## Democratic Watchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-Let's all go to Florida 'til April

Of course you have become accustomed to writing it 1918 by this time. -Nobody is worrying about how thick the ice is. Everybody knows it

is thick enough. -Away with the fellow who was longing for the return of "an old fashioned winter."

-The trouble with "gentlemen's agreements" is that in most cases they are criminal conspiracies.

-Anyway the farmer who has to haul his water in this zero weather doesn't have water pipes to thaw out and bust every morning in the week.

The best in the world of everying poor at home should not be allow-

possibly have it.

-Again let us remind you that everything has gone up in price but your old, reliable, home newspaper and let us also remind you that it will go up financially unless a lot of readers come across with some maz ıma ere long.

-The sight of coal-wagons making regular trips on Bellefonte streets on Sunday was probably the first of its kind ever beheld here and to make it all the more unusual the coal was so in bushel baskets.

-If the government would roll issue of ten billion without a drive at all and the pretty part of it would reckoning profits of the bar during or who lost patience without reason. be that none of them would ever turn up for redemption.

--- write damning the administra- rul but essential for the purposes expreparations but they were of the allies for liberty but he cannot aration can be made for the horrible propaganda which does vast harm. a medium of developing party leaders. were rectified. But nothing could be Age was gutted for a less offensive ventions there has been no way of fying them into crimes. The Presitone. Ant The Times succeeded The getting acquainted with local party dent and those about him are ready Age and The Ledger The Times.

of fuel administrator Harry Keller's time interrogating him as to why you can't get coal. Ordinarily Harry is the most amiable of gentlemen but we fear that unless general relief comes exalted station he holds in the Reformed church.

—We noticed that our contempoits pre-Christmas edition that its editor intended "hanging up his stockings." Shortly after reading the threat we observed the gentleman walking up High street with a pair of arctics on. If you have ever noticed the same thing you will agree with us that it must have been an all night's job for poor old Santa if brother Dor-

-Worn out completely with the munity as a mail carrier and only those who knew how he fought as an nerve were doing it all. He has gone; the service has lost a most faithful employee and the community a man of whom every one will speak kindly.

-If ever the writer was obsessed with a passion to steal it was Wednesday evening. After pounding the editorial fingers and filling the ubiquitous eyes with splinters of coal in a vain endeavor to hammer a lonely bucketful of big stove coal down to a size that would burn in a small kitchen range we walked down to the railroad station just in time to see a big hundred thousand car of chestnut rolling in on the Lewisburg freight. We have never forgotten the impression that the elephant car in the first circus train that came into Bellefonte made on our youthful mind, but wonderful as it was the sight of that car of chestnut thrilled just as much until we discovered that it was only for Bellefonters to look at while it was passing through to State College.

brightness and good cheer to the lives tion, and however it ends it is harmof others. What a dreary world this ful. would be indeed if only the spirit of selfishness germinated in the human heart and how much brighter, even pled beyond question but it looks as than it is, it could be made if every- if he may limp along for a couple of little lighter.



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Wise Suggestion to Democrats. The Democratic Association of Harrisburg, has sounded a note that investigations in W

didates. The Democratic Association of Har-

the week. sembled in a dicant city, have mo- help the enemy. nopolized party management.

Another Run In by Snyder.

Auditor General Snyder threatens another "run in" with the Brumbaugh worth's stocking was full on Christ- administration. This time it is the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance Fund that burden of faithfully doing his work has aroused his indignation and a cur-Ed. Woods slipped away to rest alsory view of the subject from this most before his most intimate friends distance justifies his action. It seems knew that he was done. For twenty- that the appropriation to that fund three years he had served this com- was made by the Legislature with a distinct understanding that no dividend would be declared in 1917, in orolder man to retain the dispatch he der "that the fund might be made had in his earlier days can appreciate self-sustaining." Nevertheless, the how his heart and his mind and his Auditor General alleges, a dividend ed an audit of the bureau by men of his choice.

The Auditor General has undisputed authority to audit the accounts of any department of the State governsome of the employees of the bureau. time he undertook such a thing the salaries in dispute were promptly paid after the decision and that seems

to have been the end of it. The courts of Pennsylvania have so -The community spirit is growing often declared the constitution unconin Bellefonte. It is a hopeful sign. stitutional that little surprise was ex-Recall the great crowd gathered in pressed with the result of that piece the Diamond Christmas eve to sing, of litigation and it is not likely that give thanks and celebrate the end of General Snyder will take another the successful Red Cross campaign, chance of judicial rebuke. But in the ploitation of the property committed then remember that it was only a few larger court of public opinion the dehours later, early in the Christmas cision is more than likely to be in his of selfishness into the management of morn, that choristers were all over favor. It will be reasoned, naturally, the business. His wide experience as gretting the passing of the old year. Bellefonte carolling the glad tidings that if there is nothing to conceal in a railroad builder and his splendid It marked a period of excesses in of the Christ-child's birth and again, the financial administration of the Inin the afternoon of Christmas, a surance fund, there would have been best results from his labor. In all "picked-up" band gave concerts in no objection to the audit. The contro- probability the only perceptible dif- last week. various centers of the town. Why versy certainly impairs public confi- ference in the future and past manwas this done? Only because some dence in the bureau, if it doesn't de- agement of the railroads will be were hopeful of adding a little of stroy popular faith in the administra- greater efficiency and better service.

> -John Barleycorn is badly exipexpensive and unpopular.

Helping the Enemy is the Aim.

Viewed from any a see the pending L ought to be taken up by all the local other purpose than aiding the eneorganizations of the party through- mies of the country. A disappointed pectation but well within the range out the State. It is a demand for the inventor testified before one of these of possibility. It is true that Germarestoration of the party State conveninquisitions that our army abroad is ny and her allies are fighting despertion whenever a State ticket is put in without adequate equipment for no ately and that the depleted ranks of the fiield. The convention would not be other reason than that his gun was her armies are being restored to full thing is none too good for the soldiers for the purpose of selecting candi- put to test before it was adopted by strength after each slaughter. But "over there" or "here" but the deserv- dates. The State wide primary per- the government. Some time ago the there is a limit to everything and forms that service, wisely or other- President, in a non-partisan spirit, German resources must become exed to suffer if it is possible to prevent wise, and may be trusted in the future in the exercise of that preroga- elect Knute Nelson, of Minneapolis, garding food resources are conflict--Here's hoping that you all will tive. The business of the convention to the United States Senate, wherehave the happiest and most prosper- would be to "formulate into a party upon a crazy competitor for the ofous New Year that you have ever en- platform the fundamental principles fice published an absurd story to the joyed, but candor compels us to add on which the Democratic party stands effect that our troops were badly improving on that side of the battle that we can't now see how you can as well as give expression to the pre- handled at their port of disembarkavailing views of the voters' as to cantion in France and suffered greatly in consequence.

These statements, both false, are average political club. One of the who are striving to make autocracy bids the introduction of intoxicating and annoying to the faithful authoriany condition or pretext. Prohibition in the trenches, who are offering their is no part of its creed but the mem- all to prevent that result. That they regulation of the law and that party President discounted them in the beof booze or serving as a cloak for incious lie issued by the ambitious Minmeetings are for purposes other than the story of the disappointed invent-

There may have been mistakes Party conventions are not only use- made in the management of the war ful but essential for the purposes ex- preparations but they were of the ry will crown the righteous struggle During the Civil war the Philadelphia | Since the abandonment of party con- gained, or even hoped for, by magniworkers. Under the convention sys- and anxious to take the advice or intem nearly every year developed some formation of any well-meaning citijury just take up about half an hour talented young man who was encour- zen and follow it if it is fit. But no those in authority here in the work er party managers and thus new complaints based on disappointed amblood was supplied to the organiza- bitions and issues for evil purposes. soon he will have to be "done over" promoting party success. For five before he will be fit to continue in the years a bunch of office holders, as are intended to embarrass him and all time.

-The Secretaryship of the ed out of the Brumbaugh administravastly bigger but happily Mr. Mc- of Labor and Industry, was summari- fied. Adoo measures up to the proportions. ly dismissed. Fred's position payed him seven dollars a day.

Railroads Taken Over.

of transportation by the government war from Centre county, published in at Washington is a wide departure our last issue, attracted cousiderable war now in progress and coming near-since. While the list is not published a confession of this very thing in their understood that the small pox cases deer home every day. Without inten- this week because of the large amount tion, probably, and certainly without of other news, it will be carried in malice, the transportation service of type and when enough additional the country had failed of its purpose. was declared last year but that the of population and suffering was the send us promptly the names of any result. With abundance of coal only young men they know of who enlist, not paid. For this reason he demand- a short way off the public was suffer- and we will gladly add them to the ing from fuel famine.

The purpose of the President in taking over the railroads was to ob- tion the fact that we were handed a viate these grievous faults. It might letter this week from a former Cenhave been accomplished in another tre county boy whose name was not ton while being closed down during think justice will be done by compelling ment. But the administrator of this way. That is to say the laws forbidparticular bureau didn't want his ac- ding pooling might have been repeal- Walker Lucas, a son of Nelson Lucounts to be audited and appealed to ed or revoked and the shortest routes cas, at present in Washington. The the Attorney General who instructed adopted in carrying freight. But that young man is in the medical departhim to refuse access to his books by the Auditor General. Thereupon the One method is quite as revolutionary on his letter he states that he is proud the Coal industry. The Tresident gave the Coal industry. The Tresident gave a Replogle power to control flour and tion as to his guilt."

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The President has challenged public confidence, moreover, in the selection of an administrator of this great trust. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is a man of great ability, unquestioned integrity and proved patriotism. He will not undertake the exto his care or introduce the element

-The Kaiser proves his devotion to the Gott he falsely pretends to in and the new council organized. worship by desecrating churches wherever he finds them.

pays the freight.

orge's Sanguine Expectatio

Ge ge, Premier of Englan igton serve no p edict the end of the war within the lutely certain that conditions are not morale or materials.

most constant sacrifice Germany has which may lead to the great end The Democratic Association of Harrisburg is vastly different from the equally heartening to the cruel Huns not gained a foot of ground either in hope the world is soon to reach. France or Flanders. Desperate drives provisions of its fundamental law for- the governing agency of the world have occasionally forced the allied troops back a few feet or a few liquors into the club premises upon ties at Washington and the soldiers yards. But counter attacks restored the lost salients and in most cases added to the advantages previously bers hold that the sale or use of in- have not worked greater harm is due enjoyed. In Italy, by perfidious toxicants should be kept under the only to the fact that confidence in the means, a considerable victory was won some weeks ago. But within a week clubs are, or should be, maintained ginning. No intelligent man or wom- conditions have been reversed and scarce that it was being parceled out for other purposes than the dispensing an in the country believed the malistolen victory have been lost. Meandulgence in liquor. Naturally this nesota Congressman who went to time disappointment is breeding dissugar and coal into sheets and stamp club is composed of men devoted to France to pick flaws in the managethem Liberty Bonds it could sell an the principles of the party and its ment of affairs there or at home and pangs of hunger are beginning to as-

Lloyd George may be over sanguine in his estimate of the time that victowhich from this on she is destined to over the world have freely expressed energy and intelligence revealed by

---The soldiers themselves refuse —Another Bellefonter was turnto believe the stories of unfavorable today be suggesting a basis of peace conditions in the camps but they are rary, the Republican, announced in United States treasury is a big job tion on Monday when Fred Thompson, not expected to know as much about were rejecting with scorn. but controlling all the railroads of the who during the past six months has such things as the slackers who are country is an undertaking that bulks been a messenger in the Department trying to make themselves dissatis- ing. It may be more or less insin-

Honor Roll Attracting Attention.

The "Watchman's" honor roll of young men who have volunteered or The taking over of the management been called for service in the present names have been secured it will again From Leslie's Weekly. With plenty of food in the country be published. For this reason we foodstuff failed to reach the centres ask all friends of the "Watchman" to

> In this connection we might menon the list in the person of Miles represented in the past four wars. ice in the present struggle.

One thermometer in Howard registered 24 degrees below zero yesterday morning. It was 16 degrees below at several points on High street and see if results do not justify the Pittsburgh family and a graduate of the in Bellefonte at nine o'clock yester- trial. day morning.

-There are few reasons for re-

day morning, and immediately thereafter the new members will be sworn

The most direct route ought to officers will be sworn in for duty next the hour. one would cultivate a spirit to do a years yet. Only a few Legislatures get trains to their destination in the Monday. Bellefonte will have a new bit to make the other fellow's load a meet this year and extra sessions are shortest time possible no matter who burgess and several new councilmen to take the oath of office.

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HY HE HATED THE KAISER. By an Unknown Jingler.

My Tuesdays are meatless My Wednesdays are wheatless, I am getting more eatless each day. My home it is heatless,

My bed it is sheetless They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.

The barrooms are treatless, My coffee is sweetless, Each day I got poorer and wiser My stockings are feetless, My trousers are seatless My, how I do hate the Kaiser!

More Peace Talk.

From the Johnstown Democrat. Should it prove true that the cen tral powers in their negotiations with The General was appointed auditor of pub-Russia have agreed to a general peace on the basis of "no annexations and His duties will be to go over the accounts For more than three years of al- no indemnities," a step has been taken of Edgar Summers, prothonotary, and

The proposal of the central powers does not meet the demand of President Wilson for an end to Hohenzollernism. But probably no one has ex-pected Germany and her allies to act at once and forthrightly in accordance with the Presidential mandate. In agreeing to a general peace on the basis of "no annexations and no in-demnities" the central powers go about as far as it would be reasonable to expect them to go at the outset. The rest might become a mere matter

of keeping on. Nor do the central powers say a sert themselves in all sections of the Belgium out of the calculation. It leaves her to heal her wounds as best she may. And of course Great Britain will scornfully reject any proffer which does not include a recognition of the claim of Belgium to what repphia Ledger is maintaining an enemy tion and they are equally valuable as moment they were discovered they be far wrong. The United States has ravages to which she has been subhardly got started in the work in jected without real fault of her own. President Wilson's chief insistence

take the leading part. Experts all is on the overthrow of Hohenzollern-over the world have freely expressed ism and the establishment of responboth surprise and admiration at the sible government in Berlin and Vienna. Whether a war-worn people in talented young man who was encouraged into political activity by the olddid troops go against the enemy in there are accumulating evidences horse, which broke a leg in a chuck hole full force next spring things will that a response is feared by the Kaion the township road near Jeffries. The move forward with a rush. Autocra- ser and his Junker friends. Their ef- horse which was shot was valued at \$100, of promulgating party principles and tended to help the President in solvpromoting party success. For five ing the problems before him. They all certain that there would and many memselves refuse sponse to the President's appeal, it which only a little

The present talk may come to nothcere and possibly it may be mischievous in purpose if not in effect. But the fact that it is heard is important. It implies a situation that is encouraging. It indicates a war-weariness that when sufficiently advanced must compel an end of bloody strife. Wars before now have been brought to a ed in Indiana; three in Creekside; one in close simply because armies refused Starford and one in Marion Center. Counlonger to fight or because nations defrom the traditions of the country and attention and quite a list of names of clined further to support their fight- Simpson, of Indiana, is taking active the policies of the Democratic party. young men who have volunteered for ing forces. May this not become the measures to prevent a spread and epidem-But it seems to have been a necessary service and whose names did not ap- case in the present awful struggle? ic of the disease and families have been step in the prosecution of the world pear on the list have been sent in May not the central powers be making cautioned to be extremely careful. It is present pacific proposals?

How to Get More Coal.

Nothing should be allowed to interfere with the one great end—a larger output of coal. Small, inefficient, poorly-located and unprofitable mines Jefferson county, were sent to the Governshould be closed down and all availa- or on Tuesday for action. The Board of ble miners employed in the large, well | Pardons in its reasons for commuting the equipped mines where transportation sentence, says that Mottern's case is bound facilities are the best. The industry up with that of Ernest Haines, who was could then afford to pay these unprofitable mines a royalty of so much a of his father, and that its members do not the war.

ministrator should be one who has complete freedom, nor on the other hand had years of practical experience in are we disposed to recommend the applithe coal industry. The President gave cant for pardon, as there exists no quesmore important that the control of fua member of the 45th regiment; his pend, should be in the hands of one who has had lifelong experience in the coal industry.

adopted whereas by the other method insurrection in the U.S. medical corps abolishing all restrictions and red tape defraud a life insurance company Kartub and now he has volunteered for serv- to give them a free hand to speed up was sentenced to serve not less than two production to meet the war needs of the country? We are not getting the required coal by present methods. Coal operators are patriotic and want to do their part in winning the war. Give them a free hand for a month

The Only Big Job.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph. instantly killed in that place on Monday States government and people, includick roadster was struck by a Reading train many evils and not the least cause of suffering was the temperature of the last week.

ing Congress, is to win this war. on Front street and carried 200 feet along the track. When the train was brought to that of discrediting this or that office a standstill the engine and the demolishcial or individual, should be subordi- ed automobile were 100 feet out on the -The Bellefonte borough council nated to the single great undertaking river bridge. Before trainmen could reach will hold its last meeting next Mon-day morning, and immediately there-turn of peace. The rapid-fire inves- fallen between the ties to the rocky rivertigators at Washington might better bank thirty feet below. His skull was occupy themselves with constructive crushed open and his brains were par-Hearty co-operation, instead of quib- injuries the Osteopath lived several hours The new borough and township bling and quarreling, is the need of at the Mary Packer hospital, where he was

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SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE

-"Here letters" and \$5 each were sent to James Steel and William and Richard Ritter, Lewistown boys, for discovering a broken rail on the Pennsylvania railroad. -Cleston L. Greenly, of Williamsport, and Miss Margaret Stivanson, of Kittanning, Pa., were married last Thursday in Williamsport. Mr. and Mrs. Greenly are

both totally blind. -Caught in the belting of a gasoline engine, which he was operating late Monday afternoon, Henry Kramer, a tenant on a farm in Rapho township, received injuries which resulted in his death about an hour later.

-H. F. Wike died suddenly Wednesday morning while sitting in the waiting room of the railway station at DuBois. Mr. Wike fell from his seat after he had been in the waiting room for some time, and died within a few minutes.

-James Cornelius, an employee of the Ginco Clay mines, up Paddy's Run, Clinton county, was kicked by a mule on Tuesday morning and very seriously injured. His chin was nearly cut off and he was bruised all over the body.

-Mrs. Alex Walker, of Berlin, while attending the funeral of Mrs. Charles Eskin, fainted and fell from the chair where she was sitting during the service and suffered the fracture of her right ankle. Mrs. Walker was immediately taken home and owing to her advanced age her condition is thought to be serious.

-Major-General Charles M. Clement, of Sunbury, has resumed his law practice and is now about his office work daily. lic accounts by the court last Monday. John I Carr, register and recorder.

-Williamsport manufacturers have unanimously decided to offer their manufacturing plants to the government for the purpose of speeding up war preparations. Questionnaires will be filled out by all the manufacturers and these will be taken to Washington this week. Over thirty diversified industries have joined the movement.

-The Lewistown & Reedsville Water company have increased their water supply approximately 1,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours by adding new streams to their source of supply in the Seven mountains. The streams in that section of the State are very low for a continued freeze and a shortage of water was daily

-Rev. S. S. Bergen, a Presbyterian minister who for twenty-three years preached the gospel in Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, expects to retire in the spring after forty-five years of service as an ordained minister. Rev. Mr. Bergen's last charge in Pennsylvania was that of Petersburg, Bethel and McAlevy's Fort. He removed about six years ago to Fra-

zeysburg, Ohio. -Raymond Allbright has entered suit at Clearfield for damages against W. K. Germany and Austria will respond to Kephart, David Mease and John Douglass,

> gave a Christmas dinner to her five daughters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. while ago they in the center of the table hung five envel-George Steininger. On the Christmas tree opes with the name of each child and in each envelope was a check for \$1000 as a Christmas gift. Her children are: Mrs. George Steininger, Mrs. John Moyer, Mrs. L. C. Bachman, all of Middleburg; Mrs. Enterline, of Danville, and Mrs. Wehr, of Mifflinburg.

in Indiana county, one of which is locatty Medical Inspector, Dr. William A. veloped in Marion Center, incident to the sickness and death of Mrs. Behe, who it is believed had contracted the disease shortly before her death, the ultimate cause of which however, was apoplexy.

-The papers for the commutation of the death sentence of Henry Ward Mottern, of acquitted on a second trial for the killing one of the boys to suffer the full penalty Operators feel, too, that the fuel ad- while "the other is permitted to enjoy

-Dr. Nathan C. Kartub, aged 28 years, self-confessed murderer of John Zofag, was convicted of second degree murder at the extreme penalty, not less than nineteen years and ten months nor more than twenty years. Kartub confessed that he Why would it not be a good plan to administered poison to Zofag, in the hope that he could collect \$5,000 life insurance, carried by the latter. For conspiracy to or more than three years in the Western penitentiary and was fined \$1,000. For defrauding a life insurance company he was sentenced to pay an additional fine of \$1.000. The sentences run concurrently. Dr. Kartub is a member of a prominent University of Pittsburgh.

-Dr. John W. Miller, aged 40, a well known osteopath, of Sunbury, was almost The one job before the United morning about nine o'clock when his Buthan destructive activities. tially dashed out. In spite of his terrible rushed following the accident. Both his legs were ground off at the hips. Surviving him are his widow and two children.