# Aemocratic Watchman.

### BY P. GRAY MEEK.

### INK SLINGS.

-Speaking of tadpoles Representative FARR is about the smallest toad in the Congressional puddle.

-The warm rain of Wednesday almost put an end to the few snow banks that had been lying in the shady sides of the roads

-The first robin has been seen in this community, but robins have made mistakes before, so don't count too much on Germany Appears to be Hunting Trouble. spring's arrival.

-At the rate Austria claims to be taksingle army corps for the defense of his country.

little sunshine from you.

that the German sea raiders have sent piracy" the Berlin government reiterates tions. This was also interpreted as a made by a representative of the Philato the bottom have been loaded with cot- the purpose expressed in the original danger signal and excited a good deal delphia Public Ledger, which is strongly on useless armaments. ton and supplies for the Germans, them- proclamation of the admiralty and infer- of whispered comment. But to the close in favor of the legislation, it will lack selves. Surely here's a case of killing entially adds "what in hades are you observer of events and the careful stu- some forty votes of a constitutional mathe goose that was laving the golden egg. going to do about it."

new penitentiary.

-The cold weather of last week froze

dred half-pints of whiskey from Pennsyl- the action of which she complains. vania into West Virginia. It sounds almost like they might have been Republi-al reason for its threat to sink American ance on May 3. The commission of the tions. can county chairmen getting ready for

the completion of one of the greatest government of the United States or force their retirement. But viewing the quarter of a century. The Liquor therefore absolutely useless. Business is bad; multitudes are unemployed; it is no achievements of peace the most of the American firms. Germany has the same subject from this distance and without League has supplied the Republican parcivilized world is at war. Let us hope right to purchase the products of Ameri- prejudice we are inclined to think that ty with the bulk of its campaign fund and dangerous toys. that all of our great achievements of the future may be those of peace and the precisely the same conditions. In every there is no occasion for uneasiness. greatest of these might be the bringing of permanent peace to warring nations. In every there is no occasion for uneasiness. as the League is opposed to local option of permanent peace to warring nations

son, who broke his fourth engagement to lecture in Bellefonte, on Wednesday evening, has not added to his popularity is in the class with guns. evening, has not added to his popularity army is in the class with guns. er term unless something happens mean- by killing it in the House. Money will better



than a little bit of God's bright sunshine? clined to believe that the government ally regarded as ominous and just before that body. It will be reported from the

-Up to this time most of the boats States in the face of a "proclamation of give out any information as to his inten- its passage. But according to a canvass

-Let us credit it to the good sense of The German note predicates its pirat- ing. the people of Centre county. There was ical threat upon the hypothesis that the Upon assuming his office Governor As we have said before Governor

al reason for its threat to sink American ance on May 3. The commission of the merchant ships the fact that "a traffic in Highway Commissioner is good until The truth of the matter is that the ent-day paraphernalia of war may have an election, the way they used to do it. arms, estimated at many hundreds of June 1. -The great Panama Exposition has millions, is being carried on between That "a guilty conscience needs no ac- liquor interests of the State for its maopened most auspiciously at San Fran-cisco. While this country is celebrating That is no fault, however, either of the officials feel that public sentiment will in every election held within the last

Little Cause for Uneasiness. Brumbaugh's Local Option Law. When Emperor WILLIAM, then a young The tardiness of the Governor in mak- In a recent issue we expressed the be-When Emperor WILLIAM, then a young The tardiness of the Governor in mak-and somewhat impetuous War Lord, as-ing appointments to office is giving the lief that Governor BRUMBAUGH's local falling off in our Federal revenues, partly ing Russians prisoners we are surprised and somewhat impetuous war Loru, as ing appointments to once is giving option bill would pass the House in Harthat the Czar is even able to muster a his idiocincrasies were ascribed to men- to current gossip. Recently he sent out risburg and be defeated in the Senate. tal disorders. Since reading the German a request to the heads of the various de- In view of recent developments we are reply to the American protest against partments for complete lists of their sub- influenced to withdraw that estimate of -After a lot of gloomy weather is the threat to destroy neutral ships in there anything that cheers you up more waters surrounding England, we are in-their political backers which was gener-and predict that it will be defeated in the indicates a statement as to the strength of the measure in the House taxes recently imposed to make up for the deficiency caused by the failing of music the deficiency caused by the failing of music the indicates as well as a statement as to the strength of the measure in the House the deficiency caused by the failing of music the deficiency caused by the fail the deficiency caused

The gloom that many of your fellows are house in Berlin is a "bughouse." Instead the VARES, MCNICHOL and Chairman committee on Law and Order of the walking in might be dispelled by just a of showing appreciation of the forbear- CROW started for their mid-winter vaca- House, in which it is under considera- with. ance of the government of the United tion in Florida His Excellency refused to tion, with a recommendation in favor of dent of politics these things mean noth- jority. It could be defeated in Committee according to the canvass

no excitement, no unusual interest, no allies propose "to cut off all supplies BRUMBAUGH appointed an Attorney BRUMBAUGH will not guarrel with his morbid curiosity displayed on Tuesday from Germany and thereby starve her General, a Secretary of the Common- party upon this question. He will urge when the first electrocution ever made peaceful civil population-a procedure wealth and a Private Secretary. For the adoption of the bill and may even by building no new war vessels for ten been making his home in Renovo for the last in Pennsylvania was being enacted at the contrary to all humanitarian principles." Attorney General he selected a VARE solicit votes for it, but he will not at-As a matter of fact the allies resorted to man; for Secretary of the Commonwealth tempt to coerce or compel support of it. this expedient only after the German a PENROSE man, and for Privite Secre- That would mean war in the party for the ground harder than it has been at government had commandeered all the tary a BRUMBAUGH man. There was while he in his personal platform declarany time during the winter. This is food supplies of the Empire for the use nothing in these appointments to alarm ed for it the party refrained from probably due to the fact that all of the army. That foodstuffs for non- the politicians. Since then he has reapprobably due to the fact that all of the army. That foodstuffs for non-previous hard freezes we had came at the time when there was a blanket of snow covering everything. —Two West Virginia negroes have been caught in the act of toting eighteen hun-dred half-nints of whiskey from Pennsyl. sioner of Health will terminate on March as his are upon him and will not under. a generation to come. The German note gives as an addition- 1, that of the Commissioner of Insur-The German note gives as an addition- 1, that of the Commissioner of Insur-take to force them to betrayal of obliga-fare now being tried out may so revolu-

of permanent peace to warring nations. —Lieutenant RICHARD PEARSON HOB-are paid for whether they reach their him and his administration which was difference in probably have to go. Like the interpretence in party will rest it of con-him and his administration which was difference in probably have to go. Like the interpretence in party will rest it of con-aked to aid in bringing peace to the warring nations. If it is to be a lasting

A Plea for Disarmament. By Harold Sudell in Philadelphia Record. due to decreased imports and partly to diminished business. The Democratic party is pledged to the abolishment of the sugar duties, and this will still further reduce the national revenues. The stamp customs duties were only designed to run until the end of this year, and they should, by all means, be then done away

A decided reduction of our national expenditures is therefore necessary. No better place for this could be found than in the immense sum we annually spend

Even those who are clamoring for a vast increase in our army and navy ex-penditures admit that the hundreds of millions of dollars we have spent in the past decade have been utterly wasted, for they tell us we now have no army and that our costly navy is nothing but a lot . of junk.

I therefore suggest that we retrench navy estimates to the lowest possible point.

Why should we, at this time, spend money on these things? The leading nations of the world are now all engaged in the most terrible and costly war mankind has ever seen. It will, in all probability,

Republican party is dependent upon the to go into the scrap-heap as obsolete things

In view of these facts, it is foolish to

grace can we be needed next year and it's unwise "to if we, the foremost nation in the world to what we have already done in that direction and ask that they follow our example Our financial needs call for this reducthis week than the average crowd seen tion in armaments; common sense shows its wisdom, and our christianity demands And never was there a more propitious time for the doing of it.

## SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Nelson Fryland was thrown from a sleigh at Osceola, alighting on his head and which resulted in his death a few hours later.

-Frank T. Long, who lives near New Baltimore, Somerset county, cheerfully paid a fine of \$50 and the costs for shooting seven wild turkeys. -The council of Johnstown has agreed to expend \$3,000 in the employment of men who are jobless. The workers are to be paid in provisio not money.

-Last Saturday the Frick company ordered 418 additional coke ovens to be fired in Westmoreland county, making 1,273 to be put in blast since February 1st

-Mayor Cauffiel, of Johnstown, has instructed one of his officers to collect a quarter from each person who indulges in an oath in the city hall and an equal sum from any teller of a question able story.

-Mrs. Bertha Unger, a bride of seven weeks, was found lifeless at her home in New Kensing ton, Westmoreland county, the other evening. Her husband is missing and is supposed to have ended her life after a quarrel.

-Modern business structures will replace the buildings destroyed in Ebensburg by last week's \$250,000 fire. During the past three years that town has had three disastrous fires. esulting in losses aggregating \$600,000.

-While Joseph Weller and his wife, of Mc-Connellsburg, were driving home from Mercersburg, and engaged in conversation, Mrs. Weller suddenly leaned against her husband's shoulde and in another moment breathed her last

-David Frank, of Flemington, Clinton county, had his skull fractured by being knocked from a ladder while cutting limbs from a tree, and died a few hours later, never having regained consciousness. He was aged about 38 years.

-A valuable blooded cow belonging to G Mack Johnson, of Beech Creek township. Clinton county, slipped on the ice while she was drinking at a walled spring and, falling with her head in the water, was drowned. She was worth

-Norman Gillnett, a DuBois man who has ing with a bullet wound in his right temple and a revolver in his right hand. His motive is un-

-Seventeen tolerably active and more or less expectant candidates for three postoffices in Lycoming county, paying good saleries, are

put in seven rafts this spring, which will be taken to Williamsport.

-Dan Belford, a resident of Mahaffey, but employed in Clearfield by the New York Central railroad, was run down by an engine while working on the tracks. Both legs were cut off and the man was hurried to the Clearfield hospital. He was living at last reports

-Louis Perasine, aged 22 years, was burned ess is to death early Saturday morning in a fire which totally destroyed a grocery store of Clem Fresh. at Lewis Run, McKean county. Mr. and Mrs. Fresh and two other boarders, who lived in the second story of the building, narrowly escaped death by jumping

-George Schompert, of Dale, a Johnstown uburb, was maimed for life when a trap gun set by Grant Wise, of Moxham, was fired, the charge steal Mr. Wise's pi

in this community. The hero of the at Santiago and since then hasn't done merce with Great Britain and France. It athy of the VARES for PENROSE has somemuch to add to his halo. In fact he is has permitted the traffic between manu- what abated and may be entirely reonly notable now as a baby kisser and a facturers and others in this country and moved. the governments of those countries just maker of Japanese bugaboos.

-Ex-President TAFT is evidently more as it would cheerfully acquiesce in simiof an American citizen than he is a parti- lar transactions with Germany if that san politician. In his speech at Morris. country will take the hazard of conveytown, N. J., on Monday he made that ing the goods to destination. The govend "

-Pennsylvania has had her first official pay. electrocution. From all reports, gruesome Penrose Against Repeal of Judicial Law. as it was, it must have been far more

clear. He gave unstinted praise to the ernment of the United States is playing position President WILSON has taken no favorites in this war game but it does with regard to this country's neutrality not propose to stifle commerce or destroy and sounded a clarion call of patriotism the industrial life of the people by forin these words: "When the President bidding the manufacture and sale of has acted, we must stand by him to the goods to any solvent customer that

humane than hanging. In fact there can Senator PENROSE has declared himbe little doubt of it, since one of the wit- self unequivocally against the repeal of nesses, who boasts of having helped at the law providing for a non-partisan vote forty-eight executions, remarked, after for the election of Judges. The Senator seeing this one: "It's too quick. A fellow is on a "stool of repentance" just now doesn't have to suffer long enough for hav- and is trying his best to "make a noise ing murdered another." This gentleman like a reformer." but the advantage to seems to have missed seeing the intent his party in the present law for the of the law in inflicting capital punish- election of judges is too obvious to be ment. It isn't for the purpose of tortur- relinquished voluntarily. At the general ing the condemned, but purely as a les- election last fall both the candidates for son to those who are left.

man who cuts out one ten cent cigar a tor imagines that the same result is likeday saves at least the dividend on twelve ly to follow in nine cases out of ten in shares of Pennsylvania railroad stock. which only one judge for each court is to What an easy way to make a good in- be chosen. Therefore he sees no reason vestment. Cut out the cigar, lay the for a change in the law. dime in a box every day and when the But there are various and ample reaother fellow gets his quarterly check sons why the people of the State should from the Pennsy go to the box and lift object to a system of voting which pracyours. You won't even have to endorse tically disfranchises all the voters except a dividend check or sign a proxy for the those of one party at the general election annual meeting and if the full crew law in nine cases out of ten. Under the exisn't repealed you won't need to worry isting law the two aspirants having the lest the dividend might be cut.

-Fifteen eastern railroads are combined in an association for the purpose them in the aggregate may have been of educating the people in the communi- considerable but because of preferences ties they serve. The effort is being made on account of political affiliations this with the hope that the public will change candidates and the two men of the mathe viewpoint it has evidently had con- jority party favored by the machine may cerning the relations existing between be nominated and all the voters are itself and such corporations. While there is no question of there being a natural of the law because it gives his party in inclination on the part of most individu- this State this immense advantage and a als to "stick it into" a railroad company fair trial involves a prolongation of the whenever the opportunity presents itself, such a disposition was fostered long ago fair trial to other laws equally or more deserving of such consideration. Take when the railroad companies were wont the UNDERWOOD tariff law for example. to operate on the assumption that they The friends of that measure, and in fact were responsible to no one. The WATCH- all men acquainted with the principles of MAN can see no reason why the same of that law will prove its efficiency and treatment should not be accorded a cor- beneficence. In fact we have every reaporation that an individual expects and son to believe that Senator PENROSE himit hopes that the day will soon come self is persuaded that unless the law is when exact justice will be given to each of them. repealed before it gets a fair trial it will never be repealed at all and hence he demands immediate action. of them.

the Supreme, and the Superior court -Some one has figured it out that the judges were Republicans and the Sena-

highest vote at the non-partisan prima-

ries become the only candidates at the general election. The opposition to majority was scattered among several limited in choice to them.

Senator PENROSE pleads for a fair trial evil. But he is not so ready to givea political economy believe that a fair trial

The government of the United States time that is not within view now. They Merrimac shot his big wad in the harbor has not undertaken to safeguard com- are all PENROSE adherents but the antip- kill the goose which lays the golden egg." (as we shall then easily be,) can point

-MITCHELL PALMER failed of his here for a number of years past. In fact, ambition to sit in the Senate but that one was reminded of the good old days hardly justifies the loss of his reputation for amiability, which was a valuable asset. Besides frequent quarrels impairs a man's standing as a Quaker and that is another of Mr. PALMER'S assets.

Brother Vare's Joke.

offers to buy and is willing and able to Pennsylvania Senate last week Brother nominated personal differences were for-ED. VARE rose in his place and present. gotten and on election day the Democed a resolution requesting Congress "to racy voted as a unit and generally was member of the cabinet. A few months repeal the present tariff law and replace successful. But that day is now a mem- later a federal judgship was said to be at would have her do with the money. it by a law giving adequate protection to ory only. The direct primary cuts out it by a law giving adequate protection to ory only. The direct primary cuts out other offices, less important, were spoken of. Now Mr. Palmer is said to be waitmal conditions, sufficient revenue to war-tics and in its very uncertainty breeds ing patiently for any crumbs that may fall from the table. Not any have failen, rant the repeal of the present unjust and greater factional differences.

uncalled for special methods of taxation now in operation." Of course Brother ED. premised his resolution with various and sundry "whereases" in which reference is made to the suffering of Pennsylvania, the steel and textile plants "operating only about half their capacity" and expressed the belief that "the not of much account anyway. worst is yet to come."

Brother ED. assumed an unusually grave aspect when he offered his resolution. He seemed to imagine that it was "the last word" in statesmanship and he threw out his chest and looked across the aisle at the Democrats in the body

in his most ponderous manner. He probably expected a vigorous protest and called for second reading in subdued but determined tone. When Senator WAS-BERS, of York, smilingly demanded the all he can, however, and take chances ayes and navs and Senator SONES seconded the call a sigh of relief emanated from beneath the waistcoat of Brother ED. and his resolution was adopted with a strict party vote. The ten Democrats in their eacts woted in the negative, and in the strict party wote, the strict party wot in their seats voted in the negative and will never be an investigation concernall the Republicans in the affirmative. It was an imposing but silent incident. Missouri, Brother ED forgot for the time that in 1907 under the DINGLEY tariff law the steel and textile plants were operating at session of Congress but we are getting so less than half capacity and that from accustomed to it now that it may be 1898 to 1901 precisely the same methods of taxation obtained, whether just or un- be prolonged to any appreciable extent. just. In fact every evil which Brother ED. ascribes to the UNDERWOOD tariff law existed under the DINGLEY act and plexing features and electing a jackass the distress among the poor was greater to the office of Mayor of New York addduring some of the periods in which that | ed to the complexity of the situation. law was in operation. But Brother ED. didn't know. His mental vision is limited to the length of his nose and he imagined that he had pulled off a great political stunt, whereas it was only a grim but huge joke.

----Court and probably business mat-

ters brought more people to Bellefonte when the genuine true blue Democracy gathered here for the old-time county conventions. Groups hobnobbed on every corner, the various candidates pulled every wire available and the conventions were genuine political picnics. All the fighting was done before and in the con-

-There are several hundred Ameriwhile to worry about them. People who

to the danger point.

-Grange Master McSPARRIN is opon the result.

-Of course nobody wants an extra lonesome during the recess, if it should

-The food problem has many per-

-In another week HOBSON. of Alabama, will be in oblivion and the "yellow peril" will be a lonesome bird.

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

The President and Mr Palmer.

From the Allentown Democrat From Washington comes the news that

the friends of Congressman Palmer, who will be separated from his job on March During one of the brief sessions of the vention and after the ticket had been President has not done anything for him. Six months ago, they were dead certain that Mr. Palmer could sit at the council board of the presidential family as a the Congressman's disposal. Still later however, and Mr. Palmer's friends are

becoming restless. All this is gossip from Washington. cans in the war zone yet, according to reports, and they are getting anxious about their safety. But it's hardly worth parent discomfiture. We do not glory in his rout. We are not exuberant because can't take a warning in six months are of his throwdown. We rather feel sorry for him—sorry because he failed to take the advantage that was his to embrace

to become the most forceful figure in the the country, ignorant of the fact that he possesses -The weather the past week has Democratic politics of the State of Pennbeen rather spring-like, and especially Wednesdey's dashing rain. The result When Mr. Palmer's star was rising he Wednesday's dashing rain. The result When Mr. Palmer's star was rising he had no more ardent admirer than the heir since he was a child, are of the opinion that is that most of the winters' snow has Democrat. He had no more loyal supdisappeared without raising the streams porter. However we have witnessed the humiliating sight of A. Mitchell Palmer

foolishly throwing away the chance of a life-time when he became a boss instead of a leader and a most arrogant boss at posed to big crops, it seems, for the rea- that. These things are not pleasant to son that prices of farm products might say, but they are the truth and if Presicome down. The wise farmer will raise all he can however and take chances dent Wilson really has been forced to part company with Mr. Palmer the latter has no one to blame but himself. He had good friends, loyal Democrats, who pleaded with him and who tried to show

boss and not a leader, and then came the deluge. More's the pity.

-----One evening recently as the night train east on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad attempted to pull out of Blanchard the engineer was dumbfounded to find the driving wheels spinning around without taking hold. An investigation showed that the track had been greased, and it was only after the grease had been cleaned off and the track well sanded that the train could be started. An in- the abandoned mines of Somerset cou vestigation led to the arrest of Russell large quantity of jewelry, all of which is believed Spangler, of Blanchard, as the man who greased the track and he was arrested on the charge of malicious mischief.

-Put your ad, in the WATCHMAN.

-By the accidental exchange of dinner buckets some Williamsport workmen discovered that one of their companions had been eating nothing bu boiled potato parings for a week. They joyfully shared their better meal with the man whose family had been eating the potatoes while he contented himself with the parings.

-Victor Trego, a Belgian glass blower who has been employed in DuBois since last spring was overjoyed the other day by the arrival o his wife and daughter from Belgium. Their home was in the heart of the war district and the man had heard nothing from them since last August. The woman and child had many serious adventures.

-After hearing the Rev. Dr. William P. Nicholon tell of the evils of the rich at an afternoon meeting in the tabernacle at Milton on Saturday, a wealthy Milton woman took the bulk of her fortune of \$150,000 in giltedged bonds to her stor and offered them to him, it was annour ed. He told her to use them as she thought God

-A. J. Hoverter, accused of aiding and abetting cashier Alvin Binner of the First National bank of Schaefferstown in the misappropriation of \$18,500 of that bank's funds, entered a plea o guilty to all the allegations of the government or Tuesday, and was remanded after declining bail in the sum of \$10,000. Hoverter will, be tried in the United States district court at Scranton Hoverter is now available as a witness for the government.

-All hope of finding Keith Dalrymple, the missing Port Allegheny boy, who fell heir to a fortune of \$365,000, has been given up. Whether Dalrymple is still alive and wandering around a fortune, or whether he has been murdered, is as much of a mystery as ever. Many of the resi he was murdered, while others believe that some ed the day he will return home.

> -The threatened removal of all insurance companies from Tioga county as the result of numerous alleged incendiary fires there, was taken up at the largely attended meeting the siness men and property holders of the county held at Wellsboro last Wednesday. It was state that there are more than 40 cases where the in. surance companies have withheld payment because of suspicion of incendiarism and the hardships that would result from the absence of insurance protection were touched upon

-Six members of the family of Charles Brion at Tombs Run, are suffering with diphtheria. At present four members of the family are conf will never be an investigation concern-ing the re-election of Senator REED, of ings. However, they were addressing a very serious but this week she was reported to be greatly improved. Health officer Charles Seely, of Jersey Shore, is taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease. The public school has been closed and will be fumigated-The school board is also co-operating with the health authorities to prevent an epide

> -After an exciting chase after two men be lieved to have robbed a teamster near Scalt Hawke, in which officers and a number of Rockwood citizens joined, one of the fellows was unded up late Tuesday afternoon and a short time later was landed in the Somerset jail for safe keeping. The other man made his escape and is believed to have taken refuge in one of to have been stolen, was found in the possession of the prisoner. He refuses to make any state ment, but appearances would indicate that he is "a smooth article" in the pursuit of his calling, A search is being made for his companion in