

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings

-Will the expiration of certain ones of the Bell telephone patents make talk cheaper after the 30th of the month?

-Helena, Montana's, offer of three thousand steers as a bonus for the Cor-BET-MITCHELL fight sounds more like "beafin" than anything else.

-The Blair county treasury is on the verge of bankruptcy and the WILSON bill, of course, is held as indirectly responsible by the Republican watchdogs.

-It won't be long until premiums will be offered for black-snake and fish stories. Farm your imaginations, ye liars, and come up smiling with some good ones.

-Mrs. BEACH, the New York woman who teaches riding for the members of "the 400," exclusively, is said to have a beautiful "seat," though we infer, from the exclusiveness of her school, that very few see it.

-Conservative opinions hold that very few Democrats or Populists will vote against the WILSON bill when it comes up for final passage. A short time since boastful Republican organs were prophesying its defeat.

-We are bound to confess that uncle JERRY RUSK gave us better winter weather than brother Morton has thus far dispensed, but then J. STERLING is tempering the winds to the lambs shorn by the Ruskian administration.

-Congress dabbled with the sugar question, on Monday, and succeeded in knocking off the bounty and knocking out the small duty on refined sugar. The question was a sweet one to handle and they dallied with it as long as pos-

JERRY SIMPSON will be a candidate for re-election to Congress, so he says. He is said to have fallen in with the gay social whirl at the nation's capitol, but we'll gamble that he's still in a condition that he fears to turn up his trousers when it rains

-- The Wellsville, Ohio, poker players who were desecrating the Sabbath over-head ledge, suddenly fell into the them, must have thought some one was "shy" in the game.

reason to be proud of the action by which the final effect of an excessive tariff the gamblers of the Windy city have system, which by overdoing the producundertaken to contest the election of tive capacity of the industries would Mayor-elect HOPKINS. He is a man whom they have reason to fear and naturally they want to get rid of him if

Dr. TALMAGE has resigned his position as pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle and will soon step down and out. The gymnastic expostulation of the scriptures will not end, however, for he intends looking round for another job where he won't have to be continually begging for money.

of challenging the winner of the MITCH- trouble, it certainly must be a misrep-ELL-CORBET fight, but he is talking through his hat. A rolling pin in the ly knows that it would be impossible hands of his wife gave him his last for any policy to have an immediate knock-out and the winner of the Jacksonville fight will scarcely recognize any communication from the bloke from

to give his reasons for knowing why we which we believe the ex-Governor are having a mild winter. But after he has talked about the caterpillers, fishing worms, eels and all the other infallible signs he does not fail to wind up with a little "hard times" talk, nor does he hesitate to blame it on the WILSON bill which has not yet been passed.

express company for \$2,000 because a present, he sent his sweet heart, did not reach its destination, is basing his claim Democratic administration, he will for on a very flimsy pretext. He says he was in danger of losing her affections since the present did not reach her, but if there was any such a denouement, such a girl is surely not worth two thousand

-A spirited fight took place between rival factions of the United Brethern church of Bloomfield township, Crawford county, on last Sunday, but the spirit of the devil was predominant and now half the U. B. brethren in Crawford and Erie counties are nursing black between the "radicals" and "liberals," for possession of the church property, and the "radicals" got a "liberal" beat-

-Hon, GEO, F. KRIBBS deserves, and is receiving, the thanks of his constituents for his attention to duties, and his straight forward course on the tariff question. The Democrats of Mr. KRIBB's district are for the WILSON bill, and particularly for the free raw material clauses, and in his votes for that



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What Did Gov. Beaver Really Say?

It was announced in the papers last week that ex Governor BEAVER, in remarks made at Cresson, had expressed the common sense opinion that the present depression in business is not chargeable to the policy of the Democratic party, but would have come anyhow, and would probably have been worse if HARRISON had been

In this remark of the ex-Governor there was so much that indicated a correct understanding of the cause of the depression that it was attributed to an accurate discernment of the condition of affairs, and an honest desire to speak the truth regardless of political effects. If he had also said that the business stringency was brought on more by the McKinley tariff than by any other influence, he would have given additional evidence of his correct perception of cause and effect.

But it appears that the Republican papers are not willing that the ex-Governor shall have the credit of making such a sensible remark about the busi ness depression, these papers declaring that he denies having made it. They say that, on the contrary, ex-Governor BEA-VER asserts as his belief that "the industrial and financial difficulties are due, first to the tariff tinkering of the Democrats, and, secondly, to the financial policy of CARLISLE."

We can't help believing that the ex Governor is misrepresented by these overzealous organs. We are led to this belief by the conviction that from his own personal experience, as a manufacturer, he had evidence of the ap proach of an industrial slump while by gambling when a rock, from an the McKinley tariff was in full operation, and months before a Democratic middle of their circle killing two of President had been elected or the "tariff tinkering of the Democrats" had begun. From that experience he -The Democrats of Chicago have had a forewarning of what would be cause a paralysis and bring labor to such a suspension that soup kitchens would be required in every city. This is now the condition, with that tariff still in operation, and ex-Governor BEAVER, enlightened by his own experience, has sufficient discernment to recognize the nature and cause of this

unfortunate and harrassing situation. As to the statement of Republican papers that he holds, secondly, the financial policy of CARLISLE responsi--Sullivan has declared his intention | ble for helping to produce the existing resentation, for the ex-Governor sureeffect in repairing the almost hopeless financial wreck which the last Republican administration handed over to its Democratic successor. Therefore to -The "old resident" still finds time blame CARLISLE would be an unfairness

would not willingly be guilty of. Of the two expression said to have been made by him on this subject, opposite in their tenor, we are quite sure that after the country shall be flourishing under a Democratic tariff, and and it shall be clearly shown that the -The Pittsburg man who is suing an Republican tariff and financial policies had been the cause of the depression that existed in the first year of this his own credit, prefer to stand by what he is reported to have said at Cresson, rather than by the denials his party organs have taken such pains to make

-Congressman Henderson, of Iowa, in defending a high tariff in a did in 1857 when, as a Congressman, speech in the House, did not strength- he did not speak against making en his position much by saying: "If we are robbers, we rob Americans for the benefit of Americans." This does In fact, although a Pennsylvania Reeyes and battered heads. The fight was not mitigate the offense of the robbery. publican representative, he did not The class of Americans who are robbed by another class of Americans, through the medium of a tariff, find no compensation in the fact that those who plunder them belong to their own country. HENDERSON seems to think that because it is American robbers those Americans who suffer from it should be satisfied.

-Indications point to the fact that measure he is but recording the will of Mr. HORNBLOWER fulfilled his name the constituents he represents so satis- too well last Fall to suit the New York Senator.

A Desperate Game.

The Republicans who are trying to sustain their high tariff by the calamity howl, and by their effort to fix the blame for the hard times on the Democratic movement for tariff reform, are playing a desperate game.

Their only chance of winning in this game is in frightening the Democrats from their purpose by creating an appearance of great popular opposition to the WILSON bill. This is the object of the turmoil they are raising on this question, trying their utmost to make it look like an uprising of the people against a reduction of the McKINLEY tariff. If they succeed by such tactics, in detering the Democrats from their purpose they win their game; the monopoly tariff policy will continue, and the Democratic party will go to pieces in consequence of its failure to carry out its promise of tariff reform. This is the stake which the Republican political gamblers have in this game,

But their failure, which is inevitable, will knock them out for many years to come, and nobody knows this better than themselves. The beneficial effects of a reformed tariff, which will show itself in the restored prosperity of the country, will give the lie to the charge made by these "calamitous" politicians that it was the pending action of the Democrats on the tariff that made the hard times, and will prove torial? by its beneficent effects that in comparison the McKINLEY tariff was a fraud and imposition upon the American people, and the source of innumerable industrial evils.

With their high tariff policy discredited and condemned by the good effects of a Democratic tariff, the Republicans will have but a slim chance of regaining the power they have lost. No wonder they are playing a desperate game against the passage of the WILL son bill.

## Why They Should Turn Out.

The Democrats can do something more at the February election than to merely express their preference for town ship and borough officers. They can also express their condemnation of the Republican attempt to make that election an occasion to bolster an oppressive tariff system, which was condemned by a great majority of the people when the tariff was a direct issue in the election of President and members of Congress. This they can do by turning out in full force to the February

It is an out-of-place and petty piece of business to try to convert that elec. tion into a calamity howl against tariff reform-an attempt which the Democrate should endeavor to reduce their full vote.

In addition to this consideration, there are local interests, involving the question of good township and borough government, that should induce every member of the Democratic party in the State to poll his vote at the coming election. In this case he in local affairs as well as by his interest in an important Democratic issue.

## Grow and Free Coal.

Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW, the Republican candidate for Congressman-atlarge, is out on his high tariff campaign, and is reported to have delivered "a strong speech at Lancaster against changes in the tariff."

He appears to entertain a different sentiment at this time from what he changes in the tariff of 1846 by which that low tariff was made still lower. even consider it his duty to vote against such a tariff change.

That Mr. Grow is now making speeches against a reduction of the tariff is probably due more to the fact of his having been given a Republican nomination, which he was extremely who get away with the tariff swag anxious to have, than to his having he is known to favor free Canadian Tax Incomes.

After all what is the matter with an ncome tax?

If there is any one on the face of the earth who is able to pay, deserves to pay and should be made pay, a tax, it is the person who is fortunate enough to have an income exceeding \$4,000 per

The man who has a business, or investments, that realizes, in net profits, this amount can afford, and should pay without a murmur, the two per cent proposed to be levied. He has more interests to protect than he who has less of this world's goods, and owes more to the government for that protection than his less fortunate fellow citizen.

The objection that it is an inquisitorial tax goes for nothing when taxes are to be levied. All taxes are levied and secured only through the most inquisitorial methods. The tax assessor now demands of every citizen a specific and no wonder they play it with such statement of the amount and value of all his property, real or personal: The farmer must return the number of acres of land he possesses, the horses, cattle and other personal property he owns: The money lender returns the amount of money he has at interest; the merchant the amount of sales he makes; and every citizen is compelled to answer if his household goods amount to over a fixed sum. How could an income tax be more inquisi-

> And why should the man with a large income be made an exception, when this inquisitorial business is be-

> ing enforced? This paper and the people of this

section of the State are for raising re-

By taxing incomes. By taxing whiskey.

By taxing beer. By taxing tobacco and cigars

By taxing playing cards. And they are for free coal, free ore, free lumber, free wool and free raw-material of all kinds that enter into the manufacture of articles used by our peo-

Wealth and luxuries have had the call under all these years of Republi-

The people now should be given a

Muddled Leaguers.

What a queer set of fellows those Philadelphia Union Leaguers are. They are noted for their gentility, but they sometimes show a lack of common sense. Last week they made a public expression of their views on the WILSON tariff bill, which they unqualifiedly condemned. Among other things they said, as a fling at that measure, was that "on all imports coming to its smallest significance by polling into competition with the products of American labor, whether skilled or unskilled, there should be levied duties equal to the difference between wages abroad and at home."

That is the very thing that the WIL son bill intends to do. Its average duties are about 30 per cent., which more than covers the average difference beshould be prompted by the stake he has tween European and American wages although, it must be admitted, that it does not provide any margin for monopolistic plunder. What it puts on the free list is raw materials whose exemption from tariff taxation will be a help to manufacturers and an encourage ment of industry.

Although the Wilson bill proposes

to do for American wages that which the Leaguers say is the right thing they nevertheless condemn it.

-The wool raisers of Washington and Greene counties have held a meeting to protest against the Wilson tariff bill. If the sheep of those two counties had gotten together in mass meeting they could have passed more sensible resolutions than those adopted by the wool raisers, for it is a fact, which doubtless the latter are aware of, that the price of wool has never been as low in this country as it is now, under the McKinley tariff.

-In answer to Hon. BOURKE COCKRAN's assertion that if the WILson tariff bill passes it will not bring soup kitchens, the Press rather stupidmaterially changed his old low tariff ly wanders from the point when it sentiments; for the circumstance that says "the soup kitchens are already here." Precisely so. They are here coal shows that he is not a tariff man and they came and continue to be here of the ultra stripe. And yet the Re- under the Mckinley tariff. They will disappear after the WILSON bill is publicans are whooping up his campaign in the interest of the McKinley high tariff monopoly policy.

will disappear after the Wilson bill is passed. That was the point made by Mr. Cockran.

-Johnstown tobacco dealers will fight to ell cigars on Sunday.

-The State Board of Health has issued a pamphlet on "Dairy Hygiene."

-A big cave in, caused by rotten mine pil-

ars, occured Monday in Scranton. -The Wilkesbarre and Eastern Railroad

was Monday opened for freight business -A sharper swindled a number of farmers near Reading out of \$1000 on horse sales

-In the Sixth mining district during 1893, 68 fatal and 166 non-fatal accidents occured. -Thieves got \$1500 booty in the Duncanville Post Office and Postmaster John Aker's

-The 14 inch mill of the Gautier Steel works at Johnstown, was put in operation Wednes

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Put More Restrictions on Them Than

These.

From the Mifflintown Democrat and Register.

A bill introduced in the House on

country unless he shall exhibit to the

from a United States consul or other

representative showing that he does

not belong to the class excluded and

is not a contract laborer. Of course

any such regulations might be dodged,

The Farmer and the Wilson Bill.

agricultural machinery, why a farmer

should not buy the same reaper for not

exceeding \$100 for which he now pays

\$175. When the Wilson bill becomes

a law this will be realized, and yet the

protectionist journals are trying to bamboozle the farmers into believing

that the bill discriminates against the

The Bill Must Pass.

To read Republican newspapers one

would think that not a single industry

in the United States forced to shut

down by this "money panic" had re-

sumed activity again. If these trea-

sonable sheets were half as industrious

in advertising the indications of better

times as the are to magnity the hard

times the country would soon go on

prospering and to prosper. All this effort to whip the Wilson bill is futile

for it will be passed as sure as the sun

shines and then the prosperity will re-

Reduce It Right Away.

"If we have honestly decreased the

revenues twenty-two millions of dollars

by tariff reductions, we have certainly

learned hereafter, the next Congress,

or some subsequent Congress can make

still further reductions." - William

McKinley on the tariff of 1883, in the

Money Must Be Scarce Out There.

Out in Nebraska a man was last

week sentenced to prison for life for

stealing one cent. It is hard to see the

justice in that sentence. The exam-ple of it will have a bad influence.

Every thief who reads or hears of it

will inwardly resolve to hereafter steal

heavily instead of moderately, to rob

an express train instead of a hen roost.

Onward Christian Soldiers.

Ye Fong and Charley Hong, two

Chinese candidates for the position of

Sunday school interpreter of the Den-

ver Trinity M. E. Sunday school, near-

ly killed each other with chairs in a

scrap in the church over the result of

the election. Anomalous as it may

The Early Bird Catches the Worm.

The populist leaders of this State are

very indignant at Galueha A Grow,

the Republican candidate for congress-

man-at-large. They say he was just

about to become one of their members

licans, and they have the documents to

No Indeed He Won't.

The man who kills his wife and

then takes his own miserable life is

again abroad in the land, He will

never become a useful citizen in any

community until he learns to shoot

himself first, as has been so often re-

From the Brookville Democrat.

From the Pittsburg Post

prove it.

seem, it was a Celestial way of settling

From the Pittsburg Post.

From the Carlisle American Volunteer.

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turn with renewed activity.

From the Chester County Democrat.

From the Clearfield Public Spirit.

of undesirable immigrants.

From the Northampton Democrat.

-- Senator W. B. Dunlap has been chosen as chairman of the Beaver county Democratic

-A \$16,000 parochial school is to be erected

Tuesday of last week, seems to deal very properly with the immigration at Pottsville by St. John's German Catholic question. It provides that no alien congregation, immigrant shall be admitted to the A charter -A charter was Monday granted to the

Braddock and Homestead inspector of immigration a certificate Company, \$7500. -In a gas explosion at a Pittsburg mine,

Patrick Gallagher and James McKane were critically burned. -August Alchert who shot himself a week

ago because rejected by his sweetheart, is but it would help greatly the exclusion dead at Scrantor -An emery-wheel, upon which he was sharpening a saw, blew up, killing William

Kahle, of Lewisburg. -Harrisburg authorities are giving employ-

ment to those out of work at breaking st The farmers will remember that the to Macadamize the streets. Wilson bill puts agricultural implements and machinery on the free list.

-It has been learned that disappointment in a love affair caused the suicide of Miss Hat-There is no reason whatever, besides the cupidity of the manufacturers of

tie Dudley, near Port Allegheny. -Ex- Master Workman T. V. Powderly says that he would not accept his former position at

the head of the K. of L. if offered him. -The famous sandstone quarries at Humnelstown, which were idle for a very long

ime, resumed on Monday with 125 hands -Sternbergh & Sons' immense belt and nut works, at Reading, which has been working on short time, began on Monday, six days at ten

-The Liberty Fire Company, of Reading, on Saturday, distributed a bushel of potatoes and 25 pounds of flour to each of the needy fami-

ies in that city. -The Patton coal mines, in Clearfield county, which have been idle for several months. resumed this week. Several hundred men were put to work.

-W. H. Brosius, of Fernglen, in Drumore, Lancaster county, slaughtered a 16-month-cld Poland China pig that tipped the beam at 637 pounds dressed

-James B. Denworth, of Williamsport, is making a hard canvass for Department Commander of the G. A. R. at the coming convention in Philadelphia

-On Monday last, two of the furnaces belonging to the Pennsylvania Steel works at Harrisburg were put in blast giving employ-

ment to about 2,300 men. -West Chester merchants tried to inaugurate the early closing movement in that town but after an unsuccessful struggle of two weeks the idea was given up.

made a step in the right direction; and -A company composed principally of local if we have not made all the reductions capitalists has been formed for the purpose of which should have been made, with experience and a knowledge of the factory at Philipsburg, this county. necessities of this government to be

-Martin Cavanaugh, aged 60 years, of Primrose, Schuykill Co., was found frozen to death on Sunday morning. He had been sick in bed with the grip and in his delirium Saturday night he got up and ran out of the house

Tower City, Berks county that unless the dis: ease is checked the schools will be closed and the State Board of Health appealed to. Public instead of private funerals are blamed for the spread of the disease.

-Scarlet fever has become so prevalent at

-Republicans of Greene, Fayette, Washingand Allegheny Counties met at Uniontown to devise a better plan of nominating candidates for Congress in the Twenty-fourth district. Greene County opposes representation based upon the Republican vote:

-Fulton County, which has been so ably represented in the Legislature by Captain George W. Skinner, now pension agent for Western Pennsylvania, is casting around for a good man to succeed him. A Democratic nomination there means a sure election.

-Professor W. S. Lytle, of Hickory township, Mercer county, is probably the oldest school teacher in actual service in Pennsylvania. He commenced teaching in Venango county, where Reno now stands, in 1839, and, has taught ninety terms. He is as alert to-day as most men at 45.

-Mrs. Sarah Davis, of New Paris, Bedford ounty, probably the oldest woman in the State, died recently in her 104th year. She was the mother of seven children and hade 35 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren. She has resided all her life in Bedford county. Her death was caused by an attack of the before being nominated by the repub. grip.

> -The Ninth Internal Revenue District of Pennsylvania last year was the banner, cigar district of the country, but the production shows a remarkable falling off. The total receints for cigars for 1893 were \$1,608,684.66, a falling off of \$238,373.28, as compared with the previous year. This represents a decreased production of over 75,000,000 eigars in that district alone.

-One of the largest mortgages ever placed on record in Monroe county was filed on Wednesday. It was that of the Central Pennsylvania and Western Railroad to the New York Security and 'Irust Company for \$5,000,000 on the property of the New York, Wilkesbarre and Western Railroad, the money being used in the construction of the new-railroad recently built between Stroudsburg and Wilkes-

-The executive committee of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union met in Harrisburg on Tuesday evening and decided to hold the State convention at York on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October next. It was decided to have the Pennsylvania state headquarters for the Inter-national convention to be held in Cleveland next July, at the Weddell house. It was also decided to hold a Christian Endeavor outing at Mt. Gretna for three days next summer, the dates being fixed at July 24, 25, 26. This outing will occur during the ses-ions of the Pennsylvania Chautaugua and will be under the auspices of the state executive committee. Since the convention held in Reading last October over 200 senior and junderers at Russell, Kansas, a few days | jor societies have been organized in Pennsylm

## And Billy Swoope Has Been Doin' the Writin' Too.

From the Falls Creek Herald. The editor of the Clearfield Raftsman's Journal advises the boys to "stay on the farm." We suppose the editor has commenced to realize his mistake.

Wouldn't Be Stuffed with Wisdom.

From the Fulton, Missouri, Telegraph. One of the convicts of the Missouri "pen" kicked because the turker dressing on Christmas had too much sage

Save This for the Next Campaign. From the Venango Spectator.

The lynching of a sixteen-year-old colored boy in Ohio, and three murago, was not a Southern outrage.