Democratic Matchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-Now would be a good time to scare up a war with Spain. There are so many men anxious to serve the country.

-Great guns ! An extra session of Congress. Does this mean that another billion dollars is to be squandered?

-The powers are still trying to frighten poor little Greece, but from all appearances Greece is not one of the easily frightened kind.

-When a man asks you : "How do you do? Do you tell him? No, we carelessly speaking Americans ignore his question entirely and shoot the same interrogation back at him.

-It is a good thing President MCKIN-LEY doesn't have any children. Again he gets all those sisters, cousins and aunts accommodated in the White House there won't be room for any more than himself and Mrs. MCKINLEY.

-The Daughters of the Revolution are said to be increasing very rapidly. Six* thousand new ones were admitted last last year. All of which goes to show that the Sons will have to get a wiggle on.

-A 250lb hog owned by 'CHARLES of the wool duty which is intended to be of loss to those who hold them, but the FISHER, of Huntingdon, fell, head-end, into a barrel of slop, the other day, and was drowned. This positively proves brought in ahead of the tariff and exempt pensive to the country. that even a hog can get too much of a good thing.

been in office two days until he was out on out being of the least advantage to the the streets of Washington walking among doing it for a purpose.

-It's coming, it's coming, the timid onion set. It's coming, it's coming, and will soon be here, you bet. Its St. PAT- for at least a year with the wool they will limit of the bonds deposited for their se- this chance for an honest investigation. RICK's day sprout will soon come through float forty miles around.

-MARK TWAIN has given us a story in which a stubborn Yankee, being hit on the head with a sledge, was knocked clear back into the time of King ARTHUR and his Knights of the Round Table. Next Wednesday JIM CORBETT will use a five ounce glove to knock an aspiring Australian silly for a month.

-Place hunters in Washington are being confronted with neatly printed placards, that are posted up in most of the department buildings, announcing that there are no places to be filled, that everything is under civil service and any vacancies will be supplied by promotion. Such are calculated to give the workers the marble heart.

-Auditor General MYLIN, having just ne to the conclusion that Pennsylva-



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National Bank Circulation.

Robbery on Wool.

At the instance of the shepherds who

combine politics with sheep raising, the

be promoted, to the great expense of the

millions of American citizens who wear

tax are being developed. A Boston syndi-

duty will be put on wool, have purchased

45,000 bales of wool abroad, and intend to

and South American staple in anticipation

10 cents a pound. With this wool, amount-

from the 10 cents duty, this speculating

syndicate will make a clear gain of \$50,-

woolen clothing.

the very start.

intended chiefly for robbery.

Dr. Swallow is Not Much Scared. The following letter, which Dr. S. C.

The lower House of Congress, in its recent vote on the measure, gave an unusual-SWALLOW, editor of the Pennsylvania DINGLEY tariff committee are going to ly large majority for the bill authorizing Methodist, has written to Governor Hasttake wool off the free list and impose a the national banks to issue notes to the full ings shows, very plainly, that he isn't duty that will equal the former MCKIN- value of the bonds deposited to secure their afraid at least. LEY exaction. This is to be done in order circulation. This measure is in line with He is now under arrest for libelling a

that the advantage of a limited class may the policy of enlarging the bank issue pre- number of state officials and things will be paratory to the retirement of the governvery serious with him unless he has proof ment legal tender notes; but if the ques- with which to follow up the charges he tion of retiring the greenbacks had been has made.

Already the effects of this intended wool directly brought into the House it would Every assertion Dr. SWALLOW made is of vital importance to the State and as not have been likely to have had a majorcate, acting upon the assurance that a ity in its favor. there has been dissatisfaction for years

about the way things are run at Harrisburg That the national bank money has cerit is in the nature of good fortune that they tain good qualities cannot be denied. import 1,000,000 bales of the Australian Their absolute safety is a highly commen- have come to such a head at last.

Possibly Dr. SWALLOW'S arrest will datory quality, there being no possibility prove a blessing in that it will afford an means by which this absolute security has opportunity for a thorough ventilation of ing to 500,000,000 pounds, which will be been brought about has also been very ex- the state government, once and for all. It will not be in the nature of those political

The bonds upon which the security of the investigations, which one faction starts up national bank notes are based have cost for the purpose of scaring another into a -President MCKINLEY is starting in to 000,000, an amount of money taken from the American people a very nice sum in- division of the spoils and will be directed court the favor of the masses. He had not the pockets of the American people with- deed, but have been very profitable to bond solely from the personal conviction of a holders and bond-dealing syndicates. It man reputed for integrity and right doing. American wool growers. Tariff prices will is to be hoped that no more will be created He would not have made such charges as the crowds. Since the days of GRANT no be charged for the clothing made out of to serve as a basis for banking. They cost he did if he believed them untrue and President had done this and it is quite this untarified wool, and there is where the too much for that purpose and for the gen- while we trust that nothing so criminal as he intimates really does exist at Harrisburg

However, since we have the national and that he has been mistaken in his con-This syndicate of wool speculators cal- banks there can be no risk in allowing ception of these cases the State will ever be culate upon supplying the woolen industry their circulation to be enlarged to the full indebted to him for having brought about

> TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

My Dear Sir :- I am about to submit to you proposition which, if I should first submit to my distinguished counsel (earthly) I am fearful they would not consent to its submission to you, from reasons of a professional such at least as God approves.

In your statement given to the public on he 26th day of February, you say : "The arrest of Dr. Swallow for libel is the only method left by which the truth or falsity of the allegations which he has made in his paper can be speedily ascertained." And again, "I am deeply interested in the matter of having these statements verified or proven false."

Now, my dear Governor, while I am not in harmony with your statement that a libel suit speedily sprung and vigorously pressed

against the man claiming to have evidence of wrong doing, is the most efficient way of geta group of buildings instead of a single edi- ting at the whole truth, but on the other agree in being "interested in the matter of having these statements verified or proven false" and since I seek not my own vindication so much as the highest and best ends of utive.

Credit When Credit is Due. From the Altoona Times

Governor Hastings' first veto at this session of the Legislature is a good one. In represents the sentiment of the people of this State. It is quite unreasonable that the material in the new capitol building or buildings should be all from this State.

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There is no excuse, whatever, to be given that will justify such exclusiveness. The whole world should be called upon, if necessary, to furnish what is wanted.

We do not want any Chinese wall built around the borders of this Commonwealth. Unrestricted competition will not hurt the people of Pennsylvania. They are able to take care of themselves as well as anybody else. If outsiders can furnish a better design for a capitol building or buildings than citizens of the State, let it be accepted. In the work of construction, the idea of confining the labor to Pennsylvania is ridiculous. In short, the resolution is well characterized by the Governor as an un-American measure.

The Compulsory Education Fizzle. From the Pittsburg Post.

The Indiana Legislature has just adjourned, and prides itself on passing a compulsory education law, similar in all respects to the Pennsylvania law, save that it requires a shorter term of opening public schools. If the Indiana law is like the Pennsylvania compulsory law, we can as-sure our Hoosier friends that they have got hold of a blooming absurdity. Our law field for a site for a new \$150,000 High school. has been in effect over a year, and the only educational influence it has had is to show the rising generation how easily a law can be evaded. It amounts to nothing. It was never intended to amount to anything | bia. beyond a legislative stump speech. The Legislature now in session proposes to doc-tor it, but the best thing that can be done is to repeal the law outright. The real intent of the law was to increase the horde of office holders, but it has failed in that respect, for most of the counties of the State have refused to provide the funds to pay them. Volunteers for unpaid public service don't abound.

Getting Ready for Their Profit.

From the Pittsburg Post. The woolen mills of New England are 'firing up' at an extensive rate, and propose to run night and day to convert all the free wool they can get their hands on into woolen fabrics to be held and sold later at McKinley rates, as proposed by the new tariff in process of hatching, with monopolists sitting on the nest.

An Extra Session of Congress.

McKinley Issues His First Proclamation-Congress

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Readings's worst scourge of grip is at its height. -"'Healer" Schrader has gone from Alle-

gheny to Greensburg. -Allentown councils have created the of-

fice of city typewriter, at \$40 a month.

-Ex-Congressman Leisenring, of Luzerne, is a full-fledged candidate for Governor. -Hazleton is again agitating its project to

become the county seat of a new county. -A brick fell 40 feet from a mason's hands and fractured Jacob Brown's skull, at York. -The double track on the P. and E. has been

completed from Baird's, near Jersey Shore, to Lock Haven. -The Lehigh county fair grounds, at Al-

lentown, have been enlarged by the purchase of 111 acres.

-The Chester county Women's Christian this matter we believe that the Executive Temperance union convened, at Phænixville, on Wednesday.

> -Beaver county Legislators will be formally requested to support the bill to protect state forests.

-The Lebanon valley furnace will be blown out for repairs. Operations will be resumed in six weeks.

-Middle creek colliery, near Tremont, can't resume operations for two months owing to a recent explosion.

-Anthony Flannery is bleeding to death, at Girardville, having burst a blood vessel in his face while coughing.

-A mad dog that caused a scare in Reading was poisoned and killed before a policeman could be summoned to shoot it.

-Wilkesbarre people went gunning for the sparrow pests that filled their trees at dusk, Tuesday evening, and slew many birds.

-Petitioners pray for the division of the Fourth ward of Pottsville into two wards. There are 812 assessed voters in the ward.

-The Allegheny river again rose so high on Saturday and Sunday as to flood out the people in lower sections of Allegheny city.

-York county councils have asked a legal

-Rev. George W. Seitz, an aged Mennonite preacher, was fortunate enough to escape alive after being tossed by a train at Colum-

-Isaac Refowich's clothing store, at Mahanoy City, was entered by thieves and clothing and jewelry valued at \$500 were confiscated.

-Mrs. William McKinley's grantfather was a cousin of the Slenkers, of Berks county, who are quick to recognize the relationship

-It cost Schuylkill county 91 cents per day for the maintenance of each of its 215 prisoners confined in the county jail in February last.

-Harry Kowler, of Mahanoy City, was sent to jail, charged with stealing a \$14 check and \$45 in cash from saloonkeeper Martin Witmer.

-Ex-sheriff George. Herman, of Bethlehem, broke through the ice, on Saylor's lake, and was barely rescued from drowning in 70 feet of water.

-While his wife went after a policeman to settle a family quarrel, butcher Christopher Stochr shot himself and died, at his -Governor Hastings has returned from Atlantic City to Harrisburg, and it is stated that he might have gone into McKinley's cabinet if Bliss had declined

to consumers at a price that will be in-' been framed with the object of substituting creased by the addition of the duty that bank notes for the legal tenders. The dewas not paid. What a bonanza this will ficiency in the circulation is more likely to be to the wool speculators and manufac- be supplied by more greenbacks and free turers, while the shepherds will get none silver, a policy that awaits the relaxation of the spoils, and the American people will of the gold bug grip on the currency, which be robbed to the amount of millions. Truly may be looked for in the not distant

The pretension of investigating the treasury that is being made in the state Legislature meets with ridicule among those who understand the purpose of the two Republican factions. Nothing is farther from their thoughts than to introduce reforms in the treasury that would deprive them of the pickings which the control of such matters. the state funds has afforded them. The -Again the Methodist conference, that factions may fall out among themselves, is to convene at Clearfield next week, they may threaten each other with exposure, they may promise to straighten out the crookedness which they charge each SWALLOW, and satisfies the neverpleased other with having committed, but it will Methodists of Bellefonte with an utopian be a colder day than any we have had this winter when they will do any treasury reforming that will be worth a cent to the The abuses that might be reformed are of 15,000 pamphlets on the diseases of numerous and obvious, one of the most glaring of which is the vicious practice of be very interesting to poultry raisers, but allowing certain banking institutions, usufrom the general impression that is abroad ally selected on the principle of favoritism, in the State, there are other kinds of birds to have the use of surplus state funds withabout Harrisburg that are far more inter- out paying a cent to the proper quarter for such a profitable privilege. That they have to give something for such an advantage, is certain, but they don't give it to

likely that President MCKINLEY is only MCKINLEY robbery will get in its work at eral good of the country.

have imported before the 10 cent duty goes curity, in view of the fact that there are the ground and then its mighty smell will into operation, but the Philadelphia Record none of the bonds that are not bringing a says that a prominent mill owner of that premium and besides, an extension of the city declares that the Boston party will not bank circulation would help to enlarge the be able to corner the wool supply as most volume of the circulating medium, the preof the mills, in anticipation of the tariff, capita amount of which is too limited. have secured "a one, and in some cases a

two years' supply ahead." This wool will House with such a large majority would character, but I am compelled to the presenbe worked up into cloth which will be sold have met with great opposition if it had tation of it by, I think, the honest motives

A Plan for the New Capitol.

Only an Object of Ridicule. construction which designs the erection of

But the bill which went through the

may it be said that a MCKINLEY tariff is future.

The Governor is said to have a plan of re-

nia is losing money, annually, for want of proper officers to look after delinquent corporations and collect the taxes levied on them, it might be well for our readers to know that one state official has acknowledged that there is at least one rat hole about Harrisburg.

patches up the differences between our good Methodist brethren, HASTINGS and minister there will be hair on the legs of the opera house chairs in that town.

-Among some of the most recent legis- tax-payers of the State. lation at Harrisburg has been the ordering poultry. Of course these publications will esting to the Legislators.

-There are armies of men ready and anxious to serve the people-but for a consideration. Some of the fellows who will be turned down for post offices, etc., in Centre county might find balm for their injured political feelings by applying for positions as kid-catchers in their respective school districts. There has been no money voted to pay such officers, but then you know it is office most of them are after, not (?) emoluments.

-After everything that he would like to have had has been handed out our own dear Governor announces that there isn't a federal appointment he would have had. He realizes, no doubt, how easy it would be for an attack of grip to keep him away from Washington and, of course, under such circumstances he could not have been an attentive cabinet officer? No, no, that couldn't have been his thought, either, for grip comes only in the unsettled spring weather and particularly about March 4th.

-Since the inauguration of President MCKINLEY the wages of seven thousand better, and demand that the treasury workmen have been reduced in the immediate vicinity of Pittsburg ; the reductions averaging ten per cent. This looks like prosperity. Nit ! It appears to us like the calm before the storm and all you have to do is wait for developments. Mc-KINLEY has been called the "advance agent of prosperity" but he is too far ahead 1901, and then there will have been another advance agent billing the country. It won't be the same old tariff bills that have which one word, Free ! will tell the tale of the change and invite the masses to enjoy a new order of things.

the State. State treasurer HAYWOOD, who has been interrogated in regard to treasury abuses says that, as far as he can ascertain, the State has never lost a dollar from the custom of giving banks the use of state money ; but even if the State has not lost a dollar of the principle by this practice, it has certainly lost thousands of dollars of interest, which would have more justly gone towards paying state expenses than swelling the perquisites of those who

manipulate the State funds.

This is one of the defective features in the treasury management that calls for reform but will be reluctantly surrendered by the parties who have made money by fore our investigating committee that there is nothing wrong in allowing favored banks to have the use of public funds without paying interest for it, and that the State loses nothing by it, but the people know should have the full advantage of every dollar due it, particularly at this time,

when a heavy expense will be imposed upon the state by the building of a new capitol.

-A bill for the establishment of a state department of mines is now before of his show. It won't begin a general tour the Legislature and will very likely pass. or these United States until March 4th, Of course these things come high but we must have them.

-Returns from elections in Minnesocaptivated the people, for they will have ta show grand Democratic gains. Everybeen displaced by shining silver posters on thing is coming our way now and all we want is for it to stay.

-Subscribe for the WATCH MAN.

fice for the new state capitol. The plan hand will, by legal technicalities, tend to seems to be recommended by considerations prevent such a consummation, yet since we of convenience and perhaps of economy,. and has met the approval of men who may be supposed to have correct judgment in

The erection of but one great structure completion and would afford a greater defer to your judgement as to method. latitude for jobbery. The new structure designed for legislative purposes could be completed in two years, if the job should not be nursed, but pushed with earnest and honest vigor, and would furnish accommodations for the next session of the Legislature which will convene in January, 1899. The use of the other buildings would not be so urgent and more time could be allowed for their completion in

order to avoid too heavy an expenditure at one time. The construction of capitol buildings is a matter of great public importance, not only on account of the character of the service for which they are designed, but also for money upon them, which may be outrageously extravagant or prudently economical. But while the people are opposed to unreasonable lavishness in the building of such edifices, they don't want any mean parsimony in their construction. They expect the new state buildings to be suffi-

ture and general appearance that will comport with the dignity of this great Commonwealth. -The road bill now before the state wisdom in urging its passage. Possibly the bill is not just exactly what is wanted, yet some experimenting must be done along

this district, which was framed by deputy Secretary of Agriculture JOHN HAMILTON. The College township, Centre county, roads are in a splendid condition to-day and simply because Mr. HAMILTON took enough interest in the township to have himself elected a supervisor and then set about introducing a new system. It was largely of

an experimental nature but has proven so successful that the State could not do better than follow such a course.

MAN.

justice, the protection of a great Commonwealth, indeed the highest honor of our be would require a protracted period for its loved State, I am willing for the present to

> Now, inasmuch as we are to appear before a tribunal of the highest honor, one in whose ability and integrity the people of the State have the most implicit confidence; and inasmuch as the representatives of the State, in their suits for libel brought against me, have not touched the important points in the allegations contained in the Pennsylvania Methodist of February 25th, may I respectful-Iv suggest that what we both seek, as expressed in your statement, can be more speedily attained and trouble and expense of second trial averted if you, or those who

represent you, will sue on the following allegations, and let all be tried at once. Here they are :

That persons have been paid money out of the state treasury who rendered no service the reason of the expenditure of public to the State therefor and made no pretense of service except as politicians serving their party.

> That for services rendered the State persons have been asked to sign receipts for two, three and even four times as much money as they actually recived.

That in the purchase of material and labor for making additions, alterations, repairs ciently spacious, and of a style of architecand refurnishing the capitol buildings, cellars and grounds, also for the executive mansion and now for the Grace church the State has lost several thousand dollars as the result of an unfair system of competive bidding.

In other words that the cost to the State has been two, three, four and as high as eight Legislature will more than likely meet times, in some instances, as much as it should with considerable opposition, particularly have been and that not all of this money from the rural districts, but if our country went to the persons furnishing the materials it. Those parties are willing to testify be- people were to take up the measure and and labor, and further that at least some of study it everyone of them would see the the board of public grounds and buildings custodians have guilty knowledge of this excessive cost.

auditor general and state treasurer constitute this line, if country districts hope to move the board of commissioners of public grounds out of the rut that has retarded their prog- and buildings, having control of repairs, ress for the past half a century. The alterations and improvements and expenses measure we have reference to is the one incurred, including furnishing and refurnishpresented by Senator M. L. McQuown, of ing, is corrupting in its tendencies, pernicious in its results and has already cost the State at least \$100,000 more than the same improvements, etc., should have cost under

truth.

pers we announce that bill No. 99 passed the House, on Tuesday, and will likely become a law. The bill provides for the payment -Read the best and most reliable of a bounty on wild cats, foxes, minks, news. It will be found in the WATCH- weasels, hawks and owls. On the latter only 25 cts. will be paid for each one killed. election.

WASHINGTON, March 7.-President Mc- Pittsburg. Kinley Saturday evening issued his first official election proclamation convening the Fifty-fifth Congress in extra session on the 15th day of March, to receive such communications as may be made by the Exec-

> The limiting cause restricting the action of the extra session "to such communications as may be made by the Executive' suggests that possibly the President may limit the objects of the extra session to the passage of the unacted-upon appropriation

bill and the enactment of a tariff law, the object of which will be, in the words of Mr. McKinley's inaugural address, "to stop deficiencies by the restoration of that protective legislation which has always been the firmest prop of the treasury." session for the repeal of the Sherman silver purchasing law, practically limited the ession to that one object.

Cold Conffort for Hunters.

The Good Places in the Departments are Quite Feu

WASHINGTON, March 9.-Posted conspiciously through the corridors of the state lepartment are neat placards setting forth that but nine positions in that department are excepted from the civil service regulations, namely: three assistant secretaryships above classification, one private secretary to the Secretary of State, and one additional confidential clerk, who can be appointed without examination.

A similar condition applies in the war and navy departments, where the explanation is vouchsafed that no vacancies are apt to occur in desirable places, but if they do promotion from the next lower grades is the sole method of appointment. The only vacancy in the navy department is that of chief clerk, has been promptly filled by promotion.

In the war department the assistant secretaryship now filled by General Doe, is all that General Alger has at his disposal. The consular service to which the party workers have hitherto looked for compensation, is also included in the clause to which examinations are requisite.

He Got the Marble Heart.

HARRISBURG, March 8.-Solomon Obail, the venerable chief of the Complanter Indians, residing on the reservation in the northwestern part of this State, arrived here to-day with an interpreter to again place his claims for land before the Governor. The old chief claims all the land along Oil creek on which Oil City is now located. The Governor gave him a hearing and advised him to seek a remedy through legislation. Two years ago Obail's claims were looked into by a legislative committee which decided that he could not substantiate them.

Elections in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 9.-Fifty Minnesota towns and villages held elections today. At North St. Paul, Job Owens, Democrat, was elected mayor by a large majority of votes.

Elsewhere the Democrats carried a rather larger number of towns than usual. The fight on the license question was uppermost. The pro-liquor people carried thir-

-Ex-prison Warden Deshler, of Lehigh county, has paid a cash balance of \$487 to the county commissioners in settlement of his shortage.

-Insanity brought about by domestic troubles caused Mrs. Sophia Schultz, the mother of six children, to hang herself at Allegheny city, Sunday.

-Conrad Peters, of Lewistown, aged about 50 years, attempted to commit suicide, one Mr. Cleveland, when he called an extra day last week, by cutting his wrists and throat. He will recover.

> -A boiler explosion at an oil well near Callery Junction, in Allegheny county, killed John Dunlap, a driller, and badly injured Charles McKeever, a tool dresser.

-The commissioners of Perry county have fixed the tax rate there at 5 mills. They also restored the bounty upon wildcats, foxes and minks, beginning with June next.

-The Adams county auditors have given notice that they will hereafter refuse to pass bills of county commissioners and directors of the poor for attending state conventions.

-Charles Brion, of Liberty, near Williamsport, has been held for court on the charge of attempting to murder Nellie Stewart, a pretty 10 year old girl whom he admired.

-In a roll call of 60 out of 200 tramps in ail at Chambersburg, who were wanted to break stone, only 15 responded. Others will have to work whether they answer roll call or not.

-Poor directors Dietrich and Ahrensfield, against whom charges of bribery have been returned by the grand jury to the Schuylkill county court, on Saturday, deny the allegations in toto.

-The Evangelical conference at Carlisle conferred deacons' orders on W. N. Fulcomer, A. D. Gramley, M. P. Crouch and D. F. Young and elders orders on E. Fulcomer, J. N. Bair and F. F. Mayer.

-Lautent Cheraz, the Italian convicted at the Huntingdon December term of court of murder in the second degree for killing Peter Venzolono, was sentenced by judge Bailey to seven years in the western penitentiary.

-Frank Yudis and Stiney Malecki are in the Schuylkill county prison for breaking into the Oak Hill colliery store, at Minersville, early Sunday morning. They broke open a desk and removed several watches and some money.

-An era of prosperity is looked for in Du-Bois. The Express says the indications are that there will be more work in that place the coming year than for several seasons past. The working time at the car shops has been increased, the output at the coal mines has been increased, the knitting mill is to be ty-five towns, five more than at the last put in operation, and altogether the outlook or prosperous times is encouraging.

some other system of management. With consideration of the highest possible respect, I beg to remain your servant for the

S. C. SWALLOW.

(Signed) ----For the benefit of Centre county trap-

That the act of 1895 by which the Governor.