Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-- Seventeen days until Christmas.

-You are late enough as it is, so you had better start that Christmas shopping

-With the price of eggs so high any kind of a ham actor can strut the stage with impunity.

-A smile and a pleasant word don't cost any more today than they did a thousand years ago.

-The President's message to Congress was exactly what the country wanted to hear. No more, no less.

-If it's really an acceptable Christmas gift you are thinking of sending to some friend why not send the "Watchman."

-The demand for a two-and-a-half cent piece is justified when we recall that we have to pay three cents for one

-New York is to have a new fifteen million dollar hotel where, we presume, only the possessors of "war brides" will be able to put up.

-Centre county's share of the national Democratic campaign debt is \$400. The "Watchman" has started a subscription to raise it. Will you help a little.

-Instead of talking embargoes and boycotts why doesn't some one talk to the hens. After all they are the ladies who are responsible for the high price of

-Congress should remember that President Wilson had an immense popu- "has no connection with the State intelligent and courageous citizens, alike stupid and obdurate and delar majority, while it, for the most part Legislature, and significantly aids who "know their rights and knowing barely got through by the skin of its

-We had a silly spell on Wednesday and got to wondering whether any of the be handled by men regularly elected their sense of justice and being hu- for President of the United States. terrific winds that were blowing that day to Harrisburg for that purpose." man they resent such outrages. Four While Roosevelt was President were going through those 100 per cent. Then he proceeds to accuse Penrose years ago that unwise policy was laid precisely similar outrages were perwhiskers.

salaried men in Bellefonte whose salaries feld in Pittsburgh and finally insinu- gusted and rebellious. In the stateexceed the wages of hundreds of mill ates that Penrose is a silent partner ment of Mr. Palmer referred to there Now it's different, of course. Roosehands in the Pittsburgh district who are earning ten dollars a day.

-Congress is in session again. Let That "was the unkindest cut of all," us hope that it will pay serious attention for it plants the seeds of a suspicion to only such business as is really essentiat will work direful consequences leaders, right-minded men will turn the lines of public concern. tial to the carrying out of the program in the future. already laid down by President Wilson.

-What a blunder the Allies made in inducing Roumania to join them without cy to this battle between the crooks. for the new departure indicated by having made ample provisions to protect they are all falling into the Teutonic their own," and this interesting but and alike militant and alert will hold reason that they are stupid. On the her rich stores of grain and oil. Now hands and will be the means of nullifying much of England's efforts to blockade German ports.

anoru to do it. They are not worth the money and if you pay such a price it only forces others to do the same. They voted for Wilson because his re-election meant peace on the same of th Thanksgiving turkeys were sold in Belle- deal of the evil which has fallen upon Democrat. fonte for thirty-five cents dressed and Pennsylvania and the Vares are even Christmas turkeys will be no higher.

-Up to this moment, we believe, we For these reasons we shall not offer have failed to note the fact that the good offices with the view of reconcil-Panthers, Bellefonte's famous hunting lation or permit any one else to inter- He is endeavoring to defeat one meascrew, didn't go into camp this season. vene if we can help it. We understand that they could find no correspondence school in the country that gives courses on how to bury does so they will stay buried and feeling that hunting game they decided not to venture out this year.

self is really pathetic. The spectacle of September won hundreds of thousands appointive and electoral powers that and urged again in the address in careful examinations into the history question the affiliation of those voters buried more than thirty years ago. and qualifications of men should always with the party will become permanent. be made before they are placed in posi- He is the first President to take the case tions where it is possible for them to dis- of the wage-earner in a labor controvercredit the law.

-It is high time that Bellefonte arouses itself to the necessity of an adequate fire-alarm system. When things come to such a pass that John Bower is left reposing in the arms of Morpheus when one of the largest business blocks in town is threatened by the flames, something must be done. The Coleville band without Sam Bryant is about the only thing we can imagine as being as bad off as any kind of a fire in Bellefonte is without John Bower. He's the town's assistant fire marshall, too, and council jobs of this kind are pulled off without full faith that they will accept them gold necessary to buy enough votes to the presence of the one fireman whose reputation for "being there" has been so clandestinely shattered.

-The whole State of Pennsylvania are always dangerous. seems to be rallying to the cry of mercy for the Jefferson county boys who are tion but advocates the completion of sev- Bill. Possibly there are in some of Pershing to participate in the hunt. condemned to electrocution at Rockview did for his friend, the Haines boy. If he proceedings with great interest and will try of just and intelligent men. is not normal he should not be held to lay the blame where it belongs if things the fullest accountability for his crime. go wrong.



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Penrose and Senator Vare.

The fight for the Republican nomi-

row or not. But the distinguished

talking freely and both Penrose and

less vitriolic. For example, Penrose

cism and reproach among patriotic

worse in every essential particular.

President Wilson's Message.

that it is in sympathy with him self-re-

It is said that the railroad brotherhoods

such part of it as benefits them. We do

President frankly told them in the begin-

specting working men will support it.

Republicans throughout the State."

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Promise of Permanent Harmony.

In an interview published in Philanation for Speaker of the House at delphia, the other day, Hon. A. Mitch- world into his confidence at last and in Harrisburg, is approaching an acute ell Palmer, member of the Democrat- a magazine article tells why Wilson stage. Both the candidates are silent, ic National committee for Pennsylva- was elected and his own personally figure-heads and neither knews enduring harmony and ultimate tri- the recent election. The voters were whether he will be a candidate tomor- umph in the State. Referring to the too stupid, he declares, substantially, distribution of party patronage he to learn the lesson he taught and abgentlemen whom they represent are said: "There will be no bargains or sorb the ideas he promulgated. "The deals in regard to Federal patronage. appeal made for Mr. Wilson," he says, Vare have issued statements, more or Every element in the party will be "was one which would tell very recognized, not as factionists but as strongly with good, honest citizens says "the prominence of contractor Democrats." That is the true spirit whose preoccupation with their own leadership in the so-called Republican and we sincerely hope it will be main- pursuits was such that they could not organization of Philadelphia, with the tained. If that policy had been adopt- be expected to look deeply into nation-

grant at the present time, has been future would be a radiant page in the and is the subject of adverse criti- history of the State. vania are not spoils-mongers. The such an appeal." Those are "fighting words," as the vast majority of them are as free school boys say, but have not fright- from selfishness in their political acof responsibility for the defeat of down and pursued until a great num--All told there are not a half a dozen Representatives Coleman and Barch- ber of the party workers became dis-

in some of the centracting operations is the promise of a better condition. The Republican party of Pennsylof State Senator "Jim" McNichol. vania is rotten. Torn into factions from it to save the Commonwealth But the people of Pennsylvania from shame. In view of these facts rogues fall out honest men come by voted to the interests of the people

Penrose's Little Trick.

Senator Penrose is again playing his old and probably his only trick. ure of legislation by threatening to agitate for another. His purpose expresses the standard of Republican statesmanship. On one occasion the In his address to Congress on Tuesday late Senator Quay prevented the pasto be their greatest weak point in the President Wilson wisely gives much at sage of a bill to which he was oppostention to the completion of the legisla- ed by threatening to read a hundred tive program for the avoidance of labor volumes or more of Department re--The predicament in which 'Squire L. strikes. His attitude on that question as ports. It was the only way he could C. Bullock, of State College, finds him- revealed in his address to Congress last think of and an oyster would have quite enough brains to turn the trick. a magistrate of the law pleading guilty of votes to the Democratic party. If Penrose's scheme is different only in in open court to six indictments is unusual and a grave reminder to both the complete the program as expressed then malice and brutality. He threatens to advocate the Force bill which was

Senator Penrose is very much opposed to the passage of the pending delphia debatable ground politically. Corrupt Practices act. He appresy and if his party in Congress will show hends, no doubt, that in the event that measure becomes a law, a considerable number of his friends would be sent to the penitentiary. Besides he are opposed to the completion of the understands that with such legisla-President's program, that they want only tion in operation the Republican party would have no more chance of carnot believe they are so unfair. The rying a national election than Sam Salter has of being President of the ning that his solution of the problem in-United States. He knows that Indiavolved the passage of six separate measures of legislation. There was only time na, Illinois, New York and New Jerfor one, however, the eight hour day sey would have voted for Wilson this law, and that was passed and accepted year if they had not been bought to satisfaction as any of them get out of it. by the men. That action morally bound vote for Hughes and that a corrupt should see to it at once that no more them to accept the others and we have practices law will stop the flow of

when they are enacted. It is up to Con- carry a State. gress to give them the opportunity and So the Senator imagines he can at the earliest moment possible. Delays scare the Southern Senators out of voting for the Corrupt Practices Act The President suggests no new legisla- by threatening to introduce the Force eral measures which were begun during the asylums others simple enough during the week of January 22nd. The the last session and are now on the cal- to share that belief with him, but not "Watchman" has ever been opposed to endar of one branch or the other. The many. The looters and grafters who clemency that is predicated purely on appropriation bills will be large this year controlled the Republican party then sentiment and while, with many, sentiland will provoke a good deal of discus-couldn't pass that bill when it was up ment may be the sole motive in the sion and the length of the session is lim- a generation ago and the Democrats movement to secure commutation of ited so that little time can be spared to were weaker than they have ever been sentence for these youthful murderers, the consideration of new propositions. Since. Therefore there is no danger there is real ground on which the Board But there will be time enough to clear of its passing now or at any time in of Pardons might grant it. No normal the calendars if industrious effort is given the future. Men of the type that fahuman being could kill another merely to the work and the President justly beas a matter of accommodation to a friend. lieves that Congress will do its part well. custody or dead and that vicious spir-That is exactly what the Mottern boy Meantime the country will watch the it will never be revived in this coun-

-Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

Roosevelt Misinterprets Lessons.

Colonel Roosevelt has taken the From the Public. frequent scandals which have attach- ed after the election of four years ago al affairs and general world condied thereto in the past, and are fla- the victory which is now a hope of the tions," and, he adds, "it would have man if he had possessed the vision use. The Democratic voters of Pennsyl- and disinterestedness to disregar!

The Colonel tried his best, we may assume, to guide the stupid voters ened Senator Vare. He says that tions as an unborn babe is free from along the paths of reason to an intel-Senator Penrose's official position crime. But they are self-respecting, ligent understanding. But they were clined to regard "the crimes committhat "as usual, he, (Penrose,) is mero- dare maintain." The selfish abuse of ted in Belgium and Armenia, in the ly trying to inject himself uninvited, authority and the unjust distribution sinking of the Lusitania and in Mexinto a situation which can very well of rewards is, therefore, repugnant to ico" as burning issues in a campaign petrated in Armenia and elsewhere, the voters of the United States then. velt is out and lusting for the power and bitter in the animosities of its should all think as he thinks along

As a matter of fact, however, the Colonel has misinterpreted the reamay look on with perfect complacen- the present is an auspicious moment sons for the splendid result of the and the evil is actually looked upon by election. It is true that the people There is an old adage that "when Mr. Palmer. A united Democracy de- hearkened to the appeal made in behalf of Mr. Wilson, but not for the probably nasty fight may do the publout to the disgusted Republicans an contrary they were influenced to their lic a power of good. In any event we inviting retreat and the next Govern- action at the polls by the highest are entirely satisfied and perfectly or of Pennsylvania may be easily standard of intelligence. They knew -Don't pay forty cents a pound for willing that it shall continue to "the made a Democrat. Mr. Palmer has what Wilson did during the period peals of back-biting blatherskites discredited Roosevelt and voted for Wilson who had been tried and is

-Lloyd George may be something of a boss in London but when he undertook to put Sir Edward Garson in control of the war operations he ed that Sir Edward made considerable progress in organizing a war of his own against England a trifle more to lower levels. than three years ago.

-The professions of reform now so voluably expressed by leading Republicans will be forgotten before the Legislature meets. The leading Republicans know that the electoral reform they talk of would make Phila-

-Well, it's Penrose's move. Brother Bill gave out the last interview and it was a stunner. Giving "a dog a bad name" is nothing toward contracting firm.

who is not included in any of the many

it and a limited time in which to work. But we hope all Senators and Repre-pirants for the speakership, but in any event the close division between the parsentatives will show proper respect for the eight-hour day.

-Congress has a big job before

-If Carranza really wants Villa he can get him by inviting General Ten to one Pershing will be willing and anxious.

-Our wealthy friend Jacob Schiff, of New York, is flattering himself when he talks about the temptations of young women.

elected was the people didn't want Roosevelt to be butting into affairs in Washington.

-Reform legislation will need a suitable escort while passing through the Legislature with Baldwin in the Time to Avert Disaster.

surd that low tariff rates will bring on an industrial depression, it must not be assumed that therefore no depression of course, for the reason that they are nia, sounded a note which promises conducted candidate was defeated at will come. Nothing is more probable than that within a few years-possibly before the end of President Wilson's administration—another period of hard of his injuries. Jackson has been held on the times will be on us as bad as the depression of the '90s and of Roosevelt's administration, if not even worse. The depression cannot be averted by tariff legislation nor by restrictive laws of any kind.

Business depressions result from restrictions which interfere with industry and make it unprofitabe. The restriction chiefly responsible is of the use of natural resources. When land values increase faster than potential productivity there must come a time when it becomes been highly creditable to the average a losing venture to buy or rent for land Then industry must stop and depression sets in, to last until values fall enough to make resumption possible, or until labor and capital become satisfied with smaller returns, or until improved methods of production make it profitable

to pay high prices for land. The forces that bring on depressions disaster. Delay in making peace will not delay the depression. It can be pre-vented in no other way than by removal of the cause. And so far as the government is concerned little or nothing has been done along that line. Even so moderate a proposal as the Crosser bill is being smothered by the house committee on public lands. In Oregon and California measures have just been voted but they were of no consequence to down by the people which would have made industrial depressions impossible. Men and women have helped to secure rejection of these proposals who will be loud in complaint when hard times come. that made life to him "bully" and in So also will be the Congressmen who are his opinion the people of the country now keeping the Crosser bill from coming to a vote, or who are ready to oppose it should it be reported out.

There is still time to prevent disaster. But that it will be used as it should be is not so certain. In the meantime inflation of speculative land values continues, the unthinking as a guarantee of continued prosperity. There must be an awakening some time. Let us hope that it will come before another disaster overwhelms national industry.

An Effective Boycott.

From the Johnstown Democrat. your Christmas turkey, even if you can afford to do it. They are not worth the last dictary and all spoken wisely and accordial war and that the or posite of that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the or posite of that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the or posite of that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the or posite of that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the or posite of that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith by works and a cordial war and that the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the other stages that indicate certain prove his faith the oth The public has recently had some very and prosperity and the frenzied ap- that provisions generally would soon be Philadelphia, against the Pennsylvania. out of reach of the poor man. Fearing that prices would increase there was a couldn't deceive them or swerve them rush of buyers. The demand was so from their wise purpose. They justly brisk that prices were marked up hour by discredited Roosevelt and voted for hour. And then affairs took a different turn. It was reported that the people of various cities were refusing to buy at the new levels; that in such and such a place the purchasing public had declared a boycott; that the women were preparing to get along without a great many commodities until prices tumbled. The result was that prices tumbled. If the public gets scared, if it rushes into the market to slightly overreached. It is remember-stock up prices will advance in response to the eagerness shown to buy. If the public does not get scared, if the purchasers hold their heads, prices inevitably retreat at \$30,000 to charity. She bequeathed a

Whenever there is a scare of any kind the general disposition is to load up for fear prices may go higher. The process of loading up causes prices to rise. public has the high cost of living problem in its own hands. It can refuse to purchase goods when the price goes above certain reasonable levels. The women can knock the bottom out of prices almost any time they set their mind to it.

Champ Clark in the Chair.

From the Springfield Republican. It looks as if the Democrats would be able to organize the next house and make charging a man with being silent Champ Clark speaker. Recounts in three partner in a Philadelphia municipal closely-contested districts in Pennsylvania in one New Jersey district and one North Carolina district favor the Democrats. -Anyway the aspiring foot-ball star This makes the present outlook: Democrats, 217; Republicans, 213; Progressive, one; Socialist, one; Prohibitionist, "All American" teams that have been one, and Independent, one. The total picked can pick himself for a team of his membership is 435, and on the above reckown selection and have about as much oning the Democrats lack one vote of a hibitionist, and Kelly, Independent, of the Democrats on organization. This prospect chills the discussion of Republican asties in the next house will make for moderation in its action.

Progressive Policies Demanded.

From the Public.

The re-election of President Wilson is by no means a Democratic party triumph. The western voters who chose Wilson electors made clear their wish to elect progressive officials regardless of party. As between Wilson and Hughes they naturally preferred the President. And as between the Republican candidates known to be progressive, and un--One of the reasons Wilson was tried Democrats, they preferred the former. These voters can only be held by progressive policies and they seem able to distinguish between real progressivism and the Roosevelt-Perkins kind. The party that does not deal fairly with them will take a very dangerous risk.

-For high class Job Work come to the "Watchman" Office.

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-Westmoreland county's latest murder was caused by drunkenness and resulted in the killing of Frank Koderman by his brother Tom,

-The Cambria Steel company has posted notices at Johnstown announcing an increase of wages to general labor which will amount to about 10 per cent.

-The case of former Judge John W. Reed, of Jefferson county, against the Brookville "Republican" was settled by the parties before the matter got into court.

-William H. Bonn, of Wilkes-Barre, has been orderded to muzzle a flock of 200 geese. The order was made by Alderman William McCartney in his efforts to make the nights peaceful for the residents of that city.

-A man by the name of Joe Pearson has been lodged in the Clearfield jail to await trial on the charge of having sent threatening letters to the superintendent and the manager of the Westover tannery. It is reported that he has admitted his Though the protectionist claim is ab- guilt but denies all knowledge of certain bits of malicious mischief done.

-John D. Schieff, an employee of Williams port's highway department, was run down by an automobile driven by George W. Jackson last Thursday afternoon and died at the Williamsport hospital early Saturday morning as the result charge of manslaughter. Schieff was 56 years of

-With the purchase of a tract of fifteen acres of land, on which the old blast furnaces are standing, and other buildings along the banks of the Susquehanna river, the way has been opened for another industry for Wrightsville, Pa. The price paid was \$14,500, and the Susquehanna Casting company and the Wilton Manufacturing company are interested parties.

-Frank Courson general foreman of the Pitcairn shops of the Pennsylvania railroad and a former resident of Altoona, where he learned his trade in the local shops, has completed a car draft gear which, it is claimed, is a great improvement. Mr. Courson has been offered \$150,-000 for his invention by a car building concern. The invention required twelve years' time to perfect.

-Mr. Charles Reigh, who resides on the Wolf farm, near Gannister, was recently relievare at work. The continuation of the ed of close to a hundred chickens that had been European war, which many believe will fattened for market. About the same time he continue prosperity, cannot avert the had a valuable cow brutally cut over the body with a sharp knife of some kind, which animal was so badly cut that it had to be sold to a nearby butcher as beef stock. The cow was valued at close to one hundred dollars and was sold for little better than half that amount

-Six men were wounded, two probably fatally, in a clash between Deputy Sheriffs and striking coal miners for the Saltsburg Coal company at Avonmore, near Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, Four of the wounded were taken to a local hos pital. According to Philip Murray, president of the Pittsburgh district of the United Mine Workers of America, the riot occurred when striking miners attempted to approach five men said to have been strike breakers. Four arrests were made

-While hunting one day early in the season on Poe mountain, John Vonada, of Coburn, Centre county, saw a bird rise and taking it for a pheasant he fired and brought it down. It was very large and resembled a young eagle. Only the tip of the wing was broken and the bird easily fought off two dogs. The hunter, however, managed to secure it and took it to his home where it is living on muskrats and mice and is recovering from its wound. It is Mr. Vonada's intention to set it free.

-A damage verdict of \$145,830 against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, secured by the Sonman Shaft Coal company of Cambria county. Pennsylvania, of which Chairman Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, Pa., is treasurer and a principal

-Work has been stopped on the Fort Louden and McConnellsburg railroad by reason of the sheriff of Franklin county seizing the tools, equipment and supplies of contractor Clyde Kuhns. This road started as a trolley line, was then changed to a steam line and recently was halted. by the public service commission when its promoters tried to water the stock. Aside from a little lumber narrow gauge over the Bedford side, Fulton county has no railroad and was banking high on this

-Hannah A. Buck, widow of Rev. Chas. L. Buck, of New Enterprise, Bedford county, who died recently, left an estate valued fourth each to the Old Folks' Home of the Church of the Brethren at Martinsburg, Orphans' Home at Huntingdon and home and foreign mission work of the Church of the Brethren. During her life time and since the death of her husband, Mrs. Buck had given \$2,000 to Juniata College. A quilt over 100 years old was willed to her sister.

-Winburne, Clearfield county, had four destructive fires last week. On Sunday a dwelling owned by Albert Kowalski was burned to the ground. Monday afternoon the repair shops of Bloomington mine No. 9, were totally destroyed by a fire which caused a loss of \$10,000. Tuesday afternoon the Methodist Episcopal church building, used by the school board to house the eighth grade schools, caught fire from the furnace and was damaged to the amount of \$800. On Wednesday the big union hall owned by the United Mine Workers of America was totally destroyed by fire. The loss was heavy.

-The Blair Limestone company, on Wednes. day, near Blair Four, fired the largest blast ever shot in a quarry anywhere. There were 35,000 pounds of dynamite of a type known as Trojan powder. There were 23 holes, sixteen of them majority, but Raidall, the California Pro- 189 feet deep, each hole 5 5-8 inches in diameter The shot brought down 200,000 tons of limestone. Pennsylvania, are counted on to act with Officials of the company from Pittsburgh and many people from that district viewed the shot which shook the earth like an earthquake, but did not make any loud detonation. Cyrus Ickes of the Raystown company, fired the shot by throwing the electric switch in the Raystown substation, down in the town of Blair Four. The whole town of Blair Four was evacuated, the only occupants being Mr. Ickes and the manager of the Powder company, F. J. Leonard, who had the blast in charge.

> -In the contest to break the will of the late Rosalie P. Coleman, formerly of Lebanon, Pa. but now of Paris, instituted in the Lebanon county courts by her son, D. Guido Hinkel, a surgeon in the German army, W. G. Light, counsel for the son, Tuesday filed in the local court returns of the alias citations, service of which was had by publication in New York and Paris on the several parties in interest, including the beneficiaries under the will, by the provisions of which the son is disinherited. The Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, which is the administrator of the Coleman estate in the United States, Tuesday entered its appearance through local counsel as a party to the suit. It was announced Tuesday that the testimony of Prince Eonnersmark, father of Dr. Hinkel, had not as yet been taken by the Berlin court, because of legal technicalities.