## Democratic Matchman

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings. -Bill McKINLEY's boom, like the

St. Paul, is likely to run a ground for want of sufficient water under it.

-Since the Hog Combine carried the recent primaries in Philadelphia even MAT QUAY is losing confidence in reform.

-While Utah will have a cannon in the Senate it is not supposed that it will amount to much except the noise it may make.

-The United States Senate is confirming the impression that a fifth wheel to a wagon is about as useful and equally as ornamental.

JOHN WANAMAKER sailed for Pales tine last Tuesday. Holy Moses, what a holv time there will be when holy John reaches the Holy Land.

-If the spiritualists would call up JAMES MONROE on the spook telephone he might tell us what he thinks of all this racket about his doctrine. -What a sad case it would be, af

ter all the care the Major has bestowed on it, if FORAKER'S fog-horn should blow the McKinley boom to pieces. -It will be well for McKINLEY to keep his eye on FORAKER's snickersnee.

He may find it inserted under his fifth rib, as was John Sherman's experience. -It is hardly probable that because

the Republicans are trying to pass a "horizontal" tariff bill they intend to put Col. BILL MORRISON on their Presidential ticket.

-WOLCOTT, the Republican Free Silver Senator from Colorado, who gave the Monroe doctrine such a drubbing the other day must have been "bought with British gold ?"

-The fellow who offered the reso lution to impeach ambassador Bayard has so completely disappeared from sight that he must have drawn the hole in after him.

-The report that Chief ALEXANDER TALL, treasurer of the Osage tribe, is short over \$3,000 in his accounts, is proof that the Indian is advancing in the art of civilization.

-The new Democratic United State Senator from Mississippi, whose name is Money, should be authority on financial questions. In his politics at least he is sound Money.

-Brother JONATHAN could not join JOHN BULL in a naval demonstration against the Turks without disregarding Washington's warning against the danger of foreign alliances.

-The Venezuela commissioners having got down to their work at Washington we would advise the British lion to await with becoming resignation the result of their deliberations.

-There is one individual up in Cambria county who don't believe that "the more man has the more he wants." He's the chap whose wife presented him with triplets on Tuesday last.

-- The talk about making General MILES the Republican candidate for president looks as if the old party is short of issues and will be forced to make another campaign on the bloody shirt.

-Fourteen murder trials are scheduled for the next Luzerne county court. The only use of the proposed new Quay county would have been its dividing this murder business with

-Drury College refused an endownment of \$1000 because it was made in beer. If it had been half a coinage. Both will have national million of Standard oil swag, offered by JOHN ROCKEFELLER, it might have Presidential tickets, but it is probable been accepted.

-What a high stepping and top lofty dame she must have been who objected to the great-great-grand-daughter of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN joining the Colonial Dames because she was not of respectable ancestry.

-The death of Prince BATTEN-BERG was a sad thing for the British royal family, but think what the British public will have to endure when the new Poet Laureate gets out his funeral ode on that subject.

-The manufacturers who assembled in National Convention in Chicago last week showed no disposition to allow themselves to be put on the grid-iron. The amount of fat that will be fried out of them for campaign use this year will be very limited.

-Time is effacing the cock-sure feeling with which the Republicans regarded the political prospect some months ago. By the time the present Congress adjourns they will be wondering whether they have any chance at all of electing a President.

-If the drinking of beer shortens human life, it does not appear that the making of it abreviates the earthly pil. tory on the eastern continent to satisfy grimage of the maker, as EHRET, the the earth-hunger of the European powgreat New York brewer, died the other ers without their trespassing upon the day at the rips old age of 87 years. No hemisphere which the American eagle doubt he partook liberally of his own has taken under his wing. The old to disturb the politics of the State in a brewing.



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Insults to American Republics.

CHAUNCY M. DEPEW has been called to account by the Brazilian Minister at Washington for his indiscriminate etrictures upon the South and Central American republics of which he spoke cy is accustomed to be very free in his remarks, and when he showed so little discretion as to include such respectable nationalities as Brazil, Argentine and Chili in the same category with such burlesque republics as Nicaragua. Salvador and Honduras, it was proper that he should be called down by the Minister of one of the insulted govern-

Brazil, whose representative at Washington resents the affront, is a Republic of sixteen million inhabitants and boundless natural resources, and at no distant day will take its vigorous growth of the United States, both its population and wealth being ment, while Chili is among the progressive nations of the world. Mr. DEPEW made a great mistake in disparaging such nationalities by confounding them with the half-breed Republics of Central America in remarks intended to depreciate President CLEVET doctrine for the protection of American countries against European aggression.

bad break in this matter, needing an fied in having it to be understood that apology, what is to be thought of the he regarded the Davis resolution as expressions of Senator WALCOTT, of "mischievous, inopportune and unfortu-Colorado, who in his official capacity nate." Its effect, if passed, would allow him to keep under cover. Al- cent. A class of wool which Senator and on the floor of the United States be to complicate rather than to sim-Senate, indulged in similar sweeping plify our relations with European pow- of a reputation for frankness and in 1892 it was worth 63 cents; in 1893 and indiscriminate strictures upon the ers relative to the affairs of this con- courage, and showed himself to be a it was worth 55 cents, and on March South American nations. Coming | tinent. from such a quarter and from a person in his official station, there could not have been a more wanton and unwarranted insult offered to friendly nations. When it is considered that this abuse of the South American Republics was called forth from this Republican Senator by political jealousy of the position taken by a Democratic President, in support of a great American principle, his conduct becomes the more censurable, and should be disarmed by the body of which he is a member as an amend due to those insulted.

-- The reason a great many of the newspapers of Pennsylvania were better the past two weeks than usual, is that their editors were absent on a jaunt to Florida, and the office devil was doing publican majority it is not found ne the clipping.

The Free Silver Party.

A line is to be drawn between the Free Silver party and the Populists, although they have been acting together on most points and entirely agree on the question of free silver conventions for the nomination of that there will be an agreement between them in candidates. Those who support the silver policy

are numerous in some sections of the country and are to be found in both the old parties. The Populists are en their old party affiliations and allign themselves with a distinct silver party remains to be seen. Both will be effected by it in some sections. The Republicans will more seriously feel the defection in what are called the Silver in their politics but would be surely President who will very likely be TELLER, a present Republican Senator from Colorado. In no section is there the same certainty of the Democratic party being injured by the silver movement, but there is no question that it will be a disturbing factor in the coming Presidential contest that will have more or less of an effect on both the old parties.

-There ought to be enough terribird won't stand it.

A Mischievous Measure

There was no occasion for Senator MONROE doctrine. The principle laid down by President MONROE does not in general terms of contempt, CHAUN- require the emendations that may be given it by Senatorial tinkering. When President CLEVELAND in his measure stated the position of the United States relative to the encroachment of foreign powers on this continent, of which ample, he covered all that was intended in the original design of the

The resolution of Senator Davis is a meddlesome and mischievous attempt to so extend the application of the MONROE principle as to burden this earth. Argentine shows almost the States the guardian and sponsor of all the South American Republics. It would require our government to asrapidly on the increase under a firmly sume a protectorate that would compel established and well regulated govern- it to back them in all the broils they might get into with European powers. This is more than MONROE ever bargained for. It would be a burden and a nuisance to the United States.

In its controversy with England on the Venezuela question this government has the advantage of being on has given it that advantage by keeping within the reasonable requirements of But if the genial CHAUNCY made a the Monroe doctrine, and he is justi-

ican neighbor. Is it expected that she

Reed's Rules Turned Down

The tyranical rules of the House of Representatives adopted by the Billion Dollar Congress to enable Czar REED to count a quorum, and force the Mc-KINLEY tariff bill through by despotic measures, has been abandoned by the present House under REED's own administration as speaker, it being thus practically admitted that it could not be made to work without gross unfairness. With the present immense Recessary for the speaker to resort to the gag measures which he employed to brow-beat a Democratic minority that was not as small as the present one.

The House goes back to a rule for counting a quorum that was proposed some years ago by a Democratic Congressman, Hon. RANDOLPH TUCKER, and opposed at that time by REED. Under this rule it will be the duty of the Sergeant-at-arms to bring in absent members, and their presence is to be noted by the clerk at roll call. Their presence being thus assured, their can be no question of their helping to make a quorum even if they refuse to vote. This is different from REED's rule tirely wedded to the free coinage of of counting hats, overcoats, or silver. What member of free silver members as present who were miles Democrats and Republicans will leave away from Washington. As the Mc-KINLEY tariff was a gouge all through, it required the Speaker to resort to such a gouge game to put it through.

-The Utah Senators are in favor of free silver and unlimited coinage. It is States, which have been Republican not surprising that the representatives of Mormonism should be as free and easy carried by a free silver candidate for in their financial as in their matrimonial views.

Getting Warm.

A local option campaign is about to break out in Ohio with unusual fervor. A law baving passed the State Legislature applying the question to subdivisions of cities and counties, the temperance people have girded themselves for the strife. The churches throughout the State are forming a grand union to advance the cause. Prayer-meetings are pouring out their petitions in its interest, and the Republican politicians are damning the unlucky circumstance that threatens Presidential year.

Reed's Silver Views.

The question of silver will undoubt-Davis to rush into the arena of the edly be a very prominent factor in the Senate with an amendment to the coming Presidential contest. It has been before the public for some years and persistently continues to keep to the front. Efforts of powerful party leaders to suppress it, so that it might be stopped from being a disturbing element, have proved ineffective. It is pervasive enough to have a large support in both the old parties, and it is England's Venezuela claim was an ex- strong enough to capture a United States Senate that might have been Republican if the cowardice of the Republican leaders had not surrendered the control of that body to the silver element, which dominates it, and finds itself able, with Republican consent, to put the breaks on the wheels of leggovernment with duties that neither islation and to hold the financial situits honor nor its interest requires it to ation in a suspense that is injuriously place among the great powers of the bear. It would make the United affecting the business condition of the country.

That an element with such an influence will be a strong factor in the next general campaign does not require saying. In view of its unquestionable prominence, as well as of its ticklish character in a political sense, it will be interesting to observe how the Republican leaders shall manage to adjust themselves to it. They have so far succeeded in keeping in the dark on the silver question, but the time is LAND'S maintenance of the Monroe tenable ground. President CLEVELAND coming with distressful rapidity when

they must come out of their holes. observe how the Honorable Thomas BRACKETT REED will plant himself on this issue when the urgency of his though he has established something in 1881, was in 1889 worth 732 cents; bold leader when he had a chance to 1, 1894, before wool was made free, it domineer over a minority in the had fallen to 452 cents. In view of facts like these it is futile to expect res--The report that German warships House, yet when brought to face the toration of former prices of wool from are to be sent to Venezuela is piling it silver question he has met it only with rather heavy on our little South Amer-cowardly evasion, and has allowed the forther decline of domestic wools. tail feathers of his courage to droop as a further decline of domestic wools.

abjectly as a sick chicken's. But the approaching Presidential emergency requires something definite from Thomas, and to remove doubts as to what views he holds on silver, Senbackers for the nomination, makes the

following explanatory announcement: agree to the unlimited coinage of silver at the present ratio by the United States alone: but he is opposed to the gold monometallism of Cleveland and Carlisle, and in favor of the Republican bimetallism, to be secured by the most feasible means, and with the least possible delay, so that gold and silver, admitted to unlimited coinage at an agreed ratio, shall, together, constitute the standard money of the world's values."

This is about as clear as mud. Being entirely incomprehensible, it does not rise even to the dignity of a straddle. As nobody knows what "Republican bimetallism" is, the g. o. p. never having enlightened the public on that brand of its monetary policy, either by deed or word, and as equal ignorance prevails as to what it would consider tected manufacturers and mine owners "the most feasible means" of bringing to cut under the ordinary wage rate. its bimetallism into operation with "the least possible delay," CHANDLER's explanation does not remove the doubt that envelopes Thomas B. REED's po- action of the Courts. It is a nice quessition on the silver question. It rather thickens the fog that conceals his sil-

Silence that Means Much.

Mr. GLADSTONE says he has his opinions on the Venezuela question, but does not think there is occasion for making them public. It is not difficult to gather from this that they are the English government. If he thought who gratifies his spleen on a poor wothat Salisbury's position was right he would be the last man to withhold bis approval, but his sense of official propriety will not allow him to say any thing that might embarrass the ministry. Mr. GLADSTONE was never in favor of the policy that has induced England to grasp everything within his reach. It will be remembered that he was opposed to the English the nomination. Governor Morton occupation of Egypt, for which he was soundly abused by the Tory jingoes, and if the Grand Old Man were to speak his mind it would be found that be disfavors the land grab which the English are endeavoring to perpetrate in Venezuela.

-That the Russian bear should get the British lion growl.

Democratic Opinion Drifting That

From the Lebanon Star. Ex Governor Pattison's name stands at the head of the editorial columns of the Sunbury Democrat as the next Democratic candidate for President, which in the opinion of the Columbia Independent, expresses a decidedly popular desire which will soon assume the proportions of a genera demand. There is no doubt of the fact that ex-Governor Pattison is the coming man. His popularity is not by any means confined to his own State, for already other States are turning to him as the strongest and most available candidate For example the Charlotte (North Carolina) Observer, in refering to him says: "It is not surprising, in view of his popularity in his own State and his splendid standing in the eyes of the Democracy of the Union, that he is much discussed in connection with the presidential nomination next year." Ex-Governor Pattison stands to day one of the ablest and foremost Democrats in the land, and when the campaign fully opens no doubt many States will endorse him as the standard bearer of the Democracy for 1896. Whether he would accept the nomination we do not know, but in any event he should be the unanimous choice of the Pennsylvania delegation to the next National convention.

How the Tariff Affects Wool.

From the Baltimore Sun-How little the tariff affects prices received by our farmers is shown by the fact that in 1857, with wool free, the price was 53 cents; in 1859, 59 cts; in 1868, under a duty of 60 per cent. 42 cents; in 1875, under a lower tariff. It will be particularly interesting to 50 cents. Since 1875 there has been a steady decline, though the high tariff was continued. In 1890 the tariff was put higher, but wool continued to fall. In 1892, while the McKinley act was Presidential candidacy will no longer in force, prices fell from 30 to 50 per

Facts for the Calamity Rowler.

From the Philadelphia Times. The sale of thirty thousand pounds f Washington county wool at Claysville to a Wheeling house on Eastern ator Chandler, who is one of his chief account for twenty cents a pound, is a noteable event in the wool market the past week. Independent of the fact that it is a direct advance of seven "Speaker Reed is not willing at this time to cents a pound over the rates that prevailed in the last year of the McKinlev law, the figures show the progress and activity in wool manufacturing and the benefits accruing to the flockmaster under the Wilson tariff schedule. It is noted that almost directly following the passage of the new tariff act the price of domestic wool advanced from eleven to fitteen cents, and later to eighteen cents, and this in a section where the most violent opposition obtained toward any change in the wool schedules.

An Inherited Republican Blessing

From the Philadelphia Record. Chean labor comes high. Pennsylvania has paid dearly for the irruntion of semisavages imported by her pro-The turbulence of these contract laborers in Western Pennsylvania is chronic and costly. In Luzerne county there are fourteen murder trials awaiting the tion whether the enlarged cost to the community in preserving order is not greater than the saving affected by monopolists in employing foreign labor.

It's What the State Needs.

From the Wilkesbarre Leader.

There seems to be a growing impulse favoring the whipping post for wife beaters. It is a drastric and severe mode of punishment, bus it is not favorable to the position taken by about the only one fit for the man man by brutally assaulting her. The culprit should be punished in the yard of the county prison and his humilia-tion published to the world.

The Magnetism of a Bar'l.

From the Boston Herald. The announcement that candidate Morton is after Southern Presidential delegates is well calculated to carry terror into the ranks of his rivals for possesses more of the stuff that attracts the average Southern delegate than any other man in the list.

And This too Under a Democratic Administration.

From the Iron Age.

The product of pig iron in this during the last six months of country the year just closed amounted to 5,away with Turkey is enough to make 385.750 gross tons, which is greatly in excess of any previous record.

espawls from the Keystone

-Duncannon has a new Board of Health. -Reading will have a Masonic hall to

-Pennsylvania's exhibit at Atlanta has been returned.

-The Braddock Wire works yesterday esumed operations.

-Reading's assessed valuation increased \$1,000,000 last year.

-Officers are gunning for counterfeiters

at Derry City, near Bradford. -The shortage in the Pittsburg City Attorney's office may exceed \$200,000.

-Henry Booth, a Schuylkill county engineer, thinks he swallowed a lizard. -An ice flood in the Allegheny river did considerable damage at Oil City and

-The Westinghouse Electric works, in Allegheny county, will start on full time before February 1.

-Perry county has a debt of \$55,492.04 having increased it last year by the ad

dition of \$4,036.36. -Twenty thousand heads of cabbage

were raised at the Huntingeon Reforms tory farm the past year.

-John Fox, aged 90 years, a resident of Renovo, while shoveling snow on; Thursday afternoon fell over dead:

-The new registration of voters in Northampton county shows 23,901, of

whom 4355 are in Easton -Al. Sturtzman, an Altoona detective, has fallen heir to \$2,500, of which he had

no previous expectations. -According to the lists of the Assessors sent out to the various election districts

there are 37.742 voters in Berks county -C. H. Watt, a Bradford oil well driller. leaves with a crew of men. this week for Africa, to drill a well for oil in that re-

-Judge Waddell, of Chester county says boroughs not divided into wards should elect seven new councilmen this

-Elijah Duvall, aged 21 'years, of near Ray's Hill, Bedford county, died of poison administered by his own thand on Tuesday.

-At the session of the Criminal court in Luzerne county, which began on last Monday, fourteen murder cases were on the list for mial.

-Central Pennsylvania Odd Fellows will ask the State Grand Bodge for permission to build a home for orphans and widows at Sunbury.

-About 10,000 persons find employment in Clearfield county mines. In 18911 they worked on an average 227 days, in 1892, 212 days, in 1893, 186 days, and in 1894, 134 days. -Mrs. J. W. Newson, of Clearfield, was found dead in her bed on Thursday morning last. She was about 49 years of age and had retired the night previous in

good health. -If the last will of Mrs. Anna R. Aspinwall of Pittsburg stands the hospital of the Protestant Episcopal church of Philadelphia will receive her entire estate.

valued at \$3,000,000. -Edward Wilson, night foreman on the steam shovel at the railroad grading at Bixler's just East of Lewistown, was struck and instantly killed by fast line west on last Saturday evening.

-Miss Quay, daughter of Senator Quay nesday to Mr. Davidson, is small, with dark and delicate features. The Fennsylvania Senator has two other daughters.

-The National Editorial association at St. Augustine, Fla., chose Galveston for the next meeting place. R. R. Thomas Mechanicsburg, Pa. was elected presi-

dent; treasurer, James G. Gibbs, Ohio. -The Altoona and Philipsburg railroad is complete to Ramey and the track is graded half way between Ramey and Janesville about two and a half miles. As soon as the weather permits it will be pushed to completion.

daughter Sarah, aged 52, were both buried at Redfern, Clearfield county. The mother was the first to die, and the knowledge of her demise caused the daughter to be stricken with heart disease. -The DuBois Express says Mrs. Dunlap of Narrows creek, started for Sabula on

-Mrs. Betsy Kriner, aged 72, and her

Tuesday and when she reached there her six months old baby which she carried in her lap, was found dead. She does not know how it happened. -Israel Miller and William Moore, track men employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company, were struck! by a train

below Williamsport, Friday morning, and both were instantly killed. -Acting for a syndicate George M. Dimeling of Clearfield, has purchased from John England, of Bhiladelphia, for \$70,000, a tract of 1,750 acres of virgin timber land in Brady, Bloom and Union town. ships, Clearfield county, on which there

near Mountain Grove, a short distance

are 35,000,000 feet of wood: -Between 400 and 500 men employed at the coal mines at Vintonville, Cambria county, went on a strike, on Monday owing to the coal company having engaged a doctor under a guarantee of \$100 a month for attending to the ills and ailments of the miners, and the subsequent action on the part of the company in deducting \$1 each from the men last pay day.

-The committee on finance of the Wilkesbarre Council estimates the expenses for the coming year to run [that city will be \$193,777.78; the resources to be \$259,820.21. The valuation of taxable property is \$6,759,886, upon which a levy of 19 mills has been assessed for general purposes, to realize \$122,015.94, and 3 miles for the sinking fund. This is about seven mills less then Bellefonte tax-rayers put

-A leopard belonging to the Walter-Maine circus and which was being shipped to winter quarters at Geneva, Ohio, broke loose in the baggage car of the west-bound morning passenger train on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad just after leaving Kane Monday. The occupants of the car fled, leaving the beast in full possession, and the news being conveyed to the pas. sengers in the coaches, a semi-panic ensued, which continued all the way to Erie. When the train arrived at Erie the services of Jesse Howard, an animal trainer, were secured, and he entered the car with a short rope and an iron bar. The leopard, however, had feasted to his full on some ovsters which were in the car, and submitted peacefully to being taken