkeeper for the Jefferson Supply company at Big Soldier, near DuBois, owes his life to the heroism of a number of his friends. When the company store took fire a few nights ago, he rushed into the burning building to some the header. Bafers he could do so he to save the books. Before he could do so he collapsed. Friends made a human chain and the last man in the chain was able to carry him to safety. The loss on building and stock was \$25, 000. The postoffice was located in the store. -Weeker & Co., of New York, independent coal operators in the Clearfield district, were awarded a verdict by a jury in Judge Holland's District Court in Philadelphia, last week, for District Court in Philadelphia, last week, for \$199,280 in a suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company, to recover for illegal discrimina-tion in coal rates. Henry Weeker as an individual also recovered a verdict for \$13,161. Both ver-dicts were the result of an order made by the interstate commerce commission after an investiga--The new State sanatorium of Cresson will not open until spring, according to officials of the new institution, who deny the report that the State hospital will open its doors by the first of the year. Before the hospital is thrown open it will be necessary to have the sewage, heat and duction. —When you want good JOB WORK the place to get it is the WATCHMAN of-fice. You'll find it always right.

their systems need the salubrious cli- ods seem to have appealed to ROOSEVELT mate of Bermuda while he is there.

-The Korean bride is compelled to remain mute throughout her wedding day. gether." With such a custom in vogue here the average American groom would have one day to point to, at least, as having been the chance of his life to get in a word or two without an interruption.

-The hunting season will now absorb much of the surplus energy which has been given to politics during the last few weeks and the stories of achievement will be quite as interesting and nearly as exaggerated as the campaign lies that have been current.

night before.

christian man is thankful for something tious Colonel will cut a poor figure in the defeat VARE. every day, every hour, every moment of next fight for the third term. life, but the general Thanksgiving day is derful beneficence of an allwise Provimay be, inexpressibly more so.

-The swiftness and certainty of the conviction of four of the professional murderers in the city of New York will go a long way toward making the metropolis of America a safer and more wholesome place. The fate of "Gyp the Blood," "Lefty Louie," "Dago Frank" and "Whitey Lewis" will be a grim reminder to others, so low in the plane of humans, that though they may regard the taking of a life as a mere busin enterprise the law will be swift in taking theirs as a forfeit.

endured.

the Pennsylvania State College is righteously indignant at the unsportsmanlike criticisms of the Ohio State team. PARTE his model.

Democrats who will have discovered that than supposed to be. FLINN'S meth- if he is prudent he will be cautious now -Now that the election is over and

and the chances are that it was for the reason that "birds of a feather flock to. a safe and sane President has been elected, the people can give themselves over to the fulfillment of business obligations. in Washington and that is more than can all point to an era of industrial and combe said of some of the others who failed mercial prosperity greater than has ever of re-election. At the same time it must been enjoyed. If every man performs be admitted that Uncle JOE's absence his part in the program, the most sanwill not be greatly regretted. guine expectations will be realized.

Let Us Hope Vare Will Insist.

One of the results of the extraordinary While we lay claim to no direct inter- than all the other influences which have campaign through which we have just est in the matter we are inclined to hope been brought to bear on the subject withpassed is the settlement of the question that State Senator EDWIN H. VARE of in a century. If his term of office were -For a jollification parade one night of a third term for at least a century Philadelphia will insist upon his demand six years, instead of four, the people of last week Shamokin Democrats borrow- to come. Of course ROOSEVELT will be a that the Catlin Commission be made com- the United States would be compelled to ed ten mules from a neighboring coal candidate again in 1916 and it may be plete its work. During the primary cam- pay half a billion dollars a year in excesmine. The next morning they returned assumed that he will begin his canvass paign of 1911 that body was called to sive tariff taxation for two years more. eleven. Now, do you believe that was at once. But he will never again be for- Philadelphia for the ostensible purpose His veto of the tariff legislation enacted simply a sample of what WILSON's pros- midable. One after another of his blind of investigating the municipal govern- during the special session of 1911 and at perity will mean or are you of the opin- followers who were sincere in their sup- ment and exposing the crooked deals of the regular session recently closed has ion that the mule committee was still port will fall away from him and he will the contractors in that city. BILL VARB gone a long way toward convincing the "lit up" from the glare of the torches the have left only the mercenary politicians, was a candidate for the Republican nomithe expectant corporation managers and nation for Mayor and it was alleged at for a man who uses his office to assist

-It will be a miserable, hopeless crea- the disappointed office seekers. That the time, and has been reiterated since, predatory interests to rob the tax payers. ture, indeed, who will have nothing to be crowd will not make much of an impres- that the investigation was an expedient, thankful for next Thursday. The real sion upon the public mind and the ambi- not to reform political methods, but to that the Presidential office should be lim-

It is certainly true that VARE contracts had prostituted the powers for the pur-This is a gratifying solution of a vexed with the city were taken up and every- pose of reimbursing those who bought the one designated specially to call the and dangerous problem. In the recent thing not strictly according to law expos- his election in 1908, there was consideraattention of the unthinking to the won- campaign too little attention was paid to ed. The VARES themselves were made ble unanimity in the idea that the term the menace of the infraction of an un- to tell things which they would have pre- of office ought to be extended to six dence whose decree could make the lot written law created by WASHINGTON and ferred to keep in concealment and from years. But in the light of recent experiof each one of us, however unhappy it sanctioned by JEFFERSON and JACKSON. the beginning of the inquiry to the close ence sentiment has changed on that sub-Probably this fact is ascribable to the BILL VARE's chances of the nomination ject. In fact there are more people who

well settled faith of the vast majority of diminished. When all the exposures that now favor the recall of Presidents than voters that ROOSEVELT never had a were possible with respect to the VARES desire an extension of the term. If TAFT chance of election. If the contrary opin- had been made the commission refused could have been recalled after his first ion had prevailed to any considerable to continue its sessions. In other words vetoes in 1911 the country would be inesextent the question would have been the when it came the turn of the VARES to timably richer today and the people inparamount issue for it is as certain as expose things the opportunity was taken finitely happier and more contented. that day follows night that the violation away. Now Senator VARE threatens to of this sacred law will mark the begin- force a resumption of the investigation of President to one term, therefore, will ning of the end of the Republic. It will so that some of the shady transactions of be ample to dispose of these questions mean a political slavery which cannot be PENROSE and MCNICHOL may be ex- forever. Since the overwhelming defeat posed.

That ROOSEVELT intended to usurp That would only be be even-handed is probably little danger of that evil for the government scarcely admits of a justice and as the indications are that the future. Of course he will try again

doubt. If by any pretense he had suc- a combination of the VARE forces in the and probably continue to try at every -We presume that every student at ceeded in restoring himself to power, he Legislature with those of FLINN will give recurring election until he is removed by would have easily found pretexts for the necessary power to achieve the re- death. But neither he nor any other man prolonging his tenure and our representa- sult, we hope that Senator VARE will will ever again be a formidable candidate manner in which the Ohio State Univer- tive government would soon have been insist upon it. It is alleged that Senator for a third term because the voters have sity football players acted at Columbus merged into the benevolent despotism PENROSE is, or was, a silent partner in shown that they are unalterably opposed last Saturday. It was certainly a per- which he hopes to create. If he had had the MCNICHOL contracting firm, for ex- to such a thing. If ROOSEVELT had sucformance which the Ohioans will regret anything else in mind he would have ample, and if that is true, the people ceeded this time there would not likely as long as they participate in inter-col- consented to a compromise in the Chica- have a right to know about it. There have ever been another Presidential eleclegiate games. Harking back to the Penn go National convention upon some man are a lot of other things of a suspicious tion other than such as Mexico used to State Freshman and Bellefonte Academy who commanded the support of both fac- character, moreover, which ought to be hold. game in this place, several weeks ago, tions of his party and might have had a revealed and we know of no process State will be able to read a lasting lesson filled the insatiate ambition of the one a thorough and searching investigation er have another campaign like it, though on real sportsmanship out of the many American who makes NAPOLEON BONA- into the municipal methods of the Phila- as long as ROOSEVELT lives vituperation delphia bosses. a sad sadata

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The nomination of independents could be made by petition.

----It's really a pity that the Steel Trust is crowded with orders. The tariff mongers who own and control that be accomplished at one stroke by the predatory conspiracy were so earnest and abolition of the party square than by any persistent in their predictions that the of the other refoms suggested. election of WILSON would bring industrial disaster that they ought to have got a

An Extra Session.

From the Harrisburg Star Indepen President-elect Wilson has announced that he will call the next Congress into extraordinary session not later than April

President TAFT has done more to alien-15 next, to revise the tariff. He will do ate the people from the extension of the this in obedience to what is almost a com-mand of his party as well as in keeping Presidential term of office to six years

There is no necessity for delaying action on the tariff or of prolonging con-sideration of schedules. The Democratic issue was immediate revision, not revision teen months or so after the election. The principal schedules that should be almost perfect from the Democratic and popular veiwpoint.

There will be some objection from certain quarters to revision without long ion Center. The tract extends from There is a pretty general agreement "investigation by a commission of ex-perts," but as Governor Wilson has al-ready said, they have been investigating the tariff all his life. More of it would ited to one term and before Mr. TAFT be too much.

Prepare for Tariff Revision.

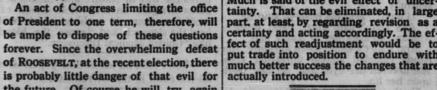
From the New York Journal of Commerce. business upon a lower tariff basis. It is now reported that this is what has been attempted by leaders in the sugar trade. There should be little doubt that Congress will soon make some reductions of schedules. Not to do so would be polit-ical suicide, and the total breakdown of ical suicide, and the total breakdown of the revision policy cannot therefore be reasonably looked to, even if there were no better reason, for carrying it out. Much is said of the evil effect of uncer-

From the Winnipeg Grain Growers' Guide. From the Winnipeg Grain Growers' Guide. Tariff reduction would reduce the cost of the farmer's buildings, implements, clothing and food, thereby reducing both his cost of living and the cost of produc-ing his crops. But tariff reduction would not reduce the price of the farmer's pro-duce in the European markets, where the greater portion of it is sold. Tariff reduction would thus reduce the farmer's expenses without reducing his income.

Every farmer should fight for tariff re-

A Business Proposition.

Much is said of the evil effect of uncer-tainty. That can be eliminated, in large part, at least, by regarding revision as a certainty and acting accordingly. The ef-fect of such readjustment would be to put trade into position to endure with much better success the absence that



A requirement that a candidate's name appear on the general election ballot only once would be helpful, but more would